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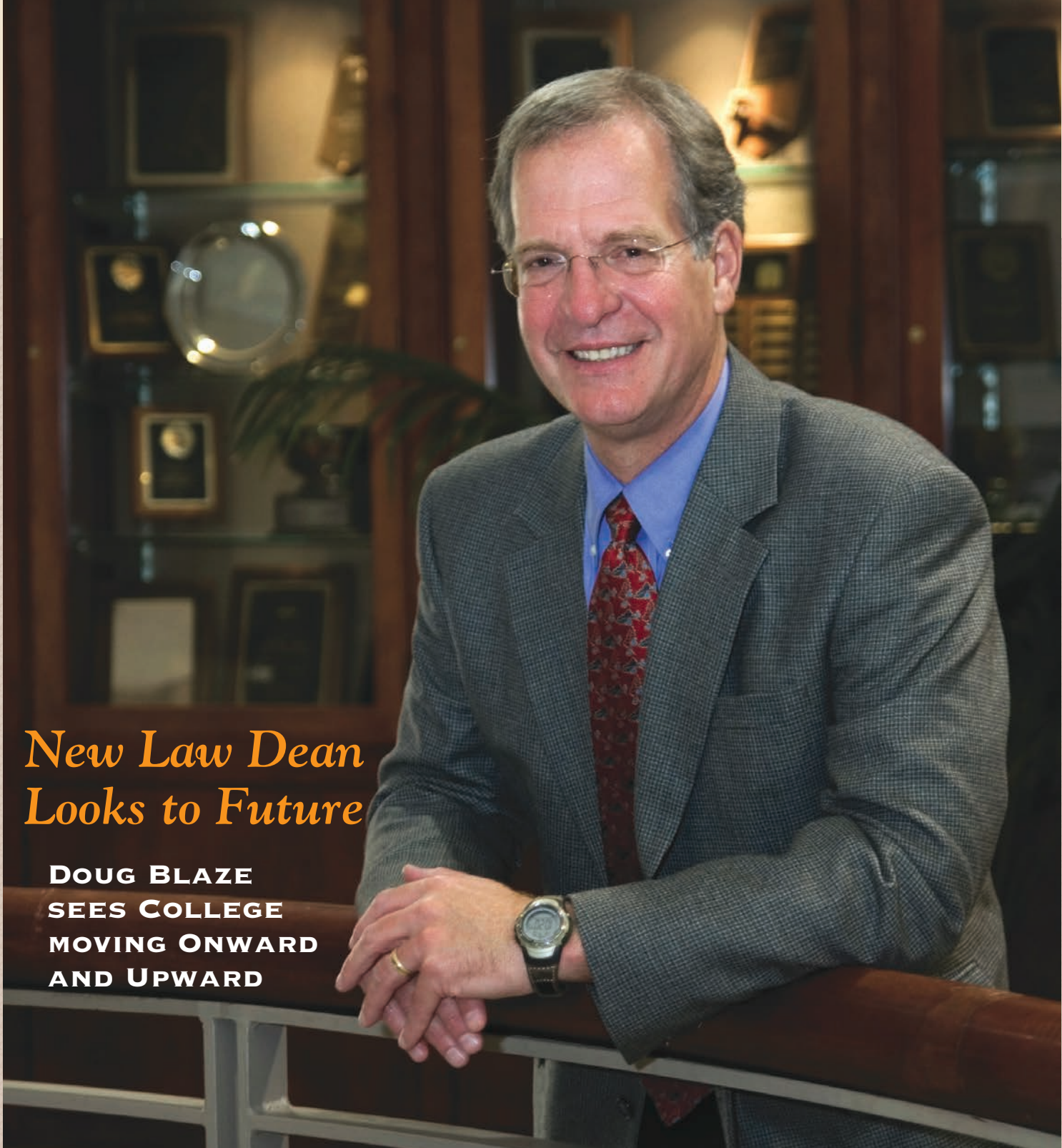
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AND UPWARD**

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This is my last message to you as Interim Dean as Doug Blaze officially became the law school's Dean August 1, 2008. When I became Interim Dean, Doug volunteered to do anything I asked. I took Doug up on his offer, and for the past two years he has served as Interim Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. He has done an outstanding job as Associate Dean and I have every confidence that he will be an equally outstanding Dean.



the other in advocacy and dispute resolution, which now are being imitated in law schools throughout the country. The College of Law also was one of the first law schools in the United States to hire a full time tenure-track Director of Legal Writing to develop a comprehensive legal writing program.

These curricular initiatives were adopted so that law students graduating from the University of Tennessee

The College of Law continues to enjoy an excellent national reputation. U.S. News consistently has ranked the College among the top 30 public law schools. Over the course of the past two years, the College has moved from 60th to 52nd among all accredited law schools, both public and private. The College's clinical program currently is ranked 16th in the nation, making it the highest ranked clinical program in the southeast, ahead of Duke, Vanderbilt, Texas, Georgia, and the University of North Carolina.

The faculty's scholarship has drawn national attention. Today, legal scholarship is disseminated worldwide through electronic networks like the Social Science Research Network. Measured in terms of the number of downloads from the Social Science Research Network over the last twelve months, the College ranks 2nd in the number of downloads per paper and 20th in total downloads. The total downloads ranking places UT just behind the University of Michigan and ahead of Southern California, Northwestern, and Virginia, to name just a few.

The College of Law continues to be an innovator in legal education. As most of you know, historically law schools throughout the United States, including the most prestigious and selective, have focused almost exclusively on one skill, namely, the skill of legal analysis or "thinking like a lawyer." Absent from this traditional approach to legal education is any meaningful emphasis on those other lawyering skills and professional values critical to the competent practice of law.

Over sixty years ago, the College of Law established its Legal Clinic, which today is the oldest continuously operated legal clinic in the United States. Likewise, more than a decade ago, the College established two curricular concentrations, one in business law and

possess not only the skill of thinking like a lawyer, but also those other skills and knowledge that are critical to the competent and ethical practice of law. These include problem solving, researching and writing, interviewing, investigating, counseling, negotiating, advocating, planning, drafting, and the ability to recognize and resolve ethical dilemmas.

Imparting these skills requires a more individualized legal education, so that each and every student is afforded the opportunity to perform a lawyering task, have that performance individually critiqued, and then perform the task again. It requires students to demonstrate competence beyond the ability to perform well on written examinations. It requires a core of full-time faculty members not only with distinguished academic records, but also experience in practice. And it also requires reliance on a significant number of adjunct faculty, who have developed an expertise in practice which they are willing to share with the students.

Your financial support will be critical for the College of Law to maintain its leadership role as an innovator in legal education. As many of you are aware, the financial difficulties facing the state of Tennessee resulted in a 5.7% reduction in base funding for the University of Tennessee Knoxville. Academic units, including the College of Law, were required to reduce their base budgets on average by 2%. In the law school's case, that meant a reduction of approximately \$175,000. Although there has been a reduction in the College's base budget, the cost of a legal education continues to rise. This past year, Tennessee residents paid \$11,502 in tuition and fees for the fall and spring semesters. Nonresidents paid \$27,762. Tuition and fees will be even higher still this coming academic year -- \$12,084 for residents and \$29,304 for nonresidents.

This past April, the University of Tennessee publicly announced the Campaign for Tennessee, an ambitious billion dollar capital campaign. The College of Law's part of that overall goal is \$15 million, although the needs of the law school are far greater than that. Currently, the College is about halfway toward its goal.

The campaign priorities for the College of Law are faculty support, student support, program support, and support for the law library. The capital campaign extends through December 31, 2011. Anyone who makes a gift or pledge (which may be paid over a five-year period) before then will have that gift counted as part of the \$15 million law school goal.

Current gifts are vitally important because they benefit the law school immediately. But planned giving also is a major part of the current campaign. For many of you, establishing a charitable remainder trust with the College of Law as the beneficiary or making a bequest to the College of Law as part of your estate plan may best suit your circumstances. As long as the law school receives the necessary documentation from you, your planned gifts also count toward the law school's campaign goal.

Gifts made to create an endowment benefit the law school for all time and increase in value over time. Endowment funds are invested by the University. In general, the College of Law receives 5% on the principal amount of the endowment to support the specific purpose for which the endowment was created. Any earnings in excess of the 5% are reinvested. For example, if someone establishes a million dollar endowment, the College receives \$50,000 in currently spendable funds the first year after the endowment is established. If the return on investment is greater, say 10%, the additional \$50,000 is added to the principal creating an endowment of \$1,050,000, which in turn will result in \$52,500 (5% x \$1,050,000) in spendable funds the following year. The minimum amount required to establish an endowment is \$25,000.

