

# THE DEAN'S NEWSLETTER



FALL 2014





**Lucy Helm, '82, General Counsel at Starbucks, speaks to 2014 graduates**



**Professor Cedric Merlin Powell receives the Trailblazer Award**

**Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Eugene Robinson awarded Brandeis Medal**



**UofL Law Review to host 2015 National Conference of Law Reviews**

**2014 graduate named a finalist in the Presidential Management Fellows Class**



**ACC Welcomes Cards**

**A LETTER FROM THE DEAN**



*Dear Friends and Family of Brandeis School of Law:*

As always, it's a wonderful time to be a Cardinal! Not only is the University of Louisville welcoming new scenery by beginning competition in the Atlantic Coast Conference in 2014, but exciting new opportunities are also on the horizon for the faculty, staff, alumni, and students of the Brandeis School of Law. Despite significant forces of change affecting legal education, the legal profession, and higher education, our law school is not only meeting changing expectations, but exceeding them.

The generous support of our alumni and friends helps supply much needed support for important activities such as moot court, our law clinic, and scholarships and help ensure that our students continue to claim accolades and honors on a national level. Likewise, acclaimed jurists, lawyers, and other high-profile members of the community routinely grace the classrooms of our law school—all of which are equipped with modern electronic presentation systems, including the state-of-the-art Hebel Courtroom.

Here, at the law school, however, we are not content to rest on the laurels of these recent accomplishments. Instead, after a year-long inclusive and consultative process with the input of faculty colleagues, staff, students, members of the legal community, and a Strategic Planning Committee, we have created a comprehensive Strategic Plan that aligns with the University of Louisville's 2020 Plan and the law school's own mission. The bold Plan sets forth a blueprint to maintain success of the law school and lists 92 strategies, affecting the following key goal areas: education & curriculum, research, interdisciplinary inquiry, community engagement, diversity, and resources. We are now implementing many of the initiatives in that plan.

Since I began my service to the law school on July 1, 2012, as interim dean, and, as I have now started my three-year term as dean of the law school, I have been so pleased with the support from everyone as we continue our proud tradition and embark on this new expedition together. Please feel free to share your thoughts with me directly (susan.duncan@louisville.edu) as to what the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law should accomplish in the future in order to have the greatest possible impact in legal education, scholarship, and service to the community and society.

*Thanks for all your support!  
Best regards,*

*Susan H. Duncan*

**Susan Hanley Duncan  
Dean and Professor of Law**

# Highlights from the Past Year

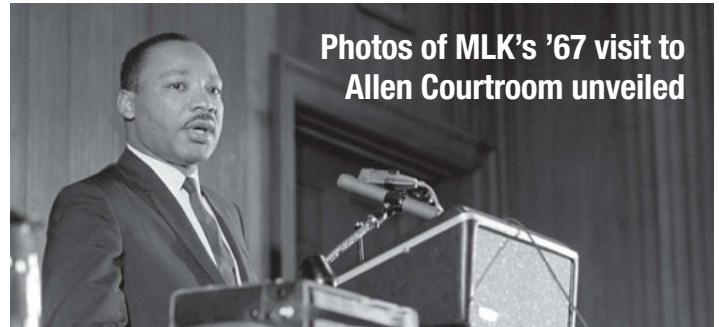
We are being noticed:

- Ranked #1 by U.S. News and World Report as Most Efficient School; we were named an over-performing law school by the Tax Blog; stayed on the National Jurist's best value list.
- We upgraded the downstairs student common area, dedicated photos from Martin Luther King Jr's 1967 visit to the Allen courtroom and in late September dedicated our courtyards which are now beautiful spaces for students, faculty and staff to relax, have meetings or study.
- Our law review was selected to host the National Conference of Law Reviews in 2015 and it won an award from the Criminal Defense Bar for the *Gideon* issue, the first on-line issue of the law review. The Law Review moved its impact ranking from the top 41.4% to the top 25.8% and the overall ranking from the top third to the top quarter.
- This past year, we hosted a United States Supreme Court Justice, an award winning journalist, and the Kentucky Supreme Court.
- Our graduating class performed over 7100 hours of public service.
- In September, Professor Jamie Abrams received the President's Exemplary Multicultural Teaching Award. This is given to only one person at the university each year.
- Our Law School Alumni Challenge has now raised over \$400,000 thanks to your generosity.

