

The College of Law is pleased to announce that Danny Murphy has been hired as the Assistant Dean for Administration and Community Engagement. Danny is a 1998 graduate of the College of Law and brings a wealth of experience in terms of law practice, community service and administration.



Danny comes to the College of Law from Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, LLP in Lexington, and was formerly a Member of McMurry & Livingston, PLLC, in Paducah, where he focused primarily in the area of real estate law. He is currently a Member of the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, and is Chair of the Public Policy Council for Commerce Lexington. As Assistant Dean, Danny will be responsible for the College's non-academic operations: supervising our Communications, Alumni Affairs, Continuing Legal Education, and IT departments. He will also spearhead efforts to enhance our College's engagement with the University, local and national communities.

A Note From Dean Brennen

It is traditional for the student who ranks first in the graduating class to address the graduating students. This year Collin Schueler delivered the student address. Collin, a Lexington native who graduated from the University of Michigan, will be clerking after graduation for



the Honorable Karen Caldwell of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

It is also traditional for the graduating students to select a faculty member to deliver parting words of wisdom. This year's address was given by Professor Robert Lawson. Professor Lawson has been teaching at the law school since 1966 and announced just this year that he will enter phased retirement next year.

Charles "Buzz" English, President of the Kentucky Bar Association, delivered remarks on behalf of the practicing bar. Buzz is a 1983 graduate of the College of Law and has been very supportive of the College of Law efforts to sustain the KLEO summer institute.

The graduation ceremony was a resounding success thanks to the organizational efforts of Associate Dean Drusilla Bakert and her staff. Despite the economic downturn, I see a bright future ahead for these graduates. Please join me in congratulating them.

We will skip the August issue of this e-version of Law Notes so that we can prepare an extended paper version. So check your mailboxes in August, and enjoy the contents of this issue.

David A. Brennen

Dean and W.T. Lafferty Professor of Law

UK Law Feb. 2010 Bar Passage Results

Once again, our graduates exceeded the state average for all test takers and for first-time test takers on the February 2010 administration of the Kentucky Bar Examination. **This year's results show that UK's overall pass rate was 91%, while the state's overall pass rate was 74%.** This year UK Law first-time takers passed at a rate of 89% while the state's overall pass rate for first-time takers was 83%.

Developing Ideas Conference Hosted by UK

The College of Law hosted the first Developing Ideas Conference on May 13, 2010 in Lexington. This Conference brought young law professors from schools in our region to the College of Law to discuss their ideas for research. Professors from Indiana-Bloomington, Indiana-Indianapolis, Vanderbilt, Cincinnati, West Virginia, Louisville, Memphis, Northern Kentucky, Akron, Capital, and Appalachian joined us for a day of discussion on a wide variety of subjects including federal criminal law and sentencing, election law, constitutional law, professional responsibility, evidence, business associations, and copyright law, among others. UK faculty who helped organize the Conference include Nicole Huberfeld, Andrea Dennis, Scott Bauries and Melynda Price. Our faculty also participated as discussion leaders. Dean Brennen and Associate Deans Mary Davis and Doug Michael along with Professors Bill Fortune, Mark Kightlinger, Kathy Moore, Paul Salamanca and Assistant Director of Legal Writing Diane Kraft participated. This Conference, and others in the future like it, will contribute to the already strong national reputation of the College of Law in the legal academic community.

UK College of Law in the News

Good press about the College of Law comes in many forms these days. A recent opinion in the online version of "The National Review" considered the importance of looking outside the Ivy League, to strong public law schools and others, for our nation's leaders. The article's author, David French, stated: "When you live and work in the South (like I do), you're surrounded by Vanderbilt, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Alabama grads who can go toe-to-toe with the best that the Ivy League has to offer." In addition, the article noted that UK Law grads often go on to become great leaders, particularly in our own state. If you're interested in the article, see <http://www.nationalreview.com/phi-beta-cons/55590/why-harvard-and-yale-are-dominant>.

Faculty and Staff Notes

Our faculty and staff continue to be recognized for their outstanding work.

Prof. Scott R. Bauries attended the American Education Research Association Annual Meeting in Denver, CO on May 3. He presented on Rights, Duties, and Judicial Review of Education Finance and State of the States and Provinces: Kentucky.

Prof. Chris Frost is the recipient of the 2010 Duncan Teaching Award. The Robert M. and Joanne K. Duncan Faculty Improvement Fund was established in 1982 to promote outstanding teaching performance at the UK College of Law. According to his students, Professor Frost's classroom teaching is superb. In addition, Professor Frost has spent extra time working with students outside the classroom in coaching the bankruptcy moot court team.



Prof. Alvin Goldman (emeritus) recently prepared an update for his encyclopedia monograph on U.S. labor and employment law and revised a chapter on settlement of interests disputes for the text *Comparative Labour and Industrial Relations Law*.

Prof. Nicole Huberfeld will attend the Health Law Professors Conference hosted by the University of Texas School of Law in Austin, TX, June 3-5. She will participate in the Panel on Antitrust, Fraud, and Tax Exemption presenting a paper entitled "The False Claims Act and the Roberts Court."

Prof. Robert G. Lawson will receive the Outstanding Lawyer Award at the Kentucky Bar Association's Annual Convention at the Lexington Convention Center on June 17.

