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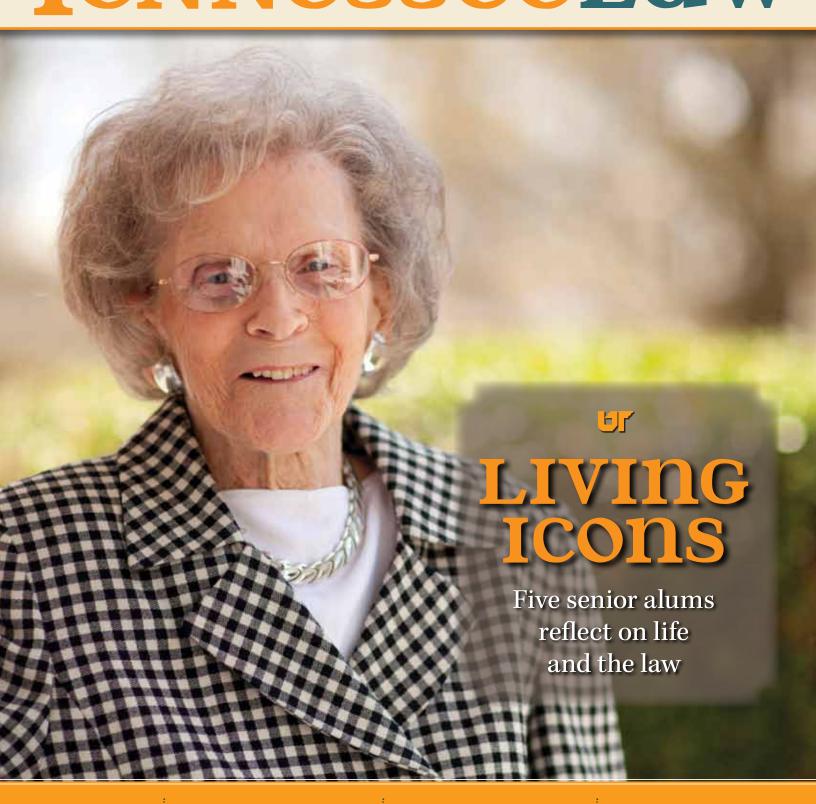


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the college of law has come a long way

since its founding more than 120 years ago.

We have 480 students enrolled in 2011; there were only eight in the entering class in 1890. The first woman was admitted in 1907; today 44 percent of our students are women. Our first minority student was admitted in 1953; the class of 2013 includes 26 percent students of color. In fact, the most recent *U.S. News and World Report* ranks the College of Law twenty-first among public law schools in terms of diversity.

Speaking of *U.S. News* rankings, our "oldest continually operating law school clinical program in the country" is now ranked twelfth overall and sixth among public schools. Another strength, our legal writing program, is ranked twenty-second overall and eighth among public schools. Out of more than 200 law schools public and private, we are ranked fifty-sixth. Among public institutions, we rank twenty-seventh.

Our present—and prior—successes reflect a rich tradition of dedicated faculty and supportive, involved alumni. It is vitally important that we recognize, collectively and individually, those faculty and alumni as they begin to retire and pass the torch to new generations of teachers and lawyers.

Recognizing the collective wisdom and involvement of our senior alumni also is critical to maintaining traditions and is vital to our future successes. I have had the good fortune during the last several years to interact with many of those alums—incredible lawyers like John Smartt of Knoxville, Roy Campbell of Newport, Claude and Howard Swafford of Jasper, Jim Webb of Cleveland, and many, many others. In order to help recognize the collective legacy of our alumni and to keep our traditions strong, we are bringing you the story of several other College of Law alums who have made their mark on the world.

Our tradition of alumni involvement and support is critical in other ways, too. As you know, we are in the last year of our university-wide Campaign for Tennessee. There are two ways you can assist us in the successful conclusion of the campaign. First, thanks to the hard work of our Campaign Committee, particularly our chair, Jerry Summers, we



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DOUG BLAZE

are within striking distance of our \$15 million goal for the college. Please, if possible, consider making a gift to help us meet, and hopefully exceed, that goal before the end of the year.

Second, we are working hard to increase the number of alumni who contribute annually. Last year we raised more than \$260,000 in annual gifts, but only 9 percent of our 7,000 alumni contributed. In contrast, the alumni giving percentage is much higher at many of our peer schools like the University of Georgia (20 percent), University of Kentucky (17 percent), University of North Carolina (25 percent), and University of Virginia (45 percent). We can—and should—be doing much better. So if you haven't already, please consider making a gift this year. Every little bit helps!

Thank you and Go Vols!



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Compiling this issue of *Tennessee Law* has kept me up at night. At different times throughout the march to completion, I have found myself cursing at my GPS on the way to an interview, laughing hysterically at stories from days gone by, and even crying, not from grief but from pride in the caliber of our alumni and the dedication and integrity with which they have lived their lives.

This spring we highlight our most senior alumni—those over the age of 80—and the many accomplishments they have made in the half-century or more since they sat for the bar. Choosing only five



alums to profile from the hundreds (and possibly thousands) who were worthy of the honor was not a task I took lightly. I researched and compiled, asking Dean Doug Blaze and other members of the law school community for their advice on whom to choose.

The five alumni featured here represent a wide slice of our history and our future, from local and federal judges to a local attorney made good, and from a woman trailblazer to a career military man. Still, we at the College of Law know that many other senior alumni's stories deserve to be told, too. In an effort to document and recognize the accomplishments of these living icons, we encourage you to visit the companion website to this edition at http://www.law.utk.edu/tennessee-law/senior-alumni, where you can upload anecdotes and photos of the older law alumni who have made a differ-

ence in your lives.

Working with our senior alumni brought up many questions about what law school and practice is like now. The challenges faced by today's lawyers are at once the same and very different than those from an earlier time. Our inaugural "10 Alumni, 10 Years Out," awards will honor those young attorneys who have graduated within the last ten years and highlight the work they are doing. I hope you'll take a mo-

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ment to nominate someone you know. More details can be found in "Best of the Best" on page 5. As always, your letters and feedback are appreciated.

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nominate the best of the best

Here at the University of Tennessee College of Law, we believe our alumni are the best of the best. Whether advocating for clients in need, handling cases that set the precedent for justice nationwide, or working on contracts in global locales, UT Law alumni set the gold standard to which all attorneys should aspire.

Our young alumni, who graduated within the last ten years, are thriving in the modern legal scene and enriching lives through their service to justice and the public good.

We're asking you for your help in choosing the best of the best for a special feature in a forthcoming issue of *Tennessee Law* magazine. Do you know a graduate under the age of 40 who should be part of our inaugural "10 Alumni, 10 Years Out," awards? If so, go to *law.utk.edu/tennessee-law/ten* to fill out a nomination form. You may nominate yourself or someone you know. While you may submit a supporting document, such as a résumé or curriculum vitae, please fill out the form in its entirety.

The final ten will be profiled in the magazine and online, and will be invited back to campus for a panel discussion with students, faculty, and staff at the College of Law. In addition, winners will have the chance to meet with students and other alumni at a reception during a Homecoming event in their honor.

