



A note from Dean Brennen

It's hard to believe that another year is about to come to a close. Our students are beginning the first of their final exams, and before we know it, a new year will be underway. 2011 was a successful year for the College of Law, and we have so much to look forward to in 2012.

Among the big events of the past year were our two Lassiter Distinguished Visiting Professor Conferences, hosted by Lassiter Professor Nina J. Crimm of St. John's University School of Law. We are still hearing reports of the impact of the *Kentucky Law Journal* Symposium on Court Funding. See our fall issue of *Law Notes Online* for pictures of that event, and links to more information.

As we look to the new year, there are already a number of exciting events on the horizon. In the spring, the College of Law will host U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas in February, and Dean Robert Post from Yale Law School in April, as part of our 2011-2012 Roy R. and Virginia F. Ray Distinguished Lecture Series. And don't forget to mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual Alumni Golf Tournament, to be held May 21 at Champion Trace Golf Club. This year's tournament was great fun, and I look forward to seeing even more of you next year!

But for now, let us enjoy the approaching holiday season and be thankful for the year behind us. I wish all the best for you and your loved ones.

Sincerely,

DAVID A. BRENNEN
DEAN AND LARAMIE L. LEATHERMAN PROFESSOR OF LAW

Announcing our 2011-2012 Roy R. and Virginia F. Ray Lecture Speakers:

Dean Robert Post

YALE LAW SCHOOL

April 2012

Justice Clarence Thomas

U.S. SUPREME COURT

February 2012

Congratulations Professor Barnett

Kent H. Barnett, 2005 University of Kentucky College of Law Graduate, and the College's first Visiting Assistant Professor (VAP), will be an Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Georgia School of Law, beginning fall 2012. Please join us as we wish Professor Barnett all the best!

Save the Date!

The 2nd Annual UK College of Law

Alumni Golf Tournament

CHAMPION TRACE GOLF CLUB

May 21, 2012

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The UK College of Law Alumni Association is accepting nominations for the 2012 Hall of Fame, Distinguished Jurist, Professional Achievement, Community Service and Young Professional Awards. These awards are presented annually at the UK College of Law KBA Alumni Reception each June.

Please take a moment to nominate alumni you feel are worthy of each of the the awards. The Law Alumni Association will accept applications through February 10.

Nomination forms, information about the requirements of each award, and past recipients can be found at www.law.uky.edu. Click on the Alumni tab and then on "Alumni Awards," or "Alumni Hall of Fame."

Thank You!

Faculty Notes

Richard C. Ausness' article, "Fasten Your Seat Belt, Orville!" was accepted for publication by the *Indiana Law Review*.

James M. Donovan has had three articles published recently: "Citation Advantage of Open Access Legal Scholarship," in the *Law Library Journal*; "Institutional Repositories: A Plethora of Possibilities," in *Trends in Law Library Management and Technology*; and "Open Access: Good for Readers, Authors, and Journals," in *Bloomberg Law Reports: Student Edition*.

Joshua A. Douglas has been selected to present his paper, "Procedural Fairness in Election Contests," at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools 2012 annual meeting.

Christopher W. Frost's book, *Corporate Governance in Insolvency and Bankruptcy, Collier Monograph*, was published this summer by LexisNexis. This fall, Professor Frost was appointed by Lexington Mayor Jim Gray to Chair the Public Safety Task Force, an inter-agency group formed to research, plan and coordinate law enforcement and other public safety activities.

Nicole Huberfeld presented "Medicaid Post Health Reform: The Tension between Reinvention and Path Dependence," at Loyola University Chicago's 5th Annual Access to Healthcare Symposium.

Kathryn L. Moore has recently published two articles: "The Future of Employment-Based Health Insurance after the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act," in the *Nebraska Law Journal*; and "An Overview of the U.S. Retirement Income Security System and the Principles and Values it Reflects," in the *Comparative Labor Law and Policy Journal*.

Robert G. Schwemm was a guest lecturer at the University of Michigan Law School at its seminar on Fair Housing Law and Policy in October.

Lee Thomason, Adjunct Professor, published "Markman Pro Publico: Friending the Courts on Patent Claim Interpretation Issues" in the Intellectual Property Brief of the Washington College of Law at American University this summer.

Richard H. Underwood was a guest speaker this month at the University of Kentucky's Graduate Colloquium "Murdered Girls," on the case of Ellen Smith.



A Top 20 Best Value!

National Jurist Magazine has again ranked the UK College of Law a Top 20 Best Value Law School. UK Law is ranked 11th out of nearly 200 ABA-accredited schools, and earns an "A" grade, based on bar passage, job placement, tuition, and indebtedness at graduation.