But even with all of these accomplishments we are just getting started. We have many exciting initiatives planned for the future. Some of them include:

- Revising the first-year curriculum and core hour requirement to allow more hours for skills classes and experiential learning opportunities.
- Developing educational interdisciplinary law programs and courses with the Medical School, Speed School and the Business School.
- Considering the addition of new clinics and externships particularly in new curricular focus areas such as aging and the law and intellectual property.
- Strengthening the Central High School Law and Government Magnet partnership program and exploring additional pipeline programs.
- Increasing the number of service-learning opportunities.
- Offering flex courses for attorneys and other professionals.
- Exploring a 3 + 3 program at the University of Louisville.

We plan to take this law school, our law school, to new heights. We know the legal profession and the world is changing and we will make sure our students are ready for all its challenges.



# Strategic Plan Overview

At its April 15 Faculty Meeting, the law school faculty passed its **Strategic Plan**. This was the culmination of eighteen committee meetings, several faculty and staff discussions, student forums, and discussions with the attorney advisory committee, alumni, members of the legal profession, and members of the university community.

The need for a major strategic planning process was a result of several factors. These include the significant forces of change affecting legal education, the legal profession, and higher education, which require that the law school change some aspects of what it is doing if it wishes to meet current and future needs and demands. Among these forces are market forces within legal education and the legal profession, the increasing recognition of the importance of development of professional skills, and changes in public funding of higher education and other resource challenges.

The plan is neither a complete rejection of all existing structures and functions nor is it only an incremental change. During the strategic planning process, there was close monitoring of ongoing developments within legal education and the legal profession nationally. This was also an opportunity for the law school to re-examine its research mission. The goal was to take a proactive approach resulting in a plan that was flexible and allowed for changes. The Strategic Plan also resulted in a new mission statement for the law school.

We are already developing specific initiatives to implement the goals and the 92 strategies in the plan. The following are the major goal areas:

## EDUCATION AND CURRICULUM

Ensure that students develop skills, knowledge, and values for lifelong effectiveness in solving problems and seeking justice.

## RESEARCH

Produce and support research and scholarship that have a high level of impact on scholarship (i.e., the academic body of knowledge and ideas), law, public policy, and/or social institutions.

## INTERDISCIPLINARY INQUIRY

Develop a strong program of interdisciplinary education, scholarship, and service.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

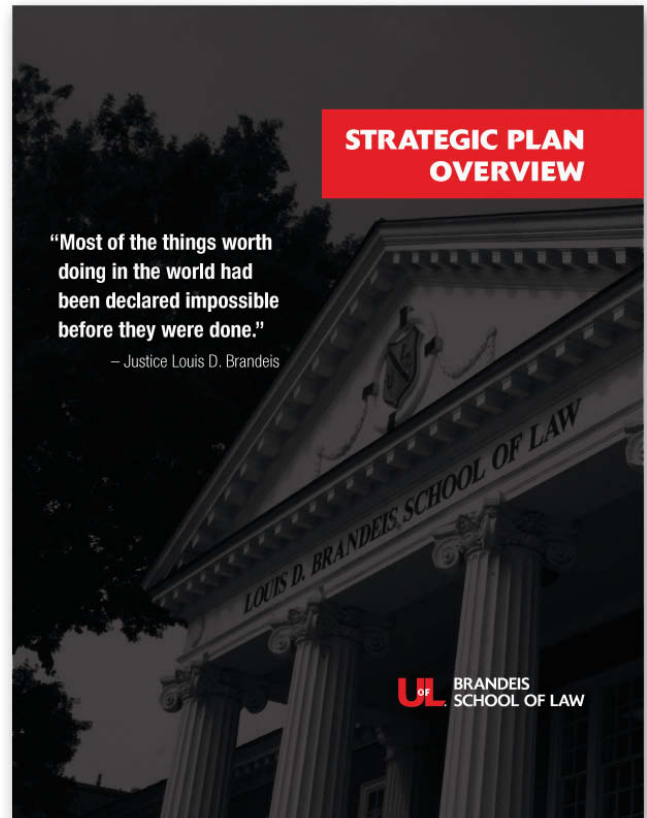
Actively engage the community in addressing public problems, resolving conflicts, seeking justice, and building a vibrant and sustainable future through high-quality research, innovative ideas, and application of research to solve public problems and serve the public.

