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A Note From Dean Brennen

One of our many objectives this year is to expand our world interface for students and faculty. To that end, we are proud to announce a brand new study abroad program that will begin in Spring 2011. The College has joined

a consortium of law schools that provides opportunities for faculty and students to spend a semester in London, England, teaching and studying internationally related subjects. There are six other law schools in the consortium: University of Iowa, Chicago-Kent, Indiana University Bloomington, University of Kansas, University of Missouri-Columbia and University of Utah.

University of Iowa operates as the consortium administrator, allowing us to focus our energy on UK student and faculty participation. Past courses in this consortium include British Legal Methods Clinic, English Legal System, International Human Rights and Law of the European Union. The program courses are taught by professors from both the United States and London, England. **Click here to learn more about this exciting program**.

This is the first such program in the history of UK Law. Although our students have had opportunities to spend a summer or a semester studying abroad as a part of another law school's study abroad program, they had to ensure that credits transferred from these other law school programs satisfied their UK law degree course requirements. This new consortium arrangement means that our UK law students who successfully complete courses in the program will automatically receive credit towards their UK law degree.

Stay tuned for future announcements about other ways in which UK College of Law will expand its world interface for students and faculty.



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

Ray Lecture Notes

Ray Lecture Series Welcomes The Honorable William T. Coleman, Jr., Esq. on April 8

UK Law is proud to welcome The Honorable William T. Coleman, Jr., Esq. to speak on Thursday April 8 at 6pm in Memorial Hall as our Distinguished Ray Lecturer. The event is free and open to the public.

Mr. Coleman is senior partner and the senior counselor in O'Melveny and Meyers Washington, DC office. A *magna cum laude* graduate of Harvard Law, he received the Fay diploma as he was first in his class. Mr. Coleman clerked for Justice Felix Frankfurter. He served as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation in the Ford Administration and has advised six former U.S. Presidents. Mr. Coleman is a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Established in 1977, the Ray Lecture has featured outstanding jurists and public figures discussing legal topics of current interest for 30 years.

Student Notes

Law Students Assist with *Iqbal v Ashcroft* Debate Local chapters of the American Constitution Society, the Federalist Society and the Fayette County Bar Association sponsored a debate between UK Law alumni Tom Miller '73, at Miller, Griffin & Marks, and Scott McIntyre '01, at Baker Hostetler, on the impact of *Iqbal v. Ashcroft*.

Prof. Scott Bauries served as moderator and four of his CivPro students collaborated to prepare the CLE materials for the event. The debate took place in the federal courthouse downtown Lexington on Jan. 26 and was followed by reception with members of the federal bench and bar.

Big Blue Tax Crew

About 30 UK students from the College of Law and the Gatton College of Business and Economics will participate in the the VouInteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program this year. The students, who receive no course credit for their work, complete 12-18 hours of federal income tax courses and must pass two tax certification tests from the Internal revenue Service.

Doug Michael, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Edward T. Breathitt Professor of Law, became involved in the program as a law student and has been leading the VITA program for more than 17 years. Last year, the program assisted about 429 low-income households with tax returns and many others who had tax questions or problems.

Click here for more on UK Law's Big Blue Tax Crew.

Faculty and Staff Notes

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

• **Dean David A. Brennen** was recently appointed for a two year term to the Executive Committee of the Society of American Law Teachers.

• Sarah Glassmeyer was recently named one of the "50 Lawyers and Legal Professionals to Follow" on Twitter by Top Lawyer Coach.

• **Prof. Bob Lawson** (pictured right) was featured in the Jan. 16 issue of the **Louisville Courier-Journal** for his 60-page study report on Kentucky's skyrocketing prison population.



• **Prof. Janice Mueller** (pictured below)



Visiting Professor from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law this semester, will be a guest speaker for the **Randall-Park Colloquium Series** on Feb. 11. Her talk is titled, "Overcoming the 'Impossible Issue' of Nonobviousness in Design Patents".

• Amy Osborne and Ryan Valentine will present the program "Back to the Future: Documenting your Institution's History" at the Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries in Williamsburg, VA in April.

• Prof. Melynda Price (pictured right)

wrote an article *Performing Discretion or Performing Discrimination: Race, Ritual, and Peremptory Challenges in Capital Jury Selection* to be published in 15 Michigan Journal of Race and Law, Issue 1 (2010).



