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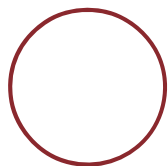
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*Generations beat path to
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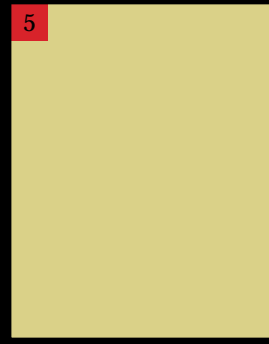
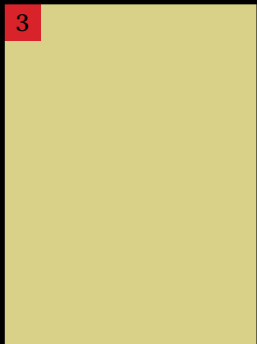
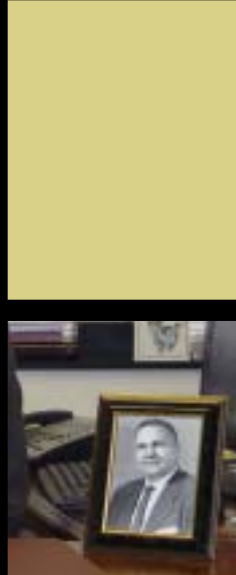
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FOLLOWING IN FAMILY FOOTSTEPS

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WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS



The number of Chase graduates who can cite relatives who have attended Chase before or since they themselves did, and in some cases *both* before and after, is a real testament to the reputation that the law school has earned and sustained over its 110 years. The fact the so many families have multiple members who are alumni of Chase is all the more remarkable precisely because a public institution such as Chase cannot grant special consideration to legacies as part of its admission criteria. And still they keep coming... promoting Chase to their offspring, siblings, nieces and nephews, friends, neighbors, and so on.

Common threads run through many of their individual experiences. One of the most oft-cited is the practical aspect of the legal education Chase provides.

DAVID L. HARGROVE '87 says he believes his education at Chase "is the

LEGACY

“The educational foundation provided at Chase was tremendous,” he adds. “The faculty was always available, both before and after

Family Tradition... How the right decision led to a **CHASE LEGACY**

professors, many of whom were highly respected full-time practitioners.”

Her nephew, **SHANE SIDEBOTTOM**, graduated from Chase two years ago (2000). He now works for Bartlett & Weigle Co., LPA.

“Needless to say it pleases me to no end that the tradition my father began is now being carried forward to the third generation. Chase is very important to my family,” she says.

“Chase offers high quality education, caring faculty, opportunity for public engagement and nationally recognized Moot Court and Trial Advocacy programs. Additionally, the friends you make at Chase become your friends and colleagues for life. It is also one of the few law schools in the country that offers day and evening programs.”

ALAN J. HARTMAN '78 says that even after 25 years in practice, he still recalls things he learned at Chase or things a professor said that help him in his practice at Deters, Benzinger & LaVelle.

“Sometimes it is one of these recollections that get me headed in the right direction to solve a legal problem for a client,” he acknowledges.

His positive experience and feelings about Chase led his son, **PATRICK HARTMAN**, to pursue his legal education at Chase.

“My dad’s experience reinforced my opinion that Chase is a good school,” the younger Hartman, who attends Chase on a full scholarship, explains. “He enjoyed his experience at Chase, and I have seen how his education has made him successful in his legal career.”

He credits Chase for having programs in place that ease the transition into law school, professors who are available to help students individually, a library that offers a helpful staff and extensive resources while also providing a good study environment, and a career development center that is very helpful when searching for a job.

“I found it interesting that I had one of the same professors (Professor Schneider) that my dad had when he attended Chase.”



BY: CHRIS COLE '99 (NKU)
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When Alyson Schlinger '85 made the decision to attend Chase College of Law in 1982, she hoped that earning a law degree would open doors for her. She couldn't have imagined just how many doors.

Now vice president, secretary and general counsel for Esco Technologies, Inc. in St. Louis, Missouri, she credits much of what she has accomplished to the time she spent at Chase.

“A lot of good people worked really hard to help me,” Alyson recalls. “The faculty really cared. The goal was to produce lawyers who really got out in the world and contributed and knew how to practice law.”