Obviously, not everyone has the financial resources to create an endowment, but everyone can help. In addition to endowments, the law school needs funds that can be used wherever the need is greatest. To that end, this past year, the law school established the Tennessee Law Fund. Any unrestricted contribution -- whatever the amount -- is deposited in the Law Fund. And everyone who contributes \$1,000 or more

by the end of this calendar year will be recognized as a Founding Partner of the Tennessee Law Fund. The goal is 100 Founding Partners. I'm pleased to report that there are over 50 Founding Partners already. To highlight the importance of annual unrestricted giving, 100 Founding Partners will provide the College with as much income as it would receive on a \$2 million dollar endowment. That is why I said earlier that everyone can help and help in a very significant way. Because annual unrestricted giving is so important, the College of Law has hired a Development Associate who will be in charge of soliciting donors for annual unrestricted gifts as well as in charge of developing recognition programs and events to increase awareness of the annual fund and its importance.

In his last message to you as Dean, Tom Galligan highlighted the importance of your financial support to the College of Law. "Your financial support of the University of Tennessee College of Law," Tom wrote, "helps us to operate at the core of what we do -- pursue and share knowledge through our teaching, scholarship, and service. . . . Your support is . . . critical Your support has moved from making us better at the margin to allowing us to function at our core." What Tom said three years ago is equally true today.

I would like to conclude on a personal note. Over the last two years, I have enjoyed the support of the faculty, staff, students, and you, graduates and friends of the College of Law. My thanks to all of you for everything you have done to make my two years as Interim Dean one of the most memorable experiences in my thirty-six years at the law school.

I also want to extend a very special thanks to one group in particular. For the past thirteen years I have been a part of the dean's office, eleven years as Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and the last two years as Interim Dean. During most of that time, I have been privileged to work on a daily basis with LaVaun Browder, Mary Ann James, and Anita Monroe. They guided me, inspired me, encouraged me, comforted me, and kept me on the right path. I could not have done my job, especially as Interim Dean, without them. I will miss many things when I leave the deanship, but most of all I will miss LaVaun, Mary Ann, and Anita very, very much.



DOUG BLAZE TAKES HELM AUGUST 1

LONGTIME FACULTY MEMBER, DIRECTOR, AND ASSOCIATE DEAN WILL GUIDE COLLEGE

New Dean Doug Blaze has been a member of the UT College of Law faculty long enough to recognize and appreciate the college's strengths, and he hopes to work with faculty, staff, students and alumni to build upon those strengths in the future.

After two years as the Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Prof. Blaze became Dean Aug. 1. He replaces Interim Dean and former Associate Dean and longtime faculty member John Sobieski, who has guided the College admirably during the search for a new permanent dean.

"This really is an exceptional law school," said Blaze, a member of the faculty since 1993. "We have committed and talented faculty that are some of the best teachers in the country and the most creative scholars. We have incredibly talented and bright students who come from diverse backgrounds and many undergraduate schools across the country. Our staff is fantastic. We all come together with a common mission."

Blaze, who joined the faculty as Director of Clinical Programs and served in that capacity until becoming Associate Dean two years ago, says the College's strength is creatively connecting theory and practice through traditional classroom experiences and innovative curricular offerings, like the College's broad range of clinical offerings and the curricular concentrations in business, advocacy and dispute resolution.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to help guide a very, very good law school to become even better," he said.



"This is an important time for the University, and I look forward to the law school playing a key role, as it has in the past."

Blaze said the College will continue to be on the cutting edge of legal education. "We have always been at the forefront in our ability to successfully train students to be excellent and ethical practicing lawyers," he said. "We were committed to that goal long before other schools. But everyone is trying to catch up, and we want to stay ahead by building on our strengths."

The plan, Blaze said, is to continue to hire the best faculty, recruit the brightest and most diverse group of students, and stay involved with the bench and bar through service.

Blaze plans to stay close to students by continuing to teach. "I may take a semester break to get my feet wet as Dean, but after that I want to keep teaching because what drives all of us is the opportunity to work with students and help them develop into future generations of lawyers.

"We want to produce lawyers who will go out and make important contributions to society in whatever career path they choose, whether it is a law

firm, political work, or public interest work."

And the new Dean is looking to alumni to help move the College forward.

"Our alumni contribute in many different and important ways," Blaze said. "We have a significant number of alumni who are adjunct faculty, not just from Knoxville but from Nashville, Chattanooga and other areas. They help us more effectively teach our students and provide advice and direction. Our alumni employ our students during law school and after graduation. And our alumni can and do provide financial support which is absolutely essential to the continued success of the College of Law."

The new Dean has already been on the road meeting alumni and friends of the College and will continue to do so.

"This is an important time for the University, and I look forward to the law school playing a key role, as it has in the past," Blaze said.

In April the University of Tennessee publicly announced the Campaign for Tennessee, which will continue through 2011. The campaign will encourage alumni and friends to invest in the worthy students, faculty, and programs at the University of Tennessee Col-

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lege of Law. Highlighted over the next two pages are College of Law philanthropic leaders who have given generously during the early part of the Campaign for Tennessee and who hope to inspire others to follow their example.

E.H. (Buddy) and Lisa Avery

Buddy and Lisa Avery are long-time supporters of the UT College of Law. Buddy received a bachelor's degree from UT in 1967 and a JD in 1970. Their campaign gift continues to support the Judge L. Kirby Matherne Scholarship Endowment, which they established in 1994. Currently, Buddy is the Executive Vice President of Operations at Taylor & Mathis, a real estate company with offices in Atlanta and Florida.



Kramer Rayson L.L.P.

Kramer Rayson LLP is a Knoxville-based firm established in 1948 with an office also in Oak Ridge. Most of the firm's practice involves representation in **KRAMER RAYSON LLP** —ATTORNEYS AT LAW— all business matters, both litigation and transactions. The firm's campaign gift established the Kramer Rayson LLP Scholarship.

Thomas and Deborah Lauria

Tom graduated from UT with a Bachelor of Arts in 1982. He went on to study law and graduated with honors from the UT College of Law in 1986. Currently, Tom works with White & Case LLP as a partner and chairman of the firm's Global Financial Restructuring and Insolvency Group. The Laurias have established the Thomas E. and Deborah F. Lauria Scholarship for an out-of-state student. They also continue to support the Elvin E. Overton Law Professorship.



Roy Campbell

Roy Timothy Campbell, Jr., Esq. is a 1950 graduate of the UT College of Law. Since his graduation, Roy has established the Roy T. Campbell Jr. Trust for the benefit of the law school. Funds are to be used at the discretion of the law school at the time of the gift. Roy now practices family law with Campbell & Hopper in Newport, Tenn.

James Cunningham

James Cunningham was a 1947 graduate of the UT College of Law. Mr. Cunningham, who retired after a lengthy career with Procter & Gamble, died in 2005. He supported the UT College of Law for many years through the James R. & Nell W. Cunningham Award presented annually to an upper-class student for the best scholarly writing based on legal research, topic of importance to the legal community, and quality of writing that is worthy of publishing.

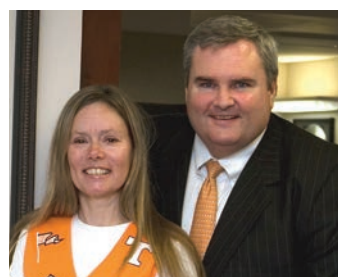
BMC Group

The BMC Group was founded in 1998 and has since been dedicated to information management support services for the legal, financial, corporate and medical industries worldwide.



The group's campaign gift provides funds for a visiting professor in the Clayton Center for Entrepreneurial Law through the Visiting Scholar Program.

Malinda and George T. (Buck) Lewis III



In 1976, Buck Lewis graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from UT. He went on to receive his JD/MBA from the university in 1980. Buck is a shareholder in the Memphis office of Baker Donelson, the chair of the firm's Appellate Practice litigation group, and is the current TBA President. Buck and Malinda Lewis support the College of Law annually and also included the college in their estate plans honoring Buck's parents, Mrs. George T. Lewis and George T. Lewis, II.

A.B. Long Jr.

