

Law Notes

April 2010



A Note From Dean Brennen

Please join the UK College of Law as we welcome William T. Coleman Jr., our Roy R. and Virginia F. Ray Distinguished Lecturer, at 6:30p.m. Thursday, April 8, in Memorial Hall.

A recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, William T. Coleman, Jr., is a senior partner in the Washington, DC, law firm of O'Melveny and Meyers. He is a magna cum laude graduate of Harvard Law who graduated first in his class with the Fay diploma. Mr. Coleman was the first African American to clerk on the US Supreme Court, clerking for Justice Felix Frankfurter, and served as Secretary of the US Department of Transportation in the Ford Administration. He has also advised six former US presidents throughout his career.

We are honored to have someone of Mr. Coleman's stature and prominence deliver the Ray Lecture this year. Established in 1977, the Roy R. and Virginia F. Ray Distinguished Lecture Series is the pre-eminent lecture series at UK Law, featuring outstanding jurists and public figures discussing legal topics of current interest for more than 30 years.

It is a true privilege for the College to host Mr. Coleman, someone capable of inspiring so many to achieve in the field of law. He has served behind the scenes as adviser and confidant to a number of prominent US government officials. Having Mr. Coleman share his experience and insight with the law school community is an exciting opportunity for the College.

I encourage you to mark your calendar for this very special occasion. Alumni support is crucial to making such events a success for the College.



David A. Brennen
Dean and W.T. Lafferty Professor of Law

Career Services Notes

Employment Assistance from Alumni

In this tough economic climate, the College of Law appreciates any assistance that our alumni can offer in helping UK law students gain legal experience or employment. If you would like to explore the possibility of having a UK law student join you this summer or employing a third-year student after graduation, please feel free to **email Associate Dean Susan Steele** or call 859-257-8320.

Advancement Notes

2010 Alumni Awards and Hall of Fame

The College of Law Alumni Association proudly announces recipients for the Alumni Awards and the College of Law Hall of Fame award. These individuals will be formally recognized at a reception on June 16, 2010.

Hall of Fame

- Julia Hylton Adams
- Joseph W. Craft III
- · William M. Lear, Jr.

Distinguished Jurist Award

• Phillip R. Patton

Professional Achievement

Susan Clary

Community Service

• Rebecca DiLoreto

Young Professional

- Lawrence L. Jones II
- Valorie D. Smith

Student Notes

March Proves Successful for Trial Teams

American College of Trial Lawyers National Trial Competition- **Josh Hicks** and **Paco Villalobos** finished as one of the top eight teams in the nation after competing in Dallas.

The Duberstein Moot Court Competition-Tara Pope and Graham Barth were among the top 16 teams in the premier bankruptcy moot court competition that took place in New York.

National Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Tournament-Tommy Juanso, Chantell Foley, Sharletta Mahone and Erice Smith from UK's UK Black Law Students Association (BLSA) were eliminated going into the National guarterfinals in Boston.

Faculty and Staff Notes

Our faculty and staff continue to be recognized for their outstanding work.

• **Prof. Richard Ausness** (pictured right) has reached an important milestonehis 50th law journal article. The Role of Trust Protectors in American Trust Law, accepted for publication in 45 Real Property, Trust & Estate L. J. No. 2 (Spring 2010). His 51st article is



The Impact of Wyeth v. Levine on FDA Regulation of Prescription Drugs, accepted for publication in 65 Food & Drug L. J. No. 2 (Spring 2010).

• Prof. Rutherford B Campbell, Jr. (pictured left)



recently published two articles: *The* "New" Fiduciary Standards under the Revised Uniform Limited Liability company Act: More Bottom bumping from NCCUSL, 61 Maine L. Rev. 28 (2009) and Resales of Securities: the New Rules and the new Approach of the SEC, 37 Sec. Reg. L. J. 317 (2009). In addition, he presented Small Business Capital

Formation and the Accredited Investor Definition at the Securities and Exchange Commission Small Business Capital Formation Symposium in Washington and The SEC's New Resale Rules, at the University of Kentucky CLE program on Securities Regulation in Louisville. Finally, Prof. Campbell has served as Executive Committee and Chair-Elect of American Association of Law Schools Section on Unincorporated Business Entities.

- **Prof. Jonathan Cardi** has been asked to become a co-author on the 5th edition of *Cases and Materials on The Law of Torts* with George Christie of Duke, Ellen Pryor of SMU and Joe Sanders of Houston.
- Amy Collier Eason, a 2004 graduate of UK Law, joined the law school as the new Director of Career Services in March. During her time at the law school, Amy served on the Kentucky Law Journal, was elected as a representative to the Student Bar Association, and was a member of UK Legal Clinic. Amy has practiced with the law firm of Woodward, Hobson & Fulton (now Dinsmore & Shohl) as a litigation associate in its Lexington office since law school graduation. Amy is Past President of the Fayette County Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section and has held other positions with this organization. She will work with Associate Dean Susan Steele and Joan Yocum in the Career Services Office.