## DIVERSITY

The Law School will actively engage diverse participants in an academic community that is strengthened by its diversity and its commitment to social justice, opportunity, sustainability, and mutual respect.

## RESOURCES

Increase resources, including developing new sources of funding. Use resources efficiently, effectively, and sustainably.



## ADMISSIONS

This fall, the law school welcomed 92 highly talented incoming students. The first-year class consists of 60 men and 32 women, with 21 of these students coming from out-of-state—from as nearby as Indiana, and as far away as Washington State. In total, 18 states and 50 colleges and universities are represented in the first-year class.

We have no doubt that these 1Ls will carry on the tradition of success and we celebrate their arrival to the law school community. Our law school, like virtually every other law school in the country, has been affected by the national downturn in applications to law school. We expect a return to a larger entering class size in future years as we implement the goals and initiatives identified in the Strategic Plan.

## LAW REVIEW SET TO HOST NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Brandeis School of Law's flagship journal, the **University of Louisville Law Review**, has reached new heights in recent years. The most recent findings of Washington & Lee University School of Law's latest law journal submissions and rankings index show that at the close of the survey period, which includes Volumes 50 and 51 of the *Law Review*, the publication's rankings among all domestic law journals improved in all major metrics compared to the close of the previous survey period. In particular, the *Law Review's* impact ranking improved from the top 41.4% during the last survey period to the top 25.8% for the most recent survey period, while the overall ranking of the publication rose from the top third of all law reviews in the previous survey period to the top quarter of all law reviews in the most recent survey period.

The boost in the rankings is largely attributable to the hard work and wise decisions of recent editorial boards, as well as a change in the editing process that was recognized for best practices and innovation in editing at the 2013 National Conference of Law Reviews.

The *Law Review* was also the recipient of the 2013 KACDL Media Award in recognition of the inaugural edition of the *University of Louisville Law Review Online* in which a series of articles commemorating the 50th anniversary of the landmark *Gideon v. Wainwright* decision were published. The award is presented to a reporter, editor, author, publication or organization that has informed Kentucky citizens about the critical constitutional roles of criminal defense lawyers, public defenders or criminal defense organizations in ensuring the individual liberties guaranteed by our Bill of Rights.

The *Law Review* and law school will host the 61st annual National Conference of Law Reviews and looks forward to welcoming editors from throughout the nation to Louisville in March 2015. Between 250 and 350 student editors are expected to attend the conference, as are members of the legal community, and other publishing and service vendors.

## OTHER STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

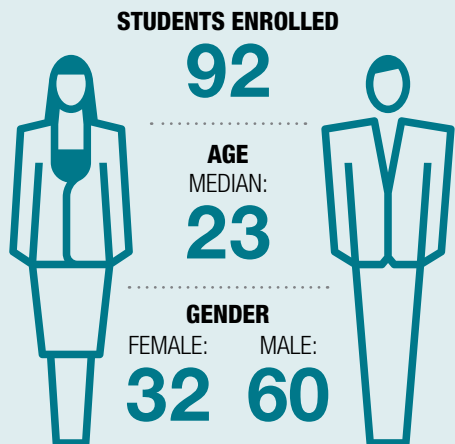
In addition to our students regularly publishing their work in the *University of Louisville Law Review*, *Journal of Law & Education*, and *Journal of Animal & Environmental Law*, the article by Michael Hasty (3L student) titled "Still Searching for Kennedy's Significant Nexus," was published in the Spring 2014 issue of the *Michigan Environmental Law Journal*. Class of 2014 graduate Elizabeth Richardson and Brandeis School of Law Professor James T.R. Jones presented at the International Conference on Aging & Society in Chicago after the duo co-authored an article, titled "The Aging Mentally Ill: Ensuring Adequate Mental Health Care," published in *The International Journal of Aging and Society*.

