



A Note From Dean Brennen

Welcome to the first issue of UK College of Law's revised *Law Notes*. We hope this bi-monthly newsletter will help keep you, our alumni and friends, informed about the many exciting things happening at the College of Law. We also hope that these communications

will encourage each of you to stay in touch with your alma mater.

Before arriving at UK Law on August 3, my family and I lived in Washington, DC, where I was Deputy Director at the Association of American Law Schools and a Professor (on leave) from University of Georgia School of Law. I started as a legal educator in 1994 specializing in taxation and nonprofits. I am a Southerner from North Florida, first in my family to complete college, first to attend graduate school and first to teach at a university. I never imagined being Dean at a law school of this caliber, yet, here I am. Serving as Dean at UK Law exceeds my wildest imaginations.

After meeting with students, alumni, faculty and staff, I intend to focus my initial months on four key areas: improving our curriculum; expanding our world interface for students and faculty; increasing our options for interdisciplinary education and learning; and improving upon our fiscal and physical state of affairs.

In addition, we are heartily engaged in efforts to enliven our intellectual community and discourse, reinvigorate our university and community engagement efforts and think broadly about the future of the law school. As you will see from this first edition of *Law Notes*, the law school is indeed thriving in a multitude of ways.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not express my sincere appreciation and thanks to Professor Louise Graham who served as the interim Dean this past year. She has done a wonderful job serving as steward of law school assets. She returned to the faculty and remains a great model of a true community minded citizen.

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

Welcome Diane Kraft

Diane Kraft (pictured below with student) joined the College of Law as **Assistant Director of Academic Success and Legal Writing**. Diane is a graduate of University of Wisconsin (JD 2006, BA 1986) and Indiana University-Bloomington (MA in Linguistics 1998). She was Managing Editor of the *Wisconsin International Law Journal* and citation checker for the *Wisconsin Women's Law Journal*.



She was an intern at the Wisconsin Supreme Court, Wisconsin Department of Justice and Legal Assistance to Institutionalized Persons Project.

Diane's teaching experience includes serving as a teaching assistant in the Wisconsin Law School legal writing program, a writing tutor in the Wisconsin Law School East Asian Studies Center, and an instructor in a number of programs domestically and abroad providing instruction on English as a second language.

UK Law July 2009 Bar Passage Results

Once again, our graduates exceeded the state average for all test takers on the July administration of the Kentucky Bar Examination. **This year's results show that UK's overall pass rate was 82%, while the state's overall pass rate was 79%.**

Since 1998, UK's July bar passage rate for first-time takers has exceeded the overall first-time taker pass rate by an average of 7.4 percentage points. This year UK Law first-time takers passed at a rate of 83% while the state's overall pass rate for first-time takers was 84%. Dean Brennen is working with a team of faculty and administrators to analyze the cause of this year's slight deviation from our historical performance.

We are confident first-time takers from UK Law will once again exceed the overall first-time taker pass rate.

CLE Notes

- [15th Biennial Midwest-Midsouth Securities Law Conference](#)
February 4 & 5, 2010
Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky
- [10th Biennial Consumer Bankruptcy Law Conference](#)
March 17, 18 & 19, 2010
Crowne Plaza Hotel in Lexington, Kentucky
- [25th Annual National Conference on Equine Law](#)
April 28 & 29, 2010
Embassy Suites in Lexington, Kentucky

Faculty and Staff Notes

Our faculty members continue to be recognized for their outstanding work.

- **Prof. Scott Bauries** was selected by the Education Law Association as the 2009 Joseph Beckham Dissertation of the Year Award recipient for his dissertation "Judicial Review and the Separation of Powers in State Constitutional Litigation Challenging the Adequacy of Education Spending: Complementary Analyses and a Proposed Adjudicatory Model".

- **Prof. Andrea Dennis** (pictured right) is on the New Scholars Committee of SEALS.



- **Prof. Roberta Harding** spoke at the ACLU Town Meeting on "Indefinite Detention 101" with Staff Judge Advocate Seitz.

- **Karen A. Nuckolls**, Head of Technical Services Librarian, is incoming Chair of the Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section Collection Development Committee, and Chair of the Southeastern Chapter of AALL Membership Committee.

- **Prof. Paul Salamanca** spoke to the Louisville Bar Association on "Judicial Ethics and the Future of Judicial Elections After Caperton".

- **Prof. Robert Schwemm** received the Hughes Award for his article "Strader v. Graham: Kentucky's Contribution to National Slavery Litigation" in the [Kentucky Law Journal](#) Vol 97, No. 3.

- **Dean Susan Steele** is Chair of the Southeastern Law Placement Consortium.