A.B. Long III and Mrs. A.B. Long Jr. established a scholarship in memory of his father and her husband, A.B. Long, Jr., who graduated from UT College of Law in 1943. The A. B. Long, Jr. Esq. Law Scholarship is awarded to a student who demonstrates successful academic performance.

E. Wycliffe and Lyn H. Orr Sr.

Wyc graduated from the UT College of Law in 1970 with honors. He currently works as an attorney in Gainesville, Georgia, with Orr Brown Johnson LLP. Wyc and Lyn have established the E Wycliffe Orr Sr. & Lyn H Orr Clinical & Individual Rights Excellence Endowment. The endowment funds guest speakers and visiting lecturers, awards to faculty for outstanding research, and supports clinical programs.



Rick Rose



Rick Rose graduated from the UT College of Law in 1974. Currently, Rick is the President and Managing Director of Coats, Rose, Yale, Ryman & Lee PC in Houston, Texas, practicing real estate law. Rick's campaign gift established the Richard L. Rose Dean's Fund, which allows the dean to provide funding for the programs in greatest need.

Al Separk

W. Allen Separk graduated from the UT College of Law in 1969. Since graduation, Al has established the W. Allen Separk Professorship and Faculty Award and has been a steadfast supporter of the College. Currently, Al practices estate and trust law in Marietta, Georgia.



Art Stolnitz



Art Stolnitz graduated from the UT College of Law in 1952. Art, who died in 2007, was an entertainment executive at Time Warner, Inc. in Burbank, California. Art supported the College through the establishment of a professorship, scholarship, and Dean's Fund. The Art Stolnitz Scholarship is awarded annually to an out-of-state student.

Jerry Summers

Jerry Summers is a 1966 graduate from the UT College of Law. Jerry formed the firm Summers & Wyatt, P.C. Jerry's campaign gift established the Summers & Wyatt Trial Advocacy Endowment. The Summers & Wyatt Trial Advocacy Endowment awards a scholarship to a third-year law student in the advocacy program. The scholarship rotates between a student interested in civil plaintiff's work and criminal defense work. Additional funds from this endowment fund a symposium on topics such as "Trial by Jury in Civil Actions."



Wyatt Tarrant & Combs, LLP

Dating back to the early 1800s, Wyatt Tarrant & Combs, LLP is a well-established national firm. With offices in Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, Indiana and Colorado, Wyatt Tarrant has over 200 attorneys. The firm's practice areas include all aspects of business and litigation. The firm established the Wyatt Tarrant & Combs, LLP Scholarship.

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Justice Gary Wade

Gary Wade is a 1973 graduate of the UT College of Law. Justice Wade currently serves on the Tennessee Supreme Court. The Justice Gary Wade Scholarship is awarded to a current or admitted student who is a Tennessee resident demonstrating financial need and a strong interest in public service.



Woolf, McClane, Bright, Allen & Carpenter, PLLC

Woolf, McClane, Bright, Allen & Carpenter, PLLC is a Knoxville-based law firm focused on service. The firm has a wide range of practice areas covering all aspects of the law. The firm is very active in the community and is supportive of UT College of Law through the creation of the Woolf, McClane, Bright, Allen & Carpenter Professorship. The professorship is awarded to an outstanding professor teaching in the Clayton Center for Entrepreneurial Law.

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FACULTY NOTES

Prof. **Dwight Aarons'** article, "The Abolitionist's Dilemma: Establishing the Standards for the Evolving Standards of Decency," was published in the *Pierce Law Review*.

Prof. **Ben Barton's** article entitled "Is There a Correlation Between Law Professor Publication Counts, Law Review Citation Counts, and Teaching Evaluations? An Empirical Study" has been accepted for publication by the *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies* (JELS). Prof. Barton's *Michigan Law Review* article entitled "Harry Potter and the Half-Crazed Bureaucracy" was quoted in the *Time Magazine* Person of the Year issue.

Over winter break, Prof. **Robert Blitt** served as commentator and moderator for two separate human rights panels at the American Association of Law Schools (AALS) annual conference in New York City. At the same conference, Blitt was elected chair of the AALS Section on International Human Rights for 2008-2009. Prof. Blitt traveled to New York to represent the American Bar Association at a meeting for non-governmental organizations chaired by H.E. Dr. Srgjan Kerim, President of the United Nations General Assembly.

Profs. **Carol Parker, Becky Jacobs,** and **Judy Cornett** presented a panel on "Ethics and Professionalism in Legal Writing: Blawgs, Briefs, and Professional Identity" at the Thirteenth Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute in Indianapolis in July.

Over spring break, Profs. **Dwight Aarons, Jennifer Hendricks, Mae Quinn,** and **Paula Williams** participated in and gave talks at the 2008 Society of American Law Teachers' Teaching for Social Change Conference.

Justice Anthony Scalia discussed several aspects of Prof. **Tom Davies'** 1999 *Michigan Law Review* article, "Recovering the Original Fourth Amendment," in the recent decision in *Moore v. Virginia*, an arrest case. An article by Prof. Davies was the lead article in a Fourth Amendment Symposium Issue of the *Mississippi Law Journal*, an issue that is widely distributed to legal academics and

PROF. JERRY BLACK HONORED FOR PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

Prof. Jerry Black was honored in November 2007 with the B. Rex McGee Award for the Pursuit of Legal Excellence at the Eighth Annual Awards Luncheon hosted by members of the Knox County bench and bar.

The award is given to a member of the legal profession who exemplifies the traits of the late Rex McGee, including maintaining excellence in legal scholarship, practicing the profession with civility, devoting time to mentoring young lawyers, and maintaining respect and empathy for individuals brought within the justice system.

Prof. Black has worked in the public interest all of his legal career. He was a staff attorney with Legal Services of Nashville, Director of Clinical Programs and Administrator of Clinical Programs at Vanderbilt University, and Executive Director of the Knoxville Legal Aid Society.

Prof. Black was Director of the UT Legal Clinic from 1981-86 and Acting Director during 1990-91, the spring of 1993, and the fall of 2002. He was also Interim Director during 2006 and 2007. He remains a member of the clinic faculty.

Prof. Black was honored in August 2003 by the Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers for "his lifetime contribution to teaching the goals, aspirations, and principles of quality criminal defense to his students, peers, and friends at TACDL." He also received the Richard S. Jacobson Award for Excellence in Teaching Trial Advocacy from the Roscoe Pound Institute in 2002.



state appellate judges.

Prof. **Iris Goodwin's** article "Ask Not What Your Charity Can Do for You" will be published in the *University of Arizona Law Review*. Prof. Goodwin attended the Holberg Seminar at NYU Law School to honor Ronald Dworkin, the 2007 laureate of the Holberg Prize.

Prof. **Joan Heminway** participated in a continuing legal education program sponsored by the Tennessee Bar Association in April entitled "Drafting Boilerplate." Prof. Heminway and 3L **Leslie Morrow** spoke on a panel for a Continuing Legal Education program sponsored by the Knoxville Bar Association in March. Prof. Heminway also

was cited in a Reuters News Service article entitled "Sarbanes-Oxley Rules Get Reprieve in Subprime Mess."

The *Virginia Law Review In Brief* has just published Prof. **Jeff Hirsch's** essay, "Rent-to-Own Unionism?," which was a response to Prof. Matt Bodie's article, "Information and the Market for Union Representation." Prof. Hirsch's essay "Taking States Out Of The Workplace" was published in *The Yale Law Journal Pocket Part*. The essay questions the efficacy of permitting state regulation of the workplace and concludes that exclusive federal authority is warranted because the current federalist system of workplace regulations is overly fragmented and complex.

Mastering Bankruptcy, by Prof. **George Kuney**, has been published by Carolina Academic Press. Prof. Kuney's most recent article on Successor Liability, "Successor Liability in Michigan," has been published in the March issue of the *Michigan Bar Journal*.

Prof. **Don Leatherman** submitted an article to be placed in the December issue of *TAXES* about asymmetric transactions, following up the presentation he made at the University of Chicago Federal Tax Institute in November. In addition, Prof. Leatherman's article "The Proposed Unified Loss Disallowance Rules" was published in *Tax Strategies for Corporate Acquisitions, Dispositions, Spin-Offs, Joint Ventures, Financings, Reorganizations and Restructurings 2007* (Practicing Law Institute 2007).

Prof. **Alex Long's** article "Retaliatory Discharge and the Ethical Rules Governing Attorneys" will be published in an upcoming issue of the *University of Colorado Law Review*.

