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January 3 - February 14

Crossley Bar Review - 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in Room 118. For further information, call 546-1377.

February 1 - March 14

Rounds of the 1990 Tennessee High School Mock Trial Competition. For further information, see Sybil Richards.

February 6 - 14

ABA Mid-Year Meeting in Los Angeles.

February 7

Registration for Mid-South Consortium in Career Services.

February 7

Army JAG Program - 11:00 a.m. - Moot Court Room. Major John Phelps, Chief Recruiter for the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General Corps, will present "From the Courtroom to Panama." Major Phelps will also discuss career opportunities for lawyers in the Army JAG and will interview interested 1Ls and 3Ls.

February 13

Happy Birthday, GCT!

February 14

St. Valentine's Day. For further information, see your sweetie!

February 14

Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael J. Mitchell, Eastern District of Tennessee, will present "Criminal Prosecution of Environmental Violations," at 11:00 a.m. in Room 104. The talk is sponsored by the College of Law Environmental Law Group. For further information, contact Professor Rivkin at 974-2331.

February 21

Air Force JAG Program - 11:00 a.m. - Moot Court Room. See Career Services for further information.

February 21

Associate Professor of Law James E. Thompson will present "What Does Water Quality Actually Mean: Is Dirty Ever Better?" at 11:00 a.m. in Room 104. The talk is sponsored by the College of Law Environmental Law Group. For further information, contact Professor Rivkin at 974-2331.

February 23

"A Celebration of Women in the Law" (Commemorating the birthday of Susan B. Anthony and the 100th anniversary of the University of Tennessee College of Law) - 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Moot Court Room - \$25 with lunch; \$15 without lunch for faculty and students. Pre-registration is required. For further information, stop by Room 14.

AND LATER ON IN 1990 ...

Mid-South Law Placement Consortium:
March 3

Alumni Distinguished Lecture in Jurisprudence: March 9

Law Review Banquet (with U.S. Attorney General Richard Thornburgh!): March 10

Spring Break: March 19-23

Miller Lecture in Professional Responsibility:
March 30

Law Week (with Justice Scalia!): April 2-6

Exams: April 30 - May 10

Hooding: May 10

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Neil Cohen ...

... will present a talk on the Tennessee Rules of Evidence to the Tennessee General Sessions Judges Association at their mid-year meeting, February 20, in Nashville.

Tom Davies ...

... will be an opening speaker at the AALS Workshop of Law and Social Science in Washington, DC, March 22-24.

Joann Gillespie ...

... and Julie Hardin contributed to the new format of the 1990-91 Law School Career Services Request Form and were thanked by the National Association for Law Placement in its December *Bulletin*.

Pat Hardin ...

... gave a lecture for the University Studies Course on AIDS.

Joe King ...

... has been awarded a summer research grant by the University.

Bob Lloyd ...

... has been contracted to revise the secured transactions chapter of the treatise *Debtor-Creditor Law*, edited by Ted Eisenberg of Cornell. The chapter was originally written by Peter Coogan, one of the drafters of the UCC.

Peter Morgan ...

... has been awarded a summer research grant by the University.

Malcolm Morris ...

... (visiting professor Fall '89 semester) had an article, "An Imputed Interest Corollary to the Constructive Transfer Doctrine: Pay the Tax or Follow the Leder?," published in Volume 54 of the *Missouri Law Review*.

Carol Mutter ...

... was elected chairperson of the new AALS Section on Insurance Law at its annual meeting last month in San Francisco.

... gave a lecture on "Aids: The Legal Issues" for the University Studies Course on Aids, November 16.

Glenn Reynolds ...

... had an article on dealing with intellectual property protection for activities on board U.S. spacecraft and the space station accepted

by the *Harvard Journal of Law and Technology* for spring publication.

... has been awarded a summer research grant by the University.

... is continuing to work on a bill abolishing state sovereign immunity in the context of patent or copyright infringement suits.

... has been named chairperson of the Legislative Committee for the National Space Society.

John Sebert ...

... has accepted an appointment to the planning committee for an AALS Workshop for Senior Administrators.

Dick Wirtz ...

... has been elected to the Executive Committee of the Teaching Methods Section of the AALS.



YOU SHOULD KNOW

Our GCT congratulations ...

... go to Joann Gillespie, Director of Career Services, for receiving a 5-year service pin from the University of Tennessee in December. Joann has spent the entire time with the College of Law.

... go to Law Review for getting caught up in January. A major feat!

Our condolences ..

... go to Rhonda Mattingly, Dean's Office, on the death of her mother-in-law this month.

Our good luck, best wishes, and "go Big Orange" ...

