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WELCOMING UPGRADES

As the school year begins and students return to campus after remote learning, a new lounge and other renovations await



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That's how many participants attended Case Western Reserve University School of Law's 39 online events in 2020–21.

That's about **THREE TIMES** the number who attended in-person events in years past.

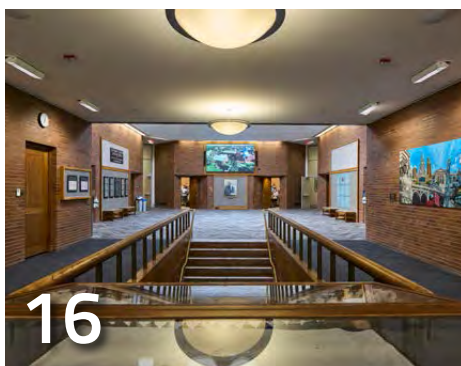
Among our recent law events (available for free Ohio CLE credit):

- Climate Change and The Arctic: Profound Disruption, Uncertain Impact
- Awash in Blood: The Blackwater Pardons
- From Cleveland to Chief of Protocol: Lessons on Diplomacy, Protocol, and Soft Power
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- The Syria Conflict's Impact on International Law: An Online Roundtable Discussion
- Taking White Supremacy to Court
- Detecting Human Trafficking: Past and Future
- Murder in the Family: Perpetrators, Motives and Prevention
- Artificial Intelligence and Discrimination in Health Care
- A Less Perfect Union: Insurrection, Impeachment, Race, and the Future of America
- Ignite: Legal Tech Innovation
- Supreme Stalemates feat. Judge Don Willett
- The Academy and International Law: A Catalyst for Change and Innovation
- Packing the Court? Judicial Appointments in the Next Presidential Administration
- Great Lakes Restoration: An Era of Hope and Rebirth for Our Critical Resource

And more are on the way in 2021–22—both in person and broadcast online for CLE credit. Visit case.edu/law/our-school/events-lectures to see past and upcoming lectures.

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ON THE COVER:

Before and after: The upper rotunda of the School of Law, as well as multiple other areas in the building, underwent renovations this summer—providing students, faculty and staff with a welcoming return. Learn more on p. 16.

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If you've got a story to share, don't hesitate to contact us at lawalumni@case.edu. We'd love to hear from you.

**AN UPDATE FROM
THE DEANS**



We caught up with Case Western Reserve University School of Law Co-Deans Jessica Berg and Michael Scharf as they complete their eighth year at the school's helm.

What's the theme for this issue of *In Brief*?

JESSICA: I would say it's "what's old is new again." The fall of 2021 brought a sense of renewal to the School of Law. Classes are back fully in-person and events are back on campus. As shown in the cover story (p. 16), the students arrived on campus to find substantial renovations to the school. Thanks to a generous gift from long-time university benefactor Roe Green, the law school has a new-look student lounge—Ben's Place—and two new impressive media walls. We also had several other alumni contribute to a fund enabling us to install new carpeting throughout the classroom wings, make classroom upgrades, and reorganize and refresh the student organization spaces. For a nearly 50-year-old building, much of the school's interior looks sparkling new again. We can't wait to show it off during the Homecoming & Reunion Weekend events in October.

MICHAEL: This issue also celebrates the 30th anniversary of the endowment of the Frederick K. Cox International Law Center and the establishment of our LLM program with a timeline of milestones and news of recent developments (p. 20). The Cox Center is the hub of the school's international law program, which is ranked #16 in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report* and among the top 10 by *preLaw* magazine.

Q: Besides the anniversary of the Cox Center, what else is the law school celebrating this year?

JESSICA: We are concluding the 50th anniversary of the establishment of our Milton A. Kramer Law Clinic with a renaming ceremony during reunion: We'll add Charlotte Kramer's name to Milton's and unveil a portrait in her memory (see p. 51). And we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the CWRU chapter of the Black Law Students Association with a luncheon event during reunion weekend, at which its founders, Gerald Jackson (LAW '71) and Carolyn Watts Allen (LAW '72), will be honored.

MICHAEL: Despite the challenges of the pandemic, the law school had an incredible fundraising year, with \$9.45 million in total attainment, \$7.07 million in cash gifts (the best in the school's history), and \$979,409 in annual fund contributions. We received several new endowed scholarships and a new chaired professorship—funds that make a significant difference for our school and our students!

JESSICA: Alumni support for scholarships helps us bring in top students and provides them with crucial support throughout their three years of study. This year's incredible entering JD class (see p. 6) has a median LSAT of 160 (up from 159) and a median GPA of 3.62 (up from 3.5). It's also a highly diverse class, with 59% women, 21% identifying as a member of an underrepresented minority group, and 20% reporting as LGBTQ. Fifty percent are from outside of Ohio, hailing from 84 different colleges.

MICHAEL: Chaired professorships help us retain our stellar faculty in a competitive market. We are happy to share that the 2021 Sisk/Leiter rankings of law school faculty—based on citations to faculty scholarship—placed us at #36 in the country and #1 in Ohio.



Co-Deans Jessica Berg and Michael Scharf

Q: Besides the renovations, what else is new at the law school?

JESSICA: The pandemic sparked a number of innovations adopted by our faculty. We launched a January start option, which enrolled 15 terrific JD students who excelled in the classroom this spring. We then launched a summer start program (see p. 10) for incoming 1L students interested in getting a “jumpstart” on their studies with a small-enrollment Criminal Law Course and a series of workshops on how to excel in law school. And our one-credit elective seminars, “Race, Law and Society,” taught by a dozen law professors, were so successful that we are offering them again this fall with a focus on the intersection of race and gender discrimination (read more on p. 10).

Q: Are you glad to have this challenging year behind you?

MICHAEL: It was an unusual year, but our faculty, staff and students pulled together to make the best of it, and in many ways the law school has emerged stronger than before. We had an extraordinary run of moot court and mock trial team success (p. 8). Our students filed Amicus Briefs before the U.S. and Ohio Supreme Courts and successfully argued cases before the Ohio Courts of Appeals, Federal Immigration Court, and municipal trial courts. And at 95%, our class of 2020 bar pass rate was best in Ohio and 20th best in the nation.

JESSICA: Some things will never be the same after the pandemic. We know law firm clients will insist on more virtual meetings to save costs, and courts and arbitrations will operate as a mix of virtual and in-person proceedings. The new technologies we mastered and skills we learned will continue to be relevant into the future.

Q: What are you looking forward to?

MICHAEL: Jessica and I are excited to be getting on the road again to meet with alums across the country to share our vision of increased scholarship support for law students. Our aim is to expand the pool of scholarship funds to provide full tuition for 15 more students. We will be forming a group of alumni to help us lead this initiative in the coming months.

JESSICA: And we hope to see many of you at our reunion events in October so we can thank you for all that you do for our school.

EARNING RECOGNITION

Case Western Reserve University School of Law continues to gain recognition as an elite-sized school renowned for its hands-on, experiential and rigorous education.

TAKE A LOOK AT SOME OF THE LATEST RANKINGS:

#11

IN HEALTH LAW*

#16

IN INTERNATIONAL LAW*

#6

IN PRACTICAL TRAINING**

#36

IN FACULTY SCHOLARLY IMPACT***

PLUS, *PRELAW* MAGAZINE RANKED CWRU A "TOP SCHOOL" IN 10 SPECIALTIES:

A+

- Health Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- International Law
- Tech Law

A

- Business and Corporate Law
- Environmental Law
- Trial Advocacy and Litigation

A-

- Criminal Law
- Human Rights Law
- Public Policy

* *U.S. News & World Report*, 2022

** *preLaw* magazine, 2021

*** Sisk Study, 2021

WELCOMING OUR FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

Just weeks ago, a noted alumna returned to campus to welcome the next class of Case Western Reserve University School of Law when the Hon. Michelle Earley (LAW '99), chief judge of the Cleveland Municipal Court, administered the professionalism oath to the 146 incoming JD students.

The first-year class has a median LSAT of 160 (up from 159) and a median GPA of 3.61 (up from 3.5). It is also a highly diverse class: 59% are women, 21% are members of an underrepresented minority group, and 20% are LGBTQ. And 50% of the students hail from outside Ohio—from 27 states, four countries beyond the U.S. and 84 different colleges.

Joining the newest JD students are 15 from the JD program's "Spring Start" (see p. 11), plus 50 LLM and eight SJD students, exchange students from Germany and Spain, new master's-level students, and the inaugural class of Master of Compliance and Risk Management students (see p. 12). ■



Recent alumni boast impressive bar pass rates, post-graduation jobs

With more than 90% of recent alumni working or pursuing graduate degrees full time less than a year after commencement, Case Western Reserve University School of Law graduates continue to impress.

Last year's Ohio bar pass rate for first-time takers was 94%, making Case Western Reserve No. 1 in the state for the fifth time out of the last seven bar exams. Its bar pass rate across all jurisdictions was 95%, which ranked CWRU No. 20 nationally for first-time bar passage.

Their exam results have translated to career success. According to a recent study based on 2020 American Bar Association data, CWRU School of Law ranks No. 45 in the nation based on the percentage of recent graduates who obtained positions at firms with 100 or more lawyers. ■

94%

OHIO BAR PASS RATE FOR FIRST-TIME TAKERS

#1

BAR PASS RATE IN OHIO FOR THE FIFTH TIME OUT OF THE LAST SEVEN BAR EXAMS

#20

NATIONALLY FOR FIRST-TIME BAR PASSAGE

Federal judicial clerkships surge with Class of 2021

This fall, seven members of the Class of 2021 began work as federal judicial clerks—more than double the number of Case Western Reserve University School of Law students obtaining federal clerkships in recent years.

Dillon Brown, Melanie King, Alexandria McKenna Lundberg, Grace Saalman, Christine Scherer, Paul Willison and Jesse Wynn are clerking for judges in Ohio, Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Texas.

Considered an especially prestigious placement for law graduates, federal judicial clerkships give young lawyers a chance to gain an inside perspective on how judges decide cases and make law, taking on progressively more responsibility over time and, eventually, culminating in drafting court decisions and opinions for their judges.

"These clerkships are invaluable experiences, opening doors for the most sought-after government and law firm jobs," said Co-Dean Michael Scharf.

The expansion corresponds with growing interest in the law school's federal judicial externship program, which places 25 students in for-credit externships with federal judges during the summer after their 1L year.

"The rise in federal judicial clerkships is a testament to the quality of our students," said Co-Dean Jessica Berg, "and the deep commitment of our Career Development Office to work with our entire community, both students and alumni, to advance their careers." ■

PRACTICE PAYS OFF:

CWRU law teams score impressive performances in competitions

Reflecting Case Western Reserve University School of Law's recent ranking as No. 6 in the nation in practical training by *preLaw* magazine, the school's moot court, mock trial and various other teams had an exceptional year in 2020–21, leading to seven performances that were among the best in their respective competitions. "This was an incredible year for our Moot Court and Mock Trial Teams," said Co-Dean Michael Scharf. "It's a testament to the hard work of our students and to the mentorship of our faculty coaches and the many alumni who bench the practice rounds."

- After going 8-0 in the preliminary and advanced international rounds of the Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, the CWRU team placed third overall in the World Championship rankings. CWRU defeated defending world champion Hungary in the first knockout round, and was the only U.S. team to make it to the Sweet 16 of the World Championship. In addition, the team's brief received the Dillard Award, coming in 17th in the world out of more than 600 competing schools.
- The CWRU International Criminal Court Moot Court Team won the Third Best Defense Brief Award and came in second at the competition for North and South America, earning a berth in the International Bar Association International Rounds hosted out of The Hague. The team advanced to the Quarterfinals of the international competition and won a best brief award.
- Callan Foran of the Vis International Commercial Arbitration team won one of 20 best speaker awards out of 1,000 competitors at the International Competition hosted out of Vienna. In addition, Rachel McKay placed third as an individual oralist in the Vis Pre-Moot hosted by the Swiss Chambers Arbitration Institution.
- CWRU's National Patent Application Team won its regional competition and made it to the National Finals, earning a top five finish out of 51 teams.
- The Ault Mock Trial Team took second place out of 32 teams in the 13th annual Costello National Criminal Law Trial Advocacy Competition. CWRU was also selected as the best prosecution team in the competition.
- The CWRU BLSA Mock Trial Team won the Midwest Regional Rounds of the Constance Baker Motley Mock Trial Competition, beating 37 other schools, and Makela Hayford earned the award for best advocate among all competitors.
- The CWRU National Moot Court Team made it to the semi-final round of the Regional Competition and won the Second-Best Brief Award. ■



A focus on the First Amendment

Case Western Reserve University School of Law this year received funding commitments of over \$1 million from the Stanton Foundation to establish a First Amendment Clinic and First Amendment Clinic Fellowship in the school's Milton and Charlotte Kramer Law Clinic. With these commitments, the Stanton Foundation has now provided nearly \$1.3 million in cumulative support for the Kramer Law Clinic.

The Stanton Foundation was established by former television broadcasting executive Frank Stanton, a longtime president of CBS, creator of the Kennedy-Nixon debate and a staunch defender of the First Amendment. Protecting the First Amendment is a core mission of the Foundation.

The First Amendment Clinic, for third-year law students, focuses on litigation involving freedom of speech, press, assembly and petition. The clinic offers pro bono legal services to those who rely on the First Amendment to collect and publish information, freely criticize government policy, and express differing viewpoints. Its goal is to train a new generation of free speech advocates, and serve as a resource for organizations, students, journalists and citizens defending and advancing First Amendment issues.

"We take great pride in the work that comes from the students and faculty in the Kramer Law Clinic," said Law School Co-Dean Jessica Berg (GRS '09, public health). "The addition of a First Amendment Clinic complements the many offerings we already have in place, giving our students nearly a dozen clinics to choose an area of law that interests them."

Added Laura McNally-Levine, law school associate dean for experiential education and the director of the Milton and Charlotte Kramer Law Clinic: "We are grateful for the opportunity to further our First Amendment work in partnership with the Stanton Foundation. The Foundation's generous support will allow us to elevate the profile of First Amendment issues across our student body, reinforcing its essential role within their future litigation practice."

Andrew Geronimo (LAW '10), a lecturer in the School of Law, is the director of the First Amendment Clinic. Geronimo joined the CWRU faculty in 2017 as the Stanton Foundation First Amendment Fellow, and has since worked in a number of roles in the clinic.