Prof. **Tom Plank** has been selected for nomination as Vice Chairman of the Secured Transactions Subcommittee of the Uniform Commercial Code Committee of the ABA Business Law Section to serve a three-year term beginning in August 2008. Prof. Plank has been selected to present his proposed article, "The Mortgage Market, Securitization and The Bankruptcy Code: A Proposal For Reform," at the Joint Program of the Section on Creditors' and Debtors' Rights and the Section on Real Estate Transactions, "Real Estate Transactions In Troubled Times," at the January 2009 annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools.

Prof. **Glenn Reynolds** has written a chapter entitled "Rethinking Privacy" for a book entitled *Rebooting Democracy: Reforms for the 21st Century*, to be published by the Personal Democracy Forum. In addition, he will be writing about the Supreme Court's decision in *Heller v. District of Columbia* for a special symposium edition of the *Ohio State Law Journal*. Prof. Reynolds and Brannon Denning (UT Class of 1995) of Cumberland School of Law were the featured speakers at "The Right to Bear Arms: A Second Amendment Forum," sponsored by the Howard H. Baker, Jr. Center for Public Policy April

PENNY WHITE '81 NAMED ADVOCACY CENTER DIRECTOR

Prof. Penny White has been named Director of the College's Center for Advocacy and Dispute Resolution after serving as Interim Director.



Before joining the faculty at the UT College of Law in 2000, Prof. White served as a judge in all courts of record in the state of Tennessee. As a circuit judge, Prof. White presided over civil and criminal jury trials in Tennessee's First Judicial District. Thereafter, as a member of the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals, White heard and decided hundreds of cases involving state and federal constitutional law issues and state criminal law issues. As the youngest member of the Tennessee Supreme Court, Prof. White participated in several decisions that have impacted Tennessee law, including decisions involving class actions, rights of tort victims, and capital punishment.

Since leaving the bench, Prof. White has authored benchbooks for Tennessee Circuit, General Sessions, and Municipal Court Judges; has taught judicial education programs in 38 states; and has spoken and written frequently on the topic of judicial independence. She has served as a member of the faculty at the National Judicial College for 15 years where she teaches courses for judges on the subjects of evidence, criminal procedure, and judicial ethics. Prof. White recently completed a one-year term as Chair of the Faculty Council at the National Judicial College.

In addition, Prof. White has served as one of the faculty on the College's Capital Punishment Improvement Initiative, a project that provides training and education to trial judges on the trial of capital cases. Prof. White is also authoring portions of a Capital Improvement Initiative Manual, which will be used by judges all across the country who try capital cases.

Before taking the bench in 1990, White practiced law in state and federal court, successfully arguing a case, as a solo practitioner, in the United States Supreme Court in 1988.

Prof. White taught at four other law schools before joining the UT faculty, serving as Director of the Virginia Capital Case Clearinghouse while teaching at Washington and Lee College of Law, holding the William J. Maier, Jr. Chair of Law at West Virginia, teaching at Denver University College of Law, and teaching as a visitor at the University of North Carolina School of Law. Her work has been published in numerous law reviews and legal publications.

3. Also included on the discussion panel were UT Law Profs. **Otis Stephens** and **Dwight Aarons** and Professor Dorothy Bowles from the UT School of Journalism and Electronic Media.

Prof. **Dean Rivkin** organized a panel and spoke at UT's Conference on "Energy & Responsibility: A Conference on Ethics and the Environment." Prof. **Becky Jacobs** and 2L **Corrine Martin** were members

of the Conference planning committee. Prof. Rivkin and **Barbara Dyer**, representing the College's CAN-LEARN Project, did an afternoon presentation on special education advocacy to a group of approximately 35 lawyers and advocates at Vanderbilt University's Kennedy Center on Developmental Disabilities in January.

The *ICFAI Journal of Banking Law*, published by the Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts in Hyderabad, India, has invited Prof. **Greg Stein** to republish one of his articles about Chinese real estate law. The article, "Mortgage Law in China: Comparing Theory and Practice," which recently appeared in the *Missouri Law Review*, will be published in an upcoming issue of the Indian journal. Prof. Stein's Op-Ed article, "Note from the Dean: Send after U.S. News Rankings are Published," appeared in The Chicago Tribune in April.

Profs. **Otis Stephens** and **Dean Rivkin** made presentations to the KBA Lunch & Learn CLE series in November. The topic was "First Thing We Do Is Kill All the Lawyers: The Ethical Duty of Attorneys to Deal With Difficult Cases, Causes, & Clients."

Prof. **Maurice E. Stucke** presented his most recent article at the 8th Annual Loyola Antitrust Colloquium in Chicago. His article, "Should the Government Prosecute Monopolies?," will be published in the *University of Illinois Law Review* in March 2009. Prof. Stucke also participated in a competition policy symposium in London, which included panelists from academia, competition authorities, and antitrust attorneys.

Prof. **Penny J. White** lectured on the topic of "Judges and the Politics of Death" at Yale Law School in March. Prof. White also gave two presentations at Harvard Law School in April. The first presentation was entitled "Introduction to Contemporary Issues in Judicial Election" and focused on White's research regarding special interests groups' involvement in judicial elections. The second presentation focused on the issue of fairness in capital cases in states with an elected judiciary.

PROF. STUCKE RECOGNIZED FOR ANTITRUST SCHOLARSHIP

Prof. Maurice Stucke is the recipient of the Jerry S. Cohen Award for the best antitrust article in 2007. His article, "Behavioral Economists at the Gate: Antitrust in the 21st Century," was published in the *Loyola of Chicago University Law Journal*.

The Jerry S. Cohen Award for Antitrust Scholarship was created through a trust established in honor of the late Jerry S. Cohen, an outstanding trial lawyer and antitrust writer. It is administered by his former law firm, Cohen Milstein Hausfeld and Toll.

Prof. Stucke brought 13 years of litigation experience when he joined the UT College of Law faculty in 2007. As a trial attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, he successfully challenged anticompetitive mergers and restraints in numerous industries, and focused on policy issues involving antitrust and the media. As a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, he prosecuted a variety of felony and misdemeanor offenses, including running a weekly docket before the Honorable Thomas Rawles Jones, Jr.

As an associate at Sullivan & Cromwell, Prof. Stucke assisted in defending Goldman Sachs, CS First Boston, and Microsoft in civil antitrust litigation, and he was presented two awards by The Legal Aid Society for his criminal appellate and defense work.

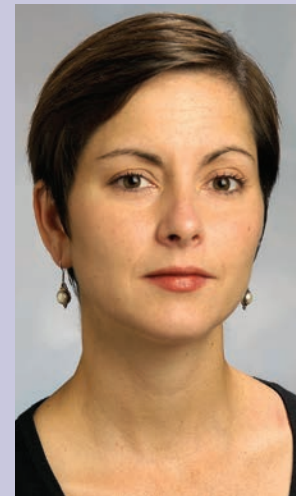


PROF. QUINN HONORED BY UT AS WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT

Prof. Mae Quinn was the recipient of the UT Women of Achievement Award announced at the Chancellors Awards banquet in April.

Prof. Quinn joined the law faculty in 2005 after practicing for six years as a New York City public defender. Her research focuses on women's legal history, specifically Judge Anna Moscovitz Kross, a central figure in the controversy over specialized courts focusing on women's issues.

In addition, Prof. Quinn's accomplishments as a clinical law professor, her participation in the UT Association of Women's Faculty, and her service leading a group of students to provide legal assistance to hurricane-ravaged New Orleans made her worthy of the award.



NEW FACULTY

Karla McKanders

Prof. McKanders comes to Tennessee from the Villanova University School of Law, where she was a Reuschlein Clinical Teaching Fellow in the Clinic for Asylum, Refugee and Emigrant Services. She will be teaching in the Advocacy Clinic at Tennessee.

Prof. McKanders was awarded a Juris Doctorate degree from Duke University School of Law in 2003. She received a B.A. with Honors from Spelman College in 2000. Following law school, she was an associate in the law firm Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, PLC in Detroit, Michigan. Prof. McKanders then clerked for the Honorable Damon J. Keith of the United States Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Prof. McKanders' research and teaching interests focus on human and civil rights, racial identity, and immigration and asylum law and policy. Her most recent article, "Welcome to Hazleton! 'Illegal' Immigrants Beware: Local Immigration Ordinances and What the Federal Government Must Do About It," was published in the *Loyola of Chicago University Law Journal*. Currently, Prof. McKanders is working on her next piece, "Jim Crow Blacks and Illegal Alien Browns: Historical and Current De Jure Segregation and the 'American' Experience."