... go to the members of the Constitutional Law Moot Court team who will compete in Williamsburg, VA, February 23-24.

... go to the members of the Environmental Law Moot Court team who will compete in White Plains, NY, February 22-24.

... go to the members of the Frederick Douglass Moot Court team who will compete in Athens, GA, February 15-17.

... go to the members of the National Moot Court Trial team who will compete in Jackson, MS, February 1-2

TAYLOR TRIVIA: What is the largest total student enrollment the Law College has ever had? Answer to last month's Taylor Trivia: The University of Tennessee College of Law was admitted into the Order of the Coif in 1951.

THE "LET'S GO FOR IT" SECTION FOR LAW STUDENTS

1) The Georgetown Space Law Group, The Journal of Law and Technology, The Federal Bar Association Transportation Section, and the Space Law Committee of the International Law Section announces its Second Annual Space Law Conference.

2) The American Law Institute and American Bar Association presents the second annual "CLE Essay Contest."

3) The American Society for Pharmacy Law announces the first Upjohn Legal Research Award.

4) The National Association of Attorneys General announces a writing competition on any topic of importance to state constitutional law.

5) The American Judges Association announces its annual essay contest.

For further information, see the Contest Bulletin Board or Mary Jo Hoover.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



The SBA will sponsor a 100th birthday party for the law school community in the form of a special Rump Court.



Susan B. Anthony and U.T. College of Law (A Celebration of Women in the Law) February 23, 1990 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Moot Court Room of GCT Featuring: Justice Frank Drowota, Chief Justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court;

Advance registration deadline: February 12 \$25 includes lunch/\$15 without lunch for faculty and law students.

**** VOICES FROM THE LEGAL CLINIC ****

by

Associate Professor Susan Kovac

IN MEMORIAM**MICHAEL EARL HUTCHISON**

Last Monday, January 29, the Legal Clinic lost a good friend with the death of Michael E. Hutchison, Knox County Juvenile Court Referee. Mike was a 1976 graduate of the College of Law. While here, he was a student in the Clinic and worked as a student assistant after completing the course. Rumor has it that he and another student spent one summer handling 300 divorce cases left by students from the spring quarter.

Before moving to the Juvenile Court in 1983, Mike worked in Knoxville as an attorney for the State of Tennessee, Department of Human Services. In that capacity he represented DHS during proceedings to remove dependent and neglected or abused children, to return them to their parents in appropriate cases, to terminate parental rights so that children could be freed for adoption. He was a worthy opponent. Clinic students appeared against him in court on a regular basis, either representing the parents or as guardians ad litem for the children. Students learned that Mike would be an aggressive advocate for his client as well as a fair and trustworthy one. The fights were good and clean. Mike did not do favors for students and he never treated them as inferior human beings.

Mike became a Referee at Knox County Juvenile Court in 1983, assuming a docket consisting almost entirely of child support and paternity cases. In 1987, he moved to the primary docket, hearing delinquency and unruly allegations against children, as well as the dependent and neglected or abuse cases. Civil clinic students appear frequently in Juvenile Court and scores of those appearances over the years were in front of Mike. My students ask me at the beginning of the semester to go to court with them and I assure them that I will, but in Juvenile Court with Mike as the judge, I would never have any worries about allowing a student to appear without me. We certainly did not win

all our cases, but we were always heard. In law school we teach students what should happen in court. In Mike's courtroom the theory generally matched the reality.

Mike was born with a congenital heart defect. His parents were told not to expect him to live through high school. He died at age 41, a husband and father. Over the last several years we watched his condition deteriorate. He was supposed to take lunch hours, to use an oxygen machine, to go home early, to not allow himself to get overtired, but he didn't follow those orders. If there were people waiting for a hearing, he kept his courtroom open. Last week, after his doctor had finally persuaded him that he was probably going to have to "take disability" and give up any thought of returning to the court, Mike called me to find out what the rules are about working while drawing Social Security! I wonder how many more years he might have had if he had followed his doctor's instructions? How much time did Mike lose because he cared too much about children in this community? If I had a choice between being active and making a difference in the time I had, or withdrawing into my disability, how would I choose?

Yesterday afternoon, one of my former clients called. He had read Mike's obituary in the newspaper. He call to tell me how much he had appreciated Mike. Despite the fact that Mike had not given him the relief he sought in the courtroom, Mike had always treated him fairly and with respect. My client was sad that Mike had died.

Mike left instructions that memorials should be to the University of Tennessee Legal Clinic for Juvenile Court Scholarships. His family was surprised. They had expected him to designate the Heart Association or a related organization. As always, Mike put others first. His memorial at the Legal Clinic will not reflect his death, but his life.

We will miss him.