"The First Amendment protects our rights to speak and publish freely, and to gather and document information about how our government works," Geronimo said. "These issues are especially important today, when the media landscape is in flux, politicians are openly hostile to journalism and other public oversight, and speech-chilling lawsuits fill the news."



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The Stanton Foundation's commitment also includes a First Amendment Clinic Fellowship, which supports a two-year position for early-career attorneys within the school's First Amendment Clinic. The fellowship is designed to immerse young lawyers in First Amendment issues and to promote a lifelong interest and appreciation for public law.

"We are very grateful to the Stanton Foundation for this gift, which will allow us to protect the core First Amendment values of government transparency and public participation, and hopefully make an impact toward a more inclusive and vibrant society," Geronimo said. "We're thrilled that Case Western Reserve University School of Law students will have opportunities to represent clients on crucial, cutting-edge cases, and what that could mean for protecting free speech in Ohio." ■

New course focuses on the intersection of race, law and society

When Bryan Adamson (LAW '90) joined the faculty of Case Western Reserve University School of Law last summer amid nationwide protests and dialogue on racial equity and social justice, he knew critical conversations needed to occur surrounding how race and racism are intertwined in U.S. legal, social, economic, political and cultural institutions.

So Adamson, the David L. and Ann Brennan Professor of Law and associate dean for diversity in the law school, with the help of a dozen faculty members and Co-Deans Jessica Berg (GRS '09, public health) and Michael Scharf, launched a one-credit, two-semester elective, "Race, Law and Society," last fall. The course proved so powerful—with more than 100 students and even some staff and alumni completing it—that it's being taught again this academic year, with an additional focus on gender.

The class "was a way to really speak to the times we're living in," Adamson said. "There



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– Bryan Adamson

was so much social, political, cultural, racial upheaval and challenge in our society that we were experiencing and that was surrounding us. It was inescapable."

To guide their conversations, Adamson and more than a dozen faculty members used seminal literary works rather than legal texts, including publications by authors such as Jesmyn Ward, Michelle Alexander, Alex Vitale, Ta-Nehisi Coates, Dorothy Roberts, Ibram X. Kendi, Frederick Douglass, Bryan Stevenson and Pauli Murray.

Then, monthly presentations featured an expert who shared their research or work in the topic area. Last year, for example, Jessie Hill, the Judge Ben C. Green Professor

of Law and associate dean for research and faculty development, presented on racial inequities in reproductive rights; Adamson highlighted the impact of race in media coverage; and Ohio Supreme Court Justice Michael P. Donnelly discussed inequities in criminal sentencing.

"It's like a book club for law students, where we're reading books and then talking about the law and how law is implicated in the readings, or using the law to provide some context for what is being discussed," Adamson said. "It certainly is not the case method that students traditionally experience in law school. That's what makes it valuable and appealing and compelling." ■

JUMPSTARTING A LEGAL EDUCATION

Many law students face challenges in the classroom in their first year—whether they're first-generation students unfamiliar with what to expect or simply individuals needing additional support with their rigorous schedules.

"Some students who struggle during their first semester or first year find their equilibrium soon afterward and excel throughout the rest of their legal career," said Case Western Reserve University School of Law Co-Dean Jessica Berg (GRS '09, public health).

So this summer, Case Western Reserve launched its JumpStart program, providing incoming 1L students the opportunity to begin their law school career a few months early.

Designed by Bryan Adamson (LAW '90), the David L. and Ann Brennan Professor of Law and associate dean for diversity in the law school, and Liam Dunn, an instructor and the director of academic support, the JumpStart program offers an eight-week summer experience to help students excel in law school and beyond.

JumpStart students enroll in the law school's three-credit Criminal Law course and take advantage of add-on academic programs focusing on class preparation, legal writing and analysis, exam-taking, professionalism and ethics, time- and stress-management techniques, and establishing effective work-life balance.

"The JumpStart experience at CWRU Law will well-position students for the learning of law by giving them the skills, tools and support for academic success," said Co-Dean Michael Scharf. ■

First year of "Spring Start" proves promising

In January, 15 students began their JD program under Case Western Reserve University School of Law's new "Spring Start" option, which allows them to start 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 mirror the traditional fall start program, but students can accelerate by taking required courses during consecutive summers.

"As one of the first law schools in the country to offer a 'Spring Start,' we weren't sure what to expect in terms of interest," said Co-Dean Michael Scharf.

But the results were even better than leadership anticipated: Fifteen exceptionally qualified students—hailing from Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Nebraska, Oregon, Utah and Canada—joined the program, with varied occupational backgrounds including a real estate developer, a paralegal, a licensed therapist and a medical student.

"This may have been a particularly good year to begin to offer a Spring Start option, with many students deferring their fall start because of concerns about the coronavirus," said Co-Dean Jessica Berg (GRS '09, public health). "Going forward, a 'Spring Start' option will attract students who graduate college in December or people with jobs who are eager to start law school midyear." ■

RECENT ALUMNA EARNS ACCOLADES



As she started her third year of law school at Case Western Reserve University last fall, **Clare Keonha Shin (LAW '21)** learned she would make history: As one of 12 recipients of the 2020 Ms. JD Fellowship, she was the first from an Ohio law school to be selected for the honor.

Created in 2010 with the American Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession to promote mentoring and professional development for future female attorneys, the Ms. JD program selects fellows based on their academic performance, leadership and dedication to advancing the status of women in the profession.

"I have always valued the importance of mentorship and promoting education for women, so this opportunity is very special to me," said Shin.

A few months later, Shin was in Paris completing her concurrent Master of International Business/JD degree with Case Western Reserve's partner, Paris Dauphine University, when she learned she was named one of seven finalists for *National Jurist's* Law Student of the Year honor.

Though Shin had long had an eye on a law career, it was her work as a fashion model that pointed her in the direction of intellectual property law, which she specialized in while at Case Western Reserve.

Shin hopes to apply that while working with designers and fashion houses. But given the harmful nature of the industry for models—including unfair contracts and strain on models' mental and physical health—she hopes to also work with agencies to improve working conditions.

Shin's fashion background also spurred a pandemic passion: She sewed more than 1,100 masks in varying kid-friendly patterns, such as Spider-Man and Harry Potter, to help protect children in local hospitals against COVID-19.

"My hope," Shin said last spring, "is that I show other students and members of our community that there are still things we can do to make a difference and help people in need." ■



Growing demand leads to new master's, certificate programs in compliance

As the volume of laws, regulations, standards and guidelines governing health care-related businesses dramatically increases, so too does demand for individuals with expertise in compliance.

That's why Case Western Reserve University School of Law launched in the fall a new master's degree and certificate program in health care compliance and risk management. With just a month of marketing, five students enrolled in the new program, which Co-Dean Michael Scharf described as "an incredible start."

"The roles of compliance and risk management officers are gaining importance in most health care businesses," said Katharine Van Tassel (NUR '80, LAW '86), a visiting professor of law and interim director of the law school's graduate compliance programs.

And, as the regulatory state has expanded to reach well beyond traditional corporate compliance to include activities such as clinical care, quality of care, billing and health information management, Van Tassel said governance, risk management and compliance has become a "major new field of expertise" with its own methods of critical thinking, risk assessment and managerial sociology.

The law school's programs in compliance and risk management provide among the few concentrated graduate courses of study in the country—and the only master's degree of its kind in Ohio—focusing on this field. ■

Students assess regenerative medicine technology through new collaboration

When the School of Law launched its Fusion program a decade ago, it brought together law, business, engineering and science graduate students to work together to assess, cultivate and monetize the opportunities underlying promising new ventures in a simulated environment.

Now, the program has expanded its reach to include students from the School of Medicine's Master of Science in Regenerative Medicine and Entrepreneurship (RGME) program.

"When our school was looking into developing a curriculum focused on entrepreneurship in regenerative medicine, I reached out to collaborate with the law and business schools, only to realize that what we hoped to develop already existed in the university," said Tracey Bonfield, PhD (GRS '87, '91, pathology), associate professor in the Department of Genetics and Genome Sciences and course director of the RGME program.

So Bonfield and Ted Theofrastous (LAW '99), managing director and co-founder of the Fusion program, integrated the Fusion and RGME programs.

The class split into interdisciplinary teams tasked with identifying a regenerative medicine-based technology to use as a case study, such as using engineered

feeder cells to increase cancer-fighting natural killer cells in the body or developing a synthetic hemostat that amplifies the body's ability to produce clots from traumatic internal injuries.

With only a portion of the class made up of medical students, the law, engineering and business students needed to be brought up to speed on the complex science behind regenerative medicine. Then, they began analyzing the protectability of their product's intellectual property, identifying the unmet needs it can fill and developing an extensive market analysis of the opportunities, threats and barriers faced in commercializing an emerging technology.

"By immersing our students in this area," Theofrastous said, "our hope is that they will both learn about the fundamentals of commercializing intellectual property, and gain valuable exposure to some of Northeast Ohio's most promising medical innovations." ■





Joe Shell, a 2020 alum pictured here in the school's Dunmore Moot Court Competition as a student, wrote a petition to the Ohio Supreme Court.

Litigation clinic petition to be heard by the Ohio Supreme Court

Students in the Appellate Litigation Clinic this fall have an opportunity few practicing attorneys ever do: brief a case to the Supreme Court of Ohio.

In July, the court accepted the clinic's petition for discretionary review in a case involving a defendant's right to withdraw a guilty plea upon discovering information that the state wrongly withheld from him at the time of the plea.

The client had pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter following a three-person shooting that led to a bystander's death. At the time of the plea, the client was not aware of an audio recording of the crime scene that the state had produced under a "counsel only" restriction—despite no legitimate basis for withholding the recording from the client. After hearing the audio, the client moved to withdraw the plea because he felt it could establish self-defense.

The trial court denied the motion, and the court of appeals affirmed that denial.

Joe Shell (LAW '20), who co-teaches the new Appellate Litigation Clinic in the

Milton and Charlotte Kramer Law Clinic, wrote a petition to the Supreme Court of Ohio, explaining that Ohio courts have developed a plea-withdrawal standard that wrongly focuses exclusively on procedural protections, such as the right to competent counsel and a full hearing, and ignores circumstances like in this case, in which the client came to learn after the plea of material information that changed his plea calculus significantly.

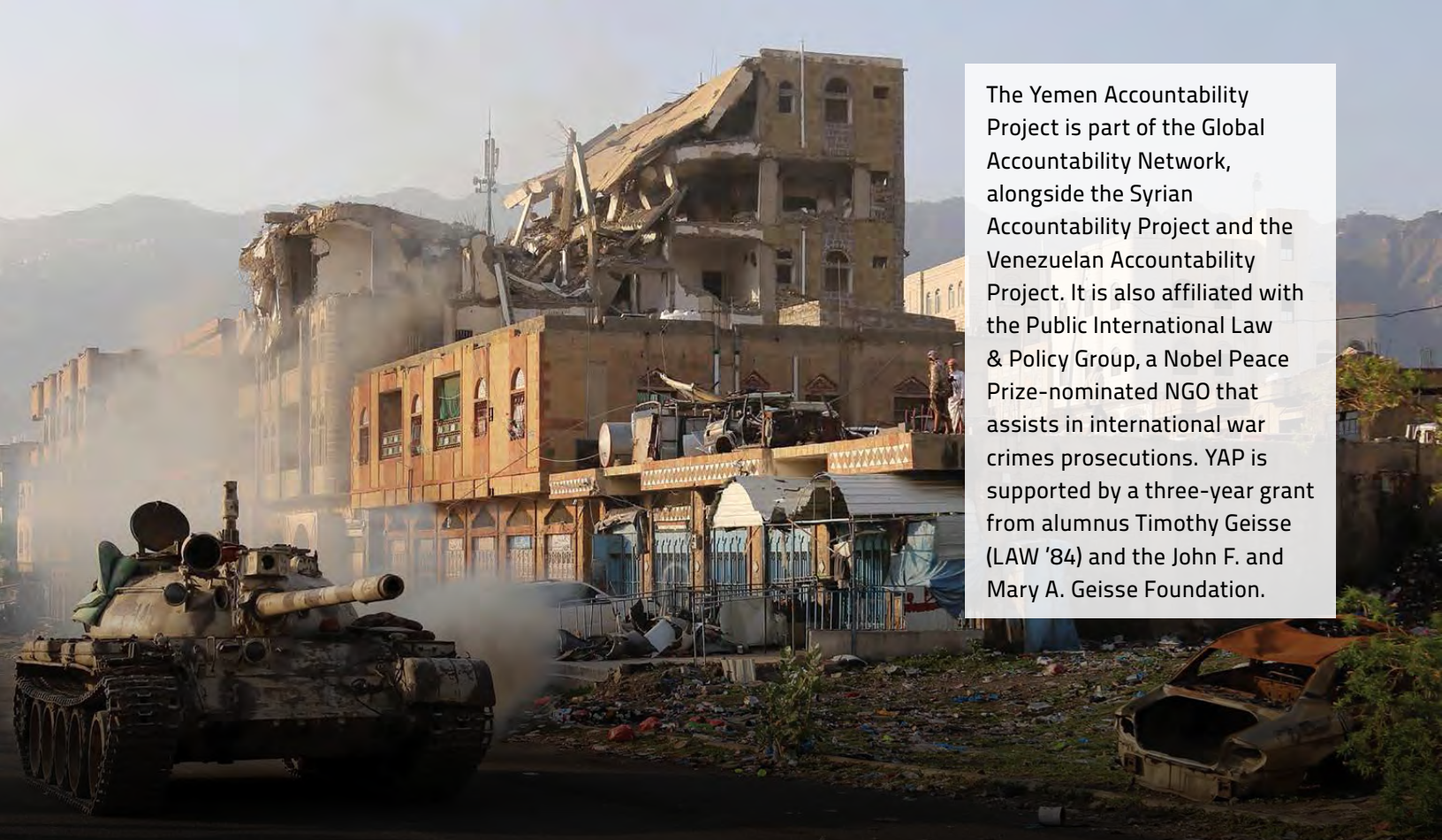
The chance to brief a case to Ohio's highest court comes on the heels of a busy year for the litigation clinic, in which students filed a 60-page brief to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in a habeas case and a petition asking the Supreme Court of Ohio to hear a case involving Ohio's menacing-by-stalking statute.