“I’m kind of at a point in my career when I feel really lucky at my age to be a general counsel,” she says. “I was fortunate to go to Chase. I guess I’m feeling very happy with my life choices and where I am. Chase is a very good, practical law school,” Alyson says. “It’s really down-to-earth. I work real closely with so many lawyers from the best Ivy League schools, and I can honestly say that Chase produces lawyers that are every bit as talented.”

Not only did Alyson find a good, practical legal education at Chase, but she also found Chris Barclay '86. Both had attended the University of Kentucky and both had majored in business, but they had never met.

“Chris likes to joke that he met me in a bar,” Alyson says. Like a lot of Chase and Northern Kentucky University students, she spent some time between study sessions at Skyline Tavern. While there one day, Chris asked a mutual friend about Alyson...and they’ve now been married for 17 years. “Chris and I met at Skyline and fell in love at Chase,” she says. “The school had so much to do with where we are.”

Alyson and Chris became the ultimate “legal couple.” Their first date was at a Bar Association Halloween party. Chris proposed at Barrister’s Ball.

As for her time at Chase, Alyson remembers “a lot of studying – hours and hours of studying.” She and Chris never studied together, however. “I’d grab an empty room, he’d grab an empty room, and we’d meet up for coffee afterwards.”

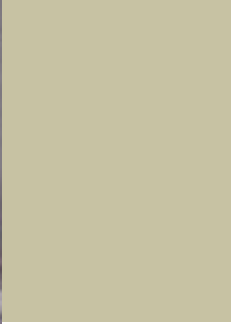
“Going to Chase was a tremendous amount of work,” Alyson says. “It wasn’t easy for me, but I was lucky to be in a really close-knit environment. I had a lot of friends.”

For Chris, things weren’t quite as difficult. After all, he began dating Alyson his first semester at Chase, and she was a second-year student. “He used to say he dated me for my outlines,” Alyson says. “He was the outline king. After we started dating,” she adds, “I was really worried he’d flunk out. He didn’t study nearly as much as I did. I guess it just came easier for him.” Undoubtedly the outlines helped. “Since we started dating soon after he got to Chase,” Alyson says, “his parents give me credit for his whole legal career.”

For Alyson, Chase has become a family tradition. Having paved the way, Alyson saw her younger sister, Polly, receive her law degree. And like Alyson, Polly met her future husband while at Chase. “When Polly got engaged, it was really strange to my parents,” Alyson says. “A lot of law students date other law students...but I guess it is kind of weird the way things worked out for us.” Now her younger brother, Eric, is at Chase.

“Most people are surprised when they hear about all of us,” Alyson says. “They make some comment on what our arguments or family discussions must be like.” Alyson and Chris have two kids – Chase (11) and Polly (8). Polly wants to be a veterinarian/lawyer, and Chase wants to be an attorney as well. “He talks about wanting to be a lawyer,” Alyson says. “Not that he has a choice. Everyone around him is a lawyer.”

SERVING THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM



We dedicate the following pages not to debate the merits or maladies of battle but to thank those

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For those who know John Dunn, nothing short of death could have kept him from graduating from Chase College of Law.

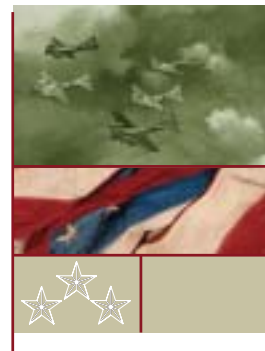
With the exception of war.

Dunn, a captain in the Army Reserves, was a month into what was to be his final semester of law school when duty called in February. On May 18 he was to receive his J.D. degree.

"I received a call on a Tuesday afternoon and began preparing for deployment on Wednesday morning," recalls Dunn, past president of the Chase Student Bar Association and a member of the school's trial advocacy team.

Within an hour of the call, he had told the news to his family, including his fiancée, third-year Chase law student Elizabeth Selby, his employers at Reminger & Reminger law firm and Chase administrators.

By the end of the week, he had relocated to Fort Campbell to help prepare his unit for war with Iraq. By the second week in March, Dunn's Fort Thomas-based 478th By the enhisd1y,



Baghdad and Tikrit before settling in Mosul on April 21. As his ground assault convoy crossed into Iraq, Rogers says he was anticipating the worst.