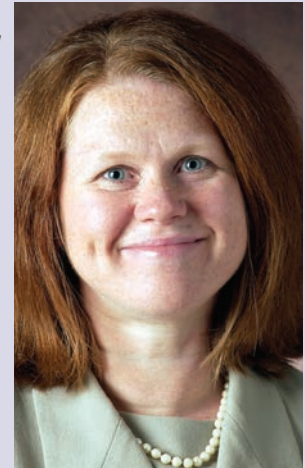
Paula Schaefer

Prof. Paula Schaefer comes to the UT College of Law from the University of Central Missouri, where she was an Assistant Professor of Business Law since 2004.

Prof. Schaefer practiced in the area of commercial litigation for seven years in the Kansas City, Missouri, offices of Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP (1997-2002) and Bryan Cave LLP (2002-2004). Her litigation practice included contract disputes, commercial lending matters, business fraud litigation, qui tam actions, fiduciary liability cases, partnership and other disputes among business owners, and commercial real estate litigation. She also represented business clients in federal and state appellate courts.

In 2004, Prof. Schaefer joined the business school faculty at the University of Central Missouri where she taught undergraduate and graduate business law courses. Her publications explore the topics of attorney ethics, fiduciary duty, and professional liability for the business lawyer.

Prof. Schaefer is a 1996 graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia, where she was a member of Order of the Coif and an editor for the *Missouri Law Review*. After graduation she served as law clerk to the Honorable Ann K. Covington of the Missouri Supreme Court.



UT COLLEGE OF LAW UPDATES WEB SITE

The College of Law's web site, www.law.utk.edu, took on a new look this summer as the College launched the first major revision to its web site.

Alumni, students, prospective students, and faculty increasingly look to the web as a primary vehicle for information. The University of Tennessee's initiative to update and polish its web presence has expanded to the academic units, with Law among the first of the colleges to coordinate its site with the University's branding campaign.

The main page of the site features rotating profiles and photographs of alumni, students, and faculty. The College needs interesting stories featuring our alumni for this purpose and others, so be sure to include the College of Law when articles or press releases feature you or your alumni colleagues.

If you like the web site or have ideas for its continued improvement, please let us know by contacting Karen Britton (britton@law.utk.edu) or R.G. Smithson (rsmithso@utk.edu).

A FAMILY LEGACY

THREE GENERATIONS ENJOY UT LAW EXPERIENCE

Tradition is a big part of the University of Tennessee, especially at the College of Law, which has a 118-year history of producing some of the state's most successful attorneys and engaged citizens. It has also been the law school of choice for generations of families here in Tennessee. Part of that family tree began in 1946 when Claude Galbreath of Greeneville, Tenn., enrolled at the University of Tennessee College of Law.

At the time, Ms. Galbreath was one of only four women enrolled in the College of Law, where the student body was almost entirely white males. She recalls her law school experience fondly. In those days law school was just two years in length. During her time at law school not only did she learn about the practice of law, but she also met her husband of 60 years, Howard Swafford.

In 1948 Howard and Claude married, she took the bar exam, and they returned to Howard's hometown of South Pittsburg where they would practice law and raise a family together. Howard and Claude would have two children, Claudia and Graham, both of whom would follow in their parent's footsteps and enjoy bright futures in the practice of law.



Matriarch Claude Galbreath Swafford with daughter Claudia Swafford Haltom (left) and granddaughter Shelton Swafford (right).



Claudia also attended UT as an undergraduate, receiving a degree in Journalism in 1977. After graduating from law school in 1980 Claudia got her first taste of the judicial system while serving as a law clerk to Judge Charles Nearn of the Tennessee Court of Appeals. This was just the beginning of her public service career. Claudia married Bill Haltom ('78) in 1982 and they have raised three exceptionally bright children of their own. Currently, Judge Haltom serves as a judicial referee under Judge Person in the Shelby County Juvenile Court in Memphis.

In 2006 the latest in the family legacy came to UT Law. Shelton Swafford, daughter of Graham, decided she wanted to follow the family legacy in

law after spending time practicing as a staff accountant for two years with Joseph Decosimo and Company in Chattanooga. Shelton had previously earned a B.S. in accounting from UT in 2004.

Shelton, a Baker Scholar, is currently treasurer for the Law Women's Society, vice president of the Business and Tax Law Association, and is a published member of *Transactions: Tennessee Journal of Business Law*. Shelton's experience at UT Law has laid a foundation that will surely help her to follow in the footsteps of her family's fine legal tradition. Shelton is entering into her final year at the UT College of Law and has tentative plans to practice in the area of estate planning.

CLASS NOTES

CLASS OF 2007

MICHELLE R. CHAMPION, formerly Michelle C. Glass, has joined the Chattanooga office of Husch Blackwell Sanders, LLC. Michelle works in the Business Litigation and Corporate Insolvency practice groups.

ELLIS LORD has joined the Litigation Department of the Chattanooga office of Miller & Martin. Prior to law school, Ellis received a B.S., magna cum laude, in Business Administration and a Master of Accountancy with a taxation emphasis, both from the University of Tennessee. While in college, Ellis was a senator with the Student Government Association and Assistant Drum Major of the Pride of the Southland Marching Band.

SONYA MADISON has joined the Chattanooga office of Miller & Martin and plans to split her time between the Labor & Employment Department and the Litigation Department. In law school, Sonya was a member of the Frederick Douglass Moot Court Team, a member of the Moot Court Board, the Student Bar Association, and the Coordinator of the Julian Blackshear Scholarship Banquet.

KELLY RANDALL has joined the law firm King & Ballou in Nashville. She will be focusing on entertainment law, intellectual property, and entertainment and copyright litigation. Before attending law school, Kelly worked for several years in the Nashville music industry.

CLASS OF 2006

DAMON GUNNELS has accepted a position as an associate in the Atlanta office of Smith Currie & Hancock, LLP. Damon will be practicing in the areas of construction law, surety law and federal procurement.

BETSEY KIRK HATCHETT and STEPHEN M. HATCHETT, both members of the Class of 2006, were married Sept. 22, 2007. The couple resides in Chattanooga. Betsey is an associate with the Chattanooga-Hamilton Place office of Husch Blackwell Sanders LLP, formerly Husch & Eppenberger, LLC, and practices in the Corporate and Land Use Development & Financing practice

DECEASED

WILLIAM E. BOWMAN, JR. '59
LON VERNON BOYD '57
MACK H. CHERRY '72
W. FRANK CRAWFORD '50
DAVID GLEN DAKE '76
CHARLES GORDON '74
FRANKLIN D. HALL '58
HAROLD G. JEFFERS '53

FRED GRAY MUSICK '53
JOE PAGE PECK, SR. '50
WILLIAM C. SKAGGS, JR. '48
NORBERT JOEL SLOVIS '55
RICHARD L. SMITH '52
JOE ALEXANDER TILSON '58
VIVIAN E. WARNER '78

groups. Stephen is an Assistant District Attorney General with the Bradley County office of the 10th Judicial District.

CLASS OF 2005

REAGAN TAYLOR has been appointed as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia. Reagan recently completed the Presidential Management Fellows program with the Drug Enforcement Administration, where she completed rotations with the U.S. Attorney's Office, Senator Joseph Biden on the Senate Judiciary Committee, and the Office of the Chief Counsel at DEA.

BETTY JOAN THURBER has accepted a Specially Adapted Housing Agent position in the Atlanta Regional Office of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Betty will help veterans and servicemembers with specific service-connected disabilities to secure grants to obtain an adapted home to meet their unique needs and to provide a barrier-free living environment and an increased level of independent living. Betty recently completed the Presidential Management Fellowship program with the Veteran's Affairs Loan Guaranty Service in Washington, DC.

CLASS OF 2002

JAY R. HOODENPYL has joined Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP as an associate in its Myrtle Beach, SC, office. He is a real estate attorney counseling clients on resort, hospitality, planned and commercial developments. Before joining Parker Poe, Jay practiced with Troutman Sanders LLP in Atlanta.