In addition, four students in the clinic—Caroline Ford, Josh Rheins, David Codispoti and Paul Willison—argued cases before the Ohio Court of Appeals. Ford won her appeal

and the case was reversed, clarifying an important speedy-trial issue that courts had handled inconsistently. Though it is still undetermined whether Case Western Reserve's clinic will win or lose the other appeals, in addition to solid representation for clients, the students involved will enter the legal profession with appellate oral arguments already under their belts.

The Appellate Litigation Clinic is one of nine different clinics operated by the law school, which is ranked No. 6 in the nation in practical training by *preLaw* magazine. In fact, a banner in front of the school proclaims CWRU law as "A National Leader in Experiential Education."

"This past year, the Appellate Litigation Clinic students once again proved that those aren't just words," said Professor Andrew Pollis, director of the clinic. ■



The Yemen Accountability Project is part of the Global Accountability Network, alongside the Syrian Accountability Project and the Venezuelan Accountability Project. It is also affiliated with the Public International Law & Policy Group, a Nobel Peace Prize-nominated NGO that assists in international war crimes prosecutions. YAP is supported by a three-year grant from alumnus Timothy Geisse (LAW '84) and the John F. and Mary A. Geisse Foundation.

Student-led initiative **DOCUMENTS ATROCITIES** in Yemen

Three years ago, a group of Case Western Reserve University School of Law students came together to launch the Yemen Accountability Project (YAP) to document and map war crimes and crimes against humanity in the Yemeni Civil War.

Last fall, the team's extensive work began to come to fruition with the release of YAP's first white paper, "Aiding and Abetting: Holding States, Corporations, and Individuals Accountable for War Crimes in Yemen." Six months later, the group published its second, "Starvation: Building the Case for Prosecuting Starvation Crimes in Yemen."

The YAP is the first comprehensive effort to document atrocities in the country's civil war and lay the foundation for successful prosecutions of the responsible parties. The student-run project is supervised by Adjunct Professor James Johnson,

the former chief of prosecutions at the Special Court for Sierra Leone and director of the CWRU War Crimes Research Office.

"When we launched the project, we were hoping for a handful of volunteers," said Johnson. "Instead, dozens of law students came on board despite the workloads and pressures of school. These students are volunteering their time because they see this as an opportunity to make a difference."

By the time Johnson finished recruiting, more than 70 law students joined the effort to help bring justice and accountability to a conflict that has cost more than 100,000 lives. Over the next two years, YAP volunteers worked to build a database of potential war crimes in Yemen's civil war, analyze data, and deliver meaningful reports to international organizations and NGOs in a worldwide

effort to hold states, corporations and individuals accountable for the atrocities that have been committed in Yemen since the conflict began.

The first white paper, a 59-page report, explores how civilian victims of the war in Yemen can seek justice for the grave crimes perpetrated against them. The second, a 51-page document, examines evidence from 2015 to 2018 that illustrates patterns of widespread attacks on civilian objects indispensable to survival, such as food production and water supply, and outlines avenues for bringing charges against perpetrators of these crimes.

Johnson estimates the entire project will be complete in another three years, and hopes the students' work will prove invaluable to international prosecutors. ■

Students save clients from deportation

For nearly a decade, Professor Aleksandar Cuic and his students in the Case Western Reserve University Immigration Law Clinic have been on the frontlines of the battle for human rights in America's immigration courts. This spring, they scored a major victory.

A client from Trinidad & Tobago had been ordered removed by an immigration judge in Detroit; the client, rendered homeless due to serious issues with sexual abuse, had failed to appear for a hearing. The CWRU team of then third-year law students—Charlee Thomas, Courtney Koski, Mrinali Sethi and Emma Wilson—got her case reopened and the venue changed to Cleveland. After they filed briefs and argued at the deportation hearing, the immigration court granted their client's application for permanent residency. The government waived appeal, ending her eight-year court battle.

The Immigration Law Clinic is one of nine in the school in which third-year students get intensive hands-on experience representing clients. It provides students the chance to be first chair in cases before the Department of Justice Immigration Courts, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration

Services Field Offices, and asylum officers.

"Our students are having an impact on their clients' lives and they are developing a marketable skill to gain employment in the field," said Cuic. ■



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— Aleksandar Cuic

Law, social work students assist human trafficking survivors

During a massive statewide crackdown on human trafficking last year that recovered 45 missing children, Anjali Kanwar and several of her classmates at Case Western Reserve University played a critical role.

While law-enforcement agencies arrested 179 suspected human traffickers across Ohio as part of the sweep, called "Operation Autumn Hope," members of the university's Human Trafficking Project offered social services and legal representation to trafficking survivors and sex workers identified during the sting operation.

"When you're right there, it feels like you're really making a difference," said Kanwar (LAW '21), who participated in the operation as part of her third-year, semester-long experience as a legal intern in the Milton and Charlotte Kramer Law Clinic.

Housed within the School of Law, the clinic collaborates with the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences. A team of law students and master's-level social work students, led by licensed attorneys and social workers,

work directly with trafficking survivors and populations that face a high risk of trafficking victimization.

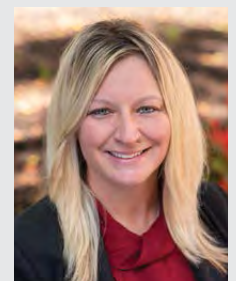
Kanwar spent months filing the requisite paperwork to get her clients' criminal records expunged.

"Criminal records make a person more vulnerable to trafficking victimization," Kanwar said. "When someone has a record, being able to clear these charges allows them to get it off their shoulders and move forward with their lives."

Operation Autumn Hope identified more than 100 individuals who have been trafficked or are at high-risk of victimization during the multi-pronged covert sting operation and subsequent investigation.



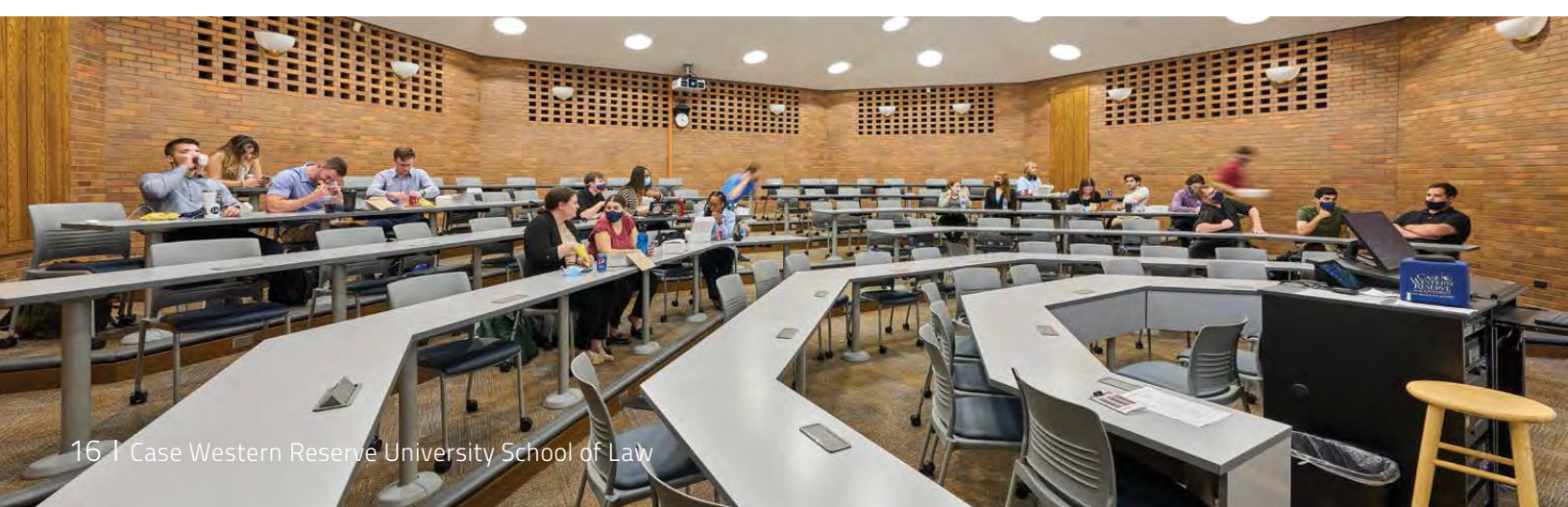
Anjali Kanwar



Maya Simek

Those are the people who need access to legal and social services, said Maya Simek (SAS '07), a clinical law professor and co-director of the university's Health and Human Trafficking Clinic.

"We're right at the intersection of the police and social services," she said. "We're helping to fill in the gaps in those services. Trying to remove the legal barriers—that's our niche." ■



◀ Substantial upgrades took place over the summer to the law school's rotunda, classrooms and student lounge.

Photos by Roger Mastroianni

Welcoming upgrades

As the school year begins and students return to campus after remote learning, a new lounge and other renovations await

By Carey Skinner Moss

In the Judge Ben C. Green Law Library at Case Western Reserve University, rows upon rows of legal texts fill the shelves, encouraging the pursuit of knowledge among the School of Law's students and faculty. The library's contents—hardcover, bound collections of federal and state laws, as well as special collections including international, medical and environmental law—reflect the distinguished nature and esteem of its namesake, who was appointed to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio by President John F. Kennedy.

Just down the hall, the School of Law's newly renovated student center represents another aspect of the late alumnus Green (LAW '30). Now named Ben's Place, the student lounge pays tribute to the softer side of the judge—the side his daughter, Roe Green, remembers most fondly.

"He was incredibly humble and kind, and always doing things for others," said Green, whose \$500,000 gift in her father's honor catalyzed renovations within the building.

While a formal portrait hangs in the Judge Ben C. Green Library, Ben's Place features a photo of the father and daughter laughing together (pictured at right).

"That's the man behind the robe," said Green, remarking on the photo. "He was an incredible storyteller and had a great sense of humor."

Ben's Place, along with other updates to the School of Law building, were substantially completed in time to welcome students for the fall semester, and the last pieces will be in place by homecoming weekend in October.

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—Roe Green on her father, the late alumnus Judge Ben C. Green





We were spending a lot of money renting AV equipment and event spaces around Cleveland, but the new media wall in the rotunda has built-in audio, so we'll be able to host events in the law school while also reducing spending on media rentals.

—Co-Dean Jessica Berg



The changes range from added technology to new and refurbished furniture. Wheelchair-accessible seating and standing tables create a more versatile and comfortable experience for all visitors. Additional outlets and USB ports in the lounge and classrooms will keep students' devices charged, and they can gather around the new media walls in the Upper Rotunda and Ben's Place for presentations or court hearing "watch parties."

From graduation brunches to mentorship cocktail hours and alumni reunions, the lounge and rotunda—which feature the most significant upgrades to the building—will offer many uses for the Case Western Reserve community.

"We rarely have a space that just serves one purpose," said Jessica Berg (GRS '09, public health), co-dean of the school. "We were spending a lot of money renting AV equipment and event spaces around Cleveland, but the new media wall in the rotunda has built-in audio, so we'll be able

to host events in the law school while also reducing spending on media rentals."

And there's one feature of the law school's makeover that alumni will especially appreciate: new carpeting.

A TEAM EFFORT

Visiting alumni have often pointed out the carpeting to Berg, remarking that it was the exact same as when they attended the university decades prior—and much worse for the wear.

"It's not that new carpeting was so expensive," said Berg. "It has just always taken a back seat to bigger priorities, such as scholarships, technology for students and instructional needs."

But a Supreme Court ruling provided an opportunity to address the issue. In 2018, the Supreme Court struck down a 1992 federal law that had effectively banned



commercial sports betting in most states. Now that sports gambling was legal—including popular games like betting squares—the law school decided to have some fun and catch the attention of alumni with a letter saying: “We’re selling squares... carpet squares!”

Instead of a Super Bowl grid game, alumni had the opportunity to purchase a square of new carpet for the building. The square system allows the school to swap out carpet tiles if they get stained or damaged, keeping the space pristine and saving the university money in the long run.

The commitment was relatively small, from \$30 for a single tile up to \$150 for an entire row, which allowed donors to get involved at every level. Alumni enjoyed the opportunity to pitch in, and the carpet fund grew gradually over several years. When Green made her donation in 2020, it pushed the fund to the finish line, and the new carpet became part of the larger renovation project.

“Most people gave to the carpet fund on top of their regular Annual Fund donations, so we weren’t taking away from important things like scholarships, which was wonderful,” Berg continued. “Each and every gift has truly made a difference. This final touch will really transform how the space feels.”

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Berg has worked with university staff to reuse and recycle existing furniture in the building. “I wanted to refresh the space without buying everything completely new,” said Berg. “It was almost like a memory game—I’d find three chairs in one room and say: ‘I know I saw the fourth chair somewhere. Where was that?’ And then I’d end up with a matching set that could be put back together.”

Berg found a large number of coffee tables throughout the building that have since been rehomed to other schools on

campus. And anything that couldn’t be used at the university was donated to local organizations.

Berg hopes Roe Green’s gift to the law school and the combined power of alumni support in this renovation will inspire future graduates to think creatively about how they give back. The law school Class of 2015, with support from Class of 1958 alumni Robert S. Reitman, George N. Aronoff and James H. Berick, for example, commissioned a mural of Cleveland landmarks by students and faculty at the Cleveland School of the Arts. Berg would like to see more of these unique tributes in the future.

“Scholarship and professorship funds are important, and we will always want to encourage that support,” said Berg. “But there is something about these visible, tangible gifts—they say ‘this place mattered to me,’ and I think that’s really special.” ■

Three Decades of Progress

NOTABLE MILESTONES OF THE FREDERICK K. COX INTERNATIONAL LAW CENTER'S **FIRST 30 YEARS**

The Frederick K. Cox International Law Center marks its 30th anniversary this year. In honor of the occasion, we're taking a look back at some of the remarkable accomplishments of our past three decades.

1991

A multimillion-dollar gift from the Gund Foundation endows the Cox International Law Center. That same year, CWRU launches its LLM program for lawyers from outside the United States, which now enrolls more than 130 foreign students a year.



Frederick K. Cox, Executive Director of the Gund Foundation and members of the Gund family.