Nomination forms are due by August 1, 2011. If you would like a paper copy of the nomination form mailed to you, please contact Tanya Brown at (865) 974-6788.



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LIVING

More than a half century after passing the bar exam, these UT College of Law alums have quite a few stories to tell about their lives in and out of the courtroom.

Cecil Forniash '49 recalls being forced to walk in the Bataan Death March as and then overcoming his traumatic family.
© Consistently named one of the "Best Lawyers in America," Lewis Hagood '63 talks about his time at UT College of Law and what it takes to turn a good lawyer into a great lawyer. Ann Nigro '43 wouldn't take "no" for an answer when she was told that women couldn't practice law. As the 1943 and a lifelong lawyer, she blazed '52 recalls his rise to a judgeship for the Federal Power Commission and how it led to a brush with a future president.

He also talks about his love for photography and how it has shaped his recent years. As a civil court judge in Chattanooga, Robert Summitt '49 is widely known and loved. He recalls his career in the court—making lifechanging decisions about divorce and child custody—and his run for the U.S. House of Representatives.

(Above, right) Cecil Forinash married his wife, Mary May, in Powell, Tennessee, after returning from World War II.

A Soldier First, A Lawyer Always

By Tanya G. Brown

Colonel Cecil Forinash, 93, greets guests to his home in clothes that seem both too formal for a surprise afternoon visit and perfect for a man who spent his entire professional career in the military courts.

His crisp navy pants and plaid button down shirt underscore a military need for order before he even opens his mouth. Hemingway once wrote in his World War I tale *A Farewell to Arms*, "I had been in uniform for a long time and I missed the feeling of being held by your clothes." The quote suits Forinash, whose casual attire still has the air of a uniform.

The colonel spent most of World War II as a prisoner of war after being forced to surrender to the Japanese in the Philippines in 1942. While he went on to law school—and a storied career as an officer in the JAG Corps—his experiences during the war changed the course of his life and made the family he would create his most prized possession.

MIDWESTERN roots

Forinash grew up in Iowa, working his way through middle and high school doing farm work for his neighbors. Later, he followed his older brother to the University of Iowa to pursue a college degree. As he talked with his high school basketball coach back home one day, he mentioned that he hoped to follow in the man's footsteps.



"My coach told me not to think of it," he recalls. "He said he was raising four boys and making only \$2,200 a year. He said, 'I'm getting out, and by God, Cotton (Forinash's nickname), don't you get in!"

When I went back for junior year, I changed my major to business," he says. "But I didn't quite have enough hours to graduate before I joined the army in '39. After the war, I got my hours and my diploma."

Forinash explains that finances and a thirst for adventure drove him to the army. As a member of the ROTC program at Iowa, he entered the army as a second lieutenant, accepting a year of active duty service through the Thompson Act. He spent time training in Minnesota, South Carolina, Georgia, and Louisiana, before applying for extended active duty. Given a choice of duty in Panama, Hawaii, or the Philippines, he selected the Philippines on the advice of his commanding officer.

survival as a pow

That choice meant that he was spared from the bombing of Pearl Harbor a year later, but it placed him in jeopardy when the Japanese invaded Manila. Forinash was part of the Second Battalion of the 31st Infantry, working with the Philippine army to hold off the Japanese in 1941 and 1942. In the spring of 1942, Allied and Philippine forces on the islands surrendered to Japan.

In his autobiography, Forinash writes, "It is difficult to express your feelings when receiving such an order. First it was one of hopelessness then

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"You always give back," she says. "He's instilled that in me. It was very important in our lives. That's just part of what you do."

—Patti Trent , daughter of Cecil Forinash

helpless and then anger for being held out to dry. Of course there was some fear that since Japanese soldiers generally would not surrender what attitude they would have toward prisoners of war."

He would soon learn the cruelty of those attitudes firsthand. In the ensuing years until the liberation of prisoners of war in Japan, Fori-

nash survived. He survived the Bataan Death March, famous for the dehumanization and murders of prisoners of war at the hands of the Japanese, in which it is estimated that 54,000 of the 72,000 prisoners who started the sixty-mile walk died.

He survived a twenty-one-day trip on a cargo ship to Japan, several prison camp transfers, beatings from guards, and freezing work in a steel plant under Japanese supervision.

"When it was finally over, the prison guards told us the (Japanese) Emperor had brought peace to the world, and they all fled camp," Forinash says. "When the Americans finally found us up in the mountains, they gave us a whole seat each on the train back to Yokohama. General MacArthur was there, and they gave us new uniforms. They said we could wait to be flown out or take the ship, and I said, 'I'm getting on that damn ship."

a lifetime of service

After a lengthy recovery time back in the States, Forinash met his future wife, Mary May (UTK '38), during a vacation to Miami organized by the government for POWs. In 1946, he married the East Tennessee native—who was working for the Red Cross in Miami—after returning with her to her hometown in Powell, Tennessee.

After earning his law degree from UT in 1949 and rejoining the military, the Forinashes spent the next two decades traveling the country and sometimes the globe as he worked in the military courts. He became a respected member of the Judge Advocate General Corp., and argued before the U.S. Supreme Court several times. After his retirement in 1969, Forinash and his wife settled in Knoxville, where he took on a second career in the Knox County Attorney General's Office.

Patti Trent, Forinash's daughter, followed in her father's footsteps, earning her law degree at UT before moving to Colorado with her own family. She says her father rarely spoke about his war experiences but seemed to make every decision based on his love of his family and new life.



Cecil Forinash at his home in W

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tional World War II Memorial was dedicated in 2004. She was proud to see his years of service to his country

"You always give back," she says.

and state recognized.

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Lewis Hagood enrolled at UT Law in 1960 after doing arbitration for a Kingsport law firm. As a drug store soda jerk in the 1940s, Lewis Hagood '63 watched pharmacists in their white coats helping others by giving them much-needed medicine. Hagood decided the job would be his future, too. Back then he didn't know that he was destined to help others in a much different way.

He enrolled at East Tennessee State University in 1948 thinking he would become a pharmacist, but the coursework wasn't quite what he expected and the rigors of organic chemistry forced him to change his plans.

"After that I really didn't know what I wanted to do," Hagood says. "Economics always intrigued me and one of the first books I read after changing (majors) to economics was 'How to Lie with Statistics." His natural curiosity was piqued, and Hagood went on to earn an economics degree from ETSU.

BUILDING a career

Shortly thereafter, he took a job with a Kingsport law firm and began working with an attorney who was general counsel for an international labor union. Hagood traveled all over the country representing local unions in matters including arbitration and collective bargaining. He learned enough along

the way that the general counsel eventually sent him out on his own.

"I would try arbitration and NLRB (National Labor Relations Board) cases because back in those days you didn't have to be an attorney," he recalls. "I enjoyed the heck out of it because it was an adversarial proceeding."

Cases took him all over the country from Washington, Chicago, and Denver to Oklahoma City and California. After a while the company decided that Hagood needed to go to law school—and he eagerly accepted.

A senior partner granted Hagood a leave of absence and loaned him the money to enroll at the UT College of Law in 1960. He worked with the firm during holidays and the summer and eventually earned a law degree in 1963.

While at law school, Hagood had three goals—to be number one in his class, be editor-in-chief of the law review, and be Order of the Coif.