STEPHEN ROSS JOHNSON was named a partner with Ritchie, Dillard, & Davies, P.C., in Knoxville in January 2008. His practice primarily consists of criminal defense at the trial and appellate levels in federal and state courts throughout the United States. For the third consecutive year, he has been selected chair of the Criminal Justice Section of the Tennessee Bar Association.

CLASS OF 2000

TODD BOULDIN now lives in West Hollywood, Calif., and continues in his role as Assistant to the Provost for media and entertainment initiatives at Pepperdine University, as well as a professor of Political Science in Pepperdine's undergraduate and graduate programs. In addition, Todd is an international consultant for Starwood Hotels and Resorts Worldwide concerning regulatory and privacy issues, as well as executive producer of a new film on the U.S. Congress.

CHRISTIE KIZER BURBANK has been named a Member of the Chattanooga office of Miller & Martin. She concentrates her legal practice in the area of health care law. She received a B.S. from The University of the South in 1994. While at the UT College of Law she was a recipient of the Wilkins Scholarship. Christie performed clinical, data and laboratory research in the medical fields of neonatology and pediatric infectious diseases at the University of Alabama at Birmingham for three years before attending law school.

CLASS OF 1999

DAVID ANTHONY has been named a Member of the Nashville law firm Bone McAlister Norton PLLC.

PATRICK BURNETT has been promoted by the Memphis firm of Glankler Brown, PLLC to a Member. Patrick concentrates his practice in civil and criminal litigation. Prior to attending law school, he was employed by the United States Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C., serving as a Confidential Assistant for Congressional Relations to the Office of the Secretary and as a Confidential Assistant to the Administrator of the Farmer's Home Administration.

MATTHEW D. DAVISON has been elected a new Shareholder in the Tri-Cities office of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC. Davison concentrates his practice in all aspects of labor and employment law. He has particular experience in affirmative action and OFCCP compliance matters and regularly assists companies with daily human resources legal advice.

CLASS OF 1995

ROBERT L. BOWMAN of Kramer Rayson LLP in Knoxville was selected by the Greater Knoxville Business Journal as one of the region's "Top 40 Business and Community Leaders Under 40."

CLASS OF 1993

VICTORIA H. BOWLING has been hired as an Assistant Public Defender by the District Public Defender's Office in Clinton, Tenn. Victoria is the dedicated Assistant Public Defender for Anderson County Juvenile Court, along with carrying a caseload in General Sessions and Criminal Court.

CLASS OF 1992

PATRICIA BEST VITAL was recently honored as recipient of the 2007 Albert L. Hodge Volunteer Award, given annually by the Chattanooga Bar Association to an attorney with exemplary service to the Association and to the legal community. The 2007 Award recognizes Ms. Vital's significant contribution of time and expertise in chairing the Fee Dispute Arbitration Program of the Association, which provides no-cost binding arbitration of fee disputes between clients and their attorneys without the necessity of collection litigation. Ms. Vital was recipient of the 1998 Award, as well.

'BUCK' LEWIS '80 NEW TBA PRESIDENT

George T. "Buck" Lewis '80, a shareholder in the Memphis office of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz PC, became president of Tennessee Bar Association at the association's annual convention in Gatlinburg June 13.

Lewis, who was elected vice president in 2006 and held the position of president-elect for the last year, is chair of Baker Donelson's Appellate Practice Section and former chair of the Business Litigation Group and Litigation Department. He focuses his own practice on complex business, personal injury, health care and class action litigation, and has extensive experience in the areas of securities and governmental law.



At the induction ceremony, Lewis announced a new access to justice campaign titled "4 ALL," which will educate the legal profession and the public on the severity of the need to find new ways for lawyers to participate in pro bono service. The initiative will involve collaborating with local and county bar organizations and the Tennessee Supreme Court to study access to justice issues and search for legislative initiatives to increase access to justice for the poor. This is the first TBA Presidential Access to Justice initiative in over a decade, and it comes as the country continues to struggle with economic uncertainty.

From 1980 to 1981, Lewis served as law clerk for the Hono. Frank Drowota of the Tennessee Supreme Court. Among his many professional distinctions are appointments to the Judicial Selection Commission, the Tennessee Appellate Court Nominating Commission, the Supreme Court Advisory Commission on Rules of Trial and Appellate Procedure and the Tennessee's Lawyers Fund for Client Protection.

Taking office along with Lewis was Vice President Sam Elliott '81 of Chattanooga, a member of Gearhiser, Peters, Lockaby, Cavett & Elliott PLLC.

CLASS OF 1991

CAROL ANN ESTES BUSTIN has been re-elected for a second term as Justice Court Judge in Lamar County, Miss.

DAWN DORAN WILSEY is now Deputy Director for the U.S. Department of Justice's Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking (SMART) Office in Washington, DC.

CLASS OF 1986

DEBORAH HAYES is Vice President and Associate General Counsel of Delaware Investments, a member of Philadelphia-based Lincoln Financial Group, at its offices in Greensboro, N.C. Delaware Investments provides investment services to individuals and to institutional investors, including private and public pension funds, foundations, and endowment funds. Her husband, Dr. Terrell Hayes, is a sociologist on the faculty

of High Point University; their son Alex, 16, is a sophomore at Weaver Academy for Performing and Visual Arts.

CLASS OF 1983

TOM JURKOVICH, who served for six years as the Director of The Mayor's Office of Economic Development in Nashville, has joined the Nashville law office of Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, LLP. As the Mayor's principal liaison to the Nashville and Metropolitan Davidson County business community, Jurkovich was the point person for business recruitment and economic development. His role as a partner in the Government Relations practice at Waller Lansden will be to represent clients involved in major retail, residential and commercial development projects.

CLASS OF 1981

PHYLLIS GOLDEN MOREY has been named by Brooks Kushman P.C. as its first chief diversity officer focused on implementing and growing the diversity initiatives of the intellectual property and commercial law firm in Southfield, Mich. In this new role, Morey will be responsible for recruiting, retaining and mentoring the firm's minority attorneys. Additionally, she will work to foster alliances and networks with minority organizations, attend relevant seminars and events, and confer with clients on diversity issues.

CLASS OF 1978

JUSTIN CLOUSER opened his own firm in northern Nevada in 2007. The office is located 40 miles south of Reno and 15 miles from Lake Tahoe. He has a general civil practice with emphasis on personal injury/wrongful death litigation and also corporate, real estate, trusts and estate planning, and Social Security disability matters. He is a court-appointed arbitrator in northern Nevada and eastern California and also acts as a mediator in a variety of cases.

Dr. GERALD OGG has been named University of Tennessee at Martin vice chancellor for academic affairs.

CLASS OF 1973

GEORGE J. (Jerry) OLIVER of Raleigh, N.C., has been included in the 2008 Listing of North Carolina's top attorneys, published by *Super Lawyers* magazine. He has also been

ALUMNA ANN PRUITT '93 CITED FOR VOLUNTEER WORK

The Dell Foundation honored University of Tennessee College of Law alumna Ann Pruitt '93, Dell legal director for Tennessee and North Carolina, as Individual Volunteer of Distinction for her work with the Legal Aid Society.

The Dell Foundation awards 90 grants from this program to employees around the world. According to Dell Foundation Executive Director Lisa Huddleston, most of the grants are \$1,500 Community Service Awards. Pruitt is the only employee in the United States to be named Individual Volunteer of Distinction.



"Ann's dedication to the Legal Aid Society has been tireless," said Gary Housepian, executive director. "It is rare to see someone who devotes so much energy to both raising money and providing face-to-face legal services to our clients. We congratulate her on this honor and thank her for allowing us to benefit from it as well."

Pruitt devoted 60 hours to pro bono work. She provided or recruited others to provide free legal help to 30 people in 2007. She recruited volunteer attorneys to staff a monthly legal advice clinic at the Dan Rudy Cancer Center at St. Thomas Hospital, helping cancer patients receive help with Social Security benefits, consumer and family matters, wills and probate issues. She also played a key role in maintaining a pro bono adoption project that the Legal Aid Society and a large local law firm began to help families adopt children in need of a home.

"Volunteering with the Legal Aid Society is important because it reminds me of why I became a lawyer," Pruitt said. "Legal advocacy for the disadvantaged is often the difference in being homeless or not, having food or not, having access to healthcare or not. Volunteering with the Legal Aid Society makes me a better lawyer by stretching my ability to think creatively about legal issues. I am proud of the value Dell places on community involvement, and I am extremely proud of the Dell Legal Department's commitment to pro bono work."