2001

Bruce J. Klatsky, chair and CEO of Phillips Van Heusen Corp. and a member of the Board of Directors of Human Rights Watch, provides a special endowment to the law school for a human rights lecture series and an annual fellowship for two students to Human Rights Watch.



Samantha Power, then U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations and a recent Pulitzer Prize winner, chats with Elizabeth Reichard (LAW '04), editor in chief of the Journal of International Law, after delivering the 2003 Klatsky Lecture.



2002

The Cox Center's War Crimes Research Office and War Crimes Research Lab are established, now directed by James Johnson, former chief of prosecutions of the Special Court for Sierra Leone. To date, the office has provided over 250 research memos to international tribunals, piracy courts, INTERPOL and the U.S. military commissions.



2003

The Institute for National Security Law and Policy is established. *Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law* (established in 1968) moves to a double issue symposium format.

2005

Cox Center War Crimes Research program, in association with the Public International Law and Policy Group, is nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by the chief prosecutor of the Special Court for Sierra Leone for its work, which led to the successful prosecution of Liberian President Charles Taylor.



2009

CWRU launches fundraising initiative resulting in an endowment for internship support in honor of the late Henry King (1918-2009), a CWRU professor and former Nuremberg prosecutor.

2011

CWRU Jessup Team wins the Baxter Award for best brief in the worldwide competition. The Cox Center develops a Human Rights Documentary Film Series, which brings in filmmakers to lead discussions of the films.

2004

Cox Center creates the International Humanitarian Award for Advancing Global Justice; UN Under-Secretary General for Legal Affairs Hans Corell is the inaugural recipient.



2007

CWRU approves semester-long foreign internships at international tribunals. That same year, CWRU adds three specialized LLM degree programs.

2008

CWRU wins the World Championship of the Jessup International Law Moot Court competition.



2012

CWRU becomes the only law school with its own talk radio show when it debuts "Talking Foreign Policy" radio program, hosted by Michael Scharf, on WCPN, Cleveland's NPR station.



Three Decades of Progress



2014

CWRU debuts first concurrent degree program with Comillas University in Madrid, through which students can spend their 3L year abroad and graduate with both a foreign LLM and our JD degree in just three years. Subsequently, CWRU has added concurrent degree programs with Middlesex University in London and University of Paris.

2018

Students and faculty create the Yemen Accountability Project. Funded by a grant from the John F. and Mary A. Geisse Foundation, 70 students working under the supervision of Professor James Johnson produce whitepapers, a conflict narrative, a crime-based matrix, draft indictments and analytical dossiers to lay the groundwork for eventual prosecutions (see p. 5).



2021

The Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Court cites the Amicus Brief written by Dean Scharf and colleagues in the *Ntaganda* case.

2013

CWRU launches first international law massive open online course (MOOC) on Coursera. To date, over 135,000 students from 139 countries have taken the "Introduction to International Criminal Law" free MOOC. CWRU creates Maritime Piracy Prosecution Project, providing assistance to tribunals in Kenya, Mauritius and the Seychelles. CWRU launches its SJD program, which now enrolls 60 foreign students a year.

2015

Our Canada-U.S. Law Institute celebrates its 40th anniversary.



2016

Immigration Law Clinic is established. Under the law school's new capstone requirement, 3L students earn a semester of credit externing at any international institution. The Cox Center launches annual Trade Law Conference, organized by Co-Director Juscelino Colares. The new Master of Arts in Financial Integrity degree launches.

2019

Cox Center submits its first Amicus Brief to the U.S. Supreme Court, in a case concerning the interpretation of the Hague Child Abduction Convention. The International Criminal Court cites a report on crimes against the Rohingya people written by several CWRU law professors and alumni.

2020

Cox Center hosts the 10th annual American Society of International Law Midyear Meeting.

LLM program celebrates 30 YEARS

In 1990, just as Case Western Reserve University School of Law was establishing its Frederick K. Cox International Law Center, Professor Lewis Katz approached then-Dean Peter Gerhart with a plan: a graduate legal studies program that would bring approximately 15 international students to Cleveland.

In the three decades since its establishment, the program has grown to 120 LLM and 62 SJD students, making it one of the five largest—and one of the most successful—foreign graduate legal studies programs in the nation.

“At the time, there were very few U.S. programs for foreign lawyers,” noted Co-Dean Michael Scharf. “So, Professor Katz was a pathbreaker in the American legal academy.”

In addition to its focus on international attorneys, Katz recalled that his proposal was distinct from other LLM programs in that “we designed it to be as much a family atmosphere as an academic program.” The culture has remained a hallmark of the program, which *International Jurist* magazine ranked as a top LLM program for the student experience in 2021.

Katz, who retired from full-time teaching in 2018 after 52 years on the faculty, still teaches the LLM Seminar, helps with recruiting, and stays active in the program’s social events. “I still get emails and texts from former students who call me ‘father,’” said Katz, now the John C. Hutchins Professor Emeritus of Law.

The role of the program’s matriarch originally was held by the late Adria Sankavic, the program’s longtime assistant director, who is remembered by an annual LLM Award in her name. Now, Liz Woyczynski has taken that mantle as the program’s executive director.

Associate Professor Jack Turner (LAW ’02), who joined the LLM program as a faculty member in 2010 and took over as faculty director in 2018, said Katz’s original intention—creating a familial atmosphere for international students—remains 30 years on, thanks to the “dedicated administrators and professors who only work in this program and teach LLM students,” he explained. “The students know that we are available and they can come to us for any reason at any time.”



Professors Katz and Turner visit with LLM alums in Saudi Arabia.

But beyond that constant personal support, Turner noted that the program is committed to introducing international students to American law school life through programming such as a four-week summer course, dedicated LLM orientation week, tutors and mentoring, and frequent social events in and out of the law school.

“We do not just sign the students up and throw them into JD courses to sink or swim on their own,” Turner said.

In addition, the School of Law is committed to providing students with the areas of study most needed in the field; in 2007, it expanded the program to include specialized LLMS in international business law, international criminal law and intellectual property law.

“Students were seeking specialties,” Katz said. “Some needed a second LLM with a different focus for their jobs, and the school had enough courses in those areas to pull it off.”

The school has also shifted its approach to recruitment—from word of mouth to formal recruitment to, in recent years, visits to partner schools in Thailand, China and the Middle East by Scharf, Katz, Turner and other faculty.

“In addition to being an important source of revenue, the LLM and SJD programs provide our domestic JD students with valuable connections across the globe and diversify the educational experience,” Scharf said. “And by exposing foreign students to U.S. conceptions of justice, it helps strengthen the rule of law where our graduates practice around the world.” ■

IMPRESSIVE ALUMNI

The LLM program boasts dozens of prominent jurists, professors, practitioners, and government officials among its graduates, including:

- **Duncan Gaswaga**, Chief Judge of the Uganda War Crimes Chamber;
- **Ra’id Juhi**, Inspector General of Iraq; and
- **Francois-Phillip Champagne**, who recently served as Foreign Minister of Canada and is now Canadian Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: **Christopher Rassi**

When an international crisis hits, Christopher Rassi (CWR '00; GRS '00, political science; MGT '03; LAW '03) likely is in the thick of it. Case in point: On the day of his interview with *In Brief*, Rassi, who is the director of the office of the secretary general for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), was helping design his organization's humanitarian response in Afghanistan after the fall of the government to the Taliban.

"The country is experiencing compounding effects of drought, conflict, displacement, and gaps in health services, as well as anticipating a harsh winter," said Rassi, who received the Law Alumni Association's Distinguished Recent Graduate Award in 2011 and serves on the school's newly formed Dean's Cabinet for Global Legal Studies.

Rassi has also worked with the IFRC's response to the August earthquake in Haiti, to the May volcano eruption in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo, and to ongoing drought in Kenya. "There is never a dull day, or even a dull hour," Rassi said.

But his nearly two-decade career—which has also included stints as legal advisor to the judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Tanzania, prosecutor at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon in The Hague, judicial clerk at the Constitutional Court of South Africa, associate at Thompson Hine, adjunct professor teaching CWRU School of Law's War Crimes Research Lab, and IFRC legal adviser and head of the Southeast Asia Office in Bangkok—started with an internship funded by the School of Law's Frederick K. Cox International Law Center through its multimillion-dollar endowment.



He connects the dots from that experience to his fellowship with the international court a year later and to his position as an attorney at the tribunal a couple of years after that.

“My affiliation with the Henry T. King Jr. War Crimes Research Office remains especially dear to me, as it is named after my mentor, Henry King, the former Nuremberg prosecutor who taught at Case Western Reserve for 30 years,” he said, calling King, who died in 2009, “a constant source of inspiration, advice and friendship.”

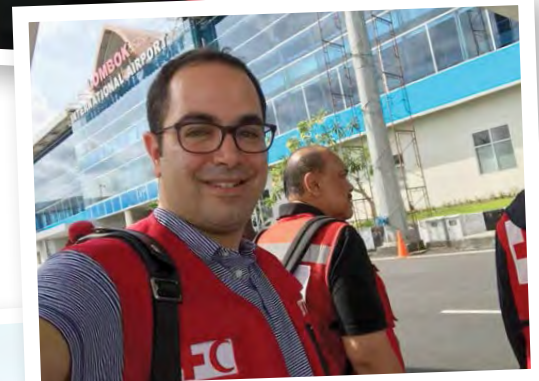
The passing of other mentors at CWRU—including Sidney Picker and former dean Peter Gerhart—“have made me reminisce about the profound impact teachers can have on shaping your career.” ■

And his trajectory has led the way for others at CWRU School of Law. His internship at the International Trade Centre (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development/World Trade Organization) in Geneva spurred the organization to dedicate a position for a CWRU law student each year. In addition, since his Cox Center-funded postgraduate fellowship with the joint Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, 147 CWRU law students have interned for Rwanda and the international criminal tribunals, and six graduates have obtained jobs as prosecutors and legal advisers following those internships.

Sometimes, according to Rassi, he has just been in the right place at the right time. In the summer of 2018, for example, as he began his tenure as IFRC’s head of delegation in Indonesia, he was at the Bali Process Ministerial Conference when a destructive earthquake—and many aftershocks—hit in nearby Lombok. “I was on the ground in Lombok right away, coordinating international and domestic relief with the thousands of volunteers of the Indonesian Red Cross, Indonesian government, and other actors,” he said.

Rassi also played a major role in the IFRC’s response to the COVID pandemic in Southeast Asia, as he was stationed in Thailand—the first country outside of China to have confirmed COVID-19 cases. “The threat of COVID-19 became very real to us, very early on,” said Rassi. So he was at the forefront of efforts “to ensure that our National Societies were ready to respond to the quickly moving pandemic.”

Rassi—who lives with his wife, Kate, an international criminal defense attorney from Australia, and their two children on the shores of Lake Geneva, Switzerland—credits his career to his academic experiences at Case Western Reserve, especially the War Crimes Research Lab then taught by Co-Dean Michael Scharf. “I’ll never forget my first assignment: to prepare a legal memorandum for the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda on the steps to secure the surrender of accused to the court.”



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Jonathan Adler

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Anat Alon-Beck

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SCHOOL OF LAW AWARDS FACULTY WITH TOP HONORS

In a year of challenges, Case Western Reserve University School of Law celebrated its faculty this spring with its annual awards event "to recognize faculty members who made extraordinary contributions over the past year," said Co-Dean Jessica Berg.



The following faculty members earned honors:

- **Bryan Adamson**, the David L. and Ann Brennan Professor of Law and associate dean for diversity and inclusion, received the Faculty Distinguished Service Prize, recognizing a professor whose service demonstrates extraordinary dedication to the law school (see p. 28). "Bryan is a model of how one energetic faculty member can have a huge impact on an institution," said Co-Dean Michael Scharf.
- **Ayesha Bell Hardaway**, associate professor and co-director of the Social Justice Law Center, won the Faculty Distinguished Research Prize, recognizing a professor whose published works demonstrate extraordinary scholarly achievement. Over the past three years, Hardaway has published in major journals, with recent articles addressing issues at the core of the advising and monitoring work she has done for the City of Cleveland on police reform, and has garnered numerous media mentions and appearances in outlets such as CNN, ESPN, *USA Today* and *Rolling Stone*.
- **Joan Burda** received the Judge Richard M. Markus Adjunct Professor of the Year Award, recognizing an exceptional adjunct professor based on professional achievement, teaching and service. Burda has taught at the law school for 14 years, lecturing on wills, trusts and future interests and on LGBT legal issues. A solo practitioner specializing in estate planning, Burda is the author of *Estate Planning for Same-Sex Couples and Gay, Lesbian and Transgender Clients: A Lawyer's Guide*.

Maxwell Mehlman, a Distinguished University Professor and the Arthur E. Petersilge Professor of Law, earned the student-selected 1L Teacher of the Year award, while instructor Jaclyn Celebrezze received the LLM Teacher of the Year award. Peter Gerhart, who passed away in March, was recognized as the Student Bar Association Teacher of the Year. ■

DOWNLOADING DATA

Just six years after its debut, Case Western Reserve University School of Law's Scholarly Commons has now surpassed 3.75 million downloads, with nearly 1 million in the past year. The site features 16 digital collections, including faculty publications, multidisciplinary journals, student-edited journals, and videos of law school conferences and events. Unlike Lexis, Westlaw and SSRN, articles on Scholarly Commons are available worldwide online without requiring an account or password. Indexed by search engines, every article is available to download.

Of the 71 U.S. law schools that host Bepress Scholarly Commons sites, CWRU School of Law ranks No. 11 in downloads during the past year, No. 13 in total papers available and No. 17 in cumulative downloads—placing the law school above prestigious institutions including Columbia, Georgetown and Boston University.

"Our repository, Scholarly Commons, uses the power of BePress to provide direct, free and permanent global access to our leading-edge and impactful law faculty scholarship," said Joseph Custer, professor of law and director of the Case Western Reserve law library.

SCHOLARLY COMMONS STATISTICS

3,784,715

downloads since 2015

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student journals featured

EMERITUS PROFESSOR'S \$2 MILLION ESTATE GIFT CREATES CHAIRED POSITION

Case Western Reserve University Professor Emeritus Morris G. Shanker, an award-winning educator and legal scholar who passed away last August at the age of 93, designated a \$2 million bequest to the School of Law to endow a chaired professorship to be named in his honor. Co-Deans Jessica Berg and Michael Scharf announced the gift during an online memorial in April celebrating Shanker's life and work.



