

# *The University of Akron School of Law Administrative Briefs*

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## ATTENTION!! February 2007 OHIO BAR EXAM TAKERS REMINDER . . .

The second set of materials you need to submit known as the "**Application to take the February Bar Exam**" is due to the Supreme Court of Ohio Bar Admissions Office **on or before November 1**. That application may be found at [http://www.sconet.state.oh.us/Admissions/Bar\\_Exam/default.asp](http://www.sconet.state.oh.us/Admissions/Bar_Exam/default.asp).

Be sure to carefully watch the court's calendar found at <http://www.sconet.state.oh.us/Admissions/#date> for updates.

The Office of Bar Admissions main page may be found at <http://www.sconet.state.oh.us/Admissions/#exam>.

Also, a reminder that character & fitness certificate should be submitted to our office **NOW** so we may have time to process and sign.

Any forms that need to be signed by my office should first be sent to Student Services Counselor Liz Saunders for processing. I will also provide students with fingerprint cards and official transcripts for those filing the first "Application to Register as a Candidate for Admission."

### QUESTIONS?

Please feel free to contact Student Services Counselor Liz Saunders at [liz@uakron.edu](mailto:liz@uakron.edu) or Assistant Dean Lauri File at [LFile@uakron.edu](mailto:LFile@uakron.edu).

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**EXPECTING PRIVACY?**

**COME HEAR CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR LEWIS KATZ ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, AT 6:30 P.M., AND LEARN THE SCOPE OF YOUR RIGHTS.**

Please join the School of Law and the NACDL (National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers) in welcoming chaired CWRU Professor Lewis Katz to the Law School to discuss "Expectations of Privacy, Search and Seizure: Katz v. U.S. and Its Progeny." The presentation will be held in Professor Koosed's Admin. of Criminal Justice class, meeting at 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. on Monday, October 23, 2006 in Room Law-151.

A reception for Professor Katz will be held in the Atrium from 5:30 pm to 6:25 pm. Come meet him and share your thoughts before he speaks.

**"The BlackBerry Case"**

On November 9, Kevin Anderson, a lawyer from the famed Blackberry litigation, will be speaking at the law school on: "The BlackBerry Case: How a \$23 million verdict became a \$612 million settlement," at 5:00 p.m. in Room L-151.

**Volunteer to be a Non-Partisan Voter Protection Worker on Election Day**

If you or your student group are interested in doing non-partisan voter protection work at the polls on election day, please contact Prof. Marge Koosed at [mkoosed@uakron.edu](mailto:mkoosed@uakron.edu), leaving your name and contact information, and using Election Protection in the subject line.

**Retired Judge to Promote Breast Cancer Fund  
*License to Live Campaign goes Statewide***

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For Immediate Release

(Brecksville, Ohio) -- Retired Cleveland Municipal Court Judge C. Ellen Connally, a breast cancer survivor, has been selected as spokesperson for the Breast Cancer Fund of Ohio's *License to Live* Campaign.

The breast cancer group ([www.breastcancerfundohio.org](http://www.breastcancerfundohio.org)) recently entered into a partnership with the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles ([www.oplates.com](http://www.oplates.com)) with the creation of The Breast Cancer Specialty License Plate. The plate, featuring the famous pink ribbon, sells for \$35.00, of which \$25.00 goes to the fund, which will help breast cancer patients in financial need, while they undergo treatment.

"Women without health insurance are 40% more likely to die from breast cancer than those who have insurance, so we need to help that segment of the population and this is a great way to accomplish that. Early detection is meaningless unless it's coupled with quick access to quality treatment and support," noted Judge Connally.

Currently, Ohio ranks 5<sup>th</sup> in the nation for breast cancer mortality and it's the most common killer of women between the ages of 40 and 49.

The retired judge was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1979, the day after she won election to the Cleveland Municipal Court, where she served for 24 years. She is currently a visiting associate professor of law at the The University of Akron School of Law.

The Breast Cancer Fund of Ohio is a 501(c) 3 tax exempt, non-profit organization made up of breast cancer organizations and survivors from around the state. The mission of the BCFO is to reduce mortality and help Ohio breast cancer patients' access quality treatment by providing financial assistance and to advance research by improving access to breast cancer clinical trials.

## American College of Trial Lawyers

### Law Student Essay Contest on Judicial Independence

The American College of Trial Lawyers is sponsoring an essay contest for law students on the topic of Judicial Independence and the Separation of Powers Doctrine.

The prizes for the winning essays are substantial. The First Prize Winner will receive \$10,000 and the Second Prize Winner \$5,000. The American College of Trial Lawyers is sponsoring this essay contest to emphasize the importance of judicial independence in an era that finds it under attack.