The Making of a Great Lawyer

By R.G. Smithson

"I learned law firms hire people who have those credentials," Hagood says. After being successful in all three, Hagood returned to the Kingsport firm where he resumed his labor and employment work.

coming home to knoxville

A phone call in 1965 from Harold Warner, dean of the UT College of Law, brought Hagood back to Knoxville for good. "The dean told me Foster Arnett was needing a new lawyer. He said it was a good opportunity and I would like the work. I had two children and the travel was getting to be pretty bad, so I took the job."

Foster D. Arnett Sr. founded the firm in 1954 and was joined by Jack B. Draper in 1958. Hagood was made a partner in 1967, just two years after joining the

firm. Today, he is senior partner of Arnett, Draper & Hagood, leading a team of seventeen attorneys—many of who are UT law graduates.

More than forty-five years later, Hagood is still practicing—primarily in labor and employment discrimination and civil litigation with extensive litigation experience in both state and federal courts at the trial and appellate levels. He also is a certified mediator for the federal and state courts, having successfully conducted hundreds of mediations during the past decade.

"I love the law because it changes almost daily," says Hagood. "There is always something to dig into. Curiosity is one of my strongest qualities, I guess."

Two years ago, Hagood cut back on his workload and now hands some cases off to partner Jay Mader '93, who joined the firm in 2002.

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"Lewis, perhaps foremost, is a zealous advocate," Mader says. "I remember him once remarking, 'You are not the judge,' in response to my skepticism of a potential claim or defense he wanted to assert. He is always eager to assert and test the viability of a claim or defense no matter how novel or unknown it may be. I think this results not only from the duty owed to the firm's clients but also from an innate legal curiosity regarding the development of the law."

BECOMING a great Lawyer

Hagood has always strived to be a complete lawyer for his clients. "It is a long-held philosophy that a lawyer who can either speak or write well can be a good lawyer. If he can do both, he can be a great lawyer. I have always believed that, and I try to teach that to the young lawyers in this firm."

The mantra seems to work for Hagood, who has been included in every edition of "Best Lawyers in America" since its inception in 1987.

But it's his role as a problem solver that he seems to enjoy the most. "I enjoy dealing with clients, interacting with people. When people come to see me they have problems. My job is to solve those problems, and it takes a lot of diplomacy, a lot of patience, and a fair amount of skill to be successful."

Throughout the years, Hagood has seen the practice of law change significantly. "You used to be able to smoke

"There are no degrees of integrity—either you have it or you don't." in the courtroom, even take your coat off if you wanted. I've even seen judges whittling while the trial was going on," he says. "A handshake was all you needed back in those days. You found out very quickly who you could trust

and who you couldn't trust. Most lawyers had honor and integrity—they did what they said they were going to do. Not all

lawyers today share that same philosophy."

One change that Hagood is not fond of is attorney advertising. "That has been a terrible disappointment to me. All of a sudden we are like hawkers at a carnival. It is offensive to me and it should be for any responsible lawyer," he asserts. "But that's the way it is. Your practice depends on doing your job and doing it well. If you can't do that, then you shouldn't be practicing law."

He pointed to the three I's that are the trademark of Arnett, Draper & Hagood—Integrity, Intelligence, and Industry. "Integrity is always the most important," he says. "There are no degrees of integrity—either you have it or you don't."

changing courses

Hagood was among a dozen Knoxville attorneys in the early 1990s given a charge by the local federal courts to draft a plan to facilitate mediation. "The dockets were just too heavy," he says. "The courts needed a solution."

Mediation is a different arena, Hagood acknowledges. "As an attorney you are a zealous advocate for your client, but you have to wear a different hat with mediation. You have a problem to solve, but it is not necessarily an adversarial situation. When I am successful, which is about 95 percent of the time, all parties can feel a sense of satisfaction. It is a bit like kissing your sister, though—there is no great thrill to it, you are just glad it's over."

Hagood still gets his greatest satisfaction representing clients before judges and juries. "The lawyer's workshop is the courtroom, and unfortunately we don't get there as much these days. But we are a litigation firm and everyone here goes to court. That's where you earn your brownie points—by advocating your client's cause fairly and honestly. That will never change."



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(Above) Ann Nigro outside of her South Knoxville home.

nn (Kirbye) Nigro with her 1943 UT Law classmate:

That Woman Lawyer

As a teen at Farragut High School in the 1930s, Ann Nigro '43 remembers being summoned to an office to discuss her future plans with her room mother, a sort of precursor to today's guidance counselors.

Nigro, who was known by her maiden name of Kirbye at the time, had hoped to be a lawyer from her early youth, and enjoyed the full support of her family and friends on her ambition to graduate college and enter law school. She recalls being a bit surprised and more than a little annoyed when the counselor didn't support her plans.

"She asked me what I wanted to do after I finished school, and I told her," Nigro recalls, as she sits in a wing back chair in the living room of her home in South Knoxville. "She said, 'Girls don't practice law,' and I said, 'This one is going to!"

BLAZING NEW TRAILS

Nigro is the first to admit that her career endeavors weren't the norm at the time, but she's also quite adamant that she wasn't trying to blaze any trails. She was out to help people and to work hard. All the trailblazing, it seems, was simply a by-product of her work ethic and determination. And maybe a little bit due to her mouth, which she admits runs away with her frequently.

"I have a habit of saying whatever is on my mind, dear," she says. "Sometimes it has helped me and other times it has not."

In law school and in the courtroom, her unwillingness to accept the status quo proved an asset to both herself and her clients, but those few cases

> where she was unable to sway someone with her speech still rankle, years later.

> She recounts making an appointment with a decision maker at the UT College of Law after a few semesters of school to discuss why, as a woman, she could not be admitted to the legal fraternity.

"I thought it would be a great blessing to me," Nigro says. "I didn't want to go play ball or billiards. I wanted to be part of the honor society. Do you know what the man said? He said the boys (in the fraternity) have meetings and tell dirty jokes, and that would only embarrass me. I never did understand that. I didn't agree with it. I still don't."

What law school gave Nigro, she says, were her life partner and a love of the law, which has never waned once in the nearly seventy years since she first sat for the bar. She met her husband, the late Judge Joe Nigro, a few days

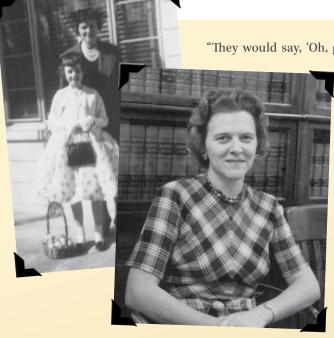
before classes started during their 1L year. She gained a study partner, a friend,

and eventually a husband from the chance meeting outside the dean's office.

As more and more students were called away to the Second World War, Nigro says those who remained developed strong bonds of friendship. She studied with her male classmates, who often asked her how she responded to questions on tests.

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"They would say, 'Oh, good! That's how I answered, too," she says. "And that

made me feel good, that they respected my intelligence. I knew whatever I said they respected and that made me study that much harder."

after Law school

The only female graduate of the class of 1943, Nigro says she didn't quite know what she would be walking into in the professional world, but she did feel well prepared for the legal challenges.