“Would there be a horde of Iraqi soldiers waiting for us? Would the local populace shout and throw stones as we slowly drove through their towns?” recalls Rogers, who says his Chase courses in trial advocacy and negotiation helped pave a successful career as a JAG attorney.

Less than a minute into the country, however, Rogers’ unit was met by two smiling and waving Iraqi children, a girl and boy between the ages of six and eight. He eventually came across thousands of Iraqis, many seeking food and water, who greeted the Americans with gratitude and gifts.

“I met people who shouted ‘I love ya!’ in English, those who kissed my Kevlar helmet as I walked through town, a little boy who found a flower on the ground and chased me in order to present it to me, and those who pushed their way through crowds in order to touch my uniform, ask my name and shake my hand,” recalls Rogers, adding these gestures of goodwill convinced him that the war against Iraq was justified on humanitarian lines alone.

For a dad missing his own children, Rogers says the highlight of his tour was handing out sweets and performing simple magic tricks for Iraqi youth.

“I’m no Houdini by any stretch, but they loved sleight of hand,” Rogers recalls. “And I always kept a pocket full

of candy for them. I wanted them to be happy. I was justified on



'YANK' AND
ENGLISH GIRL
FIND LOVE
AMID WAR

BY

CHASE WELCOMES NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

Left to right
ANNETTE BURKEEN
DAVIDA ISAACS
CHRISTOPHER GULINELLO
LAWRENCE ROSENTHAL

ANNETTE BURKEEN

Professor Burkeen graduated magna cum laude from Howard University School of Law, where she was general manager of the *Howard Law Journal*. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in classical civilization from the University of Southern California.

After law school, Professor Burkeen worked at the law firm of Latham & Watkins in Los Angeles, California, and in the in-house legal department of The Procter & Gamble Company in Cincinnati, Ohio. She served as a law clerk to the Honorable Consuelo B. Marshall, chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California. She taught contracts and sales as a visiting professor at the University of Cincinnati College of Law before joining the Chase faculty.

DAVIDA ISAACS

Professor Isaacs teaches civil procedure and intellectual property, including patents, copyrights and trademarks. In 1995, she graduated from New York University School of Law, where she was associate editor of the *NYU Review of Law and Social Change*. She received her undergraduate degree magna cum laude from Brandeis University in 1992.

Before coming to Chase, Professor Isaacs was an intellectual property litigator for seven years in major New York and Washington, D.C., law firms. During that time, she specialized in electronic and pharmaceutical patent cases as well as e-commerce trademark and copyright disputes. Her scholarly focus is the balance between the rights of intellectual property owners and the

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IN THE SERVICE OF THE PUBLIC – CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AT CHASE

BY PROFESSOR LJUBOMIR NACEV

The traditional purpose of law schools is to teach students to think like lawyers. This generally means to teach students those skills that we associate with lawyering functions – the capacity for legal reasoning, the capacity for communication and the capacity for advocacy. Whether law schools also successfully teach students about law and its role in society is at times debated in the legal academy.

Here at Chase, two programs in the tax curriculum serve both of these purposes and speak directly to this debate. The two programs are the Chase Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program and the Chase Tax Clinic.

In VITA, Chase law students help low-income taxpayers file their federal and state tax returns. In the Tax Clinic, Chase law students help low-income taxpayers resolve controversies with the IRS and assist ESL taxpayers in interacting with the U.S. tax system. The first program provides tax preparation assistance; the second, tax controversy assistance and outreach. Chase students participate in the VITA program as volunteers. Participation in the tax clinic is for course credit or for pay through a stipend. Today a significant number of major anti-poverty initiatives, such as the Earned Income Credit, the child tax credit and assorted education tax benefits, are provided through the tax code. The assistance Chase students provide low-income taxpayers, who otherwise confront poverty, to obtain these benefits or to retain these benefits is invaluable. While providing this assistance, Chase students also sharpen their lawyering skills as they interpret and apply statutory and regulatory tax provisions, exercise their legal judgment and communicate with their “clients.”

Moreover, in participating in these two programs, Chase students also succeed in building a community both with those in their midst who are in need of legal assistance and among themselves as they live up to the ideals of service in a public purpose. Both programs afford our students the opportunity to engage on the civic front while experiencing the application of law in addressing community and social needs. The outcome is embodied in Chase as a public institution in public service.

