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### Trial Team Wins Regionals

Congratulations to the UK College of Law Trial Teams of Jordan Cook Miller, Anthony Pernice, James “Tee” Pennington and Jonathon Fischer for their success and professionalism at the 2013 regional of the National Trial Competition, hosted by the University of Arkansas School of Law. Pennington and Fischer were named regional champions of the competition over 21 other teams from Tennessee, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas, and Kentucky. They will compete for a national championship in San Antonio in April.

Teammates Jordan Cook Miller and Anthony Pernice advanced to the quarterfinals, where they lost on ballots to Vanderbilt. However, Pennington and Fischer credit their win to Miller and Pernice who pushed them to be their best at every practice.

College of Law Trial Teams have won five of the last six NTC regional competitions and have finished as one of the top eight trial teams in the nation three times in the last four years.



### Judicial Conversation Series



The College of Law kicked off the Spring 2013 Judicial Conversation series in February with an Open Forum with **Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Bill Cunningham** (1969). Justice Cunningham spoke of his time as a UK Law student, reminiscing about trying a practice case before “Judge” Professor Robert Lawson and giving a glimpse into the relationships among his fellow justices. “Students learn so much from interacting with members of the judiciary,” said Professor Joshua Douglas, who helped organize the series. “I am thrilled that so many members of the Kentucky Supreme Court have agreed to enhance our students’ classroom experience.”

The Spring 2013 Judicial Conversation Series is intended to foster interaction between students and members of Kentucky’s highest court. In addition to the open forums, the Justices are guest lecturing in a class on the day of their visits. Subsequent speakers include:

February 27  
**Justice Daniel J. Venters**

March 20  
**Justice Lisabeth Abramson**

April 3  
**Deputy Chief Justice Mary C. Noble**

Dates TBA  
**Justice John Minton, Jr.**  
**Justice Will T. Scott**

# Alumni Notes



**John Agnew** (2005) has been elected a stockholder at Henderson Franklin Starnes & Holt in southwest Florida. He practices in the areas of commercial litigation and employment law.

**Sara Veeneman** (2005) is a member of the Wyatt Tarrant & Combs' Litigation & Dispute Resolution Service Team. She concentrates her practice in commercial litigation and appellate law. Ms. Veeneman practices in the firm's Louisville office.

**Sharon L. Gold** (2004) is a partner at Wyatt Tarrant & Combs' Lexington office. She concentrates her practice in all areas of commercial litigation including class actions, interference with business cases, breach of contract matters, breach of fiduciary duty actions, products liability suits, and other complex litigation.



**William T. Donnell** (1993) has joined the Louisville firm of Middleton Reutlinger. Donnell spends the majority of his time defending personal injury lawsuits for various trucking companies and insurers, primarily in the areas of trucking accidents, transportation litigation, professional negligence and automobile liability.

**Steve Olszewsky** (1993) placed his article, "Answering the Divine Grace of Time" in *Quaker Life Magazine*. He is a tax professor at Sullivan University and works for The National Campaign for a Peace Tax Fund.

**Carole C. Schriefer** (1984) has joined the Health Law Firm as an attorney at its Altamonte Springs, Fl. Office. Her practice encompasses most aspects of health law and nursing law.

**William G. Geisen** (1982) has joined Stites & Harbison as a member of the firm's Construction Service Group. Geisen is the only attorney from the greater Cincinnati area who is a Fellow in the American College of Construction Lawyers, an honor reserved for the top 1% of the U.S. construction bar.

**Charles D. Williams** (1979) was recognized by the American Forest Foundation at its annual convention in June 2012 as one of the top four outstanding tree farmers in the nation. He was also recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation with its national Good Steward Award "for a lifetime of planting trees." Williams operates West Wind Farm in Hart County, Ky. He practices law in Munfordville, Ky.

**Thomas L. Rouse** (1978) recently received the Richard Lawrence Lifetime Achievement Award from the Northern Kentucky Bar Foundation, and was inducted into the Northern Kentucky Sports Hall of Fame for his activities as an athlete, official, coach, and attorney for the Northern Kentucky Athletic Conference. On July 1, he will be sworn in as President of the Kentucky Bar Association.

**Walter C. Cox, Jr.** (1948) has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Lexington Better Business Bureau.

Congratulations to **Marcia Ridings** (1973) on her election to the American Bar Association Board of Governors in January, and will take office in August. Ridings, who was the first female president of the Kentucky Bar Association, is an attorney at Hamm, Milby & Ridings, in London, Ky., and is a member of the College of Law Visiting Committee.