As she shows off scrapbooks (made by her younger sister) full of black and white photos of herself, her husband and their law partners, she jokes that her greatest achievement was "raising three judges,"—her husband Joe, who became a criminal court judge in Knox County in the 1970s; George Balitsaris, also a criminal judge; and James "Jim" Haynes, a circuit court judge.

Her daughter, Joanne Simpson, respectfully dis-

agrees with her mother on Nigro's greatest accomplishment. She recalls, as a child in the 1950s, being asked to write down her mother and father's occupations.

"Everyone put down that their mother was a housewife," Simpson says. "I was the only one that put down that my mother was a lawyer. It was totally unheard of back then."

She laughs.

"She stayed home with me when I was little and then when I went to school, she went back to work with Daddy, but she got home by the time I was home and worked from there. She just did it all. She did everything."

Nigro spent a few years with local firm Southern & Southern before going into practice with her husband, in a little office on Market Street in downtown Knoxville. The firm eventually moved to the Bank of Knoxville building down the street, where it remained until the Nigros' retirements.

In the beginning, Nigro handled many divorce cases but the work varied throughout the years from accident claims to criminal convictions to a fair labor case in federal court. One judge, she admits, regularly referred to her as "that woman lawyer."

In the federal case, which happened while she was with Southern & Southern, she went head-to-head with another Knoxville female attorney with whom she was good friends, Erma Greenwood of Kramer, Cox & Overton.

Nigro represented the plaintiffs in a labor dispute case for nearly two hundred firemen and policemen.

"It took us almost a year to get ready for that trial," she says. "I had all their paychecks, figuring on an old-fashioned adding machine. We waited months and months to hear the outcome, and then when the judge got ready to rule, he had to call it off because the Fair Labor Standards Act was repealed. So we worked all that time for nothing! But we both wanted the other one to win, so it was okay."

Nigro says she often worked on a pro bono basis. If people couldn't pay, she didn't try to make them pay.

"I wish I had a dollar for every person who couldn't pay me, but I don't regret it," Nigro says. "What makes a good lawyer is integrity of the mind, heart, and soul. I just want to be treated with respect. People don't know what it meant to me to be accepted as a lawyer. I wouldn't give up the life I've had for ten lives as a schoolteacher or any other profession."

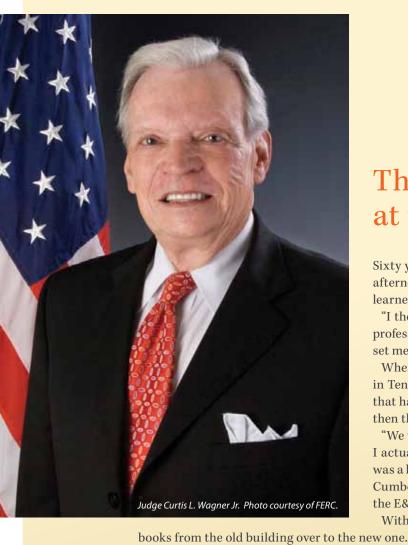
(Left) Nigro and her daughter Joanne in 1960 on the steps of their Knoxyille home

Nigro poses for a formal photo at the law offices of Nigro & Balitsaris in 1963.



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The Right Place at the Right Time

By R.G. Smithson

Sixty years ago Curtis L. Wagner Jr. '51 and his classmates spent their afternoons at Ellis and Ernest drug store discussing what they had learned in class and how to go about solving the problems of the world.

"I thoroughly enjoyed my time as a law student," Wagner says. "The professors were great, my classmates were great, and the experience set me on the right path."

When Wagner enrolled in law school in 1948 the college was housed in Tennessee Hall, a building on West Main Street near Henley Street that had previously served as the East Tennessee Female Institute and then the UT Home Economics Department.

"We were right behind the big church (Church Street Methodist) and I actually had some classes in the church," Wagner recalls. While he was a law student, the "1950s building" was constructed on the present Cumberland Avenue site, which is right across the street from where the E&E drug store used to stand.

With the opening of the new building, Wagner got a job carrying

"And those books were heavy!" says Wagner, who during his third year also worked part in the new law library. "The director at the time had some medical issues so I was actually the night librarian. That was a great job because I could study at night."

Wagner and his new bride moved into an apartment on Cumberland Avenue during his final year of law school. Watching cases at the Knox County courthouse in his free time solidified Wagner's choice. "I always intended to go to law school and after watching what happened in the courtroom I got it into my head (that) I wanted to be a litigator."

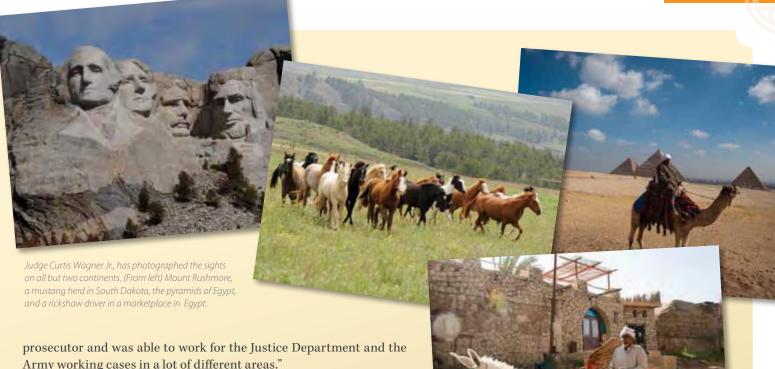
FEDERAL WORK

In the sixty years since receiving his law degree, Wagner has worked in private practice, the criminal and civil divisions of the U.S. Department of Justice, the Army's Office of the Judge Advocate General, and the Federal Environmental Regulatory Commission as well as its predecessor, the Federal Power Commission. He now serves as the chief administrative law judge for the FERC in Washington, D.C., where he oversees cases on electric markets and pipeline rates.

Following graduation from law school, he practiced as an associate with Kramer, Dye, McNabb & Greenwood in Knoxville. Three years later, Wagner took a job with the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. He never left. "I have been fortunate to be in the right place at the right time," Wagner says. "I had a wonderful career as a

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Army working cases in a lot of different areas."

His work caught the attention of the FPC, which offered him a judgeship in 1974. "I had been working those cases all over the country and we all knew each other," Wagner says. He quickly rose to chief judge in 1978.

a Brush with history

Wagner recalled one case, in particular, that impacted his legal career in a major way. Jimmy Carter, who was the governor of Georgia at the time, testified in his court during a dispute involving Georgia gas distri-

bution during the gas crisis of the 1970s. The judge helped to mediate the dispute to the satisfaction of both sides and was so successful the FERC subsequently asked him to develop a mediation program for commission use.

During Carter's testimony he leaned over to Wagner and asked if he would allow a slightly longer lunch break on that particular day. "When I asked him why, he says 'I'm going down to the Press Club at lunch and throw my hat into the ring for president."

a new interest

In recent years Wagner has developed a keen interest in exotic travel and photography. For the past two decades he has photographed iconic scenes in natural and man-made settings on five continents. His stops have included Costa Rica, China, Italy, Greece, and most recently, Egypt. He even traveled to Tahiti on a clipper ship.