• **Prof. Paul Salamanca** argued before the Kentucky Supreme Court on Jan. 15 in the case of Fox v. Grayson. He represented Virginia Fox in this matter.

• **Prof. Robert Schwemm** gave the presentation "Fair Housing: Legal Update" at the 14th Annual Race and Relations Conference sponsored by the Metro Louisville Human Relations Commissions, in Louisville, Ky. on Jan. 20.

• **Prof. Richard Westin** published his article, *The Case for a Crude Oil Price Stabilization Tax* in a special report of Tax Notes, Jan. 25, 2010. Prof. Westin is also featured on the month of January in the 2010 BNA Tax & Accounting calendar.

College Notes

UK Law Offers Live Stream of Ky Supreme Court

Through a unique partnership with the Kentucky Supreme Court, oral arguments before the court are now being **streamed live** on the University of Kentucky College of Law Web site.

Oral arguments online allows the general public, students and media to have easy access to the oral arguments being presented to the Supreme Court, to see how the Supreme Court of Kentucky works and to bring a more open court system to Kentucky.

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CLE Notes

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CLE Conference Notes

- 10th Biennial Consumer Bankruptcy Law Conference March 17, 18 & 19, 2010 UK Law building in Lexington, Kentucky
- 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

Class Notes

Law Alumni Appointed US Attorneys for Ky

President Barack Obama recently appointed two US Attorneys, both UK Law alumni, to serve in Kentucky. The president appoints US Attorneys for four-year terms. Their appointments must be confirmed by a majority vote of the Senate.

• Kerry Harvey '82 was appointed for the Eastern District of Kentucky. He has been the general counsel and acting inspector general of the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services since 2008. He was a partner in Owen, Harvey and Carter from 1991-2008.

• **David Hale '92** was nominated for the Western District of Kentucky. He has been an attorney at Reed Weitkamp Schell and Vice since 1999 and before that served as an Assistant US Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky.

1968

• Joe Bill Campbell has joined the personal injury law firm of Hughes & Coleman and will handle mass torts, medical malpractice, and products liability litigation. Campbell has more than 40 years trial experience in serious and catastrophic injury cases.

1990

• Erica Horn Stites & Harbison attorney, was recently



appointed by the ABA Section of Taxation, State and Local Tax (SALT) Committee as its liaison to the Section of Taxation's Professional Services Committee. As a result of this appointment, Horn is part of the Executive Committee of the Section of Taxation's SALT Committee.

1998

• Jennifer Schwartz Scutchfield has joined ITT Technical Institute in Lexington, Ky. as Chair of the Criminal Justice Department.

2002

• Cassidy Ruschell Rosenthal joined the Lexington office of Stites & Harbison, PLLC. She is a member of the Construction Service Group, focusing on construction litigation and transactions and general business litigation. She also advises and assists clients with contract negotiations and drafting.

2005

• Mark A. Pitchford joined Armstrong Teasdale LLP



and specializes in the electrical, software, and mechanical arts, particularly electronic circuits, mechanical system controllers, communications systems, client server interactions and user interfaces as they relate to medical devices, heavy equipment, railroad

equipment, communications equipment and general purpose computers. He also counsels clients on patentability and freedom-to-operate issues and is involved in the enforcement of intellectual property rights.

2006

• J. Curtis McCubbin is the Assistant Corporate Counsel with J.J.B. Hilliard, W.L. Lyons, LLC in Louisville, Ky.

Advancement Notes

2010 Alumni Awards and Hall of Fame Nominations Due Feb 18

The College of Law Alumni Association is seeking nominations for their **2010 Alumni Awards** and the **2010 College of Law Hall of Fame** award. These five awards are presented annually to honor our graduates who have distinguished themselves by their contributions to the practice of law and service to their communities.

- Hall of Fame
- Distinguished Jurist Award
- Professional Achievement
- Community Service
- Young Professional

If you would like to nominate an alumnus for one of these awards, submit a nomination form, or write a letter of nomination. A resume may be submitted with the nomination. **The deadline for nominations is Feb 18.**

For more information, **email Judy Griffin** or call 859-257-6725.

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