The VITA Program

Chase students and graduates have operated the VITA program continuously since the 1988 filing season. During the 2002 filing season, 28 students participated in the program. During the 2003 filing season, 15 students did. Generally, one-third of the student volunteers are first-year students. Volunteers come both from the part-time and full-time divisions of the law school.

During all its years in service, the Chase VITA program has operated out of the Brighton Center in Newport, Kentucky. In some years, depending on the size of the volunteer class, the VITA program also has operated sites in Covington and on the main NKU campus. The Brighton Center site generally is open on Saturdays throughout the filing season, beginning in early February.

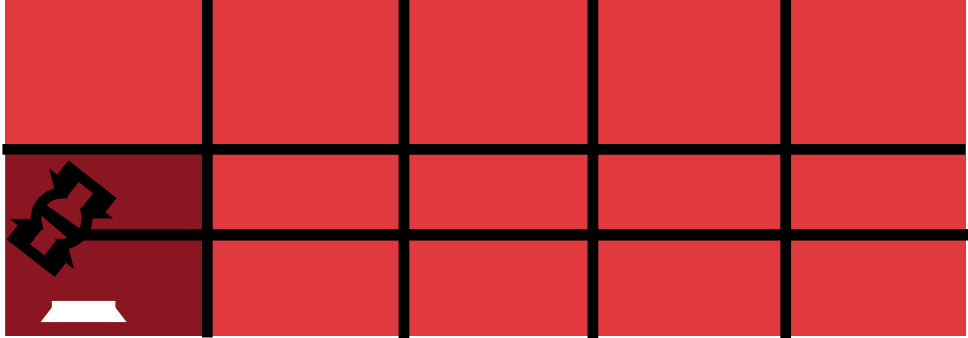
During the 2002 filing season, Chase volunteers helped 300 taxpayers file their federal and state tax returns. During 2003, 310 taxpayers were helped. As a result of this assistance, the Chase volunteers helped taxpayers file for about \$335,000 in refunds in 2002 and \$428,000 in 2003. About a third of the refunded amounts are due to the Earned Income Credit, the federal anti-poverty program. The remainder of the refunded amounts is due to overwithholding on the taxpayers’ paychecks. To the extent some of the taxpayers helped by VITA would not have filed a tax return without this assistance, the Chase volunteers provide a valuable and indispensable service to these taxpayers and the local community.

A recent improvement at VITA has been the added ability in the last three years to e-file the returns, thereby accelerating the refunds to which taxpayers were entitled. This capability, spearheaded by Mary Lepper, 1999 Chase graduate, has made a significant difference in the delivery of the assistance to the taxpayers helped, who, since they are near or under the poverty line, are considerably in need of disposable funds for subsistence.

The Chase Tax Clinic

The tax clinic is a federally funded clinic with the goal to assist low-income taxpayers in resolving controversies with the IRS, to present outreach activities that inform low-income taxpayers as to their rights as well

as responsibilities, and to assist ESL taxpayers in becoming part of the tax system. Mary Lepper is the director of the clinic. The clinic has been in existence since 2001



BY LISA M. WENZEL

ERISA *and* the EXHAUSTION DILEMMA: WHEN MUST PLAINTIFFS EXHAUST ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES PRIOR TO FILING SUIT? To be published in *16 Regent University Law Review*, Volume 2 (to be published spring 2004)

The Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), a statute designed to safeguard the pension and welfare benefits of working Americans, establishes federal standards to govern employee benefit plans administration.¹ Federal courts are divided on the issue of whether an employee must exhaust administrative remedies under an ERISA plan before turning to the courts for relief.

The Tenth and Ninth Circuits hold that exhaustion is not required.² These circuits reason that there is no internal appeal procedure either mandated or recommended by ERISA. Furthermore,

these circuits reason that the interpretation of ERISA is a task for the judiciary. In contrast, the Third, Seventh, and Eleventh Circuits require that an employee exhaust his or her administrative remedies prior to bringing a claim in court.³ These circuits argue that the language of ERISA, which includes a claims procedure section, indicates the legislature's intent that employees exhaust their administrative remedies prior to bringing a suit.

