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### **UK Law Students Excel on Bar Exam**

Examinees from the University of Kentucky College of Law passed the Kentucky Bar Exam at a rate of 90%, surpassing the state averages of 84% for first time takers and 80% for all examinees. Congratulations!

### **Law Student Appointed to Governor's Panel**

Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear appointed UK Law 3L Christopher J. "CJ" Ryan to the Council for Postsecondary Education. Ryan's role is to represent the interests of postsecondary students in the Commonwealth. Ryan is a native of Dallas, Texas and holds bachelor's degrees in English and Spanish Literature from Dartmouth College and a master of education degree from the University of Notre Dame. After graduation from the College of Law, he plans to practice civil litigation.

### **Yale Law's Akhil Amar Speaks at UK Law**

Akhil Amar, Sterling Professor of Law and Political Science at Yale University, delivered the Roy and Virginia Ray lecture on October 9, 2012 at the University of Kentucky College of Law. Professor Amar's remarks were based on his new book, *America's Unwritten Constitution: The Precedents and Principles We Live By*. His lecture summarized the twelve different contexts for constitutional interpretation that he discusses at length in his book. The lecture was preceded by an hour-long question-and-answer session with law students and followed by a book signing and reception and dinner with local state and federal judges. The College of Law is grateful for the gift from the Ray Foundation to make this lecture series possible.

### **Mark Your Calendars!**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13**  
**Champion's Classic**  
**Alumni Reception**

STATS Sports Bar - Georgia Dome  
Atlanta, Georgia

Come enjoy the UK v. Duke game with your fellow UK Law alums. Contact Christina Briggs for details.

**Jennifer Bird-Pollan** was one of 20 pre-tenure tax professors invited to participate in the 7th Annual Junior Tax Conference at the University of California Hastings this summer. She presented on Moral Philosophy and Redistributive Tax Policy, and also commented on two papers. She has been invited to present a paper and to comment on a paper at the Victoria-Cornell Colloquium on Jurisprudential Perspectives of Taxation Law, which will occur in September at the Cornell Law School. In November, she will present a paper at the Harvard Law School Tax Policy Seminar.

In September, **Joshua A. Douglas** delivered the Constitution Day Lecture, "Resolving Disputed Elections," at Xavier University and presented "Election Law Pleading" at the Inaugural Election Law Junior Faculty Workshop at Loyola Law School. Professor Douglas has recently been quoted by ABC News and the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* on the issue of early voting in Ohio. You may find links to these articles on our website under "Faculty in the Media."

On October 28, **Brian Frye** and Penny Lane presented selections from the Nixon Staff Super-8 Film Collection and an excerpt from their documentary film *Our Nixon* at the Museum of Modern Art in New York. Professor Frye will also be presenting his paper, "Solving Charity Failures," on a panel at the Central States Law Schools Association 2012 Scholarship Conference in Cleveland this month.

**Alvin Goldman** will present two papers, "Age Discrimination Law – A Perspective from the U.S.A." and "Temporary Work and Employability- U.S. Perspective," for a conference in Brussels in November.

**Nicole Huberfeld** placed her article, "Plunging into Endless Difficulties: Medicaid and Coercion in the Healthcare Cases," in Volume 93 of the *Boston University Law Review*. She presented this article at a recent Temple University School of Law faculty colloquium.

**Sarah Welling's** (1978) article, "Friction in Reconciling Criminal Forfeiture and Bankruptcy: The Criminal Forfeiture Part," was published in Volume 42 of the *Golden Gate University Law Review* in August. This article was part of an invited symposium she spoke at in San Francisco in November, 2011. The article is co-authored with Class of 2012 graduate **Jane Lyle Hord**.

The 2012-2013 edition of **Richard Westin's** *RLA Federal Tax Dictionary* was published and distributed this month. His article, "The Importance of Prompt Consideration of the Use of Distance Learning by American Law Schools," is due out soon from the Akron Law Journal.