## MOOT COURT AND SKILLS COMPETITIONS

Brandeis School of Law students competed in fourteen external moot court and skills competitions and two internal competitions during the academic year, under the guidance of professors and legal practitioners in the community. Professor Lisa Nicholson, along with students Michael McGee and Kiera Hollis, experienced unprecedented success in just the second year of the law school competing in the Transactional LawMeet competition. The team won the Chicago Regional Round and advanced to compete in the National Rounds in New York, N.Y., as one of fourteen finalists.



## 2014 ENTERING CLASS PROFILE



In addition to competing, the Brandeis School of Law also hosted one of these external skills competitions. Forty competitors from law schools throughout the South and Midwest traveled to Louisville to compete in an **ABA Regional Negotiation Competition**.

## PUBLIC SERVICE

Our commitment to public service, which follows the Brandeis example as “The People’s Attorney,” was apparent in the 6979.5 public service hours completed by our graduating students this year. Twenty-seven graduates performed 50 or more hours of public service, while seventeen of those graduates performed 100 or more hours each of public service and two of those students performed more than 300 hours each—far exceeding the mandated thirty hours per student. **Michael Atkinson (class of 2014) received the Samuel L. Greenebaum Public Service Award this year for performing 365 hours of public service at five different public service placements.**

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

The law school’s continuing commitment to community engagement work and public service, high-quality scholarship, and developing students’ legal and other skill sets, would certainly make Justice Louis D. Brandeis proud of the school bearing his name. In a constant effort to replicate the same impact that Justice Brandeis had on society, Brandeis students regularly set and achieve amazing goals. Here is a snapshot of student accomplishments and activities from the past year that prove the spirit of Justice Brandeis still thrives.

**Josh Hartsell, a May 2014 graduate has been selected as a finalist to the Presidential Management Fellows Class of 2014.** A total of 609 students were selected from approximately 7,000 applicants for the 2014 application cycle. Mr. Hartsell will spend the next two years working in Washington, D.C. on international trade policy as part of a leadership development program.



Josh Hartsell

**Janet Lewis, a 3L student at Brandeis, won First Place in the recent Kentucky Bar Association Annual Student Writing Competition** for her article on “The First Amendment and Social Media: Primary Students’ Constitutional Rights to Freely Speak Outside of the School.”



Janet Lewis

## STUDENT AWARDS

Last spring, we recognized many student achievements for law school activities at the Awards and Leadership Recognition Program. Many of the students’ accomplishments are noted in this newsletter, while others can be located in the **Student Awards Program**.

**The graduating class featured many talented individuals,** including Aaron Marcus, who received the Outstanding Graduating Senior Award for the class of 2014.



## JOB PLACEMENT & CLERKSHIPS

Placement data for the Class of 2013, as reported to the American Bar Association, shows that (87.5%) of our 128 graduates are employed nine months after graduation. The overall placement rate is even higher than the rate of 86.6% from the previous year, and the quality of the placements remained stable. Of the 112 employed graduates, 105 were employed in positions that required a JD (83) or worked in a job where a JD was considered an advantage (22). In addition to Most of the practicing graduates have secured work in Kentucky, while the next most popular states where Class of 2013 graduates are practicing are Indiana, Florida, and Tennessee. Moreover, the 2013 graduates have taken positions at law firms, in business and industry, in government and nonprofits, and as judicial clerks. In the 2013 graduating class, eight Brandeis graduates accepted clerkships with local, state and federal judges.

## OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Justice Brandeis once said that he could do twelve months of work in eleven months, but not in twelve, and these wise words remain equally applicable to **Brandeis School of Law students who engage in philanthropic and other pursuits when they are not studying or practicing their legal skills.**

In fact every fall, lawyers transform into rockstars at Lawlapalooza, an event held at Louisville’s Phoenix Hill Tavern with proceeds benefitting the funding of student fellowships, such as the Ellen B. Ewing Foundation Fellowship. **Lawlapalooza 2014: A Brandeis Night yielded a total of \$6,015.83 from sponsors, ticket sales, t-shirt sales, the silent auction and band tips.**



Similarly, the annual **Student Bar Foundation Charity Auction raises money for public service fellowships** awarded to students providing legal services to the poor or indigent and improving citizens’ access to justice.