KLJ students were invited to attend the William Rehnquist Award Dinner at the Grand Hall of the U.S. Supreme Court. From left: ABA President Wm. T. (Bill) Robinson III (UK Law '71), Chief Justice John Roberts, Stefan Bing, Kate Anderson, Jane Lyle Hord, Katie Parrott, Jerrad Howard and Joey Wright.

Career Services Notes

Join us this spring for interviews at the UK College of Law!

The majority of spring interviews for 1Ls will take place on Saturday, February 4, and Saturday, February 11, 2012. If you would like to interview 2Ls and 3Ls, we can arrange this on one of the Saturdays or on a weekday. Weekday interviews begin on Thursday, February 2, and continue throughout the spring semester.

You can reserve an interview date by contacting Joan Yocum at jjocum@email.uky.edu or (859) 257-8959 or by sending Joan a completed Career Services Request Form.

If you cannot visit campus and would like to receive resumes of interested students, we would be happy to arrange this for you.

We look forward to hearing from you. Please call us if you have any questions or if we can be of service.

Susan Steele, Associate Dean of Career Services
ssteele@email.uky.edu, (859) 257-8320

*Happy Holidays from the entire Career Services Office
-Susan, Amy and Joan*

Class Notes

Matthew C. Cocanougher (2011) has joined the firm of Fowler Measle & Bell. His primary areas of practice will be Collections and Litigation.

Tia J. Combs (2011) has joined the firm of Fowler Measle & Bell. Her primary areas of practice will be Insurance Litigation and School Board Law.

Guy Hamilton-Smith (2011) has placed his article, "The Ballot as a Bulwark: The Impact of Felony Disenfranchisement on Recidivism," in the *Berkeley La Raza Law Journal*.

Stephanie M. Wurdock (2011) has joined Sturgill, Turner, Barker & Moloney as an associate attorney. Her practice will focus on health care litigation.

Alina Klimkina (2010) has joined the firm of Dinsmore & Shohl as an associate in the Labor & Employment Department. She will practice in the firm's Louisville office.

Anthony Burba (2008) recently took a job with Arnold and Porter in their Washington, DC office. He practices in the FDA Healthcare and White Collar Criminal Defense practice groups. In September, he began a one-year term as the Vice Chair of the ABA Young Lawyers Division's Health Law Committee.

Mark A. Pitchford (2005) has joined Waddey & Patterson's Nashville office as an associate. Pitchford, who is a registered patent attorney, focuses his practice on the preparation and prosecution of U.S., foreign and international patent applications in the electrical, software and mechanical fields.

Ian F. Koffler (2004) has been elected as a partner with Peck, Shaffer & Williams public finance law firm. He works out of the firm's Covington, Ky., office.

Garland Barr (2001) has started his own law firm, Miller Wells PLLC, in Lexington.

Leila G. O'Carra and **Ben T. Keller** (both 2001) have been named partners in Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs' Lexington office. Keller is a member of the firm's Natural Resources & Environmental Service Team and concentrates his practice in the areas of general business, mineral and energy, accounting and legal malpractice, and estate litigation. O'Carra is a member of the firm's Labor & Employment Service Team and concentrates her practice in the areas of labor and employment and commercial litigation.

Class Notes Continued ...

Edmund J. ("Ned") Benson (1989) has joined Frost Brown Todd as a member of the Tort Defense & Insurance and Health Law practice groups in their Lexington office.

Jason V. Stitt (1997) was recently named partner at Keating Muething & Klekamp, a Cincinnati firm. He concentrates his practice in the areas of bankruptcy, reorganization, and creditor's rights.

Kenneth R. Sagan (1983) has been elected Chair of Stites & Harbison. He will assume his new position in January.

Jerry J. Cox (1968) was sworn in as First Vice President of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers at the Association's 53rd Annual Meeting in August. He is a sole practitioner and has been practicing criminal defense law for over 40 years.

Hal Rogers (1964), U.S. Congressman from the 5th Congressional District of Kentucky, was awarded an honorary doctorate of public service from Coastal Carolina University in September, for his work supporting first responder training and equipment and disaster preparedness.

Paul Durbin (1940) and his wife Margaret will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on December 13th. They met as freshmen at the University of Kentucky. The couple resides in Hawaii.

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Upcoming CLE Events

February 9 & 10, 2012

16th Biennial Midwest-Midsouth Securities Law Conference

March 15 & 16, 2012

11th Biennial Consumer Bankruptcy Conference

See www.ukcle.com for more!