"In addition to Morrie's many other contributions to the law school, he has left us this transformational gift to endow the Morris Shanker Chaired Professorship," Scharf said.

Shanker, who joined the faculty of Case Western Reserve University School of Law in 1961 and served as acting dean of the school in 1972, developed a considerable reputation in the fields of commercial law, creditor-debtor law and bankruptcy. He held the John Homer Kapp Chaired Professorship and received the Outstanding Teacher Award—chosen by the law school student body and presented at commencement.

"Morrie's generosity will allow us to retain or recruit an exceptional professor to build on his legacy of excellence," Berg said. ■

CO-DEAN SCHARF'S AMICUS BRIEF CITED IN ICC APPEALS JUDGMENT

School of Law Co-Dean Michael Scharf was a lead author of the Public International Law & Policy Group's Amicus Brief, which was cited in the International Criminal Court Ntaganda Appeals Judgment delivered in March.

In particular, the international court's judgment includes four specific citations to the Amicus Brief's analysis of whether the term "attack" can apply to the ransacking of a hospital that occurred shortly after the fighting in the Congo civil war had concluded.



The Appeals Chamber ultimately confirmed the decision of the Trial Chamber, which found Bosco Ntaganda guilty of 18 counts of war crimes and crimes against humanity and upheld the Trial Chamber's sentencing of 30 years imprisonment. ■



PROFESSOR, ALUMNUS EARNS CWRU AWARD FOR 'TRANSFORMATIVE IMPACT' ON SCHOOL

Bryan Adamson (LAW '90) returned to his alma mater as a professor in June 2020—at the height of public uprisings related to racial injustice across the United States after the death of George Floyd under the knee of a police officer. He quickly gained renown at the university and well beyond for his teach-ins on racism and police brutality—a series that, in its first three weeks, drew in nearly 7,000 viewers.

In the months that followed, Adamson facilitated meetings for law faculty devoted to fostering discussions of race and justice in the classroom, and established a new Deans' Cabinet for Diversity and Inclusion (see p. 38), on which two dozen alumni serve and assist with a variety of initiatives, from recruitment to fundraising to student placement. He also helped negotiate pipeline agreements with 10 Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority-Serving Institutions to set up the university's "North Star" initiative to increase the number of students of color in its graduate and professional schools. And he proposed and launched a year-long course on "Race and Justice" taught as separate seminars by 10 members of the school's faculty.

His widespread impact earned Adamson, the David L. and Ann Brennan Professor of Law and associate dean for diversity and inclusion at the law school, a "Think Big Leadership Award" from Case Western Reserve. The honor will be formally presented by President Eric Kaler and Provost and Executive Vice President Ben Vinson III at a ceremony this fall.

Adamson has "had a transformative impact on the law school during a time when racial injustice is prominent in the news and in minds across the university," said Vinson, noting he is "emblematic of what we are trying to accomplish as a university community." ■

Ayesha Bell Hardaway

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B. Jessie Hill

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Sharona Hoffman

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Sharona Hoffman and Cassandra Burke Robertson

"Professional Speech at Scale," *U.C. Davis Law Review* (forthcoming 2022)

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Erik Jensen

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Michael P. Scharf

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Katharine Van Tassel

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PROFESSOR REAPPOINTED TO UNIFORM LAW COMMISSION

Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine reappointed Cassandra Burke Robertson, the John Deaver Drinko-BakerHostetler Professor of Law and director of the Center for Professional Ethics, to her second three-year term on the Uniform Law Commission.

Established in 1893, the Uniform Law Commission—composed of nationally recognized legal experts appointed by 50 state governors—provides states with nonpartisan, well-conceived and well-drafted legislation that brings clarity and stability to critical areas of state statutory law. Since its establishment, the commission has produced more than 300 uniform acts focused on commercial law, family and domestic relations law, estates, probate and trusts, real estate, alternate dispute resolution and more. ■



COX CENTER CO-DIRECTOR COMPLETES NEW BOOK ON TRADE DEALS



A new book by Juscelino Colares, the Schott-van den Eynden Professor of Business Law and co-director of the Frederick K. Cox International Law Center, and Mustafa Durmus (LAW '16, '19), now an assistant professor at Turkey's Muş Alparslan University, was recently published by Wolters Kluwer Press.

Restructuring Trade Agreements: The Legal and Transactional Reworking of Bad Trade Deals uses the European Union-Turkey trade relationship as a primary case study to provide a practical framework for identifying trade agreements that are ripe for renegotiation—and how such renegotiations might take place. ■

2021 COMMENCEMENT

Commemorating the Class of 2021

For the first time in decades, Case Western Reserve University held its commencement ceremonies outdoors—and, for the law and medical schools, the events took place two weeks before the rest of the university's graduates walked across the outdoor stage.

The university started its spring semester in February to reduce COVID-19 risks, a change that necessitated a shift of the commencement schedule. But the timeline adjustment complicated matters for law graduates preparing for Bar exams and medical students beginning residencies. So, on a picture-perfect day in mid-May, nearly 130 School of Law graduates—of the 254 individuals who earned their JDs, SJDs or master's in a variety of areas—gathered on Freiberger Field, 6 feet apart, while their families, loved ones and graduates who couldn't attend in person watched via live stream.

In addition to remarks from Co-Deans Michael Scharf and Jessica Berg (GRS '09, public health), the ceremony featured an address from environmental law expert Jim Chen (LAW '91), vice president for public policy at Rivian Automotive—the manufacturer of the world's first electric adventure vehicles. Law school faculty and staff shared their well wishes, outstanding graduating students received awards, and outgoing Student Bar Association President Isaiah Pinckney III gave remarks to his classmates.

"The fight for truth, fairness and justice is never ending," Chen said. "But it is the lawyers—the Jedi Knights of our time—that lead in that struggle."

As Scharf congratulated the Class of 2021, he closed with a reminder before sending them off toward their careers: "You have obtained one of the most powerful degrees in all of education." ■



A Sankofa Celebration

Just a few weeks before the official commencement ceremonies, Case Western Reserve University School of Law's Black 3L students marked their impending graduation with the inaugural Sankofa Celebration. Organized by the Black Law Students Association (BLSA), which is celebrating its 50th anniversary, the event was an opportunity to reflect upon and affirm students' achievements.

"Sankofa" is an African word from the Akan tribe that symbolizes the Akan people's quest for knowledge, based on critical examination of one's history, and thoughtful interrogation of the present with a keen sense of responsibility for one's future. Importantly, the proverb implies the highest value in acknowledging those in one's past who have bestowed upon us knowledge, wisdom, fortitude and resilience.

With Co-Deans Jessica Berg and Michael Scharf in attendance, the Sankofa celebration featured a rendition of the Black National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," by Shalanda Plowden (LAW '21). The celebration also featured spoken messages from graduating students, alumni and faculty, as well as BLSA honors for Judge Emanuella D. Groves (LAW '81) of the 8th Ohio District Court of Appeals, who received its first Alumna of the Year Award, and Assistant Professor Ayesha Bell Hardaway (LAW '04), who earned its first Teacher of the Year Award.

The highlight of the ceremony came as the 3L students were draped with a kente stole commemorating their membership in the CWRU Law Class of 2021, worn in honor of their ancestral heritage. ■



Photos by Marcel Wilson

ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

Class of 1956

Martin C. Blake and his wife, Carole, celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary in June.

Class of 1966

Alan Brandt has been recognized by the Florida Bar for 50 years of membership.

Leon A. Weis, of Reminger Co., LPA, was included in the 2022 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Class of 1968

Mario C. Ciano, of Reminger Co. LPA, was included in the 2022 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

W. James Ollinger has retired after 52 years with BakerHostetler.

Class of 1969

Jeffrey Meldon, of Meldon Law, has been recognized by the Florida Bar for 50 years of membership.

Ronald Rakowsky has been recognized by the Florida Bar for 50 years of membership.

Class of 1971

John Demer, of Demer & Marniella LLC, has been recognized by the Florida Bar for 50 years of membership.

Carl Nunziato's work to support veterans and individuals with disabilities was recognized by the United States Congress with the renaming of the Veterans Affairs Clinic in Youngstown, Ohio, in his honor.

Class of 1973

Susan Braden, who is retired from the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, has been appointed to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Patent Public Advisory Committee, selected to serve as a dispute settlement panelist for the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement. She also is the first Jurist in Residence at George Mason University's Center for Intellectual Property x Innovation Policy.

Steven Stone Jr., of Stone & Stone, retired at the end of 2020 after 47 years practicing law.

Class of 1974

David Schaefer, of McCarthy, Lebit, Crystal & Liffman Co. LPA, has been named to the 2021 Ohio *Super Lawyers* list as well as the Top 100 Ohio and Top 50 Cleveland lists and the 2021 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Class of 1975

Steven S. Kaufman, of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been named a leading litigator by 2021 Benchmark Litigation for General Commercial Litigation, ranked in *Chambers USA 2021*, named to the 2021 Ohio *Super Lawyers* list, and named in the 2022 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

P. Michael Ward, of Reminger Co. LPA, was selected to the 2022 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Hon. Gary Yost has retired after 30 years of service as an Ashtabula County Common Pleas Judge.

Class of 1976

Patrick Sharkey, of Jackson Walker, has been named to the 2020 *Super Lawyers* and 2021 *Best Lawyers in America* lists.

Class of 1977

Frances Floriano Goins, of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been named a leading litigator by 2021 *Benchmark Litigation* for Securities Litigation, ranked in *Chambers USA 2021*, and named to the 2021 *Super Lawyers* lists for Top 50 Women Ohio and Top 25 Women Cleveland. Goins was also named Lawyer of the Year in Corporate Compliance Law – Cleveland in the 2022 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Christopher C. McCracken, of Ulmer & Berne LLP, was selected for the 2022 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Class of 1978

Hugh J. Bode, of Reminger Co. LPA, was selected for inclusion in the 2022 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Douglas Charnas, of McGlinchey Stafford PLLC, has been listed in the 2021 edition of *Chambers USA – America's Leading Lawyers for Business* for tax law and the 2021 *The Best Lawyers in America* list.

Timothy Grendell, a Geauga County, Ohio, judge, was reelected to the Executive Board of the National College of Probate Judges.

Richard G. Hardy, of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been named to the 2021 Ohio *Super Lawyers* list as well as the 2022 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Howard Stein, of Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman LLP, was named to the 2020 New York Metro *Super Lawyers* list.

Class of 1979

Marc W. Groedel, of Reminger Co. LPA, was selected for the 2022 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Kurt Karakul retired from the Third Federal Foundation in June.

Randy Oppenheimer, of Barclay Damon LLP, has been named to the Upstate New York *Super Lawyers* list.

John Paul, of Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner LLP, is president of the Licensing Executives Society International.

Class of 1980

James A. Goldsmith, of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been named to the 2021 Ohio *Super Lawyers* list and to the 2022 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

David Weibel, of Frantz Ward LLP, appeared on the 2021 *The Best Lawyers in America* and Ohio *Super Lawyers* lists.

Class of 1981

Alexander M. Andrews, of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been named to the 2021 Ohio *Super Lawyers* list and in the 2022 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

Rita Maimbourg, of Tucker Ellis LLP, was elected board president of The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland.

Class of 1982

Larry Rudawsky has joined Barrett McNagny LLP as senior counsel.

Richard J. Rymond, of Reminger Co. LPA, appears in the 2022 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

John S. Seich, of McCarthy, Lebit, Crystal & Liffman Co. LPA, has been named to the 2021 Ohio *Super Lawyers* list and the 2021 edition of *Best Lawyers*.

Theodore Tucci, of Robinson+Cole, has been named the 2021 Health Care "Lawyer of the Year" in Hartford, Connecticut, by *The Best Lawyers in America*.

James J. Turek, of Reminger Co. LPA, was named in the 2022 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Class of 1983

Lynda Laing, of Strauss, Factor, Laing & Lyons, has been elected president of the Rhode Island Bar Association.

Paul Singerman, of Singerman, Mills, Desberg & Kauntz Co. LPA, has been named the 2021 Real Estate "Lawyer of the Year" in Cleveland by *The Best Lawyers in America* and to its 2022 list.

Alan Scheufler, of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been named to the Midwest Real Estate News Hall of Fame and named in the 2022 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Ruth Spencer retired from Vassar College in December 2020. She was the first African American individual at Vassar to obtain the rank of associate vice president.

Class of 1985

Gary S. Desberg, of Singerman, Mills, Desberg & Kauntz Co. LPA, was named in the 2021 and 2022 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Carl Gluek, of Frantz Ward LLP, has been named to the 2021 lists of Ohio *Super Lawyers* and *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Laura Kingsley Hong, of Tucker Ellis LLP, was named a Woman of Note by *Crain's Cleveland Business*.

David W. Leopold, of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been named to *Cleveland Jewish News'* 2020 list of "18 Difference Makers," honored as an immigration trailblazer by *The National Law Journal*, ranked in *Chambers USA 2021*, selected for the 2021 Ohio *Super Lawyers* list, and named in the 2022 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Class of 1986

Inese Neiders, of Jury Selection Expertise, presented "The Jury Selection Toolbox" to the National Association of Public Defenders. Topics included developing the right questions, creating juror profiles, constructing juror questionnaires, using social media, and showing the value of focus groups, mock juries, and post-trial interviews.

Michael Tucker, of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation for a three-year term and named Group Leader of the Corporate Restructuring & Creditors' Rights Practice Group. He appears on the 2021 *Super Lawyers* lists for Top 100 Ohio and Top 50 Cleveland, and in the 2022 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

David Yelin, of Duane Morris LLP, has been awarded the Herbert C. DeYoung Medal by the Respiratory Health Association, of which he's a board member.

Class of 1987

Robert Chudakoff, of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been named to the 2021 Ohio *Super Lawyers* list.

Matthew Kadish, of Frantz Ward LLP, has been named to the 2021 list of Ohio *Super Lawyers* and *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Debbie Michelson joined Buckley King's Cleveland office.

Ronald Teplitzky, of Singerman, Mills, Desberg & Kauntz Co. LPA, appeared in the 2021 and 2022 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Andrea Turner joined the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis as vice president of human resources and inclusion.