Beginning in July 2014, the storied athletic programs at the University of Louisville will compete in the Atlantic Coast Conference, meaning that our students will now be able to kick back and unwind at a basketball game between the Cardinals and the Duke Blue Devils or North Carolina Tar Heels at the beautiful Yum! Center.



Finally, as the ultimate escape from the stresses of law school final exams, the law school once again hosted “Pawsibilities Unleashed,” whereby **therapy dogs are available to law students when they want to take a study break and pet a cuddly friend!**

This year was marked by recognition of faculty accomplishments with several awards and by a renewed appreciation for the impact of our faculty scholarship and research. Faculty members also have been placed in significant service positions this year. We also note with sadness the passing of Professor Ed Render. Professor Kathy Bean, who had served the law school on the faculty for 31 years retired.

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Five faculty members received major awards this past year. In February, the Louisville Bar Association presented its annual **Trailblazer Award to Professor Cedric Merlin Powell** (who also received the 2014 Chestnut Street YMCA Adult Black Achievers Award). **Professor Enid Trucios-Haynes was recognized during Hispanic Heritage Month** by the LBA with the Lee Webb Award in October.

In September two faculty members received awards at the university and the law school. **Professor Jamie Abrams received the UofL Presidential Exemplary Multicultural Teaching Award**, which is given to one faculty member at the university each year. Also in September, Professor Samuel L. Marcossan was recognized for Excellence in Teaching at the Law Alumni Awards Celebration.

Dean Susan Duncan was selected for Business First's "20 People to Know in Education/Work-Force Development." She was also selected for the 2015 Leadership Louisville class and received a Distinguished Alumni Award from the Law Alumni Association.



Jamie Abrams



Samuel L. Marcossan

## SCHOLARSHIP WITH IMPACT

**Twenty-three faculty members published approximately 98 works in 2013** on topics including professional responsibility, privacy, free speech, trademark, copyright, remedies, employment law, mental illness, disability discrimination and affirmative action. The scholarship that the faculty is publishing is making significant impacts in at least three ways. There are three types of impact.

- First, faculty members are influencing knowledge and ideas, as reflected by citations to their scholarship and invitations to speak in national and international scholarly forums.
- Second, faculty members are prominent experts who are involved in efforts to reform law and public policy.
- Third, faculty scholarship leads to opportunities for faculty to serve on local, regional, and national projects that benefit the community and to contribute their expertise to these public-service projects.

The attached links highlight the **publications and their impact**. The impact has included citations by a the Iowa Supreme Court; filing amicus briefs in Supreme Court cases; serving as keynote speakers and panelists and on conference planning committees; being quoted by the national and local media (including an interview with Assistant Professor Laura McNeal on CNN); having articles listed as top SSRN downloads, appointments to leadership positions in national, regional and local positions; invitations to write articles for symposia issues of law reviews; presenting CLE programs for state and local bar associations; and teaching and presenting at international events.

## PROFESSOR TRUCIOS-HAYNES TO DIRECT ALI INSTITUTE

**Professor Enid Trucios-Haynes has accepted a half-time appointment as Director of the Muhammad Ali Institute for Peace and Justice here at UofL.** This will be a half-time appointment effective August 1, 2014, for up to two years. She is uniquely qualified for this position given her expertise and work in immigration law and reform and international human rights issues, her work with community organizations, and her commitment to social justice.



Enid Trucios-Haynes

## GRANTS

### PROFESSOR MARK ROTHSTEIN RECEIVES NIH GRANT TO STUDY LAWS ON INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH

The first step in large-scale genomic research is often for researchers to compile massive collections of biological specimens (e.g., blood, tissue) and individual medical records linked to the specimens. An obstacle to international research collaboration is that health privacy laws in many countries limit the transfer of the specimens and records for research in other countries. Mark A. Rothstein, the Herbert F. Boehl Chair of Law and Medicine at the University of Louisville School of Medicine, has just **received a \$612,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health to study the laws in 25 countries** doing significant genomic research and to recommend legal strategies to facilitate research while still maintaining privacy protections.