- **Prof. Richard Underwood** (pictured left) was appointed by the Kentucky Supreme Court to be on the Evidence Rules Review Commission.



- **Prof. Sarah Welling and Prof. Robert Schwemm** traveled to the Czech Republic to speak on Prosecuting the CIA for Torture, at the Day of American Law Program, Masaryk University, Brno, in October.

- **Dee Wood**, Government Documents Librarian, is Chair of the American Association of Law Libraries Government Documents Special Interest Section, and Treasurer of the Southeastern Chapter of AALL.

Student Notes

KJEANRL

The [Kentucky Journal for Equine, Agricultural, and Natural Resources Law](#) (KJEANRL) is a multi-disciplinary journal of law, science and policy published twice annually and edited entirely by students. The journal's blog has been added to the [United States Agricultural & Food Law and Policy Blog](#).

2009-2010 Fall Trial Teams

BLSA:

Chantell Foley, Tommy Juanso and Erice Smith

KENTUCKY INTRASTATE TEAM:

Renee Ferrell, Nick Mudd, Adam Bowling and Paco Villalobos

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS TEAM:

Langdon Ryan; Preston Worley; Matthew Cheeks; and Josh Hicks

UK Goes Tobacco-Free November 19

On November 19, UK will become completely tobacco-free on all campus grounds and parking areas, indoors and out.
 Learn more about [UK's Tobacco-Free Policy](#)

College Notes

Teaming Up With UK Colleges

In a successful partnership, the UK Colleges of Education and Law hosted the *Kentucky Law Journal's* symposium celebrating the 20th anniversary of *Rose v. Council for Better Education*. This landmark Kentucky Supreme Court case led to the formation of KERA. **Prof. Scott Bauries** co-organized the conference titled "[Rose at 20](#)" during the Education Law Association's Annual Meeting. Papers, by nationally recognized experts, will be published in the KLJ.

University Meet and Greet

Faculty from other UK Colleges have recently visited the faculty at UK Law. These meetings give each of us the opportunity to discuss areas of interest with experts in other disciplines. Our hope is to bridge gaps that exist between Colleges and build on our collective knowledge. We have been fortunate to meet with the Martin School of Public Policy, Gatton College of Business & Economics and the Colleges of the Medical Center, Arts & Sciences and Engineering.

Class Notes

1962

- **Lloyd R. Cress**, has been elected a Fellow of the American College of Environmental Lawyers (ACOEL), making him one of two members from Kentucky. Of Counsel in the Lexington office of Greenebaum Doll & McDonald PLLC, Cress returned to the firm after serving as Deputy Secretary for the Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet, Commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection and Environmental Director of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.



1968

- **Jerry J. Cox**, was sworn in as Treasurer of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL). Cox received NACDL's President's Commendation for outstanding service to the goals and objectives of the criminal defense bar and for outstanding service in fighting for the rights of all persons.

1973

- **William E. (Bill) Davis**, visited the student body in September to discuss opportunities in the international/administration law fields. Davis is a principal and founder of DPK Consulting and has extensive consulting experience with public sector clients throughout the world.

1982

- **Carolyn M. Brown**, is one of two members from Kentucky in the American College of Environmental Lawyers (ACOEL). A Member in the Lexington office of Greenebaum Doll & McDonald PLLC, Brown is past chair and currently a member of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce's Environmental Committee, as well as past chair of the KBA Section of Environment, Energy and Natural Resources.



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1987

- **Earl F. Martin**, accepted the position of Acting Academic Vice President for Gonzaga University for the 2009-10 academic year. Martin became dean of Gonzaga University School of Law in 2005. He will continue his role as Dean of the law school, with assistance, while serving as Acting Academic Vice President.



1994

- **Laurie K. Dudgeon**, was appointed as director of the Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts. She is responsible for the daily operations of the AOC, the agency that provides operational support for court system employees, including the elected justices, judges and circuit court clerks.



1997

- **David Herzig**, is an Assistant professor at Valparaiso University School of Law. His courses and research include Trusts and Estates, General Income Tax and International Trade and Tax Policy.



Giving Opportunities

Learn how you can [support UK Law](#).

Ollen Hinnant II, '55 UK Law's first African-American graduate and 1997 UK Law Hall of Fame inductee recently met with Dean Brennen. After visiting with students in the SBA Office, Mr. Hinnant and Dean Brennen stopped by an early photo of Mr. Hinnant that hangs proudly in the library.

"It was a thrill to meet Mr. Hinnant. It is quite apropos we met during the initial year of my Deanship. His presence here, at a time when the law school

has its highest enrollment ever of minority students, represents much about how far Kentucky has come since 1955."

~ Dean Brennen