Bruce Simpson (1975), John M. Rosenberg, Glenda George (1995) and Janet Graham's (1991) panel on Social Justice Practice

## Lawyering in the Public Interest The 2012 Lassiter Distinguished Visiting Professor Conference

On Wednesday, September 12, the UK College of Law hosted "Lawyering in the Public Interest," the third annual James and Mary Lassiter Distinguished Visiting Professor Conference. **Beverly I. Moran**, the 2012 Lassiter Distinguished Visiting Professor, led a group of prominent speakers through the day's events, which included a breakfast address from Wm. T. (Bill) Robinson III (1971), immediate past president of the American Bar Association on the importance of public interest work. Panels throughout the day featured notable professors and practitioners, including Pete Isajiw of Cadwalader Law Firm, Blanche B. Cook, Assistant U.S. Attorney, and LaToi D. Mayo (2001) an attorney at Littler Mendelson in Lexington.

The day concluded with a showing of the film *The Invisible War*, introduced by Susan L. Burke, an attorney who transitioned from large-firm practice to advocate for whistleblowers, American servicewomen, and Iraqi families injured by the Blackwater corporation.

### *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 or e-mail address above.

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

**Steven A. Neace** (2012) has joined Stites & Harbison's Lexington office as an attorney in their Torts & Insurance Practice Group.

**Preston Worley** (2012) has been selected to serve as a founding member of the Golden Matrix Fund Advisory Board. The fund benefits the University of Kentucky Pediatric Oncology Clinic patients and families. Worley is an associate with McBrayer, McGinnis, Leslie & Kirkland.

**Drew Millar** (2008), an associate in Dinsmore's Lexington office, has been awarded the 2012 Alice Neeley Memorial Award. The Alice Neeley Memorial Award was established to recognize outstanding associates who are dedicated to the practice of law, relate well to clients, have a positive attitude even in adverse situations, and make a genuine effort to personally know others in the firm.



**Randy Saunders** (2005), an associate in Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough's West Virginia office, has earned the Firm's 2011 Renaissance Associate Award. Given annually, the award recognizes an associate who demonstrates achievement in client service, training, pro bono, marketing, recruiting, and mentoring.

**Ryan A. Morrison** (2002) is a member of the Litigation Department at Dinsmore's Louisville office. Prior to joining the firm, Morrison clerked for the Honorable Eugene E. Siler, Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.



**Cassidy Ruschell Rosenthal** (2002) of Stites & Harbison, was recently elected president of the Fayette County Bar Association. Her one-year term began on May 1, 2012. She is a member of Stites & Harbison, in the firm's Construction Service Group, where her practice focuses on construction litigation, contract drafting and negotiations, and general business litigation.

**Cliff Ashburner** (1998) was honored with the SPIRE Award for having "the greatest positive impact on Kentucky commercial real estate in 2011." Mr. Ashburner is a partner with Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, and is a member of the firm's Real Estate & Lending Service Team.

Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice Commissioner **Hasan Davis** (1995) and Administrative Office of the Courts Director **Laurie K. Dudgeon** (1994) are among 48 state leaders from across the nation selected for the prestigious Toll Fellowship Program sponsored by the Council of State Governments.



**Neil Fairweather** (1995) has joined Reminger's Cincinnati office. He focuses his practice on general business law with an emphasis on commercial real estate, corporate finance, creditors rights, and healthcare.

**Douglas L. McSwain** (1983) has been named a partner in the Lexington office of Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs. He practices in the areas of constitutional law, business, professional and trade law, and health care, administrative and equine law.

**John Merchant** (1982) has been named managing partner of the Cincinnati office of Peck, Shaffer & Williams. Mr. Merchant, who has been involved in public finance law for more than 25 years, has worked on a wide variety of projects over his career, including health care, economic development and traditional issue transactions.



**Walter R. Morris, Jr.** (1977) has been named counsel in the Lexington office of Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs. He is a member of the firm's Trusts, Estates & Personal Planning Service Team.



**Jerry J. Cox** (1968) was sworn in as President-Elect of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) at the Association's 54th Annual Meeting in San Francisco, Calif., on July 28.

## Upcoming UK CLE EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2, 2012

**Advising Closely-Held Businesses in Kentucky**  
Marriott Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky

MARCH 1, 2013

**Construction Law Conference**  
University of Kentucky College of Law

APRIL 11 & 12, 2103

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

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