



## A note from Dean Brennen

Greetings! We have so much to be proud of at the College of Law. Since the last issue of *UK Law Notes Online* in February, we received some wonderful news and had some spectacular distinguished lecturers.

The news we received is that our graduates passed

the Kentucky Bar Exam in record numbers last year. For the February 2012 Kentucky Bar Examination, UK Law graduate first time takers passed at a rate of 91%. When combined with our pass rate for the July 2011 bar exam, the overall first time pass rate for the 2011-12 Kentucky Bar Exam is 96%. This is the highest pass rate in the past ten years, and it is an increase of 12 and 13 percentage points, respectively, over the 2010-11 (84%) and 2009-10 (83%) overall first time pass rates. I want to congratulate our recent graduates for all of the very hard work on these exams!

On top of this compelling news, I am also pleased to report that we hosted in April two distinguished lecturers as part of our Ray Lecture Series. On April 5, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas participated in a public "Conversation" before a capacity audience at Memorial Hall with American Bar Association President Wm. T. (Bill) Robinson III (1971), UK Law Professor Stephen Clowney and me. One week later, our second Ray Lecturer, Yale Law School Dean Robert C. Post, spoke on the topic of academic freedom. While here, both lecturers met with students and faculty and taught classes on Constitutional Law. The entire law school community was elated by the experience. I am happy for the opportunity of UK Law to have hosted both of these distinguished lecturers. We will continue to bring in relevant and engaging speakers.

As is tradition, on the Friday before the Kentucky Derby we awarded degrees to the College of Law Class of 2012. We are all so proud of what they've accomplished during their time here, and how they'll go on to be a positive impact in their communities. See the piece at right for details on some of the initiatives that UK Law students are known for. Be on the lookout for your issue of *UK Law Notes Magazine* this fall, for more stories like these.

As always, I hope you and your loved ones are well.

Sincerely,

DAVID A. BRENNEN

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## UK Law Students Impact: *Pro Bono and Community Engagement Initiatives*

- The Volunteer Tax Assistance Program (VITA) once again served the Lexington community by preparing and filing 640 tax returns. UK Law students Austin Byars, Clay Duncan, Kayla Finley, Mawerdi Hamid, Patrick Kern, Nelson Rodes, Hamid Sheikh, Keith Tidwell, Joey Verax and Laura Leigh Zimmerman each put in over 30 hours volunteering at the clinic.
- Five UK Law students spent their spring break in Prestonsburg, Ky. doing pro bono work representing individuals in Eastern Kentucky with property, environmental and other damage claims against coal companies. Second-year student Jocelyn Arlinghaus and first-years Melissa Harp, Tony "Brandon" Miller, James Pennington and Sarah Woods gained valuable first-hand experience responding to discovery requests, interviewing clients and assisting with a trial. Any attorney's fees generated by the students' work and recovered in the lawsuits will be donated to local non-profit legal services organizations.
- UK Law students held a fundraiser to collect donations for victims of the March 2 tornado outbreak that devastated a number of Kentucky communities. Ashley Adkins, Megan Hughes and Tiffany Fannin sold red beans and rice in the student rec lounge, with all proceeds going to the Red Cross. College of Law students, faculty and staff donated over \$400 and countless bags and boxes of clothes, canned goods and cleaning supplies to go to the affected communities.

*Congratulations to each of these students on a job well done for a worthy cause!*

# Congratulations

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

COLLEGE OF LAW

CLASS OF 2012!

PHOTOS FROM THE  
2012 ROY F. AND VIRGINIA R. RAY LECTURE SERIES



Robinson, Brennan, Thomas and Clowney discuss Thomas' work with the Supreme Court at a public event in Memorial Hall.



Justice Thomas in an open session with students in the Courtroom



Dean Post delivering the Ray Lecture in the College of Law Courroom

*Look for more pictures and coverage of these and other events in the Fall 2012 issue of Law Notes.*

## Faculty Notes

**Kent Barnett's** paper, "Formal Administrative Adjudication's Separation-Of-Powers Quandary," was one of twelve selected for presentation at the 2012 Junior Faculty Forum, sponsored by Yale, Harvard and Stanford Law Schools. He will present his paper in June as part of a Harvard Law School Conference.

**Joshua Douglas** has placed his most recent article, "Procedural Fairness in Election Contests," with the *Indiana Law Journal*. In March, he testified before the Kentucky House Judiciary Committee on HB 239, a bill to provide for public financing of Kentucky judicial elections.

