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## A Note from Dean Brennen

Happy New Year! The spring 2014 semester is well underway, and we're fortunate to have not yet lost any class time due to the "Polar Vortex" that's been plaguing us. Despite its condition in other respects, we certainly are thankful to have a well-heated building!

Even with only a few short weeks behind us, we are already gearing up for great things for the last half of the school year. Our Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program, that provides free tax preparation and filing to low-income individuals, will be starting this month. Under the leadership of retired Chief Judge Jennifer Coffman (1978), we soon will be launching the Spring 2014 edition of our Judicial Conversation Series. Also, as you may have heard, Governor Steven Beshear (1968) included in his budget request state funds that, if approved, would go toward expanding and renovating our building. See Governor's Beshear's budget address [here](#). Finally, our alumni affairs team is gearing up for our annual spring visits with alumni throughout Kentucky and in neighboring states.

In addition to these programs, we are planning a number of other exciting events and speakers for the upcoming year. Stay tuned for more information. I hope for the opportunity to see many of you there!

David A. Brennen  
Dean and Professor of Law



***SAVE THE DATE!***

The UK Law Alumni Golf  
Tournament is coming  
May 19, 2014!

**Richard Ausness'** article, "The Disorderly Conduct of Words: Civil Liability for the Dissemination of False or Inaccurate Information," is now in print in the *South Carolina Law Review*.

**Stephen Clowney's** article, "Landscape Fairness: Removing Discrimination from the Built Environment," has been published in the *Utah Law Review*.

**Jennifer Bird-Pollan** has been elected to be a Fellow in the 2014 Institute of the New Leaders Council, Kentucky Chapter. The NLC was organized to train and promote progressive leaders throughout the nation. Her article, "Death, Taxes, and Property (Rights): Nozick, Libertarianism, and the Estate Tax," can be found in *Volume 66* of the *Maine Law Review*.

**David Brennen** has been appointed to the Hospice of the Bluegrass Board of Directors. For more than 35 years, Hospice of the Bluegrass has provided quality end-of-life care and support for terminally ill patients in their homes, nursing facilities and at the Hospice Care Centers in Lexington and Hazard. Dean Brennen has been named to the *Lawyers of Color's* Third Annual Power List, a catalog of the nation's most influential minority attorneys. He will be honored at a reception later this month.

**Joshua Douglas** has an article in the *Oklahoma Law Review*. "The Foundational Importance of Participation: A Response to Professor Flanders," is published in the symposium issue, *Legislative Issues in Election Law*. He has a recent article "The Right to Vote: A State Right" on Slate.com.

**Nicole Huberfeld** has been asked to participate in the first Academic Leadership Academy (ALA), a new project of the Bluegrass Higher Education Consortium (BHEC). The purpose of the ALA is to encourage younger faculty to consider leadership career paths and to provide guidance in developing the skill set necessary for effective institutional leadership.

**Richard Underwood** has published a commentary, "Ringers Revisited," in *Volume 35* of the *American Journal of Trial Advocacy*.

## Legal Research & Writing Program Hosts Workshop

The College of Law's Legal Research and Writing Program was proud to host a Legal Writing Institute One-Day Conference in December. **Melissa Henke**, Director of the Legal Research and Writing Program, and Assistant Professor of Legal Research and Writing at UK Law, welcomed professors from law schools in Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, and North Carolina, who participated in a series of workshops on the theme, *The Evolving Legal Writing Classroom*.

## UK Law Students Studying in London



College of Law students Doug Arnold, Ella Dunbar, Catherine Gavin, Jack Phillips, and Aubrey Vaughn join Professor Josh Douglas in London, England for the spring 2014 semester. This year marks the fourth year that UK Law students have had the opportunity to study abroad as part of the London Law Consortium. Check back on our [website](#) for letters, pictures, and other updates.

## Upcoming UK CLE EVENTS

MARCH 6, 2014

**18th Biennial Midwest-Midsouth Securities  
Law Conference**

Marriott Downtown, Louisville, KY

MARCH 27 & 28, 2014

**12th Biennial Consumer Bankruptcy Law Conference**  
Campbell House Crowne Plaza, Lexington, KY

APRIL 30 & MAY 1, 2014

**29th Annual National Conference on Equine Law**  
Keeneland Racecourse, Lexington, KY

*More at [www.ukcle.com](http://www.ukcle.com)*

## Career Development 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](http://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 below.

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.

# Alumni Notes



**Timothy D. Thompson** (2011) has joined the Business Litigation Service Group at Sties & Harbison. Prior to joining the firm, he served for two years as a law clerk for the Honorable Gregory F. Van Tatenhove, U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky.



**Luke Morgan** (1989) has been named a member of McBrayer, McGinnis, Leslie & Kirkland, in Lexington. He has been with the firm since 2006. Mr. Morgan focuses his practice on litigation, with particular emphasis on administrative law, commercial and civil rights litigation, criminal law, and gaming law.

**Matthew J. Koch** (2008) has joined the Lexington office of McBrayer, McGinnis, Leslie & Kirkland as an Associate in the corporate practice group. Mr. Koch is also a CPA, with extensive experience in tax and finance law.



**Robert F. Duncan** (1983) has recently been elected to serve on Jackson Kelly's Executive Committee. He is the Managing Member of the firm's Lexington office and the Assistant Leader of the firm's Industrial, Environmental and Complex Litigation Practice Group. Mr. Duncan's practice involves a wide variety of civil litigation with concentration on matters pertaining to the defense of doctors, hospitals and other healthcare providers.



**Sara C. Veeneman** (2005), an attorney at Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, has been elected by the Louisville Bar Association as the 2014 Appellate Section Vice Chair. The LBA's Sections offer professional development and interaction for lawyers practicing the same areas of law. Ms Veeneman is a member of the firm's Litigation and Dispute Resolution Service Team, and focuses on complex commercial litigation and appellate law.



**Asa P. "Pete" Gullett, III** (1971) has been awarded the American Bar Association's John "Jack" Keegan Award in recognition of his distinguished efforts in support of Kentucky's recovery program for lawyers. Gullett serves as chief operating officer for the Louisville-based Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company of Kentucky (LMICK), a professional liability insurance company created by Kentucky lawyers for Kentucky lawyers.

**Justin W. Ross** (2008) has been elected to join the partnership of Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs. Mr. Ross concentrates his practice in the area of commercial litigation, with an emphasis in the natural resource and energy sectors. He litigates coal supply agreement disputes before courts and arbitration panels across the country, where his experience navigating the Uniform Commercial Code is an invaluable asset.



**Daniel W. Waxman** (2008) has been elected to join the partnership of Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs. He concentrates his practice in the areas of bankruptcy law, corporate reorganization and chapter 11 issues representing both creditors and debtors. He also advises clients regarding equine and gaming law.



**College of Law Alumni at Stefan and Katie Bing's May 18, 2013 Wedding**

Back Row: Shawn Chapman ('02) Mary C. Noble ('81) Joey Wright ('12) Brad Hart ('12) Nathan Harris ('12) Aaron Moody ('13) Johnny Porter ('13) John Wathen ('13) Erica Yartz ('13) Ian Loos ('13) Vince Hyatt ('13) Jessica Beard ('14) Sarah Lawson ('14); Second Row: Drew Trimble ('12) Kenny Human ('12) Paige Franklin ('12) Joey Mankovich ('12) Steve Clevenger ('12) Kate Anderson ('12) Alex Garcia ('12) Nikki Wilson ('13); Front: Stefan Bing ('12) Katie Bing ('13)