## Assistant Dean Murphy Chairs Greater Lexington Chamber of Commerce

**Danny Murphy** (1998), Assistant Dean of Administration and Community Engagement, was named the 2013 Chairman of the Board of Commerce Lexington, Inc.

Congratulations to our other alumni serving on Commerce Lexington's 2013 Executive Board and Board of Directors:

- **Ken Sagan** (1983) Chair-elect
- **Herb Miller** (1976) Vice Chair, Leadership Development
- **Darby Turner** (1973) Vice Chair, Economic Development
- **Taft McKinstry** (1972) General Counsel
- **Laura D'Angelo** (1996) Board of Directors
- **James Frazier** (1979) Board of Directors
- **David Smith** (1982) Board of Directors
- **Lisa Underwood** (1984) Board of Directors



## Mark Your Calendars!

The Third-Annual College of Law  
Golf Tournament is May 20, 2013

registration at [www.law.uky.edu/golftournament](http://www.law.uky.edu/golftournament)

# Faculty Notes

**Scott Bauries'** article, "The Education Duty," was printed in the Fall 2012 edition of the *Wake Forest Law Review*. He was named Chair-elect of the Education Law Section of the AALS. He has two chapters in Volume 6 of *Debating Issues in American Education*, a multi-volume series published in 2012.

**Jennifer Bird-Pollan** defended her dissertation prospectus, earning her master's degree and advancing to ABD (All but Dissertation) status in the Philosophy Department at Vanderbilt University. Her article, "The Unjustified Subsidy: Sovereign Wealth Funds and the Foreign Sovereign Tax Exemption," was published in Volume 17 of the *Fordham Journal of Corporate and Financial Law*.

**Joshua Douglas** was elected to the Executive Committee of the AALS Section on Legislation and Law of the Political Process.

**William Fortune's** new book, *Call Me Mac*, a biography of Judge Mac Swinford, was published last fall. It is available from local Lexington booksellers, or through Professor Fortune. He has been following up the publication by doing slide presentations on Judge Swinford for the Fayette and Kentucky Bar Associations.

**Chris Frost** has been named to the Avoidance Powers Advisory Committee of the American Bankruptcy Institute Commission to Study Reform of Chapter 11. He published "Another Look at Mediation in Bankruptcy" in the January edition of the *West Bankruptcy Law Letter*.

**Brian Frye's** film, *Our Nixon*, had its international premiere in the Bright Future section at the International Film Festival Rotterdam. The film has recently been featured on the NBC Nightly News, Rock Center With Brian Williams, and the BBC.

**Melissa Henke** presented "Introducing First-Year Law Students to Client Correspondence" at the Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop at the University of North Carolina School of Law.

**Nicole Huberfeld** was quoted in the January 29 *New York Times* article "To Open Eyes, W-2s List Cost of Providing a Health Plan," about the surprise many find when they realize the total cost of their employer-sponsored health coverage. She has two recently published articles: "Heed Not the Umpire (Justice Ginsburg Called NFIB)," in the *University of Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law: Heightened Scrutiny*, and "Plunging into Endless Difficulties: Medicaid and Coercion in the Healthcare Cases," in the *Boston University Law Review*.

In December, **Diane Kraft** presented on educating international law students on plagiarism at Legal Writing One-Day Workshops at Washburn University School of Law and the Michigan State University College of Law.

**Robert Schwemm's** article, "Disparate Impact Under the Fair Housing Act: A Proposed Approach," has led to the adoption of final regulations by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) endorsing use of the "discriminatory effect" standard under the federal Fair Housing Act. Schwemm's paper, which was co-authored by Sara Pratt (now a senior civil rights official at HUD), was presented to the Obama administration by civil rights organizations in 2010. The paper was also published on the Social Science Research Network, from which it has been downloaded more than 480 times

In December, **Sarah Welling** accepted a nomination to be a Fellow in the American Bar Foundation.

## Upcoming UK CLE EVENTS

APRIL 11 & 12, 2013

**14th Biennial Business Associations Law Institute**  
Campbell House Crowne Plaza, Lexington, Kentucky

APRIL 18, 2013

**2nd Biennial Collection Law Conference**  
UK College of Law, Lexington, Kentucky

MAY 1 & 2, 2013

**28th Annual National Conference on Equine Law**  
Keeneland Racecourse, Lexington, Kentucky

JUNE 6 & 7, 2013

**16th Biennial Judge Joe Lee Bankruptcy Institute**  
Campbell House Crowne Plaza, Lexington, Kentucky

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