



### *A note from Dean Brennen:*

It's hard to believe that we are already well into 2011. I hope that all of you enjoyed the holiday season, and your new year is getting off to a great start.

As we look forward to the year to come, it is natural to envision all we hope to accomplish. There are great things in store for UK Law this year. On February 25, we will host the Inaugural Lassiter Distinguished Visiting Professor Conference, an interdisciplinary exploration of structural racism, led by Professor William M. Wiecek. Read more about this event on our website.

Later this month, our Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, led by Assistant Professor Jennifer Bird-Pollan, will once again assist members of the community with tax preparation. Last year we led the state in the number of returns prepared, and we hope to have a great turnout again this year.

My hopes for the coming year are inspired, in part, by past successes. I have received so many notices regarding the recent achievements of our graduates that for this issue, we had to expand our "Class Notes" section. Please continue to keep us updated on your own accomplishments!

**David A. Brennen**  
Dean and Laramie L. Leatherman Professor of Law

## **Student Notes**

### **UK Law Students Compete in ABA Tax Challenge**

Under the direction of Assistant Professor Jennifer Bird-Pollan, UK Law students Leah Chalkley and Patrick Kern made it to the semifinals of the ABA Annual Law Student Tax Challenge. The Law Student Tax Challenge was developed and is administered by the section's Young Lawyers Forum, and is designed to reflect everyday tax issues that might arise for practitioners.

## **Coming up at the College of Law**

**February 15, 2011**

### **LSAC President To Visit UK Law**

Daniel Bernstine, president of the Law School Admission Council (LSAC), will visit with UK Law faculty to discuss various services and research opportunities that LSAC has to offer law schools and LSAC's international initiatives and how they could impact legal education in the future.

**May 9, 2011**

### **First Annual UK Law Golf Tournament**

Champion Trace Golf Club, Nicholasville, Ky.  
Visit [www.law.uky.edu/golftournament](http://www.law.uky.edu/golftournament) for more information on how you can participate!

## **Upcoming CLE Events**

- **13th Biennial Business Associations Law Institute**  
February 17 & 18, 2011  
The Brown Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky
- **26th Annual Conference on Equine Law**  
May 4 & 5, 2011  
Embassy Suites Hotel, Lexington, Kentucky
- **15th Biennial Judge Joe Lee Bankruptcy Institute**  
June 2 & 3, 2011  
Crown Plaza Hotel, Lexington, Kentucky
- **Last Chance Video**  
June 29 & 30, 2011  
UK College of Law
- **38th Annual Midwest-Midsouth Estate Planning Institute**  
July 21 & 22, 2011  
UK College of Law

## **Not a member of the Alumni Association?**

**Now is the time to join!**

The annual dues are only \$35 and go to support many Law School activities including class reunions, 3L Picnic, KBA alumni reception, 3L composites, regional alumni receptions and so much more. To join, contact Christina Briggs at 859-257-3103.

## Faculty and Staff Notes

**Professor Scott Bauries'** 2010 *Alabama Law Review* article "Is There an Elephant in the Room?: Judicial Review of Educational Adequacy and the Separation of Powers in State Constitutions," was cited by the Washington State Supreme Court in *School District's Alliance for Adequate Funding of Special Education v. The State of Washington* (No. 82961-6).

**Dean David A. Brennen** was appointed by University of Kentucky Provost Kumble Subbaswamy as co-chair of the Gatton College of Business Dean Search Committee. He was appointed by UK President Lee Todd to the President's Endowment Advisory Committee.

### UK Law Faculty at the AALS

*American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting*

January 5-8, 2011

**Scott R. Bauries** was elected treasurer of the AALS Section on Education Law.

**Dean David A. Brennen** served as Clerk for the House of Delegates, and concluded a one-year term as chair of the Section on Nonprofit & Philanthropy Law.

**Rutherford B Campbell** is the new chair of the AALS Section on Agency, Partnership, LLCs and Unincorporated Associations.

**Mary A. Davis** presented "Vaccines and Drugs: A Brave New Tort World" as an invited speaker for the Torts and Compensation Systems session.

**Kathryn L. Moore** presented "An Overview of the U.S. Retirement Income Security System and the Principles and Values It Reflects" as part of the Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation Section of the AALS panel, "Lessons from Other Countries: Comparative Pension Law."

**Professor Allison Connelly** is a member of the Kentucky Bar Association's Death Penalty Moratorium Implementation Project. In October of last year, she coached the Tournament of Champions Trial team to win 8th in the Nation. In November, she served as a member of the Doctoral Examination Committee for the UK College of Social Work.

**Diane Kraft, Director of Academic Success and Assistant Director of Legal Writing** presented in December at the Legal Writing Institute One-Day Writing Workshop at the University of Dayton on "Best Practices for Handling Student Conferences."

In January, **Professor Nicole Huberfeld** presented in the University of Cincinnati Law School Faculty workshop series on federalizing Medicaid.

**Karen A. Nuckolls, Head of Technical Services**, was recently appointed to the Annual Meeting Program Committee of the American Association of Law Libraries. The committee selects programs for the Annual Meeting that meet member needs and support the AALL Competencies of Law Librarianship.

## Class Notes

**Noah R. Friend (2007)** opened his own law practice in Pikeville. He will focus on bankruptcy, debtor's rights, and federal litigation. He and his wife, Crystal, just had their first child, Noah Paul Friend.

**Ben Carter (2006)** has opened a law office in Louisville. Ben Carter Law ([www.bencarterlaw.com](http://www.bencarterlaw.com)) focuses primarily on defending homeowners facing foreclosure, consumer law and debtor's rights litigation.