Essays are due **March 1, 2007**. Please submit by email: [essaycontest@actl.com](mailto:essaycontest@actl.com), or send hard copy: Executive Director Dennis J. Maggi, American College of Trial Lawyers, National Headquarters, 19900 MacArthur Blvd., Suite 610, Irvine, California, 92612.

#### Criteria for Submission:

Essays should be approximately 5,000 words in length. All students at U.S. law schools are eligible to compete (including those studying for J.D., LLM or other graduate degrees). The winning essays will be selected by a panel of distinguished judges who are also Fellows of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

## Legal Clinic News

As you consider spring semester registration and contemplate what classes you will take, you should consider expanding your experiences through a placement for credit either within the School of Law's Legal Clinic or externally in a variety of placements. In-house Legal Clinic placements include the Appellate Review Office, Trial Litigation Clinic, New Business Legal Clinic, Civil Litigation/Housing, and the Domestic Relations Clinic.

Students can receive two or three credit hours for work done in a public or non-profit office where there is an attorney present to supervise. Examples of commonly held placements include local city and county prosecutors' offices, public defenders' offices, legal aid offices, judges' offices, and hospitals. Students signing up for two credit hours must work a minimum of 90 hours at the placement excluding class time. Students signing up for three credit hours must work a minimum of 120 hours excluding class time. There is a class component for each class which meets once a week at a time to be announced. Day and evening students may apply for this assuming that they can work during normal business hours at the placement.

In addition to the hours at the placement, students are required to do weekly logs outlining their activities, produce signed timesheets reflecting the work that they have done, and for Clinical Seminar I students, visit one of the jails that we service, meet with the inmates and do follow-up research for them.

If you have any questions, please contact Clinical Placement Coordinator, Bill Rickett at (330) 972-7189 or email him at [wrocket@uakron.edu](mailto:wrocket@uakron.edu). To sign up for this class, you must first receive approval for your placement from Mr. Rickett who will help you determine where you would like to be placed. With registration time here, please contact Mr. Rickett as soon as possible.

## Career Planning News

The following is a list of upcoming events and opportunities. Should you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the Career Planning & Placement Office at 330/972-5321.

### JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS

The Judicial Clerkship Committee has scheduled Information Sessions as follows:

#### Wednesday, October 25 - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. - Room 133:

The Honorable Gene Donofrio and The Honorable Joseph Vukovich, Seventh District Court of Appeals of Appeals of Ohio, will be presenting on judicial clerkships.

A reception in the Judges' honor will precede the presentation. The reception will be held from 5:15 - 5:30 p.m. in the Law School Atrium. We encourage all to attend and meet Judge Donofrio and Judge Vukovich.

**Monday, October 30 - 12:05 - 1:00 p.m. - Room 134:**

Faculty members who have served as state-level judicial clerks will present regarding the application and interview process as well as the practical aspects of clerking. Please bring your lunch and join us.

**Dean Aynes = Ten Reasons To Consider A Judicial Clerkship**

1. A judicial clerkship provides direct insight into the judicial process.
2. A judicial clerkship is a valuable and enriching experience.
3. A law clerk gains practical experience by attending judicial proceedings, performing legal research and providing other assistance to the judge.
4. Law clerks are exposed to the methods and customs of practitioners.
5. Law clerks learn the level of professional behavior expected of lawyers.
6. Many former law clerks find the prestige and experience associated with service as a judicial clerk broadens their future employment opportunities.
7. Behind every great judge is his or her law clerk. The value of a judicial clerkship is substantial.
8. A key credential for future law practice in any area, judicial clerkship is an incredible life experience.
9. Clerkships offer a unique opportunity to glimpse behind the scenes a judges chambers and courtroom.
10. Clerkships offer the opportunity to impact the law through the judges decision-making, and, ultimately, to gain a lifelong mentor.

**Career Orientation Program**

**Wednesday, November 1 – Career Orientations for First-Year Evening Students**

5:35 – 6:30 p.m. – Room 167

Light snacks will be served

**Thursday, November 2:**

Career Orientations for First-Year Day Students

12:05 – 1:00 p.m. – Room 152

Light snacks will be served

**Tuesday, November 7:**

**Major Legal Services - Practical Approaches to the Job Search**

12:05 – 1:00 p.m. – Room 133

**Wednesday, November 8:**

**The Bliss Institute – Government & Lobbying Experiences**

12:05 – 1:00 p.m. - Room 133

Gail Garbrandt from the Bliss Institute will present on work experiences in government, lobbying groups, and politics.