A November 2010 trip to Egypt took Wagner to the giant Aswan Dam, the tomb of King Tutankhamen, the Great Sphinx, and the Valley of the Kings.

"One of the more relaxing parts of the trip was traveling by riverboat on the Nile," he says, noting that at times armed guards would board the boat for "the group's protection. I guess we got in and out of Egypt just in time."

Wagner is as proud of his "professional photographer" certification by the New York Institute of Photography as he is of his lengthy legal career. And he has no plans to retire from either any time soon.

"I really enjoy the traveling and the photography," he says, "and I still have two continents to go." 🏶

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The People's Judge By Tanya G. Brown

Judge Robert Summitt may be as well known by the locals in Chattanooga, Tennessee, as the city's famous landmarks are to tourists.

From the time he left law school in Knoxville and began practicing in Chattanooga, Summitt began a career that touched almost every area of public service in Hamilton County. He served as an attorney for the county, the attorney for the local school board, the county coroner, the county sheriff, and even won the Democratic nomina-

Summitt graduated in the UT Law Class of 1949. Photo courtesy of UT College of Law Library.

tion to represent the area in the U.S. House of Representatives. While, Republican nominee Bill Brock ultimately defeated him, Summitt says sometimes things work out just as they should.

After all, had he won, he likely wouldn't have been appointed to the bench of the First Division of the Eleventh Judicial District in 1968 by Tennessee Governor Buford Ellington. It was in the civil court where Summitt found his calling, and the people of Chattanooga found their champion.

a civil career

As he enters the Mountain City Club in downtown Chattanooga for lunch on a sunny February day, several patrons greet him with a handshake and a respectful, "Hello, Judge." Employees of the club know him and escort him to a table. He is never addressed by his first or last name—only as "Judge" or "Sir."

Summitt insists that working as a judge in a civil court, which he officially retired from in 1998, doesn't have the public appeal that many assign to criminal courtrooms.

"It wasn't life or death, you know," says the 1949 graduate. "Most law students these days, I think, kind of gloss over civil court because it's not considered as exciting. You're not sending anybody to jail. It's mostly business disputes and divorces and child welfare."

His reasoning also sheds light on why mentioning his name later in the day at the local newspaper office brings smiles and nods from people in the lobby. He may not have sent anyone to jail in his thirty-year career, but it was his court where the matters of their everyday lives—from rental disputes to custody hearings—were handled with fairness and diligence to the law.

poing the right thing

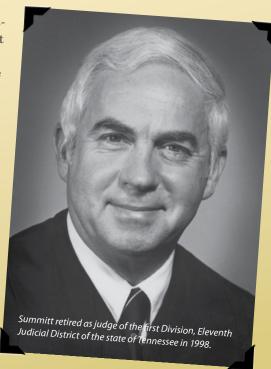
As a civil court judge, Summitt decided his share of divorce and custody cases, and it was those matters, he says, which he agonized about the most.

"The children are not represented in divorce court, although there is usually at least one attorney on either side for the adults," he says. "It's just you and them and the kids and the advocates, trying to work out what's best."

Whenever possible, he tried to avoid having children testify in court, a practice he felt added to their pain without serving to advance the case in any direction.

"When kids are having to choose between one parent or another, you can always tell who they were with last, because that's the parent they insist they should stay with," Summitt says. "I tried to get them to open up and be more comfortable. I'd ask them about school and their friends and what they liked to do. After a while of that, you could usually get them to let go of whatever they'd been coached to say and feel more comfortable opening up to you about what was going on in their lives."

Summitt believes lawyers considering appointments in civil courts should never take the job just because they want to be a judge. He feels civil courts, most of all, should be run by people



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who both understand the law and want to do good in the world.

"I thought when I took that job that maybe I could make a difference for some people," he said. "I still think about some of those kids, and wonder where they are now. I hope I did right by them. You have to put them somewhere and hope you've done the right thing."

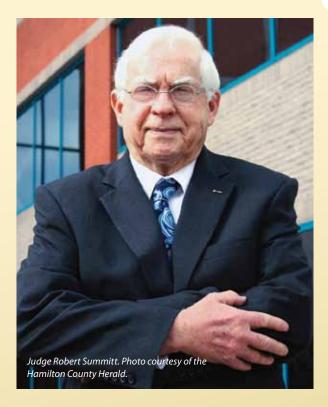
Other cases, he notes, proved illuminating in their oddity. Some people, especially in divorce cases or contract disputes, refused to budge on matters that seemed to have little consequence to outsiders.

"I had one case where we'd been working on an agreement for ages," he recalls. "We finally got everything ready to sign, and we got held up because they couldn't agree on who got the tractor. That tractor held us up for about three years."

preparing the next generation

Summitt's time as a judge was in many ways a family affair. Summitt's late wife, Flo, worked as his secretary for twenty-two years. His oldest daughter, Virginia Anne Sharber, spent enough time in the courtroom to catch the law bug as well. She completed her degree at UT College of Law in 1984. Sharber currently works for Miller & Martin, PLLC, in Chattanooga.

After his retirement, Summitt worked for the state of Tennessee for six years, hearing cases around the state in various districts. Now, he works in his church and with several nonprofit and service organizations.



In addition to his legal background, Summitt also has a long history of public service with the Salvation Army, Rotary, the Boy Scouts of America, and the American Legion. He remains a member of the Retired Reserve Officers Association, and left the military as a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force Reserve after service in three branches of the military during World War II.

"I was the chairman of our local Salvation Army chapter at the age of 83," he says, smiling. "I think I joined in about 1955. I stay busy enough. I work with several organizations to give scholarships to the kids around here. We have to make sure the next generation can make it, too."



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PROFESSOR CATHY COCHRAN is a member of the UT Chancellor's task force on electronic textbooks. The task force analyzed e-textbooks from the perspective of the UT bookstore, the UT libraries, information technology, and UT press.

PROFESSOR JUDY CORNETT participated in a CLE presentation on Tennessee's revised Rules of Professional Conduct, sponsored by the Knoxville Bar Association.

An excerpt from **PROFESSOR TOM DAVIES'S** 1999 article on the original Fourth Amendment, first published in the *Michigan Law Review*, has been included in an anthology of significant Fourth Amendment articles edited by Professor Cynthia Lee of George Washington University. In addition, a book review by Professor Tracey Maclin of Boston University, to be published in the *Michigan Law Review*, favorably discusses the article by Davies.

PROFESSOR IRIS GOODWIN has just published an abbreviated version of her review of Richard Hyland's "Gifts—A Study in Comparative Law" in the e-journal Jotwell.

PROFESSOR JOAN HEMINWAY gave two presentations at the recent Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting. First, she spoke about the oral midterm examination that she uses in class, as part of a panel entitled "Improving Learning and Student Engagement Through Assessment." She also presented her past and current work on the ongoing reform efforts at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in the Securities Regulation section's panel on "Current Issues in Securities and Corporate Law: Fraud, Gatekeeping, the Economic Crisis, Reforming Reform, and 'Where were the Lawyers?'" Heminway also spoke at the University of Dayton's conference on "Perspectives on Gender and Business Ethics: Women in Corporate Governance." Her talk, entitled "The Last Male Bastion: In Search of a Trojan Horse," discussed the underrepresentation of women in the executive ranks of U.S. public companies. An essay based on her presentation will be published in a forthcoming issue

of the *Dayton Law Review*. In addition, Heminway was recently named a UT "Quest Scholar of the Week."