Class of 1988

Timothy Brick, of Gallagher Sharp LLP, has been named to the 2021 list of *The Best Lawyers in America* for Legal Malpractice Law – Defendants.

Timothy Downing, of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been named to the 2021 Ohio *Super Lawyers* list as well as in the 2022 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*

Gretchen Farrell has been named chief human resources officer at CBIZ.

Daniel McGuire has been elected to partnership of Mansour Gavin LPA.

Class of 1989

Katherine Brandt, of Thompson Hine LLP, is now board chair of the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center.

Richard DiLisi, of Nationwide Mutual Insurance Co., received its 2020 Outstanding Trial Attorney of the Year Award.

Michael E. Smith, of Frantz Ward LLP, who appears in the 2021 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*, launched a podcast, "Shoveling Smoke – A Frantz Ward Lawcast," with fellow alum **Christopher Koehler (LAW '92)**.

Class of 1990

Matt Dolan has been reelected to the Ohio State Senate.

Ronald A. Mingus, of Reminger Co. LPA, was selected for the 2022 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Christian R. Patno, of McCarthy, Lebit, Crystal & Liffman Co. LPA, ranked #3 in Ohio by 2021 *Super Lawyers* and was selected for the 2021 edition of *Best Lawyers*. Patno was sworn into the Cleveland Academy of Trial Attorneys Board of Directors and voted into the American Board of Trial Advocates.

ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

Class of 1992

Rob Glickman, of McCarthy, Lebit, Crystal & Liffman Co. LPA, has been named to the 2021 Ohio *Super Lawyers* list and the 2021 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Christopher Koehler, of Frantz Ward LLP, was selected for the 2021 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* and the 2021 Ohio *Super Lawyers* list. He also launched a podcast, "Shoveling Smoke – A Frantz Ward Lawcast," with **Mike Smith (LAW '89)**.

Mike Ryan, who was reelected as mayor of Sunrise, Florida, in 2020, joined Freedland Harwin Valori Ryan PL as a partner.

William Vodrey was elected a judge of the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas.

Class of 1993

Elissa Morganti Banas has been awarded the inaugural Buffalo Excellence in Education Award for Staff Support for her work as the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program Coordinator at City Honors School.

William D. Edwards, of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been named a 2021 *Benchmark Litigation* Labor and Employment Star and to the 2021 Ohio *Super Lawyers* list. Edwards was also named in the 2022 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Class of 1994

Hugh D. Berkson, of McCarthy, Lebit, Crystal & Liffman Co. LPA, has been named to the 2021 Ohio *Super Lawyers* list.

Rhonda Ferguson joined Allstate Corp. as executive vice president and general counsel.

Jeffrey Gorski, of Singerman, Mills, Desberg & Kauntz Co. LPA, was included in the 2021 and 2022 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

David A. Lum, of McCarthy, Lebit, Crystal & Liffman Co. LPA, was named to the 2021 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Timothy Roth, of Gallagher Sharp LLP, was named to the 2021 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for transportation law.

Douglas Schnee, of Frantz Ward LLP, was selected for the 2021 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* and the 2021 Ohio *Super Lawyers* list.

Class of 1995

Adam M. Fried, of Reminger Co. LPA, was selected for the 2022 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

David Landever joined Barrasso Usdin as leading partner of its new Cleveland office.

Class of 1996

Angela Bennett, of Cavitch Familo & Durkin LPA, co-founded Frontline Development with Sheila Wright (MGT '15). The residential development company, which focuses on building new homes in Black communities, held a groundbreaking ceremony for its first development, Allen Estates, last fall. Located in Cleveland's east side neighborhood of Hough, all homes are set to be owned by Black residents.

Linda DelaCourt Summers, of Ulmer & Berne LLP, was named in the 2022 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Christopher Keim, of Frantz Ward LLP, appears in the 2021 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America* and Ohio *Super Lawyers*. He also was named to *Cleveland Magazine's* inaugural Cleveland 500 and is co-chair of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association's Racial Equity and the Law Workgroup on Continuing Criminal Justice Reform.

Class of 1997

Scott Augustine is now a co-managing shareholder of Chamberlain Hrdlicka's Atlanta office.

Franklin C. Malemud, of Reminger Co. LPA, was named in the 2022 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Class of 1998

Ayesha Hamilton, of Hamilton Law Firm, received the 2021 Attorney of the Year Award from the New Jersey State Bar Association Solo and Small-Firm Section.

Stephanie E. Harley, of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been named a 2021 Benchmark Litigation Labor and Employment Star and appeared in the 2022 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Peter Lehr, of Norris McLaughlin, presented "Liability Issues in the Time of COVID-19" for the Lehigh Valley Pennsylvania Chapter of the Professional Association of Health Care Office Management.

James Rownd, of Frantz Ward LLP, appeared in the 2021 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Class of 1999

John M. Alten, of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been named in the 2022 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Michael D. Makofsky, of McCarthy, Lebit, Crystal & Liffman Co. LPA, has been named to the 2021 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Richard Rezie, of Gallagher Sharp LLP, was selected for the 2021 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for Insurance Law.

Myra Barsoum Stockett, of Reminger Co. LPA, appeared in the 2022 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Class of 2000

Matt Albers joined The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center as deputy general counsel and senior associate vice president for the Office of Legal Affairs.

Molly Brown joined Brouse McDowell's Cleveland office as Of Counsel.

Clayton Diamond is now executive director and general counsel of the American Pilots' Association.

Craig Haran, of Frantz Ward LLP, was selected for the 2021 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

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Tariq Naeem, is co-chair of the Tucker Ellis Health & Life Sciences Group.

Jodi Rich, of Ulmer & Berne LLP, who was named in the 2022 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*, was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Restoration Society and Park Synagogue.

Class of **2001**

Kristin Boose, of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been appointed to serve on the Ohio Advisory Board of The Trust for Public Land. Boose was also named in the 2022 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

David Kunselman joined Buckley King's Cleveland office.

Chris Salata, of Industrial Commercial Properties, has been inducted into the 2020 Midwest Real Estate Hall of Fame.

Camille Tourje has been promoted to second vice president, compliance officer at Standard Insurance Co.

Holly Marie Wilson, of Reminger Co. LPA, was selected for inclusion in the 2022 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Class of **2002**

Gregory G. Guice, of Reminger Co. LPA, appeared in the 2022 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Kenneth McVey, of Fleschner, Stark, Tanoos & Newlin, has been appointed City Court Judge of Terre Haute, Indiana.

Anthony Traymore joined Natural Fiber Welding Inc. as general counsel.

Class of **2004**

Catherine Stone joined Brouse McDowell's Youngstown, Ohio, office as Of Counsel.

Bryan Zumwalt joined FTI Consulting Inc. as senior managing director and head of government affairs within its strategic communications segment.

Class of **2005**

Anthony M. Catanzarite, of Reminger Co. LPA, was included in the 2022 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

AnneElise Goetz, of Higgs, Fletcher & Mack, was elected chair of the Board of Directors for Voices for Children in Southern California.

Bethanie R. Murray, of Reminger Co. LPA, appeared in the 2022 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Class of **2006**

Gretchen Gosnell was promoted to associate director of international faculty and scholar services at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Mary Gritzmacher was promoted to corporate vice president, general counsel and secretary of CoorsTek.

Kelly Lipinski was named office managing member in McGlinchey Stafford's Cleveland office. She was appointed to the governing committee of the Conference on Consumer Finance Law and serves on the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity's Fellows Alumni Executive Council.

Class of **2007**

Andrew Christenson was elected circuit judge of Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin, with a term beginning Aug. 1.

Valissa Turner Howard is now vice president of talent and legal affairs for the Greater Cleveland Food Bank.



Mark Gorski (left) and Stan Mimoto (right) with Andrea Radrizzani, owner and chairman of English Premier League soccer team Leeds United FC—one of their company's partners.

Mark Gorski (LAW '07) and **Stan Mimoto (LAW '08)** launched Sports Data Labs Inc. in 2015; five years later, the venture-backed company earned the 2020 Early Stage Startup of the Year by Sports Technology Awards. Sports Data Labs' technology enables interoperability of sensors and sensing systems, while using artificial intelligence to transform collected data into metrics, insights and predictions for various real-time and on-demand use cases. The company has pioneered the commercialization of athlete data through its real-time monitoring platform, working with the PSA World Tour, PGA Tour, ATP Tour, CBS Sports, Fox Sports English Premier League soccer team Leeds United FC, among others, and has distributed athlete data to over 150 countries.

ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

Class of 2008

Kyle Cutts has been elected to partnership at BakerHostetler.

Andrew Ho, of Recht Kornfeld PC, has been named to *Denver Business Journal's* "40 Under 40" list.

Class of 2009

Sean Ganley was elected to partner of Thompson Hine LLP.

Erin Klug joined Dobrusin Law Firm as a shareholder.



Angela Thomas (under the pen name Angie Hockman) published her first novel, *Shipped* (Gallery Books/Simon & Schuster), a romance that *Entertainment Weekly* called an "absolutely stunning debut." Set in the Galapagos Islands, *Shipped* follows "a workaholic marketing manager who is forced to go on a cruise with her arch-nemesis when they're up for the same promotion." The book was named a LibraryReads Pick for January 2021, an Amazon Editors' Pick for Best Romance, and a CNN Best Book of the Month. For the past five years, she has served as the Manager for Conservation and Education Programs at small-ship, eco-adventure cruise line Lindblad Expeditions.



Class of 2010

Jared Eisenberg has been named partner of Lynn Pinker Hurst & Schwegmann.

Brian Nally, of Reminger Co. LPA, is the professional liability section vice chair and Ohio membership state representative with the Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel.

Christina Niro, of Frantz Ward LLP, has been named to the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association's Leadership Academy class of 2021, is included in the 2021 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* and is a 2021 Ohio *Super Lawyers* Rising Star.

Christine Snyder has been elected to partnership at Tucker Ellis LLP.

Class of 2011

Kaitlyn Arthurs, of Frantz Ward LLP, is included in the 2021 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* and is a 2021 Ohio *Super Lawyers* Rising Star.

Steven A. Chang, of Reminger Co. LPA, is among *The Best Lawyers in America's* "Ones to Watch."

Angela Lydon, of Frantz Ward LLP, is "One to Watch" on the 2021 Best Lawyers in America list and a 2021 Ohio *Super Lawyers* Rising Star.

Jennifer Mesko has been elected to partnership at Tucker Ellis LLP.

James Warren III has been appointed senior vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary of Energy Focus Inc.

Class of 2012

Cameron MacLeod has been promoted to director of Gibbons PC.

Ashtyn Saltz, of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been named to the 2021 Ohio *Super Lawyers* Rising Stars list and is "One to Watch" on the *Best Lawyers in America* list.

Class of 2013

Daniel T. Falk, of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has been named among *The Best Lawyers in America's* "Ones to Watch."

Trevor Hardy, of Ulmer & Berne LLP, has joined the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's national Activism Advisory Committee and is on the 2021 Ohio *Super Lawyers* Rising Stars list.

Daniela Paez was elected to partnership at Ulmer & Berne LLP and joined the Cleveland board of Facing History and Ourselves. Paez has been named to the 2021 Ohio *Super Lawyers* Rising Stars, the National LGBT Bar Association's Best LGBTQ+ Lawyers Under 40 and Bloomberg Law's "They've Got Next: The 40 Under 40" lists.

Greg Scholand has been promoted to senior associate at Harter Secrest & Emery LLP.

Class of 2014

Samuel Dodoo joined Gallagher Sharp LLP's Cleveland office as an associate.

Class of 2015

Ellesha LeCluyse, of Ulmer & Berne LLP, was named to the 2021 Ohio *Super Lawyers* Rising Stars list.

Class of 2016

Sara Dorland, of Ulmer & Berne LLP, is among the 2021 Ohio *Super Lawyers* Rising Stars.

Ikechukwu Ekeke was selected to The National Black Lawyers organization's "Top 40 Under 40 Black Lawyers in Ohio."

Class of 2017

Daniel C. Egger, of Reminger Co. LPA, has been named as "One to Watch" by *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Mia Garcia, of Frantz Ward LLP, has been named a 2021 Ohio *Super Lawyers* Rising Star and is part of the Cleveland Foundation's Foundations for Philanthropy 2021 Cohort.

ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

Bradley Ouambo, of Frantz Ward LLP, was named to *Crain's Cleveland Business'* "20 in their Twenties" list for 2021 and elected to the Cleveland Christian Home Board of Trustees.

Bianca Smith is a coach for the Boston Red Sox's minor league team in Fort Myers, Florida, mainly working with position players. She is the first Black woman to serve as a coach in professional baseball.

Mengxue Xie, of Ulmer & Berne LLP, was elected to the national Board of Directors of the Federal Bar Association's Younger Lawyers Division and named "One to Watch" by *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Class of 2018

Justin Bibb, chief strategy officer at Urbanova and a Cleveland mayoral candidate, was among *Crain's Cleveland Business'* 2020 "40 Under Forty" list.

Madison Melinek joined Spector Gadon Rosen Vinci PC as an associate in the firm's Insurance and Casualty Litigation Practice Groups in Philadelphia.

Lidia Mowad joined McDonald Hopkins LLC as an associate in its intellectual property department.

Class of 2019

Elizabeth Burnett joined Ahlers & Cooney PC's Des Moines, Iowa, office as an associate.

McClellon D. Cox III, of Ulmer & Berne LLP, will serve as an adjunct professor and co-coach of the Black Law Students Association Mock Trial team at Case Western Reserve University School of Law.

Class of 2020

Lacey Ferrara is now an associate in Reminger Co. LPA's Cleveland office.

Lauren Garretson joined Ulmer & Berne LLP's Cleveland office as an associate.

Kent Hushion is working as an associate in Reminger Co. LPA's Columbus, Ohio, office.



When **Stephanie Farah (CWR '15, LAW '18)** and **Nicholas Kirsch (CWR '16, LAW '19)** got married in October 2020, their post-ceremony photos took an unexpected stop: the stacks of the School of Law's Judge Ben C. Green Law Library, where the two had spent many hours studying during the course of their respective degree programs. The photo op re-created a picture the couple first took while waiting for Farah's law school commencement, then followed up the next year when Kirsch donned his commencement regalia. "The pandemic has limited so many things for so many people, but I was delighted to make this happen for Nick and Stephanie," said Co-Dean Jessica Berg, who ensured the university's health and safety precautions were followed.

