

Law Notes Online Fall 2011



A note from Dean Brennen

There are so many exciting events happening at the UK College of Law! Last month, we hosted the Kentucky Law Journal Symposium on Court Funding. This event, which was co-sponsored by the ABA, the National Center for State Courts, and LexisNexis, was in celebration of the KLJ's 100th volume, and in honor of KLJ alumnus Wm. T. (Bill) Robinson III's ascension to the presidency of the ABA. The symposium featured notable judges, scholars, practitioners and bar leaders joined in a national dialogue on the impact of court underfunding. A highlight of the weekend was Bill Robinson's keynote address at the gala dinner on Friday evening, during which he stressed that state courts must be funded with more, not less, money to ensure the civil legal process has the proper resources important to protecting both families and businesses. This includes matters such as child custody and business contract disputes. Mr. Robinson pledged to continue his efforts to identify solutions to resolve the issue of court underfunding across the country. I could not be more proud of being able to take part in this important event, and I encourage all of you to continue this discussion. For those who were unable to attend, I hope you will enjoy some pictures and quotes from the event, and I invite you to explore the links listed on page two of this edition of Law Notes Online for more information.

I am also happy to announce that we have some other exciting events on the horizon. Early next month we will hold our second Lassiter Distinguished Visiting Professor Conference, on the role international policies play in humanitarian aid efforts in the wake of disasters. And in April, we will be honored to host Dean Robert Post from Yale Law School, as part of the Ray Lecture Series. As always, our alumni are encouraged to attend these events as they are able. Bookmark our website, www.law.uky.edu and follow ukcollegeoflaw on Facebook to stay up-to-date on what's going on at the College.

Sincerely,

David A. Brennen Dean and Laramie L. Leatherman Professor of Law

COMING UP AT THE UK COLLEGE OF LAW

Deciphering the Economics of Violence Zanita E. Fenton University of Miami School of Law Co-sponsored with the UK Center for Research on Violence Against Women November 3, 4:00 p.m.

College of Law Courtroom

Helping and Hindering Disaster Relief: Laws, Policies, and Politics Impact Aid The Second Annual James and Mary Lassiter Distinguished Visiting

Professor Conference November 4, 9:30 a.m. - Noon College of Law Courtroom www.law.uky.edu/DisasterRelief

> Academic Freedom 2012 RAY LECTURE Dean Robert Post Yale Law School April 13, 2012

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Be part of your *Law Notes* and contact Christina Briggs at uklawalumni@uky.edu

July 2011 Bar Exam Results

Pass rates, first-time takers

Overall first time pass rate: 86% UK Law first time pass rate: 96%

<u>Pass rates, all takers</u>

Overall pass rate: 82% UK Law overall pass rate: 95%

Congratulations to all of the UK Law graduates passing the Kentucky Bar Exam!

Symposium Notes

Tragically, inadequate funding means that in some places, the doors to the courthouse have a "closed" sign hanging on them.

-Wm. T. (Bill) Robinson III (UK Law '71) American Bar Association President



Professor Bob Lawson (UK Law'63) and Judge Lewis Paisley (UK Law '76)



KLJ Editor-in-Chief Stefan Bing, Bill Robinson and his wife, Joan Wernersbach Robinson

We've all learned to be resourceful and live within our means, but state courts are running out of options.

> -John D. Minton (UK Law '77) Kentucky Supreme Court Chief Justice



UK Law Faculty at the symposium Gala Dinner: Nicole Huberfeld, Dana Bauries, Scott Bauries and Mary Davis

or more information ...

visit www.abanow.org/2011/09/aba-resources-for-symposium-on-court-funding

and

libguides.law.uky.edu/specialevents

... where you'll find news releases about the symposium, as well as video of the various panels and speakers, and more photographs from the event.



Kentucky Supreme Ct. Chief Justice John Minton, UK Law Dean David A. Brennen, UC Irvine Dean Edwin Chemerinsky, and Stefan Bing

Career Services Notes

Job Postings

The UK Law Career Services Office can assist you with your full-time, part-time, permanent or summer hiring needs. We can help you locate qualified students and/or attorneys. We will post notices of job openings for you on our passwordprotected website. You specify what materials you would like for the applicants to send you, and applicants then mail or email this information directly to you by your specified deadline.

On-Campus Job Interviews

We can organize campus interviews for you. You select which students to interview and specify the application materials you would like to receive, and we will arrange everything else.

Alumni Network

If you are interested in speaking on campus at a career seminar or serving as an UK alumni contact for law students interested in your geographic area, practice area and/or area of interest, please let us know.

Visit us at http://www.law.uky.edu/ (please go to the Careers tab) or contact me by email or phone:

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Thank you in advance for your continued support of our students and alumni!



Bill Robinson and Charles E. English (UK Law '60)

More successful partnerships like this, not just in Kentucky but across the country, are going to be necessary in this era of record deficits, strained budgets and high unemployment.

-U.S. Sentator Mitch McConnell (UK Law

We want to hear from you.

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859-257-7938. We'd like to list you in our 2011 holiday issue of *Law Notes Online*.

Upcoming CLE Events

February 9 & 10, 2012 16th Biennial Midwest-Midsouth Securities Law Conference The Brown Hotel, Louisville

March 15 & 16, 2012 **Biennial Consumer Bankruptcy Conference** *UK College of Law, Lexington*

May 2 & 3, 2012 Annual National Conference on Equine Law Embassy Suites Hotel, Lexington

*The full text of the Senator's prepared remarks can be found at http://tinyurl.com/ 2011remarks

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