PROFESSOR BECKY JACOBS is the coauthor of a chapter on "Ecosystem Management" in Volume 3 of the 10-volume *Berkshire Encyclopedia of Sustainability*.

PROFESSOR GEORGE KUNEY'S article, "Contractual Mechanics: Covenants, Conditions, Representations, Warranties, Guaranties, and Indemnities," was published recently in the *California Business Law Practitioner*. Kuney also has just published "Nondebtor Releases and *Travelers v. Bailey*: A Circuit Split That Is Likely to Remain" in the *Norton Annual Survey of Bankruptcy Law*.

"Contracts: Transactions and Litigation (3d)," by PRO-FESSORS GEORGE KUNEY and BOB LLOYD, has just been published by West Academic Publishing.

PROFESSOR DON LEATHERMAN spoke recently about current developments in consolidated returns. He participated in the Practising Law Institute's Los Angeles conference on "Tax Strategies for Corporate Acquisitions, Dispositions, Spin-Offs, Joint Ventures, Financings, Reorganizations, & Restructurings 2010."

The most recent edition of *Tax Notes* compliments articles by two faculty members at UT College of Law. In "Academic Articles on Tax," Jasper L. Cummings Jr., pays tribute to Leatherman's 1999 *Tax Lawyer* article, "Are Separate Liability Losses Separate for Consolidated Groups?" which was cited two years later by the U.S. Supreme Court. In *Law Review Articles You Should've Read (but Probably Didn't) in 2010*, Bridget Crawford praises **PROFESSOR IRIS GOODWIN'S** recent article in the *Seton Hall Law Review*, "How the Rich Stay Rich: Using a Family Trust Company to Secure a Family Fortune," calling it "worthwhile reading."

PROFESSOR BOB LLOYD recently copresented a Web-based continuing professional education program, "Discount Rates for Future Profits in Business Litigation." Lloyd also copresented another Web-based continuing professional education program, exploring "Motions to Disqualify Expert Witnesses in Business Litigation." In addition, Lloyd published a chapter on

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lost profits litigation in *Cost of Capital in Litigation* by Shannon Pratt and Roger Grabowski.

PROFESSOR ALEX LONG recently gave a presentation at a conference on "Bob Dylan and the Law" at Fordham Law School.

PROFESSORS ALEX LONG and **JUDY CORNETT** recently participated in the Knoxville Bar Association's "Ethics Bowl," a CLE program devoted to legal ethics.

Michael Olivas, President of the Association of American Law Schools, has appointed **PROFESSOR KARLA MCKANDERS** to serve on the editorial board of the *Journal of Legal Education*.

PROFESSOR GLENN REYNOLDS published an article on the TSA's new screening procedures and the law in *Popular Mechanics*. Another article by Reynolds, entitled "The Unexpected Return of 'Duck and Cover,'" has been published in *The Atlantic Monthly*. He recently published a review of Michio Kaku's "Physics of the Future" in the *Wall Street Journal*. The National Jurist recently named Reynolds one of "23 law professors to take before you die."

PROFESSOR DEAN RIVKIN recently gave a presentation to the staff of the Vera Institute for Justice's Youth Justice Project in New York City. The talk focused on his paper, "Truancy Prosecutions of Students and the Right [To] Education." Rivkin also spoke on a panel entitled "Making the Special Education Laws Work for Families Without Financial Resources," as part of a symposium sponsored by American University, Washington College of Law, called "Keeping the Needs of Children with Disabilities on the Agenda: Current Issues in Special Education Advocacy." The school's Journal of Gender, Social Policy and the Law will publish Rivkin's coauthored paper on the topic.

PROFESSOR PAULA SCHAEFER has written a guest blog for the *Best Practices in Legal Education* blog. Find it online at *http://bit.ly/bZZ4w9*.

ASSOCIATE DEAN GREG STEIN'S article, "Private and Public Construction in Modern China," was published recently in the San Diego International Law Journal.

PROFESSOR MAURICE E. STUCKE has recently given several lectures as a Fulbright Lecturer in China. He provided the U.S. legal perspective on a dispute between Tencent QQ and Qihoo 360 at China University of Political Science and Law's Third SHI Disciples' Academic Salon. Stucke presented his recent working paper, "Reconsidering Competition and the Goals of Competition Law," at the China Institute of Competition Policy, based at the University of International Business and Economics. As part of the Fulbright Lecture program, Stucke also has visited universities in Guangzhou, Chongging, and Jinan. An article by Stucke, "Antitrust 2025," has recently been published in the "CPI Antitrust Chronicle." Another article by Stucke, "Lessons from the Financial Crisis," was published recently as a part of the ABA Antitrust Law Section and Association of American Law Schools symposium on the effect of economic crises on antitrust policy. In addition, his article, "Am I a Price-Fixer? A Behavioral Economics Analysis of Cartels," was published in March in the book, Criminalising Cartels: Critical Studies of an International *Regulatory Movement.*

PROFESSOR PENNY WHITE served once again as a faculty member for the Trial Advocacy Workshop at Harvard Law School. The workshop is Harvard's trial practice class, taught by visiting lawyers, judges, and law professors. In addition, White was the General Session speaker for the 2011 Coughlin Symposium, the College of Veterinary Medicine's annual conference for veterinarians and veterinary technicians. She spoke to the audience on legal issues affecting veterinarians. White also spoke to the Tennessee Judicial Conference in March on the topic of "Novel Evidence Issues."

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John Watkins, Amy Mohan, and Will Perry placed first in regionals and second at the national level of this year's National Moot Court Competition.

The Makings of Moot Court

Students prepare for real world through practice trials

By Kristi Hintz

Moot court competitions give law students a chance to hone and test their skills in a realistic courtroom setting. Judging by UT law students' recent moot court performances, it's safe to say that students in UT's College of Law are well prepared for the challenges they will face in the real world.

Moot court allows law students to practice the skills used by lawyers in appellate advocacy by taking a set of facts regarding a case and its associated lower court rulings and preparing a brief and an oral argument to be presented to an appellate court. Students then appear before a panel of judges and conduct a simulated oral argument.

Open only to second- and third-year law students who try out and are admitted, the competitions require students to research, write about, and make arguments related to a particular case or law, an experience that Will Perry, a third-year law student and moot court competitor, says is invaluable.

"Moot court has made me a better future lawyer," says Perry. "The competitions forced me to grapple early on with issues that seasoned practitioners wrestle with every day, and it's helped prepare me to address each issue thoroughly and persuasively."

Perry is chair of the 2010-2011 Moot Court Executive Board, which sponsors The Ray H. Jenkins Trial Competition and the Advocates' Prize Moot Court Competition—two annual intramural competitions in the college. The board also coordinates several competitive traveling teams. Last year, teams from the College of Law competed in eleven different intercollegiate competitions.

Professor John Sobieski is a coadvisor to the National Moot Court Competition team, which placed second at nationals and first at the regional competition. While Sobieski feels that it's good to get involved in any organization in law school, moot court is a good place to invest your extracurricular time.