Ashley Mulryan joined Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett PC (Knox Law) as an associate.

Randa Payne is now an associate in Gallagher Sharp LLP's Cleveland office.

Jocelyn Smith is an associate in the Columbus, Ohio, office of Ulmer & Berne LLP.

Elizabeth Stark joined Meyers, Roman, Friedberg & Lewis as an attorney.

New cabinet unites alumni to improve diversity and inclusion at law school

Case Western Reserve University School of Law launched a Deans' Cabinet for Diversity and Inclusion last fall—an alumni-centered effort to help recruit and retain historically underrepresented individuals among the student body, faculty and staff; strengthen the school's diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI)-related curriculum and programming; and enhance outreach to and relationships with alumni and employers.

Bryan Adamson (LAW '90), the David L. and Ann Brennan Chaired Professor of Law and associate dean of diversity for the school, was an ideal person to lead the charge as both an alumnus and, now, a faculty member. Shortly after joining the faculty in summer 2020, Adamson and the deans recruited a diverse group of law alumni to form the cabinet (see sidebar). After initial meetings to set their mission, the members established working groups focused on areas such as student recruitment, fundraising and development, and pre- and post-graduation employment.

So far, the cabinet has launched a "Recruit the Best" initiative, in partnership with the Career Development Office, to encourage law firms and corporations to expand opportunities for historically underrepresented minority students, as well as delve into recruiting practices to reduce biases. In addition, Adamson noted a concerted effort to increase outreach from underrepresented minority alumni to

admitted students, in which they discuss their Case Western Reserve experience and also their professions.

These accomplishments require ongoing work, Adamson said, but the cabinet is also moving forward with new initiatives—facets of which may align with work done in the law school's diversity committee or centers such as the Social Justice Law Center—including:

- Strengthening connections between the law school and alumni from historically underrepresented groups, including seeking financial support for such endeavors;
- Creating a women's caucus in Washington, D.C., to develop networks among alumnae in the area; and
- Launching a DEI certification program, with focus in areas such as inclusive leadership development, unconscious bias, building allyships, and creating successful recruitment and retention strategies in firms and organizations.

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"To have a cabinet that can develop ideas and initiatives to help law students secure meaningful employment opportunities is extraordinary," Adamson said. "We are grateful to cabinet members for not only opening doors for our students, but for creating real initiatives that will improve the quality of legal education we provide." ■

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July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020



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Alumna's passing creates legacy for future CWRU law students

When Jodi Littman Tomaszewski (CWR '95, LAW '99) died unexpectedly in June, her friends and colleagues were shocked—and spurred to action in her memory. In weeks, nearly 500 former classmates, colleagues, friends and family members contributed more than \$100,000 to support a scholarship at Case Western Reserve University School of Law in the double alumna's honor.

The scholarship will be awarded to an academically exceptional second- or third-year student—giving a School of Law student the critical financial support they need at the same time period when Tomaszewski launched her career.

Tomaszewski began clerking at Dworken and Bernstein Co., LPA, during law school in 1997—and she never left. A decade later, the Painesville, Ohio, firm named her a partner, the first woman in its history. Throughout Tomaszewski's career, "she set an example not just for her girls [daughters Emma, Chloe and Paige], but for all young women who strive to balance a career and family," said former classmate Lesley Gordon (LAW '99).

Her friends and family plan to sponsor an annual golf outing to increase the scholarship endowment and keep her memory



alive, her husband, Jeff Tomaszewski (CWR '95; GRS '05, physiology), said.

"While Jodi was a fantastic lawyer, she was an even better person," said longtime colleague Richard Selby (CWR '89, LAW '92). "Everyone who came into contact with Jodi—clients, co-workers, colleagues, friends—family—are all better people for having had her in their life."

To learn more about her scholarship or how to establish a scholarship in the School of Law, call 216.368.3308 or email lawalumni@case.edu.

In Memoriam



Remembering longtime professor, former dean Peter Gerhart

Peter Gerhart, longtime professor and former dean of the Case Western Reserve University School of Law, passed away Feb. 7 after suffering a brain hemorrhage.

"Peter was a phenomenal colleague, whose warmth and wisdom were shared widely throughout our faculty," said law school Co-Dean Jessica Berg. "We will miss him for his many contributions to our school, but even more, for his smile."

Gerhart was the John Homer Kapp Professor of Law and held a secondary appointment at the Weatherhead School of Management. He received his BA from Northwestern University in 1967 and his JD from Columbia University Law School in 1971. He began his career as an associate at the law firm of Weil Gotshal & Manges in New York City before teaching for 11 years and serving as associate dean and interim dean at Ohio State University College of Law.

After a national search, Gerhart joined the Case Western Reserve law school faculty as dean in 1986. He served in that capacity for 10 years, playing a key role in developing the Frederick K. Cox International Law Center and the Milton A. Kramer Law Clinic. A talented and experienced higher education administrator, he served as the interim president of Lake Erie College from 2015 to 2016.

Gerhart was a noted expert in antitrust and trade regulation and a specialist in international economic law and globalization, publishing dozens of law review articles in leading law journals.

Most recently, he focused on legal theory. His trilogy of acclaimed books published by Cambridge University Press



spanned the legal universe, including *Tort Law and Social Morality* (2010), *Property Law and Social Morality* (2014) and *Contract Law and Social Morality* (2021).

"He had a lot more to say but left us with so much to cherish and learn from," said Wendy Wagner, professor at University of Texas School of Law, noting that the trilogy of Cambridge monographs stand as a memorial to Gerhart's scholarship and life's work.

While service and scholarship played a crucial role in Gerhart's career, his passion for teaching, especially first-year law students, stands out as one of his defining characteristics. By his own choice, he taught four different courses in the law school's first-year curriculum,

including torts, contracts and property legislation and regulation—sometimes covering two of them in the same year. Moved by the recent spate of incidents of racial injustice, he devoted part of his fall 2020 sabbatical to designing a course in structural racism and the law.

"Peter taught his students with joy and passion," said Juliet Kostritsky, the Everett D. & Eugenia S. McCurdy Professor of Contract Law at Case Western Reserve. "They revered his brilliance but also his kindness."

"As our law school offices adjoined, I got to know Peter as a person who was passionate about his students and their development," said Katharine Van Tassel, visiting professor of law, noting that he spent hours with his students, giving them the benefits of his caring kindness, insights, and sense of humor. "As one of many who were fortunate enough to work with Peter, I will not forget his always wise counsel, sharp insights and infectious collegiality."

Gerhart was so beloved by Case Western Reserve students that they selected him, posthumously, as the Student Bar Association Teacher of the Year in 2021.

"He was never shy to crack a joke or make a witty remark," said Harrison Quast (LAW '20). "We shared a banter that I will always cherish."

Gerhart is survived by his wife, Ann; his children, Matt, Mary, Margaret and Gracie (LAW '21), and seven grandchildren.

Society of Benchers 2021

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.

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1957

Ronald A. Gold
William A. Minnich

1958

James H. Berick
John P. Falcone
William Wendell Falsgraf
David Friedman
George C. Limbach
David S. Perelman
Robert S. Reitman
Alan S. Sims
Eugene Stevens

1959

Daniel P. Batista
Gerald E. Fuerst
Alan D. Greenberg
Richard N. Mitchell
Garrett J. Murray
Anthony John Musca
Robert Franklin Orth
Leo Michael Spellacy*
Laurence D. Steinsapir
James F. Sweeney
Donald M. Tomsik

1960

Anonymous
Sheldon I. Berns
Dick Brubaker
Bernard Goodman
Albert H. Leyerle
Robert Michael Lustig
Josiah L. Mason
Robert M. Moss
Donald W. Perkal
John Henry Wilharm

1961

Harvey M. Adelstein
Lawrence M. Bell
J. Kenneth Brown
Thomas A. Cables
John Jay Freer
Robert N. Gudbranson
Donald N. Jaffe
Myron L. Joseph
John O. Martin
Gerald A. Messerman
Robert E. Murray
Harvey Allen Snider
James E. Thomson
Peter C. Wykoff

1962

Robert Michael Beno
Daniel Thomas Clancy
H. Philip Heil
William H. Logsdon
Frederick M. Lombardi
Frank Charles Manak III
James S. Monahan

1963

Alan V. Friedman
Charles W. Lissauer
Justin R. Lumley
Carole Ann Mancino
Paul A. Mancino Jr.
William A. Papenbrock

1964

David J. Elk
John D. Emerich
I. James Hackenberg
Thomas A. Heffernan
Edward Kancler
Richard A. Rosner
Ritchie T. Thomas
John D. Wheeler
Charles E. Zumkehr

*deceased



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1965

Oakley V. Andrews
Robert S. Balantzow
Gary L. Bryenton
Lawrence H. Friedlander
Harry A. Pogach
Kenneth A. Rocco
John G. Sayle
Robert B. Weltman

1966

David A. Basinski
Paul Brickner
Robert F. Burkey
J. David Buzzard
Logan Fulrath Jr.
Robert D. Gary
Mark Joel Goldberg
John A. Hallbauer
Lawrence M. Kahn
James D. Kendis
Peter George Kratt
Dale C. LaPorte
John B. Lindamood
Evan E. Lloyd
Raymond Ronald November
Benson Dale Pilloff
C. Max Vassanelli
Wallace W. Walker Jr.

1967

Richard M. Fanelly
Sheldon G. Gilman
Jerrold L. Goldstein
Ronald E. Holtman
Carmen Frank Lamancusa
Lloyd D. Mazur
John Clayton Oberholtzer
James Lee Parker
Charles Preston Rose Jr.
Aberdeen Hutchison Sabo
William Lee Spring
John D. Steele Jr.
Joseph Michael Vitale

William N. West
Marshall J. Wolf
John A. Zangerle

1968

Christopher W. Baldwin
Mario C. Ciano
John M. Flynn
Austin T. Fragomen Jr.
Alan Barry George
Ronald G. Gymer
J. Robert Horst
John J. Hurley Jr.
Donald A. Insul
David Carroll Johnson
Robert J. Kolesar
Timothy E. Kramer
Alan Robert Kretzer
Wilbur C. Leatherberry
Richard Frank Mack
Joseph T. McGinness
Frank S. Merritt
Charles R. Oestreicher
W. James Ollinger
Martin O'Donnell Parks
Michael Alan Pohl
George R. Sapir
Arthur Wallis Shantz Jr.
David Niel Strand
Frederick A. Watkins
Robert Stanley Wilson Jr.

1969

William W. Allport
John Duff Brown
Kenneth L. Cohen
Chester F. Crone
Charles A. Hambly Jr.
Bernard Charles Johnson
John Colonel Kealy
Robert D. Kendis
James M. Klein
Jeffrey B. Marks
Thomas Mester

Thomas F. Norton
William S. Paddock
Theodore F. Rose
Jerry B. Silverman
Harold Roy Weinberg
Thomas L. Wiseman

1970

Thomas Harvie Barnard
Donna J. Bowman
Coleman P. Burke*
Michael Drain
Howard J. Freedman
W. Logan Fry
John Robert Hoffman Jr.
Ellen Lake
Terry Leiden
Seth Benjamin Marks
John Ford Strong
Homer S. Taft Jr.
Ray Voelker
David S. Weil Jr.

1971

Thomas E. Africa
Thomas G. Belden
Jerry W. Boykin
Joseph W. Casper
Madge Langer Casper
John A. Demer Jr.
Charles W. Findlay III
Ms Kathryn G. Havemann
Katherine Ann Hossofsky
Jack Kurant
John T. Murray
Carl A. Nunziato
Ellen W. Ott
Jerold George Paquette
Charles Russell Peck
Herbert E. Phipps
Charles Theodore Riehl
Gregory A. Weiss
Jerome F. Weiss

1972

Carolyn Watts Allen
Joseph J. Allotta
Mark David Averbach
Richard H. Bamberger
Roger S Bamberger
Doug Barr
Richard A. Bloomfield
Thomas B. Brigham Jr.
Alan K. Brown
J. Douglas Butler
John Robert Casar*
Kathleen De Boer
Paul M. Dutton
Natalie K. Finn
William H. Fulton
John H. Gibbon

Paul Dale Glenn
Paul K. Kiever
William J. Martin
Benjamin J. Randall
Robert N. Rapp
James D. Roseman
Jeffrey David Solomon
Micki Beth Stiller
Ed H. Tetelman
Stephen D. Tompkins
Allan A. Toomey
Ralph Sargent Tyler III
David F. Walbert
Robert B. Walker
Lewis I. Winarsky
Charles B. Zellmer

1973

Frederick W. Anthony
Geoffrey K. Barnes
Deborah Detz Benik
Daniel B. Bennington
Alec Berezin
Margaret Anne Cannon
Lawrence John Carlini
Michael Allen Cyphert
Leonard Ehrenreich
Leslie Robert Evans
Lawrence J. Friedman
Nelson E. Genshaft
Stanley T. Jaros
Susan Stevens Jaros
Margaret Nancy Johnson
James F. Koehler
Donald L. Korb
Thomas Dutton Leidy
Robert D. McBride
Bernard J. Monbouquette
Robert Sherman Moore
R. Richard Newcomb
Lawrence L. Newton
Michael J. Peterman
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James M. Ruschell
David E. Schreiner
Steven T. Sloan
Randall L. Solomon
Ronald E. Stocker
D. Stephen Stone Jr.
Mark F. Swary
James F. Wagenlander
Kenneth James Walsh
Stephen C. Weingrad
Charles David Weller
C. David Witt

1974

Roger E. Bloomfield
Marc A. Boman
Stephen V. Freeze
Frank Jonathan Hariton

Howard H. Hopwood III
Douglas M. Johnson
Stephen Richard Kalette
Timothy J. Kincaid
Susan Elaine Klein
Andrew Kohn
Lee A. Koosed
Margery Beth Koosed
Deanna Coe Kursh
Edward James Mitchell
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John Chandler Rayson
Kip Reader
Marcialyn Glass Robinowitz
David A. Schaefer
Paul M. Shapiro
Edward F. Siegel
Lawrence R. Sykes
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1975