**Jason C. Williams (2003)** has been appointed Member at Frost Brown Todd. He concentrates his practice in corporate law with an emphasis in franchise law and mergers and acquisitions of public and private companies.

**Andrew DeSimone (2000)**, a partner with Sturgill, Turner, Barker & Moloney, has been elected chairperson of the Board of Directors for Bluegrass Crime Stoppers, Inc.

**Clifford H. Ashburner (1998)**, chair of Wyatt Tarrant & Combs' Sustainability Group, has been re-elected chairman of the Kentucky chapter of the United States Green Building Council. He was the first attorney to be a certified Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Accredited Professional in Kentucky, and heads the newly-founded Conservation and Energy Efficiency committee at Greater Louisville, Inc.

At the end of January, **Trey Greyson (1998)** resigned his office as Kentucky Secretary of State and assumed his new role as director of Harvard University's Institute of Politics. As director, he will set the strategic vision as well as the budget for the Institute, and will oversee its myriad activities.

**Heather W. Culp (1997)** has been selected for inclusion on the 2011 *North Carolina Rising Stars* list in her primary practice area of bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights. She is a partner in the law firm of Mitchell & Culp in Charlotte, N.C.

### Two UK Law Graduates Appointed Judge on the Same Day



*LtoR: Tailor, Governor Perdue, and Leonard*

On December 8, 2010, Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue appointed **Robert D. Leonard (2000)** and **Wesley B. Tailor (1999)** to Georgia State Courts of Cobb County and Fulton County, respectively.

Leonard is a partner with Leonard, Rickman & Holloway in Marietta, Ga. He and his wife, Laurie, have three children. Tailor is Director of the State Elections Division in the Georgia Secretary of State's Office. He is married to Jaime L. Theriot.

## Class Notes (continued)

**James Woolery (1994)**, formerly a partner at Cravath Swaine & Moore, has left the law firm to join J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. as co-head of North American M&A. He will head the mergers-and-acquisition team along with Christopher Ventresca.



**Mindy Barfield (1993)**, a partner in Dinsmore & Shohl's Lexington office, has received a special recognition from the Fayette County Bar Association Program for her work as the co-founder of the Fayette County Domestic Violence Advocacy Project and in recognition of her efforts to make equal access to justice a reality to those in need.

She practices in the area of complex commercial litigation, with a focus on defending businesses in contract-related and business torts litigation and complex insurance coverage and bad faith litigation.



**Leigh Gross Latherow (1993)** argued before the U.S. Supreme Court in *Thompson v. N. American Stainless LP* (No. 09-291) in early December. She is a partner at the Ashland, Ky. firm of VanAntwerpen, Monge, Jones, Edwards, & McCann. Her areas of practice include civil and commercial litigation, mineral law litigation, and labor and employment litigation.

**Julie Thomas Payne (1989)** was recently named Chief Legal Officer of the Americas region for G4S PLC. She joined G4S, the world's leading security solutions provider, in 2005, and lives and works in Jupiter, FL.

**D. Gaines Penn (1987)** has been named Managing Partner of English, Lucas, Priest & Owsley, in Bowling Green, Ky., for a three-year term beginning in 2011. He is a partner at ELPO who practices primarily in the areas of business, health care and employment law. He is also the incoming chair-elect of the Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce for 2011 and will serve as chair in 2012.

**Randall A. Hutchens (1984)** was re-elected District Judge for the 42nd Judicial District in Calloway County, Ky. in November.

In January, **Anita M. Britton (1982)**, along with Crystal Osborne and Amy Johnson, formed Britton Osborne Johnson PLLC in Lexington.



**Richard M. Hoppood (1982)** was appointed chair of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Airport Board. He is a partner at Wyatt Tarrant & Combs, and is a member of the firm's Real Estate & Construction Service Team. He concentrates his practice in representing retailers, developers, landlords and tenants in commercial real estate. He has served on the Airport Board since 2009.

**Jim Newberry (1981)**, former mayor of Lexington, has accepted an Executive-in-Residence appointment in the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture.

**Tyler Buckley (2000)** was promoted to the rank of major at a New Year's Eve ceremony in Baghdad, Iraq. Major Buckley is currently deployed with the Law and Order Task Force as a Joint Investigative Committee Prosecutor, where he assists with the investigation and prosecution of American-interest terrorism cases. At his home duty station, Major Buckley serves as a trial attorney in the General Litigation Division of the Air Force Legal Operations Agency (AFLOA) Labor Law Field Support Center in Arlington, Va.



**Thomas L. Rouse (1978)** was re-elected to his second term as mayor of Erlanger, Ky. In July 2011, he will begin his term as vice president of the Kentucky Bar Association. He is an attorney in sole practice in Erlanger.

**James E. Rogers (1974)** is the president and CEO of Duke Energy, which announced in January that it will merge with Progress Energy, retaining the name "Duke Energy," and becoming the largest utility in the nation. Rogers has been CEO of Duke Energy since 2006.

**William R. Harris (1967)** is happy to report that he has completed his Senior Judge duties and is now fully retired. He and his wife, Ida, keep busy with volunteer work and their two-year-old grandson, James.

## Keep in Touch

Be part of your *Law Notes* and contact  
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## 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 and graduates 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 or recent graduate after graduation, please feel free to call or email Associate Dean Susan Steele at 859-257-8320 or [ssteele@email.uky.edu](mailto:ssteele@email.uky.edu).