"Getting involved enhances the educational experience," Sobieski says, "but moot court and the process of

writing a brief then making an oral argument will enhance any student's legal ability. It truly helps your analytical thinking and that's good regardless of what you end up doing with your legal degree."

In addition to becoming a better lawyer, Perry agrees that moot court also helps you become a better law student.

"I wanted to get some practical experience as early as possible, and moot court and mock trial seemed the best way to do it. When I began law school, the upperclassmen who were involved on the traveling teams always seemed



Aaron Gentry, TJ Hatter, and Yustaf Malik won the "Outstanding New International Mediation Program" at a moot court competition in London.

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very sharp, had good relationships with the faculty and each other, and were traveling all over the country. I wanted to be like that," he says.

Perry's teammates on the National Moot Court Competition team included John Watkins and Amy Mohan, both third-year students. Law Professor Joe Cook coadvised the team with Sobieski.

"A large part of what we do in law school is teach communication skills—writing skills and oral skills," Cook says. "To be sure, analytical skills come first, but success in law school and success in the profession is the ability to effectively communicate with teachers, with fellow students, ultimately with clients, lawyers, and judges. Students who participate in moot court programs have an enviable opportunity to become proficient as writers and speakers."

MOOT COURT HONOR ROLL

The 2010-11 academic year has been a successful one for UT Law's many moot court teams. Other teams who performed honorably this year include:

- A UT team of J. Clay Cox, Eric Mauldin, G. William Perry, and Jacob Wilson won the Atlanta regional competition in the American Association for Justice National Student Trial Advocacy competition. A second UT team of Claire Arnett, Josh Arters, Jennie Brooks, and Brandon Morrow tied for fifth place. Local Knoxville attorney Larry Giordano coached the teams.
- The Phi Alpha Delta McReynolds Chapter sent two teams of four competitors each to the National Phi Alpha Delta Trial Competition in Washington, D.C. The team of Alicia McMurray, Austin Purvis, Isabelle Archuleta, and Jennifer Dusenberry, all 1L students, placed fourth. Caroline Latsha and Fred Pickney (1Ls), and Alex Brinson and Ted Engel (3Ls) made up the other team. PAD alumnus Ed Anderson coached the teams, while Professor Judy Cornett served as faculty advisor.
- The National Trial Team consisting of 3Ls Paige Bernick, Nicholas Lee, Mikaela Perry, and Anthony Riaford, as well as 2Ls Brandon Pettes and Dani Bryson, represented the UT College of Law at the regional competition in Charlotte, North Carolina.
- Students Yusuf Malik, Aaron Gentry, and TJ Hatter paid their own way to the International Mediation Moot Court Competition in London. Professor Becky Jacobs coached

- the team. They were awarded the 2011 "Outstanding New International Mediation Program," and Gentry was named the event's best mediator.
- Nathan Tilly (2L), Steven Stuart (3L), and Spencer Williams (2L) advanced to the quarterfinal round of twenty-seven teams at the National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition, sponsored by Pace Law School in White Plains, New York. Williams was named best oral advocate in one of the preliminary rounds. Seventy-seven teams entered the competition. Professor Dean Rivkin coached the team.
- The Jessup International Moot Court team, represented by Tayo Atanda, Will Hines, Caitlyn Meyers, and Jeff Simpson, placed fifth overall in the Midwest Super Regional Round. Professor Rob Blitt coached the team.

-Compiled by Kristi Hintz and R.G. Smithson

For more information on moot court at the UT College of Law, visit law.utk.edu/mootcourt.

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In response to the call from the Tennessee Supreme Court to promote access to justice, the College of Law held its first Alternative Spring Break during the week of March 14, 2011. Students provided both legal and nonlegal assistance to traditionally underserved members of the Knoxville and East Tennessee communities.

More than 15 students and local attorneys participated, dedicating in excess of 100 hours to public service. Some students spent multiple days in Legal Aid offices providing trial preparation assistance, while other students drafted research memoranda from their spring break vacation spots.



meals through the Mobile Meals program during Alternative Spring Break. Students and attorneys donated more than 100 hours to public service during the week of March 14.

Kate Tolliver, a UT Law alumna who works as an attorney with Legal Aid of Middle Tennessee and the Cumber-

Serving Those In Need

Law students volunteer with variety of organizations during inaugural Alternative Spring Break

By Tanya G. Brown

lands, said having students helping out ultimately benefitted her clients.

"We are never able to meet the demand for our services," Tolliver said. "Having help that week meant that I was able to take on a couple of extra quick cases, and I was able to help two families that we would have had to turn away otherwise."

Mary Gillum, another attorney at Legal Aid, said the program was a great asset to the organization as a whole.

"Hopefully, it is also a benefit for the law students," Gillum said. "As you can see, we are desperate for assistance."

Several students participated in a general sessions court debt-

or/creditor training class and assisted Legal Aid with client intake on April 20 in general session court. Robert Ingram, a 2010 graduate who participated in the training class, said volunteering also allowed him to learn more about important aspects of the law.

"Attending this session made me more aware of the availability of defenses for clients and will help me represent future clients," Ingram said.

In addition to legal services, students volunteered with Mobile Meals, delivering more than fifty meals to individuals in need during the course of the week. Students attended a training session in the mornings, before making their rounds of deliveries to the elderly as well as underserved families and individuals.

Ashley Rex, who helps coordinate the meal program through Knoxville's Office of Aging, said having a week of volunteers from the UT College of Law made a difference.

"Thank you so much for donating your time and involving your students with the Mobile Meals program," Rex said.

UT FOOTBALL COACH GIVES LESSONS ON LIFE

University of Tennessee football coach Derek Dooley earned his juris doctor from the University of Georgia, but at age 28 he walked away from a promising law career to pursue coaching full time.

Dooley, who spoke to students, faculty, and staff at the College of Law on March 4, discussed Tennessee's football program and gave advice about responsible actions.

Dooley said that while his staff

reads Internet message boards and story comments about the football team, he does not.

"I don't read them, and I never will," he said. "Either you're the greatest thing that ever lived or you're Satan. You have to push your message to the people so they understand you and what you're about. That's really all I can do."

Dooley discussed how he advises players to take responsibility for their actions and encouraged students to do the same.

"When things don't work out, you look in the mirror and take responsibility," he said. "When you start doubting yourself, stick with it. You have to dive into your passion. Don't chase what makes you happy. That's a big mistake I see young people making. No matter what your job or your profession is, it's hard. There's nothing out there that's fulfilling that's easy."

Paying dues still has a place in the world, Dooley said, because it helps people to gain experience and humility.

"Become an expert at the job you're doing in order to get the job you want," he told the audience. "There's no job beneath you. Break the entitlement deal."



Famous Trial Attorney Delivers Orr Lecture

James J. Brosnahan, the attorney who represented the "American Taliban" in the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks, delivered the Wyc and Lyn Orr Distinguished Lecture at the University of Tennessee College of Law on March 22. The March 2009 issue of the ABA Journal featured Brosnahan as one of the "Lions of the Trial Bar." The previous three "Lions" to lecture at Tennessee were James Neal of Nashville, Bobby Lee Cook of Summerville, Georgia, and Fred Bartlit Jr. of Chicago and Denver.