Pruitt, who served as the 2007 corporate chair for the Campaign For Equal Justice, created a successful outreach program to corporate attorneys that resulted in new donations of \$13,695 for the Legal Aid Society.

placed on the 2008 Chambers USA listing of "America's Leading Business Lawyers." Oliver practices labor and employment law with Smith Moore LLP.

CLASS OF 1969

JOHN L. NORRIS of Nashville has recently been elected a Fellow of the Tennessee Bar

Foundation, an association of 663 attorneys across the state. Norris is a founder and partner in the firm of Norris & Norris PLC. He is certified as a Civil Trial Specialist by the National Board of Trial Advocacy and his practice focuses on nursing home abuse.

STUDENTS



3L **Jill Shotzberger** was recognized by the Commission on Women as a "Woman of Achievement" at the UT Chancellor's Honors Banquet in April. For the past two years, Jill has served as managing editor of the *Baker Journal of Applied*

Public Policy. Last year, she was president of Law Women and led the group's charge to raise funds for the YWCA's Victims Advocacy Program and an annual clothing drive for the Y's transitional housing program.

Trey Forgety bested the duo of **James Inman** and **Stephen Hargraves** April 10 to win the 2008 Advocate's Prize competition. 3L Forgety was also named Best Oralist and had the Best Brief. **Patrick Earnest** had the Second Best Brief.

The team of **Goran Musinovic** and **Adam Holland** won the 2008 Ray H. Jenkins Trial Competition by besting **Justin Furrow** and **Carter Moore** in the finals March 31. Furrow was named Best Oralist and **Norene Napper** was named Best Witness.

Advocacy Clinic students **Amy Michaelson** and **Molly McNeeley** drafted and filed an amicus brief with the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of *Arthur J. Ross v. Broadway Towers, Inc.* The case dealt with whether federal public housing law preempts state tenant's rights. Molly and Amy organized a consortium of legal clinics from around the country to sign on to the brief and worked tirelessly writing and rewriting the brief.

Chloe Akers and **Molly McNeeley** have also been selected as the inaugural recipients under the Law School's Loan Repayment Assistance Program. Both Chloe and Molly have demonstrated a commitment to public service through-

ELEVENTH-HOUR SUBSTITUTE CARRIES BALL IMPRESSIVELY

The College of Law's Constitutional Law Moot Court Team of Wauna Coleman and Aaron Kandel (substituting for Jason Isaacson) competed in the National First Amendment Moot Court Tournament held at Vanderbilt Law School in February '08. To Prof. Otis Stephens' knowledge, UT has not previously participated in this tournament.



Kandel



Coleman

The problem focused on "government speech" in relation to the First Amendment in the context of wording on specialty license plates."The team did exceptionally well in representing our law school," Stephens said.

Isaacson was well prepared to participate in this tournament, Stephens added, but became seriously ill just prior to the competition. His doctor ordered bed rest for several days, and Jason was unable to make the trip to Nashville. With less than 24 hours notice, Aaron stepped in and, with the valuable assistance of Jason's comprehensive notes and outline, fully participated in the oral argument.

"I was present during the judges' comments on our team's performance in the third round," Stephens said. "Those comments were highly favorable, the only criticism suggesting that perhaps Mr. Kandel had read too much."

One of the judges later learned that Aaron had prepared this argument in less than 24 hours, and he made a point of complimenting Aaron on his performance, Stephens said. Wauna Coleman also received high praise from the judges, one of whom singled her out as a highly effective oralist.

Tournament rules prevented Tennessee from advancing to the quarterfinals and beyond. Apparently, both members of the team must take part in the preparation of the brief and the oral argument.

"No provision is made for a medical emergency such as the one we faced," Stephens said. "In my opinion, our team would have advanced if the rules had permitted. In any event, the team did an extraordinary job in representing our law school. They deserve our enthusiastic commendation."

out law school and will be pursuing careers in the field of public interest work following graduation. Chloe will

begin working as an assistant public defender for the city of Philadelphia. Molly will be serving as a staff attorney

UT PROFESSORS HOST BRAZILIAN STUDENTS

During the winter semester, UT Law Professors **Becky Jacobs** and **Joan Heminway** assisted in hosting three student leaders from Brazil who visited The University of Tennessee as part of a program administered by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs in the U.S. Department of State. Two of the students, Marianna Perantoni and Joao Sanfran, are studying law; the third, Francine Rossone, is studying international relations.

The students spent about a month in the United States studying U.S. culture through a grant-supported course, "Study of the United States Institutes for Student Leaders," offered through UT's English Language Institute.

In addition to their time at UT, the students visited Chattanooga, Atlanta, the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Charlottesville, Va., and Washington, D.C., while in the United States. They were also able to take in some key UT cultural events, including the Vols' home basketball game versus Florida (for which Professors Jacobs and Heminway suited them up in Tennessee Law t-shirts shown in the photo above).



Left to right, Brazilian students Francine Rossone, Joao Sanfran, and Marianna Perantoni, "decked out" in their Tennessee Law t-shirts, enter Thompson Boling Arena for the Florida basketball game.

Prof. Heminway taught in June in the Summer Legal and Policy Study in Rio de Janeiro, in which UT Law is a consortium partner; Prof. Jacobs formerly lived in Brazil and also may be traveling there this summer. Each hoped to visit with Marianna, Joao, and Francine.

for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit.

3L **Aisha Rahman** was among four Knoxville natives who participated in a *Knoxville News-Sentinel* panel discussion on *To Kill a Mockingbird*. During November '07 the Knox County library system asked the community to read Harper Lee's book as part of the National Endowment for the Arts' "The Big Read" project.

Four third-year law students -- **Justin L. Furow**, **Laura D. Phillips**, **Brittain W. Sexton**, and **Jessica H. Shafer** -- received UT Citations for Professional Promise at UT's Chancellor's Honors Banquet in April.

Joe Ahillen, **Rachel Levinson**, **Kenlyn Foster-Spence**, **Lane McCarty**, and **Melanie Prince** of *The Tennessee Law Review* received the Volume 74:4 Excellence in Editing Awards for their exceptional work on the *Law Review's* first book of the academic year.



National Legal Expert on Dog Fighting and Pit Bulls Visits UT Law

Ledy Vankavage (right), the Senior Director of Legal Training and Legislation for the ASPCA, presented a program on dog-fighting and the pit bull debate at the College of Law on April 21. Tennessee is a battle ground state on the issue of pit bull ownership, with some legislators trying to make pit bull ownership a crime. Ms. Vankavage also participated in the College's annual "Law Dog Day" April 20. Pictured with her at the Dog Day are 3L Jamie Ballinger Holden (left), Coordinator of the UT Pro Bono Animal Law Project, and Prof. Joan Heminway (center), the Faculty Advisor to the Animal Law Project

STATE SENATE HONORS UT LAW CLINIC PROGRAMS

In March the Tennessee Senate honored the University of Tennessee College of Law's Clinical Programs on the anniversary of their 60th year of teaching students.

Senators Tim Burchett, Jamie Woodson and others stood and honored the Clinic with a public reading Senate Joint resolution No. 665. The Senators were joined by Director of Clinical Programs Ben Barton, Professors Mae Quinn and Jerry Black, and third-year student Beau Pemberton. "It was a tremendous



honor for the school and the clinical programs," Barton said. "We're the oldest continually operating clinic in the country, and we're justifiably proud of all

we've accomplished with our students and for the community at large. To have the Senate recognize our work makes the 60th that much sweeter."

INAUGURAL 1L ADVOCACY COMPETITION A HIT

An email sent by one of the judges for the UT College of Law's First-Year Advocacy Competition summed it up: "Of all my out-of-court judging endeavors, this one was my favorite." The judges' sentiments were shared by the other eight judges who judged the Center for Advocacy and Dispute Resolution's First-Year Advocacy Competition.