Visiting Prof. Janice M. Mueller lectured for BarBri Patent Bar Review in Washington, D.C. on May 25. BarBri provides intensive preparation courses for individuals seeking to represent inventors before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. She has also accepted an invitation to serve a three-year term on the Board of Trustees of the Federal Circuit Historical Society. Based in Washington, D.C., the Society was established in 1999 for the purpose of expanding public awareness of the history and heritage of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. The Federal Circuit has nationwide jurisdiction over appeals in patent cases.

Prof. Amy B. Osborne recently published *The University of Kentucky College of Law Library: A Short History*.

Prof. Sarah N. Welling has been named the Ashland, Inc.-Spears Distinguished Research Professor, one of two such professorships given to a current College of Law professor who excels in research. The Ashland-Spears Distinguished Research Professor is selected by an outside Committee which consisted of Kentucky Supreme Court Chief Justice John Minton, U.S. Eastern District Chief Judge Jennifer Coffman, and UK Dentistry Dean Sharon Turner. The Committee commented on Prof. Welling's pending publication of the Wright & Miller Federal Criminal Practice and Procedure Treatise, her existing national and international reputation, and her service on the Sixth Circuit Pattern Jury Instruction Committee to be compelling examples of a legal scholar well established in her areas. Her five-year term will begin July 1, 2010.



Career Services Notes

Career Services is currently registering employers for on-campus interviews, and we would like to invite you to visit campus and meet some of our talented students. Most on-campus interviews for 2Ls and 3Ls will be held at the UK Stuckert Center on August 16-19, 2010. If another week is better for you, we can schedule interviews at the law school at your convenience. If you are unable to interview on campus, we are happy to post job openings for students, recent graduates and/or alumni on our password protected system. To access this complimentary job posting service or register for campus interviews, please visit <http://www.law.uky.edu/index.php?pid=103>. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Associate Dean Susan Steele at ssteele@email.uky.edu or (859) 257-8959.

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Development and Alumni Affairs Notes

Christina Briggs joined the law school as the new Alumni Affairs Coordinator in April. Christina comes to the law school after four years with IMG, an international leader in the sports marketing industry. She looks forward to getting connected with the alumni and would love to hear from you. You can reach Christina by calling 859.257.3103 or by email at christina.briggs@uky.edu.



Upcoming Events

June 8, 2010: Alumni Reception - San Francisco, CA

June 10, 2010: Alumni Reception - Phoenix, AZ

June 16, 2010: 2010 Alumni Awards and Hall of Fame – Lexington, KY

July 9, 2010: Alumni Reception - Denver, CO

Student Notes

UK Law Tax Assistance Program Wins Collegiate Challenge

Students in the University of Kentucky [Volunteer Income Tax Assistance \(VITA\) program](#), were recently recognized for their hard work and commitment in helping Lexington residents complete and turn in file their tax forms.

The UK VITA program, led by Associate Dean Doug Michael, received the "Collegiate Challenge" trophy, awarded to the college volunteer tax program in Kentucky which prepares the



largest number of returns filed during tax season. This year UK student volunteers prepared and filed 645 returns. The trophy will remain on display in the Dean's Office until next year's award is made.

About 30 students from the College of Law and the UK Gatton College of Business and Economics volunteered for the program this year. In order to volunteer, students must complete 12-18 hours of training in federal income tax law and pass three Internal Revenue Service certification tests. Each volunteer then worked 4-6 hours per week at the UK tax clinic each week from February 1 through April 15.

UK's program is part of a larger coalition, the Central KY Economic Empowerment Project (CKEEP), that provides free tax preparation for qualifying households in the Bluegrass area.

CLE Notes

Need CLE Credits?

Kentucky attorneys are permitted via Supreme Court Rule 3.633 to earn up to six (6) hours of mandatory CLE credit each reporting year by participating in accredited technologically transmitted activities. UK/CLE offers ninety (90) different programs accredited by the Kentucky Bar Association for this "self-study" credit.

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CLE Conference Notes

- **Biennial Employment Law Institute**
June 3 & 4, 2010
Crowne Plaza Hotel in Lexington, Kentucky
- **Last Chance Video 2010**
June 29 & 30, 2010
UK Law Building in Lexington, Kentucky
- **Annual Midwest/Midsouth Estate Planning Institute**
July 22 & 23, 2010
UK Law Building in Lexington, Kentucky

Class Notes

1970

Thomas R. Post was honored by the Salvation Army for helping to generate \$70,000 for the organization by opening up the Castle for a three day fundraiser last fall and absorbing the costs of the event.

1974

James D. Lawson will receive the Chief Justice's Special Service Award at the Kentucky Bar Association's Annual Convention at the Lexington Convention Center on June 17.

1982

Kerry B. Harvey was confirmed as the US Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

1987

Michelle C. Landers, Executive Vice President and General Counsel for Kentucky Employers' Mutual Insurance (KEMI), has been elected to serve on the Law Committee for the National Council on Compensation Insurance, Inc. (NCCI). She will serve a three-year term.

1992

David J. Hale was confirmed as the US Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky.

1999

Hanly A. Ingram has been selected to be appointed Magistrate Judge with the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky. Hanly clerked with Judge Siler in London for a year after law school, and then started with Stoll Keenon Ogden in their Lexington office in 2000. He will continue to work at Stoll Keenon until his official appointment.

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