ERISA was designed to improve the quality of employee benefit programs and provide a remedy for claimants. The Tenth and Ninth Circuit's approach frustrates this

purpose by allowing suits prior to the employee exhausting his or her administrative remedies. Consistent with the goals of ERISA, the Seventh, Eleventh and Third Circuits use the review and appeal process to ensure an employee pursues his or her administrative options prior to filing suit in an already overburdened judiciary system. This theory is supported by the language of ERISA, its legislative history, and practical considerations. For these reasons, this article argues that ERISA requires employees to exhaust administrative remedies before filing suit in court.

(Footnotes)

¹ Pub. L. No. 93-406, 88 Stat. 829 (codified at 29 U.S.C. §§ 1001-1461).

² See, e.g., *Richards v. General Motors Corp.*, 991 F.2d 1227, 1235 (6th Cir. 1993).

³ See, e.g., *Lindeman v. Mobile Oil Corp.*, 79 F.3d 647, 650 (7th Cir. 1996).

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INTEREST ACCRUAL *of* ATTORNEY AWARDS

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Attorney fee disputes usually include two judgments. The first, called the “merits judgment,” occurs when the court enters judgment for the prevailing party and grants this party the right to recover attorney fees. After the merits judgment, the

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OUTING*June 27, 2003*

On June 27, the Chase Alumni Association hosted the Chase Alumni Golf Outing at Fox Run Golf Course in Kenton County, Kentucky. Honorary Chair Ernest Karam '47 spent the day with former president of the Alumni Association Board of Governors, John McNally '74, and Dean Gerry St. Amand, along with 17 foursomes comprised of Chase graduates and friends. The fun-filled afternoon would not have been possible without the coordination of BOG member Massimino Ionna '00 and other alumni volunteers. A special thank-you goes out to our sponsors (listed). Watch for information on next year's outing on the alumni website at:

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U.S. ATTORNEY

blazes own legal path, encourages new grads

When Assistant United States Attorney Wende Morris Cross '92 peered out over the podium at the faces of the 103 Chase graduates seated before her in Regents Hall last spring as she prepared to deliver her commencement address, she did not feel very far removed from where they sat.

"You know, it was not that long ago that I sat where you now sit, wondering to myself...What's next? Will I pass the bar exam? Will I be a good lawyer? Will I become successful?" she said to the Chase Class of 2003 as she began her address.

However, in the 11 years since her graduation from Chase College of Law, she has carved a career in the legal field that would generate envy from more seasoned attorneys. And not having any lawyers in her family to turn to for guidance along the way, it was a trail she blazed on her own. She readily gives credit to the caring Chase faculty and staff that she encountered for making her the successful attorney she is today.

"I knew since I was in the first grade, ever since I can remember, that I wanted to be a lawyer," Morris Cross says. "I never deviated from that, and I can't imagine myself doing anything else."

Since 1995, she has worked in public service, having accepted an appointment to serve as an assistant United States attorney for the eastern district of Kentucky at Covington. She served in this capacity for more than seven years, prosecuting a wide variety of cases involving white-collar crimes, complex fraud schemes, drug offenses, weapons offenses and immigration violations. She currently serves as an assistant United States attorney for the southern district of Ohio at Cincinnati. A desire to help people motivated Morris Cross to choose the law as her profession,

and she says she derives much satisfaction in knowing that she is helping the community through her work.

"I feel the streets are a little bit safer because of what I do," she explains. "While it is tough to see young people go to jail a long time, sometimes it saves their lives because they do get rehabilitated. Unfortunately, we do see repeat offenders, but I have, over my career, received letters from people I have prosecuted who appreciate the fact that I treated them as a person. I try to bring honor and dignity to this position and not get caught up in the power."

Morris Cross, a member of Chase's Board of Visitors, an advisory group that works with Dean St. Amand, said she chose Chase for her legal education because of the "warm environment" it offered. "The dean (Steve Stephens), assistant dean (Lowell Schechter), faculty and staff were personally interested in my success in law school," she adds. "I felt comfortable and at home even though I was an out-of-state student."

She attended the day program at Chase and acknowledges that she found law school "very challenging," especially not having had the added benefit of growing up around attorneys.

Besides the excellent preparation that Chase provided for the practice of law, Morris Cross lauded the attention it gave to establishing a network between Chase's students and its alumni. She finds the contacts invaluable and says it seems every other lawyer she encounters is a Chase grad, thanks to the school's excellent reputation.