**Roberta Harding** was recently honored by the Center for Gender & Refugee Studies at UC Hastings College of Law, along with a group of attorneys who have represented asylum seekers pro bono, and the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights for its pro bono asylum program.

**Melynda Price** organized the University of Kentucky Black Women's Conference, *Learning the Ropes: Black Girlhood, Identity and the Power of Play*, which was held in March. Later this month, she will present and moderate "99 Problems," a panel discussion about race and law, sponsored by the UK African American & Africana Studies Program and the Lyric Theatre.

**Richard Underwood** has placed "Following The Rules: Exclusion of Witnesses, Sequestration, and 'No-Consultation' Orders" with the *American Journal of Trial Advocacy*.

**Sarah Welling's** article, "Reviving the Federal Crime of Gratuities," was accepted for publication in the *Arizona Law Review*.

**Richard Westin's** article, "Americans' Unwillingness to Pay Taxes Before the American Revolution: An Uncomfortable Legacy," was published in March by *The Journal Jurisprudence*.

## Class Notes

**Christopher Jackson** (2011) has joined Dinsmore as an associate in the Litigation Department and a member of the Tort and Environmental Practice Groups. He will practice in the firm's Lexington office.

**Keeana Sajadi Boarman** (2008) has been appointed as senior associate at Frost Brown Todd. She is in the mergers and acquisitions practice group and advises clients in matters of general business planning, entity formation, mergers and acquisitions, contract formation and negotiation, corporate governance, and a variety of other issues related to business transactions.

**Adam M. Back** (2005) has been named a member of Stoll Keenon Ogden. He practices in the area of bankruptcy in the firm's Lexington office.

**Lawrence E. "Buddy" Goodwin** (2004) has been named a member of Stoll Keenon Ogden. He practices in the areas of banking, real estate, mineral law, corporate law and general civil practice in the firm's Lexington office.

**Bradley E. Cunningham** (2002) has rejoined the firm of Middleton Reutlinger after serving four years as Corporate Counsel and Director of Risk Management for American Commercial Lines (ACL). Mr. Cunningham practices in the firm's business law practice group.

**Ryan C. Edwards** (2002) has been elected Partner by Taft Stettinius & Hollister. Mr. Edwards devotes a substantial portion of his litigation practice to personal injury, product liability, and wrongful death actions.

**Angela Edwards** (1994), a partner in Dinsmore's Louisville office, has been elected to serve a year term as Secretary of the Louisville Bar Association.

**Erica L. Horn** (1990) has joined the Stoll Keenon Ogden's State and Federal Tax Practice as counsel to the firm and will work out of its Lexington office.

**John Horne** (1990) former General Counsel of the Energy and Environment Cabinet for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, has joined Dinsmore's Frankfort office. He will practice as of counsel in the Litigation Department, focusing on regulatory and environmental matters.

**Gaines Penn** (1987) recently began a one-year term as Chair of the Board of the Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce. Gaines is an attorney and managing partner of English, Lucas, Priest & Owsley in Bowling Green.

**Deborah S. Hunt** (1980) has been selected to succeed Leonard Green as Clerk of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. She has served since 2000 as Clerk of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Connecticut. She will assume her duties upon Mr. Green's retirement in September.

**Mack J. Morgan III** (1980) was recently honored as the 2012 Oklahoma Litigator of the Year. Mr. Morgan is director of Crowe & Dunlevy and concentrates his practice in the litigation of complex business and commercial transactions. He also has extensive experience in intellectual property, antitrust and federal bankruptcy, as well as alternative dispute resolution proceedings and administrative hearings.

### Career Services Notes

If you have a present need for a recent graduate or experienced attorney and you would like to post a job on our password protected, online job posting system, please go to [www.law.uky.edu](http://www.law.uky.edu), select the Careers tab, and go to the For Employers area. Click on the "Post a Position" button. If you prefer to email a job posting or call us with the information, please contact Joan Yocum at the phone number or e-mail address above.

We look forward to hearing from you. Please contact the Career Services office at 859-257-8959 if you have questions or if we can be of assistance.

### Upcoming CLE Events

June 1, 2012

**Cheap and Easy CLE**

June 28 & 29, 2012

**Last Chance Video 2012**

July 26-27 2012

**39th Annual Midwest-Midsouth Estate Planning Institute**

See [www.ukcle.com](http://www.ukcle.com) for more!

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