During the past fifty years, Brosnahan has tried more than 140 cases to verdict. He has prosecuted murderers and the secretary of defense, as well as defended the "American Taliban."

During the lecture, Brosnahan discussed the trial of John Walker Lindh, who was captured while fighting in the army in Pakistan and was accused of terrorism. The attorney also outlined ways young lawyers can better their trial practice skills, including watching real trials and sharpening their public speaking abilities.

The Orr lecture series is made possible through the support of the Orrs of Gainesville, Georgia. Wyc Orr, a 1970 UT law alumnus, is a founding partner of the Gainesville firm of Orr Brown Johnson LLP and has been a trial lawyer for almost four decades.

UT Law Performs Well in U.S. News Rankings

The College of Law rose to twenty-seventh on the list of all public universities and fifty-sixth among law schools nationally in the 2012 graduate school rankings of $U.S.\ News$ and $World\ Report.$



The college's clinical training program ranked twelfth in the country and sixth among public universities, jumping six spots. The college was recognized for its legal writing, ranking twenty-second nationally and eighth among public universities. For the first time, the College of Law also was recognized for its diverse student body, ranking twenty-first among all public law programs.

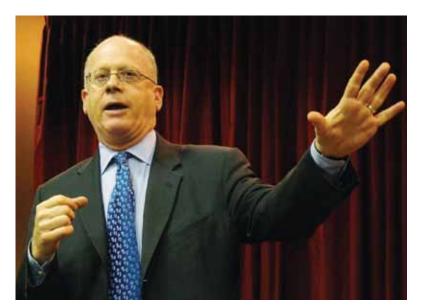
"We are pleased with this recognition of the continued improvement and strength of both our overall law



program and our clinical offerings," said Doug Blaze, dean of the College of Law. "The jump of our clinical programs to twelfth nationally and sixth among public universities showcases the strong connection between legal theory and actual practice at UT Law. This training means that our graduates enter the legal community well prepared."

U.S. News and World Report ranks graduate programs each spring in a variety of academic disciplines from among more than 1,200 public and private colleges and universities.

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Levmore Delivers Coif Lecture at UT Law

Saul Levmore, a distinguished professor and former dean at the University of Chicago Law School, visited the University of Tennessee College of Law on February 21-22. Levmore, this year's Order of the Coif Distinguished Visitor, addressed the legal and campus communities on Monday, February 21.

In "Precedent and Convergence," Levmore

examined why different legal systems so often end up with the same rules, as is true for comparative negligence, contract damages and many other doctrines. The talk also touched on the role of judges and the ways in which associates are promoted to partnerships in law firms.

The Order of the Coif is an honorary scholastic society that encourages excellence in legal education by fostering a spirit of careful study, recognizing those law students who attain a high grade of scholarship and honoring those lawyers, judges and teachers who attain high distinction for their scholarly or professional accomplishments.

MORE ONLINE: A video of Levmore's lecture, as well as a slideshow of photos taken during the event, can be seen at http://law.utk.edu/news/10saul-levmore.shtml.

UT Reports Success in Admission and Employment

In the face of declining employment opportunities for graduates, the college's outcomes remain solid. UT's recent graduate employment survey showed that 90 percent of known Class of 2010 graduates seeking jobs were employed nine months after graduation.

"Our typical employment rate is 95 to 98 percent, but there is nothing typical about the recent legal job market," said Karen Britton, director of admissions, financial aid, and career services. "This is a tribute to the hard work of our students and all those who support their efforts here at the College of Law."

Private practice was the largest sector, with 53 percent of graduates accepting positions with law firms. Other highlights of the survey are available at http://bit.ly/l5qCky or by request to the Bettye B. Lewis Career Center



Bettye B. Lewis Career Center staff Brad Morgan, access to justice and mentoring coordinator; Karen Britton, director of admissions, financial aid, and career services; Kay Brown, career advisor; Joe Christian, employer relations and recruitment coordinator.

As the Class of 2011 graduates, the college prepares to welcome the Class of 2014 in August. Despite a decline in applications to U.S. law schools, acceptances of UT's offers signal another solid class, notable for its profile in both academic predictors and in the diversity of its members.

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11th Annual Blackshear Gala a Success

The UT College of Law raised nearly \$7,000 for the Julian Blackshear Jr., Scholarship Fund at the 11th annual Blackshear Gala on March 5.

The scholarship, named for the college's third African American graduate, helps to recruit and retain outstanding African American students.

Fred Humphries, Jr., vice president of U.S. government affairs for the Microsoft Corporation in Washington, D.C., provided the keynote address for the event.

The College of Law also honored its first African American graduate, R.B.J. Campbelle Jr. with a posthumous award for his exemplary service to equity and justice. The award, which will be known as the R.B.J. Campbelle Award, will be presented annually to an alumnus of the college who personifies the quest for equality and justice.

Campbelle entered the law program a year before the landmark decision in Brown v. Board of Education and graduated in 1956. Nonwhite students made up 26 percent of the College of Law's most recent entering class.

Blackshear Gala sponsors included supporting sponsor Merchant & Gould P.C., as well as table sponsors Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell &



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Wills Clinic Named for East Tennessee Donor

The wills clinic at the College of Law, which gives students real-world experience in trust and estate matters through their work with economically disadvantaged clients in the area, was recently renamed the Homer A. Jones Jr. ACTEC Wills Clinic.

The name change honors a \$150,000 contribution by Jones, a Bristol, Tennessee, native. Jones died in January 2011 at the age of 90. His gift to the UT College of Law was one of his final philanthropic efforts in a lifetime marked by service to his state and community.

Jones received his juris doctor and his undergraduate degree from Washington and Lee University in the early 1940s. He was self-employed in the practice of both law and accounting.

The wills clinic is funded by a grant from the ACTEC Foundation, an organization that promotes scholarship and education in trust, estate, tax, and related areas of the law by supporting scholarship to improve the law and by encouraging teaching, careers, and lifelong learning in the area.

MORE online: To watch a video highlighting the Homer A. Jones Jr. ACTEC Wills Clinic, visit the College of Law's YouTube channel at http://youtu.be/5ht2ltJ45AU.



AUSTIN PURVIS WINS ADVOCACY IDOL COMPETITION

Twenty-four first-year UT law students participated in the Fourth Annual Advocacy Idol competition on March 23.

With the help of their second- and third-year law student coaches, the participants prepared a five-minute opening statement in the first-degree murder case of State of Rockytop v. Roger "Rambo" Matthews.

Panels of judges from various state and federal courts, as well as competition sponsor Michael Galligan, Galligan & Newman, McMinnville, selected the top six advocates: Alicia McMurray, Austin Fleishour, Leandra Varney, Michael Stahl, Nikolas Vaselopulos, and Austin Purvis. Anthony Raiford, Rachel Watson, Chelsey Hadfield, Nicholas Lee, Danielle Greer, and Eric Mauldin coached the six finalists, respectively. After a final round, the en banc panel of nine judges named Austin Purvis the 2011 Advocacy Idol. Nikolas Vaselopulos placed second, and Michael Stahl finished third.

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2010 Report on Giving

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