The competition involved 21 first-year students coached by a like number of third-year students. The first-year advocates prepared and delivered opening statements based upon a hypothetical case handed out to them the evening of the competition. After discussing the case with their third-year coaches, the advocates delivered their openings before three-judge panels. The first-year advocates included **Melissa Carrasco, Jamie Carter, Chris Collins, Sally Goade, Shannon Howell, Charles Hubbard, Paul Justice, Eliot Kerner, Akal Krau, Dan Kuninsky, Craig Meredith, Lillian Napper, Norene Napper, Dana Neumann, Monica Rice, Gray Skinner, Brad Smith, Rachel Stevens, Alexander Reed-Krase, Michael Varlotta, and Elizabeth Wilson.**

The advocates were ably coached by third-year students who have gained advocacy experience through the advocacy curriculum and their extracurricular activities. The third-year coaches included **Chloe Akers, Jamie Ballinger, Corey Brown, Justin Furrow, Todd Heird, Kurt Hippel, Charles Hunt, Aaron Kandel, Burke Keaty, Ben Marsee, Bryce McKenzie, Jonathan May, Carter Moore, Ellen Neese,**

Stevie Phillips, Patrick Powell, Leslie Shaffer, Jill Shotzberger, Liz Sitgreaves, Jenney Springer, and Trey Tally.

The judges, which included United States Magistrate Judges C. Clifford Shirley, Jr. and H. Bruce Guyton; Loudon County General Sessions Court Judge William H. Russell; Knoxville City Judge John R. Rosson, Jr.; UT Law Professor Jerry P. Black, Jr.; Ursula Bailey of Stacy, Whitt & Cooper; Michael Galligan, Galligan & Newman; Robert Kurtz, Stanley & Kurtz; and Andrew S. Roskind, McKellar & Roskind, unanimously agreed that the students were poised, professional, and persuasive in their presentations. The judges were aided in their deliberations by four able bailiffs, **Adrienne Gilliam, Matt Lamberth, Bart Williams, and Jon Meagher.** Meagher served as consultant to the project, as well.

After one preliminary round, the judges selected six finalists who competed in the final round. The six finalists were **Jamie Carter, Chris Collins, Craig Meredith, Lillian Napper, Monica Rice, and Rachel Stevens.** Following the final round, **Jamie Carter** was given the **1st-place award**; **Monica Rice** was given the **2nd-place award**; and **Rachel Stevens** was given the **3rd-place award.** The evening's events were made possible by a generous donation given to the Center by Michael Galligan, UT law alumnus and former Trial Practice adjunct professor.

ADMISSIONS & CAREER SERVICES

ALUMNI NETWORK CONNECTS UT'S PAST AND FUTURE

The presence of engaged alumni who are interested in the future of the College makes a real difference when prospective students evaluate law schools.

The College has a long-standing Alumni Network whose members encourage prospects and students in their admission decisions and career choices. Administered by the Admissions/Financial Aid/Career Center staff, this effort makes a difference to countless students as they make critical educational and career decisions.

Alumni Networkers write encouraging letters to admitted candidates, correspond on line with them, and are profiled on our admitted candidate web site. They talk to prospects and students about their career development and to current students about what lawyers do in their kind of work.

The College plans to expand this program to include small receptions or informal "get-togethers" to link alumni and prospective students and to involve alumni in campus recruitment programs where they live. Alumni from across the United States and in various careers are needed to illustrate the many career paths that a UT law graduate can pursue.

The College extends its appreciation to all the alumni who helped recruit the Fall 2008 Entering Class by their participation in the Alumni Networker Program and to many who have helped with this project through the years.



Prof. Iris Goodwin (far left) is joined by Ray Gerepke '73, a friend of Ebony Gayles, Rosalie Shields '85, Eric Lane '04, and admitted students Ebony Gayles and T.J. Hatter at an alumni reception in New York City.

Alumni Networkers for 2008 include:

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2008 HONORS BANQUET



1. Prof. Dwight Aarons receives the Bass Berry & Sims Faculty Award from Melinda Meador. 2. Prof. Tom Davies, the Marilyn V. Yarbrough Faculty Award for Writing Excellence. 3. Bridgett Bush receives the Tennessee Attorney General's Trial Advocacy Award from Robert E. Cooper, Jr. 4. Dawn Adkins, Library Staff Award. 5. Samuel Evans receives the Knoxville Auxiliary to the Tennessee Bar Association Award from Interim Dean John Sobieski. 6. Prof. Bob Lloyd receives the Harold Warner Outstanding Teacher Award from Kurt Hippel, Jamie Ballinger, and Marshall Stair. 7. John Radacsy, Hunton & Williams Outstanding First-Year Writing Award. 8. Daniel Ellis receives the Baker, Donelson Student Leadership Award from Melissa Stevens. 9. Sean Gunter, Staff Award for Extraordinary Service. 10. Prof. George Kuney, Carden Outstanding Faculty Scholarship Award. 11. Cathy Shuck (center) receives the Student Bar Association Outstanding Adjunct Teacher Award from Sarah Whit and Leslie Morrow. 12. Britt Sexton receives the Herbert L. Davis Memorial Trust Fund Award from Interim Dean John Sobieski. 13. Prof. Alex Long (left) receives the W. Allen Separk Faculty Scholarship Award from Mr. Separk. 14. Chris Kelly, the Merchant & Gould Excellence in Intellectual Property Award. 15. Stephen Hargraves, the Frank Benson Creekmore Memorial Award. 16. Molly McNeeley (left) receives the Susan B. Anthony Award from Judge Sharon G. Lee. Molly also received the Cunningham Excellence in Legal Writing Award. 17. Jill Shotzberger receives the National Association of Women Lawyers Award from Interim Dean John Sobieski.





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1. Ellis Lord (left) receives the Robert E. Pryor Award of Excellence in Advocacy from Robbie Pryor. 2. Elizabeth Ward receives the International Academy of Trial Lawyers Advocacy Award from Sid Gilreath. 3. Kenlyn Foster-Spence, the William J. Brennan Legal Research Award. 4. Marshall Stair receives the William M. Leech, Jr. Public Service Award from Interim Dean John Sobieski.

Also receiving awards but unable to attend the Honors Banquet: Daniel Headrick, Charles H. Miller Excellence in Civil Advocacy Award; Erin Wallace, James L. Powers III Excellence in Criminal Advocacy Award; Emily Tumbrink Brackstone, Class of 2004 Concentration in Business Transactions Award; and Prof. Penny White, Carden Outstanding Faculty Award for Service.



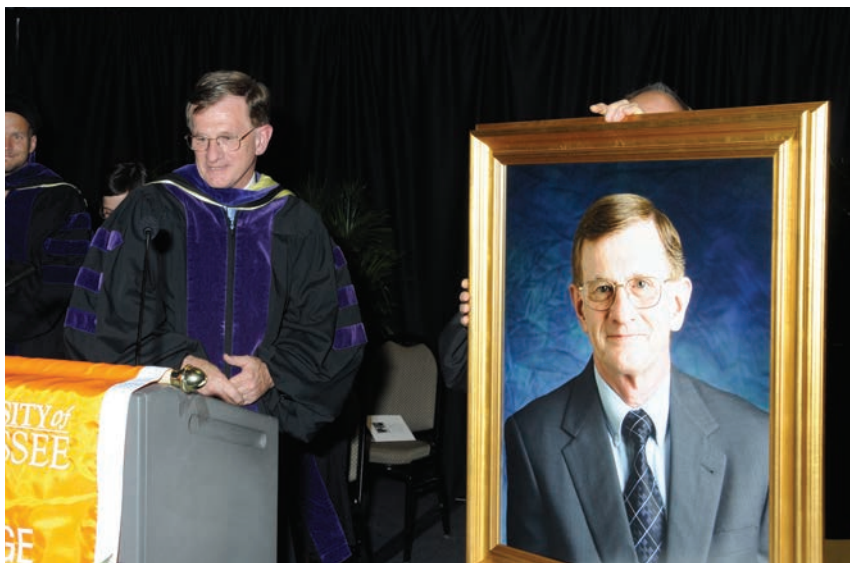
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Portrait unveiled

Interim Dean John Sobieski views the portrait that will hang among other UT law deans at the College of Law. The portrait was unveiled during the annual hooding ceremony May 9. A member of the College of Law faculty and administration for 36 years, Dean Sobieski stepped down Aug. 1 after two years as Interim Dean.

UT REMAINS AMONG AMERICA'S TOP LAW SCHOOLS

The University of Tennessee College of Law remains among the nation's top 30 public schools of law, according to *U.S. News and World Report's* 2009 rankings of America's best graduate schools.

UT ranks 26th among the 80 public law schools. Among all 196 accredited public and private law schools, UT ranks 52nd. Last year, UT ranked 53rd among public and private law schools.

The College's clinical programs also increased their national ranking to 16th among all accredited law schools, up from 17th last year.



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