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Michael J. Casper
Kevin A. Cudney
Thomas C. Doolan
Stanley M. Dub
Leslie Dunn
Daniel C. Durand III
Oldrich Foucek III
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Osborne Mills Jr.
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Donald S. Scherzer
Richard C. Spain
Kenneth R. Spanagel
Hal T. Stern
Carol B. Tanenbaum
G. Kimball Williams
Peter H. Winslow
John C. Wojteczko

1976

Anonymous
Valerie Jane Bryan
James A. Ellowitz
Edward D. Etheredge
Richard Charles Foote
Stephen E. Friedberg
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Stephen Zashin (LAW '95)
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George Peter Angus
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 John Paul Batt
 Victoria Matts Beach
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 Douglas W. Charnas
 Diane Citron
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 Dwight S. Williams
 McCullough A. Williams III
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1979

Christopher N. Ames
 Richard M. Bain
 Harvey Paul Blank
 Jill Goubeaux Clark
 Robert Brayden Downing
 Claudia H. Dulmage
 Robert Charles Ellis
 Robert Andrew Fuerst
 Judee L. Genetin
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 Marc William Groedel
 Charles Moorman Hall
 David Joseph Helscher
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 Kurt Karakul
 Stephen Allan Markus
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 Joseph Marc Sellers
 Marilyn Jean Singer
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 Arthur J. Tassi III
 James D. Vail
 Jeffrey W. Van Wagner
 Leesa M. White
 Cynthia J. Wiens
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1980

Lorraine Ruth Baumgardner
 Christopher Mark Bechhold
 Craig Edward Chapman
 Michael Edward Elliott

Frank Irvin Ford Jr.
 Bill J. Gagliano
 Mary Anne Garvey
 Karen Sternbergh Gerstner
 Earl Francis Ghaster Jr.
 John Mills Gherlein
 Ronald Eric Gluck
 James Arthur Goldsmith
 Katherine Hatton
 Jeffrey Richard Huntsberger
 Robert D. Katz
 John P. Kellogg
 David Alan Kutik
 Thomas M. Lawrence
 Jack L. Litmer
 Paul Brian Madow
 Lisa Froimson Mann
 Rosaleen Kiernan Mazanec
 Jean M. McQuillan
 Glenn Richard Moss
 Dominic Vincent Perry
 Penny Rabinkoff
 Michael Joseph Russo
 Amy R. Schmidt
 Philip Arend Schuster
 Jay Shapiro
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 Harry Thomas Sigmier
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 David Clyde Vanaman
 Irene Lowe Willson
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1981

John Malcolm Allan Jr.
 Mary K. Bender
 Thomas Craig Blank
 Carolyn Buller
 Colleen Conway Cooney
 Stuart W. Cordell
 Dale H. Cowan
 William Michael Doll
 Kathryn Gonser Eloff
 Stephen Fitch Gladstone
 Bob Charles Griffo
 David Geoffrey Holcombe
 Susan Metzenbaum Hyatt
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 Julie Ann Stern Jacobs
 Seth Alan Jacobs
 Suellen Shapiro Kadis
 Jean C. Kalberer
 Jeffrey Stephen Kaufman
 Peter Edward Koenig
 Rita Ann Maimbourg
 Steven J. Miller
 Karen Greve Milton
 Matthew Patrick Moriarty
 Lorie Joan Nierenberg
 Edward Charles Parker
 Kathleen Anne Pettingill

Steven Brian Potter
 Steven Arthur Rosenberg
 Linda M. Saunders
 G. Vincent Slusarz
 Mary Jane Trapp
 Peter Turner

1982

Lawrence E. Apolzon
 Steven E. Borgeson
 Andre Ashley Craig
 Sheryl Ann DeSantis
 Sarah J. Gabinet
 Ian S. Haberman
 Robert Joseph Henry
 Nancy A. Hronek
 Timothy Sean Kerr
 Ronald Jay Klein
 John L. Kraus
 Thomas Robert Kromer
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 William M. Ondrey Gruber
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 Debra Dee Rosman
 Robert Stephen Rybka
 Cynthia Anne Smith
 Theodore J. Tucci
 Michael Willis Vary
 Lori Wald
 David Pierson Woolsey

1983

Bruce G. Alexander
 David Altman
 Denise Dzurec Bell
 Edward Joseph Bell
 Arthur R. Braitman
 Donna L. Cahill
 George Sabato Crisci
 Daniel G. Donovan
 Janet R. Donovan
 Robert Edelstein
 R. Leland Evans
 Jonathan D. Greenberg
 Margaret J. Grover
 Joseph Hubach
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 Steven Elliott Kahan
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 Kathryn Lynn Mercer
 David S. Michel

More than 50 years after graduation, alum's estate gift supports future students

Years pass quickly. For Howard Freedman (LAW '70), whose 50th reunion was delayed by the pandemic, they've moved a little *too* quickly. "Time flew," Freedman said with a laugh. "And it keeps going faster the older I get."

Despite being over a half-century removed from the classroom, Freedman's fond memories and deep affinity for Case Western Reserve University recently inspired him to support the School of Law with a planned gift—part of a trust—with a current value of \$1.5 million. The gift, one of several recent and significant contributions from members of the Class of 1970—including Coleman "Coley" Burke (LAW '70), whose gift established the Coleman P. Burke Center for Environmental Law—will allow the school to continue offering students the customized experiential educational opportunities for which it is known.

Reflecting on his years as a student, Freedman vividly recalled the professors who inspired him. "One of the things that was remarkable about my time in the law school was the faculty," Freedman said. "Many of the professors were very young, but nonetheless really stellar. Lewis Katz, Ronald Coffey and Ovid Lewis—whose blackboards were worthy of the Cleveland Museum of Art—were incredible. And Arnold Reitze, who had a hilarious and dark sense of humor, inspired me to show up for his 8 a.m. federal taxation class—which was a real hardship for me in those days."

Today, Freedman sees the same energy, enthusiasm and passion present in the current faculty and leadership of the school—making it a logical place to invest. "My own view of charitable giving is that if you have money available, you give," he said. "But, you're faced with a big universe of possibilities to support. There's a logic to giving money to where you went to school—you're familiar with it, you benefited from it, and if you have positive feelings about it and feel like it should be preserved and it should grow, then this is a logical way to accomplish that."



"The school, under [the co-deans'] leadership, is in a position to apply donated funds in a really positive way."

Freedman noted he is particularly inspired by the leadership of School of Law Co-Deans Jessica Berg (GRS '09, public health) and Michael Scharf. "The school, under their leadership, is in a position to apply donated funds in a really positive way," he said.

Freedman is not alone in his support of his alma mater. His family has deep roots—both as students and donors—on campus. His parents, Samuel Freedman (ADL '37) and Marian Kirschner (FSM '37) met and fell in love while attending school. And Samuel's entrepreneurial success in what the younger Freedman called "the high technology business of 1939"—microfilm—led them to later establish the Freedman Center for Digital Scholarship at the Kelvin Smith Library.

Today, Freedman and his wife, Rita Montlack, continue this tradition in Cleveland and Northeastern Ohio as generous philanthropists and supporters of education and the arts. In addition to his newly established trust, Freedman has made gifts and commitments in support of the Freedman Center, the Social Justice Institute, and his Class Reunion Gift fund—of which he serves as co-chair for this year's reunion.

Looking back 50 years on his education and the career that followed—largely in his own legal practice—Freedman is grateful. "I've had amazing adventures in my practice and wonderful friendships that have grown out of it," he said. "I consider myself very lucky."

Law Clinic name expands to recognize alumna

This fall, students managing case work through the School of Law's clinic center will find themselves operating under an extended banner.

Through a \$500,000 endowment gift, the Milton A. Kramer Law Clinic Center will now include the name of Kramer's wife, Charlotte, a 1941 Flora Stone Mather alumna who passed away earlier this year at the age of 101. The gift, made by the Kramer family foundation, will allow the school to continue expanding the valuable educational opportunities and services provided by the center to students and the community at large.

Charlotte Kramer, a generous and visionary Northeast Ohio philanthropist, was instrumental—along with support from the Rosenthal Foundation and the Dolsberg Foundation—in the establishment and naming of the clinic that serves as a law firm within the school.

"The Kramer, Rosenthal and Dosberg families have been honored to play a role in supporting the law clinic," said Mark Kramer, who continues the tradition established by his parents, Charlotte and Milton. "We initially saw this as a fitting memorial

for my father, but it also carries on the legacy of my mother's deep involvement in strengthening the Cleveland community, so we are very pleased to be able to add to the clinic's future resources and rededicate it in memory of both of my parents."

The clinic, one of the first law school clinical programs in the country, opened 50 years ago. It is staffed by faculty with years of practice experience and serves clients and client groups who are unable to afford their own legal representation—handling more than 100 cases per year totaling approximately 16,000 hours of pro bono legal work.

The nine clinics in the center—Appellate Litigation, Community Development, Criminal Justice, First Amendment, Health Law, Human Trafficking Law, Immigration, Intellectual Property Venture, and Second Chance Reentry—each provide students with real world experiences in different areas of law.

"Charlotte and Milton Kramer were both committed to supporting those in need in the city of Cleveland," said Jessica Berg (GRS '09, public health), co-dean of the School of Law. "Charlotte's initial gift in honor of Milton, and this most recent gift of the Kramer family in honor of Charlotte, enable the Kramer Law Clinic to serve its mission of educating students and providing essential representation to underserved populations in our community."

The Milton and Charlotte Kramer Law Clinic will be rededicated as part of homecoming weekend on Saturday, Oct. 23, at 4 p.m. EST. As part of the weekend's festivities, the school will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the clinical program.



Students get real-world experience trying cases through the Kramer Law Clinic, which will officially undergo a name change this fall.

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 Matthew C. O'Connell
 Colleen Ann O'Connor
 Eric Vincent Oliver
 David Edward Rodney
 Lawrence E. Sachs
 Preston Robert Sargent
 Alan Wesley Scheufler
 David Clifford Shall
 Richard H. Verheij
 Linda Lockler Wilkins
 Mark R. Winston

1984

James B. Aronoff
 Patricia M. Botsko
 Brian S. Braunstein
 Geoffrey Cooper
 Bruce Hunter Cox
 Therese Sweeney Drake
 Jon Patrick FitzGerald
 Timothy F. Geisse
 Miriam Claire Goldsmith
 David Michael Grodhaus
 Pamela Elizabeth Hostetler
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 Keith Robert Kraus
 Todd Michael Kwait
 Albert Joseph Lucas
 Michael Anthony Makuch
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 Sheila Anne McKeon
 Mary Ann Meaker
 Marc Bryan Merklin
 Lisa Hall Michel
 David Landers O'Connell
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 Craig Turner Ornell
 William Glover Porter II
 Kevin Gregory Robertson
 John Michael Saganich
 Garrett Lord Silveira
 Gregory J. Viviani
 Anne H. Warner
 Amy L. Weber
 Robert Mitchell Weiss
 John M. Wirtshafter
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Gena R. Amos
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 Thomas James Callahan
 M. Bradley Dean
 Gary Stuart Desberg
 Deirdre Anne Donnelly
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 Alan Yanowitz
 Kevin M. Young
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David William Charron
 Luke Lucien Dauchot
 Mark Andrew Healey
 Kirsten Anne Hotchkiss
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 Michael Scott Tucker
 Rochelle Friedman Walk
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1987

Angela Birch Cox
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 Lynn Maureen Gattozzi
 Jill Friedman Helfman
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 Mark Robert Koberna

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 Edward Kolesar
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 Robin Lynn LaPeters
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 John Kelly McDonald
 Michael A. Moran
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 Donza Michelle Poole
 Amy Soppel Renshaw
 David Brian Shifrin
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1988

Helen M. Bell
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Mara E. Cushwa
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Ann Marie Intili Gardiner
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A PIONEER in the field



Photo by Billie Weiss

When the Boston Red Sox hired Bianca Smith (LAW '17, MGT '17) this year as a Minor League coach, she made history as the first Black woman coach in professional baseball. For the double alumna, hitting the upper echelons of a sport she's longed to coach started with a shot from Case Western Reserve.

In 2013, Smith came to the university as a prospective graduate student and met with Matt Englander, the Spartans' baseball head coach. Fifteen minutes into their conversation, Englander offered her a position he created just for her: director of baseball operations. She started earning her MBA at Weatherhead School of Management and, a semester in, enrolled at the School of Law through a dual-degree program.

We talked with Smith about her experience in the pros so far—and how a Case Western Reserve education prepared her for a trailblazing career.

Q: How has your first season gone so far?

Absolutely amazing. Not every woman has a good experience working in this industry, so I've been really blessed to land with a supportive organization that encourages its employees to be themselves and find their niche. ... Being able to come in and make an immediate impact is what every coach wants to do, but not what every coach gets to do. I've been able to really find a place where I fit and figure out where I provide the most value to the organization.

Q: Why did you decide to pursue a JD in addition to your MBA and baseball responsibilities?

At the time, I wanted to be a general manager. I knew I wanted to go to law school eventually to get a background in sports law and contracts. ... Once I learned that CWRU had sports law courses, I knew it was a perfect opportunity to get my JD as well.

And I partly applied because it gave me at least two more years working with the baseball team, and by October of my first year, I already knew I wanted to work with them longer.

Q: What in particular from your law education has helped you succeed in your career?

The entire premise of law school is what I use as a coach every day: build a relationship with my player (the client), know the information well enough to break it down and explain it to them, and specialize my services based on what they need. And oftentimes my answer will be "It depends." I joke a lot that being a coach is very similar to being a lawyer.

Q: How do you think your time at Case Western Reserve helped prepare you for your career? Are there opportunities you gained at Case Western Reserve you don't think you'd have had the chance at elsewhere?

I know for a fact that the experience I got working with the baseball team is not what I would've had at a lot of schools. ... I learned so much about being a coach working with [Englander] and our staff, learned a lot more about baseball outside of just the game you usually see, and learned to work directly with players. Add that to being able to balance both degrees while working as the athletics compliance assistant and the undergrad sports management [teaching assistant], running the MBA's sports business club, participating in and eventually acting as the secretary for the Black Law Students Association, and joining the cheer team my final year. Both programs were supportive and flexible with my other responsibilities, and I never felt that I had to sacrifice one activity for another. That says a lot about CWRU: They truly have their students in mind and want to help them achieve their goals.

Although I wouldn't encourage a lot of people to do what I did. I still don't know how I made the hours work. ■

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