"Chase gets you connected with the legal community before you even get out of law school," Morris Cross notes. "I always encourage people to go to school there. I

honestly enjoyed every minute of it." Morris Cross, who lives in Cincinnati with her husband, Marcus, says it was a "huge honor" to be asked to speak at Chase's 2003 commencement exercises last May. Following are excerpts from her address.

"As you know, Chase is my alma mater....It means Soul Mother, the mother of one's soul or nourishing mother. It seemed to me to express the affection I have never stopped feeling for this great law school even through the passage now of 11 years since I sat where you fine young men and women now sit.

"For I know from experience that this great law school – like any great institution of higher learning – nurtures not only your mind, but your very soul.

"I wish you success in making a kinder and brighter world, a place of more and more spectacular intellectual accomplishments, and of healthier, happier, freer and more loving individuals.

"What I am wishing for you is that you do for the world – for those with whom you come in contact in the practice of law – what your alma mater has done for you.

"Be true to yourselves and give of that truth to others. Impart knowledge, wisdom and your best judgment. But, most of all, remember that the people whose lives you touch are more than cases, clients and defendants. They are whole beings, and it is your responsibility to address and to respect their wholeness.

"I wish you much success as lawyers. Success in coming into the knowledge that in service to others lies your real treasure, a treasure beyond all imagining, a treasure multiplied by the number of lives you touch.

"I love this school, and because I do, I look forward to a world that will be, in ways great and small, transformed by each of you."

"All the best to you, Class of 2003. I know you'll continue to make us proud."

CHASE RULES

ALUMS

dominate bar leadership positions

is one of several Chase alumni to hold the top post in area bar associations as president of the Cincinnati Bar Association (CBA) for 2003-04. He is the 11th president in the CBA's history.

A partner in the law firm of Crabbe, Brown & James LLP, Gehring enjoys an extensive state and federal civil trial and appellate practice.

He earned his undergraduate degree in 1976 from Miami University, attending on an Evans scholarship, a caddy scholarship awarded to high school students with academic ability and economic need.

After college, the Blue Ash native, who is the oldest of nine children, went

TWO CHASE ALUMS ASSUME KBA LEADERSHIP POSTS

Congratulations to R. Kent Westberry, a 1980 Chase graduate who was recently sworn in as president-elect of the Kentucky Bar Association at the KBA annual convention. He is a partner with Landrum & Shouse, LLP in Louisville, Kentucky.

CLASS NOTES

1967

John W. Eilers '67, partner with Wood & Lamping LLP, has been certified by the Ohio State Bar Association as a specialist in the area of estate planning, trust and probate law.

1968

Andrew Singer '68 of the Middletown law firm Pratt, & Singer Co. L. P. A., was recently appointed to the Ohio Supreme Court Commission on Certification of Attorneys as Specialists.

1976

John Concannon '76 joined the Cincinnati law firm of McCaslin, Imbus & McCaslin. He retired from Cincinnati Public Schools, where he served as general counsel for 17 years. He is also an adjunct professor at Xavier University, teaching school law and other courses in the Education Department.

1982

Michael Monce '82 has moved his office to 3161 Dixie Highway, Erlanger, KY 41018, phone (859) 344-8090.

1983

R. Jeffrey Schlosser '83 has been named a partner with the firm Frost Brown Todd LLC. He concentrates in commercial lending, tax exempt and taxable bond financing,

complex commercial loans, letter of credit, and commercial transactions.

1984

Brian Ashley '84 is currently vice president of investments and branch manager of the Smith Barney office in Huntington, WV.

1986

Deanna Dennison '86 welcomed her new son, Nathan Charles Dennison, on May 6, 2003. He weighed three pounds, nine ounces. Congratulations to her family!

1988

Howard Keith Hall '88 was re-elected Pike County Attorney for 2003-2006.

1993

Molly Michelle Knight '93 was promoted to assistant vice president with Fifth Third Bank. She serves as legal counsel extending throughout the bank's eight-state region of Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, West Virginia, Florida and Tennessee.