• **Prof. Janice Mueller** (pictured right) discussed "Gene Patentability and the Implications of ACLU v. Myriad" as a panelist at the University of Maryland School of Law, Baltimore, on April 2. Maryland Law's *Journal of Business and Technology Law* sponsored the



conference, titled "The Future of Genetic Disease, Diagnosis, and Treatment: Do Patents Matter?"

- **Karen A. Nuckolls** has been appointed to the American Association of Law Libraries Placement Committee.
- Amy Osborne has been asked to serve as Vice Chair (2010-2011) and Chair (2011-2012) of the American Association of Law Libraries Research and Publications Committee.
- Prof. Susannah Vance, a 2004 graduate of UK Law, will be the inaugural Visiting Assistant Professor starting in the Fall of 2010. Prof. Vance is currently serving as an attorney for the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service in Baltimore, MD. Prior to that she worked as an associate attorney at Covington & Burling in Washington, DC and as a law clerk to Judge John Rogers on the 6th US Judicial Circuit here in Lexington. Prof. Vance will teach Administrative Law in the fall semester and Immigration Law in the Spring semester. In her second year, she will pick up a course in Constitutional Law II. She has a BA and an MA from Columbia University.
- **Prof. Richard Westin** recently published "The Case for a Crude Oil Price Stabilization Tax" in the March edition of the Environmental Law Reporter, published by the Environmental Law Institute in Washington, DC.



• Prof. William Wiecek (pictured left) has been selected as the Lassiter Distinguished Visiting Professor to teach in the spring of 2011. Prof. Wiecek is the Congdon Chair in Public Law and Legislation at Syracuse University School of Law. He is a constitutional law scholar and legal historian. Prof. Wiecek is the

author of nine books, the co-editor of two more and has published over 30 law journal articles, book chapters and other manuscripts. He is a graduate of Harvard Law School and has a PhD from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in History.

Class Notes

1971

• William T. (Bill) Robinson III is in line to become president-elect following the American Bar Association (ABA) 2010 Annual Meeting in San Francisco during August 2010. Robinson is the member-in-charge of the northern Kentucky offices of Frost Brown Todd LLC. Throughout his career, Robinson has exhibited leadership in his community and the profession, including his volunteer service as chair of the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, chair of the Cincinnati USA Partnership for Economic Development and, for seven years, as a member of the ABA Board of Governors. An ABA member for more than 35 years, Robinson is a member of the association's policymaking House of Delegates, is chair of the ABA Standing Committee on Governmental Affairs, is on the planning committee for the ABA's annual advocacy "ABA Day" in April in Washington, DC and is a member of the Board of Governors' Strategic Planning Committee.

1981

• Betty Moore Sandler has again been named,



by Washingtonian Magazine, as one of metropolitan Washington DC's Top Lawyers (2009). Sandler was also listed in the December 2009 issue of Northern Virginia Magazine's Top Divorce Lawyers. Sandler is a shareholder in the Woodbridge, Va. law firm of Nichols

Zauzig Sandler PC and limits her practice to domestic relations. She is the Immediate Past President of the Virginia Chapter, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

1998

• Clifford H. Ashburner, who recently joined the



Real Estate and Construction Service Team of Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, LLP, has been named Chairman of the Kentucky Chapter of the United States Green Building Council (USGBC). Ashburner was the first attorney to be certified a LEED Accredited Professional in Kentucky. He

has also been selected to participate in the 2010 class of Bingham Fellows.

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2002

• J. Kevin Kidd was named a partner at the



prominent Nashville-based law firm Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis. Kidd practices in the areas of financial services, electronic payment transactions, mergers and acquisitions and financial institution regulation. Kidd is a member of the Electronic Transaction

Association where he serves on the Government Relations Committee. He also is a member of the Electronic Financial Services Subcommittee of the American Bar Association's Business Law Section.

2003

• Melinda T. Sunderland, has been named to the



partnership of Morgan & Pottinger, PSC. Sunderland will take on additional responsibilities in expanding the firm's commercial bankruptcy practice. Sunderland regularly presents to legal groups and has published works in Kentucky Bankers Magazine, Caldwell's

Kentucky Form Book (fifth edition), and the University of Kentucky's CLE Textbook (third edition). She participated in Leadership Kentucky in 2009 and is a member of the Louisville and Kentucky Bar Associations.

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CLE Conference Notes

• 25th Annual National Conference on Equine Law

April 28 & 29, 2010 Embassy Suites in Lexington, Kentucky

- Biennial Employment Law Institute
 June 3 & 4, 2010
 Crowne Plaza Hotel in Lexington, Kentucky
- Last Chance Video 2010
 June 29 & 30, 2010
 UK Law building in Lexington, Kentucky