



A note from Dean Brennen

Spring is in the air! Those of you in the Bluegrass area know what a mild winter we've had so far; it's hard to believe that it's February and not April. We're preparing for so many exciting events this semester, it's a wonder we've found the time to fit them all in!

Our Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program starts this week. I'm very proud of the time and effort that Professor Doug Michael and his students put into this program each year. It's a joy to know that we're helping so many people and giving back to the Lexington community.

We're looking forward to a visits from U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, as well as Yale Law School Dean Robert Post, both in April, as part of our Ray Lecture Series. Shortly after that, our Second Annual Alumni Golf Tournament will find me hitting the links with many of you. I had such a great time out at Champion Trace last year, and hope you will join me again this May!

I'm excited to announce that Professor Beverly Moran of Vanderbilt University Law School will be our Lassiter Distinguished Visiting Professor for the 2012-13 academic year. A renowned scholar in the areas of tax, race, sociology and Islamic law, Professor Moran will teach a fall 2012 course in basic federal income tax in addition to hosting our annual Lassiter Conference.

I anticipate many opportunities this semester to visit with our alumni around the country. I so enjoy speaking with all of you and hearing your stories about your time here. It is these memories of UK Law, and the new ones we make every day, that bind us together.

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

Sincerely,

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

Upcoming College of Law Speakers

Lawrence Zelenak

DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
February 17

Lisa Pruitt

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA DAVIS SCHOOL OF LAW
March 30

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

Justice Clarence Thomas

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
April 2012

Dean Robert Post

YALE LAW SCHOOL
April 2012

UK Law took first place at the Kentucky Law School Trial Championship in November. Special thanks to all the local judges and attorneys who volunteered their time!



The winning team with Judge Julia H. Adams (UK Law '77): Whitney Waters, Lacy Griffith, Judge Adams, Kristeena Johnson and Jordan Cook

Volunteer Tax Clinic Opens

Once again, the basement of the Law Building will be home to the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA). Student volunteers from UK Law and the Gatton College of Business will work to prepare, at no charge, a projected 600 or more tax returns for Lexington residents. The program, led by Professor Douglas Michael, provides an important resource to the community while allowing students to apply some of the skills they're learning in their coursework. For more information on VITA, visit the UK Law website at www.law.uky.edu/tax.

Faculty Notes



Richard Ausness will be the keynote speaker at the University of Florida Levin College of Law 18th Annual Public Interest Environmental Conference later this month.

Tina Brooks and **Beau Steenken** will present a poster on creative uses of the LibGuides system (a web-based, design-interface service for libraries) at the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries meeting.



Joshua Douglas was interviewed on WUKY on Kentucky's current redistricting issues. Audio of the interview can be heard at <http://ow.ly/8UeuB>. He also had an op-ed piece published in the January 31 Lexington Herald-Leader on the same issue. His paper, "Procedural Fairness in Election Contests," was selected as one of four winners in the Southeastern Association of American Law Schools' 2011-12 Call for Papers Competition.

Beau Steenken is the American Association of Law Libraries' featured law librarian for February. He and **Ryan Valentin** had a program on improving legal research courses accepted for next March's Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries meeting.



Congratulations to Jerrad Howard and Abby Sheehan!

They brought home the Best Oral Advocates Award from the Midwest Regional of the Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition, sponsored by the International Trademark Association. Professors Weinberg and Salamanca prepared them well for the competition!

UK Law alum to compete in international MBA competition



Gerren Peterson (third from left) with his teammates.

2011 graduate of the College of Law and former KLEO Scholar Gerren M. Peterson is completing an MBA and MS in marketing program at the University of Cincinnati. Mr. Peterson and three of his business classmates have been selected to compete in the Third Annual Hult Case Competition Regionals later this month. His team is the first from the Lindner College of Business to be accepted into the competition. Winning teams from each region will be invited to the Global Final in New York City in April. Mr. Peterson was also recently selected as a Paxton Scholar and awarded a scholarship to study abroad in Chile this spring.

Upcoming CLE Events

March 14-16, 2012

11th Biennial Consumer Bankruptcy Conference

May 2-3, 2012

Annual National Conference on Equine Law

See www.ukcle.com for more!

We want your old alumni magazines!

Do you have any old issues of *Law Notes*, *Kentucky Lawyer*, or *The Review*? We are trying to complete our archives. If you have any old issues that you would be willing to let us have or borrow, please contact our communications director, Amanda DeBord, at amanda.debord@uky.edu or 859-257-7938.

Class Notes

Lauren Lunsford (2011) has recently joined the Lexington office of Reminger Co., LPA. She concentrates her practice in the areas of business and commercial litigation, defending and trying cases on behalf of product manufacturers, construction companies, engineers, transportation and trucking companies, premises owners and primary and excess insurers in catastrophic injury and wrongful death cases. She also practices in the area of employment litigation defending public and private employers in discrimination, retaliation and wrongful discharge claims.

Clay B. Wortham (2005) has joined the Chicago office of Quarles & Brady LLP as an associate in the Health Law Group. Mr. Wortham advises pharmacies, hospital systems, physician groups, and manufacturers with respect to health law regulatory and transactional matters such as Fraud and Abuse, health information privacy, pharmacy practice, billing and acquisitions.

Flynt Strean (2004) has been elected as a partner with Alston & Bird LLP and currently works in the firm's Charlotte office. Flynt has also been appointed to the Advisory Board of Virginia Tech's Science and Law Program.

Lee C. Weatherly (2003) has been elected partner at Carlock, Copeland & Stair, LLP in Charleston, South Carolina. Lee's practice focuses mainly on health care law and general liability defense. He has been lead counsel in over 65 jury trials and is an active member of both the South Carolina and Kentucky Bar Associations.

Kerry B. McTigue (1996) has been named co-head of the newly-formed Abbreviated New Drug Application (ANDA) and Generic Pharmaceuticals division of Duane Morris' Intellectual Property Practice Group. He is a partner in the Washington, D.C. office.

Mary Lynn Tate (1995) has been elected to partner of Ulmer & Berne LLP. She works out of the firm's Cincinnati office, representing pharmaceutical, dietary supplement, and other manufacturers in the defense of product liability claims on a local, regional, and national level, including claims in multidistrict litigation and consolidated proceedings.

A. Hasan Davis (1995) has been named acting commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice, after the retirement of Commissioner Ron Haws in December. He previously served as the deputy commissioner in charge of operations.

Franklin K. Jelsma (1991) has been named to the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Jelsma is a partner in the firm of Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, LLP and concentrates his practice in the areas of general business law, mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance and venture capital transactions.

Colonel Frank Coggins (1975) will retire as the Chief of Staff of the New Mexico Military Institute after 24 years on March 31. He and his wife plan to spend time travelling in their boat.

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, 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.



GET READY TO GOLF!

The second-annual UK Law Alumni Golf Tournament is May 21 at the world-class Champion Trace Golf Club in Nicholasville.

Registration includes:

- Practice time at the driving range
- 18 hole round of golf
- Dinner
- Beer, soft drinks & water
- UK Law Golf Tournament memento
- Goody bag
- Silent auction
- Trophies for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place teams

Visit www.law.uky.edu to register or for more information!

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