**Wednesday, November 8:**

**Tom Goots, Esq. from Jones Day - Interviewing**

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. – Room 167

Attorney Thomas Goots ('96) from Jones Day will speak to students about proper interviewing techniques, questions to ask, and how to be prepared for that important interview.

**Friday, November 9:**

**Squire, Sanders & Dempsey – What's it like to work in a large law firm?**

12:05 – 1:00 p.m. – Room 152

Attorneys James Thomas and Christopher Panek ('05) will speak to students about a career in a large law firm.

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**Tuesday, November 14:**

**Attorney Janda' Carter from Caterpillar – IP Practice**

12:05 – 1:00 p.m. – Room 152

Attorney Carter will speak to students about a career in Intellectual Property Law

**November 15:**

**Various Types of Work Experiences**

12:05 – 1:00 p.m. - Room 152

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. – Room 133

Professor Carro, Mr. Cook, Mr. Rickett, and Dr. Levine will present on various legal work opportunities including Clinical Seminars, the Legal Clinic, the Appellate Review Office, the New Business Legal Clinic, Trial Litigation Clinic, Pro Bono/Public Interest Fellowship Program, law clerk positions, etc.

We encourage you to join us for these informative sessions.

**Largest Cleveland Law Firms**

According to the August 7-13, 2006 edition of *Crain's Cleveland Business*, the largest law firms in Northeast Ohio, ranked by the number of attorneys are as follows:

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|---|---|
| 1. Jones, Day                             | 21. Fay, Sharpe, Fagan, Minnich & McKee   |
| 2. Baker Hostetler                        | 22. Taft, Stettinius & Hollister          |
| 3. Calfee, Halter & Griswold              | 23. Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur       |
| 4. Thompson Hine                          | 24. Kahn Kleinman                         |
| 5. Squire, Sanders & Dempsey              | 25. Weltman, Weinberg & Reis              |
| 6. Ulmer & Berne                          | 26. Buckley King                          |
| 7. Roetzel & Andress                      | 26. Kohrman, Jackson & Krantz             |
| 8. Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff | 28. Wegman, Hessler & Vanderburg          |
| 9. Reminger & Reminger                    | 29. Davis & Young                         |
| 10. McDonald Hopkins                      | 29. McCarthy, Lebit, Crystal & Liffman    |
| 11. Tucker Ellis & West                   | 29. Wickens, Herzer, Panza, Cook, Batista |
| 12. Hahn, Loeser + Parks                  | 32. Pearne & Gordon                       |
| 13. Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs     | 32. Roderick Linton                       |
| 14. Brouse McDowell                       | 34. Amin, Turocy & Calvin                 |
| 15. Gallagher Sharp                       | 34. Brennan, Manna & Diamond              |
| 16. Walter & Haverfield                   | 34. Cavitch, Familo, Durkin & Frutkin     |
| 17. Frantz Ward                           | 34. Spieth, Bell, McCurdy & Newell        |
| 18. Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease         | 38. Millisor & Nobil                      |
| 19. Weston Hurd                           | 39. Nicola, Gudbranson & Cooper           |
| 20. Duvin, Cahn & Hutton                  | 40. Baumgartner & O'Toole                 |
|   | 41. Stark & Knoll                         |

## Student Organization News



### B.L.S.A.

The Black Law Students Association will be selling pizza every Thursday at 11:45 a.m. in the Student Lounge. All proceeds from the sales go to support BLSA and its commitment to the community.

**L.A.W.**

The Law Association for Women will be meeting on Wednesday, October 18, in Room L-167 at 5:15 p.m.

Also, LAW is continuing to collect donations for the Battered Women’s Shelter of sample-size toiletries, cleaning supplies, and trash or large Ziploc bags. Please leave any donations in the box outside the LAW office.

Please contact Elizabeth Davis at ead26@uakron.edu with any questions.

**P.A.D.**

**PHI ALPHA DELTA PRESENTATION:**

Come here about the opportunities [MicroMash Bar Review](#) has to offer you!

**FREE LUNCH**

Tuesday, October 17  
Noon  
Room 167

The Phi Alpha Delta will have an “Evening With Attorneys,” at Jillian’s on Thursday, October 26, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. This will be a networking opportunity for law student to interact with practicing attorneys and professors.

**S.B.A.**

Also, The SBA will hold a tailgate party outside the Rubber Bowl prior to the football game on Saturday, October 21, from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The Student Bar Association will hold a general meeting on Monday, October 23, at 5:15 to 6:15 p.m., Room W-210.

On Wednesday, October 25, the SBA will have a “Socratic Karaoke” to raise money for Barrister’s Ball, at 69 Taps, beginning at 9:00 p.m.

**Final Thought!**

“Worry is a misuse of the imagination.”

- Dan Zadra, Business executive

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