Mary Lee Muehlenkamp '93

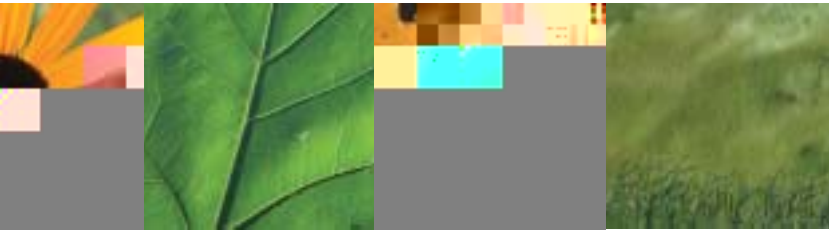
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LETTER FROM PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

As the Chase Board of Governors began another year, we looked forward to a number of important activities. Our year began with our annual welcoming reception for new students at the Herrmann Center on August 18. In addition to making the new students feel like a part of the Chase community, new officers and members of the Board of Governors were sworn in by Judge Lambert Hehl. The next major event was the annual Phon-a-thon chaired by Bill Knapp and his team of Chase alumni volunteers. In addition to our annual request for funds to help support our numerous activities, this year we also focussed on updating our alumni information so that we can get in touch and stay in touch with our most valuable resource - our alumni. In the spring, we look forward to Legal Career Options Day and the Graduating Senior Reception at the Montgomery Inn Boathouse. Summer will welcome the second year of what we hope will be a long tradition with our annual golf tournament. The fiscal year will conclude with our third annual CLE -a free program to all



inMEMORIAM



Patrick Connelly '80 of Fairfield, OH, passed away May 12, 2003 at the age of 47. He was an attorney in the Hamilton area for many years. He served on the Children's Diagnostic Board, Rolling Hills Board, Fairfield Civil Service Commission and Badin High School Development Board.

Chase lost more than a graduate this year; we lost a friend.

Samuel A. Day '85 of Georgetown, Indiana, formerly of Erlanger, passed away July 3, 2003 in Louisville after a year-long battle with acute leukemia. More than 70 people in the New Albany, Indiana area donated blood at the City-County Building in hopes that one of them might be an eligible bone marrow donor. Sam was a man who was never seen without a smile on his face and always took time to talk. Close friend and partner Dick Mullineaux told the *Courier-Journal*, "I don't think there was anybody he was around that he didn't touch in some way." Sam was senior and managing partner of the Kightlinger and Gray law firm in New Albany and a former teacher and assistant principal at Lloyd Memorial High School. He was a member of the

Board of Advisors Executive Committee for Indiana University Southeast, the Indiana Bar Foundation Scholarship Committee, the Kentucky State Bar Association Flood Relief Effort in 1998 and the Indiana Association of Mediators. Sam was named the Business Person/Professional of the Year in 2002 by the Southern Indiana Chamber of Commerce. He will be missed by not only his family but also the community of which he was such a great part. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

David Joseph Goetz '94 of Arlington, VA, died of melanoma on August 11 at the age of 34. He was a retired Army major who was a staff attorney to Senator Arlen Spencer (R-PA) in the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs. He began working for Spencer in May 2001 after serving six years in the Army Judge Advocate General's Corps. He temporarily left his job on the Senate committee after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks to serve seven months in the National Guard as part of the home front air defense activities known as Operation Noble Eagle.

Born in Cincinnati, OH, and raised in Edgewood, KY, he joined the Army ROTC while attending Xavier University in New Orleans and

completed Army Airborne Training at Fort Benning, GA. He graduated cum laude from Xavier in 1991 and deferred active military duty until after he completed his J.D. from Chase.

He began active duty in the JAG Corps in 1995 with a promotion to captain. He served as trial counsel at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, AL, as his first assignment. In 1997, he was transferred to the 1st Infantry Division in Vilseck, Germany, where he was the chief prosecutor to the entire base.

Returning to the United States for health reasons the following year, he was posted at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. His final military assignment was with the contract appeals division of the Army Litigation Center in Arlington.

His military decorations include the

Betty Kilgarriff '66 passed away September 1, 2003 in her home in Hyde Park. She attended Chase as an evening student after receiving her bachelor's degree in 1962. She and her husband were supporters of the St. Mary Catholic Church and the Little Sisters of the Poor.

John C. "Jack" LaVelle '70 of Villa Hills passed away at the age of 57 of esophageal cancer on June 8, 2003. He was a founding partner of the Deters, Benzinger & LaVelle law firm in Crestview Hills, where he practiced corporate and tax law, estate planning and probate law. He was a member of the National Diocesan Attorneys Association and represented a number