Mark A. Rothstein

### LAW CLINIC RECEIVES CONTINUING GRANT

Since 2010, The Law Clinic (Clinic) in collaboration with the Legal Aid Society (LAS) and the Center for Women and Families (CWF), with generous funding from the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), has successfully served over 650 unmarried victims of domestic violence in Jefferson County through the Collaboration and Advocacy to provide Safety and Empowerment (CASE) Project. Now with the award of another three (3) year grant, we are expanding by including the Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs (KASAP) as a strategic partner; providing holistic legal services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in not only Jefferson County, but also Bullitt, Oldham, and Shelby Counties; and implementing outreach to college and university survivors of sexual assault and providing legal representation in Title IX Administrative Hearings.

### REMEMBERING ED RENDER

Missing from our law school's esteemed list of faculty members, but not our memories, is someone that students, lawyers, colleagues, and friends and loved ones alike, have come to view as a giant in labor and employment law over the years. Indeed, the Brandeis School of Law is deeply saddened to have lost Professor Ed Render to a short battle with cancer on January 4, 2014. His contributions in this field and to the law school truly were immeasurable.

Professor Render was a founding member of the Brandeis School of Law's Carl A. Warns Labor and Employment Law Institute, and supervised it for many years. In recognition of these significant contributions, the UofL



Ed Render

School of Law is pleased to announce that the Institute will now also include Professor Render's name.

**We are working to create a proper tribute to Professor Render's memory with his wife, Joyce, and son, Ray.** It was his last wish that the Law School create an endowed scholarship fund in his name to benefit current and future students that he loved and supported so much. Please support Professor Render's wish and make a tax deductible contribution to the Edward R. Render Scholarship Fund and help to continue filling our incoming classes with the most talented and promising students. You may donate online (select the "Brandeis School of Law" at [uoflalumni.org](http://uoflalumni.org)) or send your check, made out to the Edwin R. Render Scholarship Fund, in care of, Brandeis School of Law, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY 40292. On behalf of everyone at the Law School and the Render family, thank you very much for helping fund a lasting honor for a beloved member of our community.

## RETIREMENTS

**David J. Leibson wanted to pursue a teaching career from a young age.** But even he could not have envisioned what was to follow and what he would accomplish during a 40-plus-year distinguished tenure at the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law—the law school from which he graduated first in his class in 1969. After teaching in some capacity at the law school since 1971, Professor Leibson retired from the faculty following the Fall 2013 semester with a smashing send-off in the form of a roast and retirement party.



**Kathleen S. Bean**

On June 30, 2014 Kathleen S. Bean retired from the School of Law. Professor Bean is known as a teacher that demanded much of her students while caring deeply about them. For much of her 31 year career at Brandeis, Professor Bean taught legal writing courses, by nature, among the most challenging courses to teach. It is thus impressive that one of Brandeis's most respected teachers earned her teaching reputation while teaching our first-year required legal writing and analysis course. Besides being a favorite Basic Legal Skills professor, Professor Bean also recently served as Dean of Students and brought many positive changes to the school while in that role. She is known among students for her enthusiasm in the classroom, her knowledge of the subject matter, and her genuine love for teaching legal writing. Her past students describe her using the following words: amazing, excellent, wonderful, awesome, incredibly/infectiously enthusiastic, superb, outstanding, great, exceptional, fantastic, motivating, encouraging, passionate, approachable, effective and caring. In 2000 and 2009, she was awarded the Brandeis Alumni Excellence in Teaching Award; in 2001, she was awarded the University's Distinguished Teaching Professor Award. We all miss Professor Bean and wish her a wonderful retirement!

## MILESTONES

**This past year three professors marked milestones of service to the law school:** Professor Rick Nowka celebrated 35 years, Professor Robin Harris celebrated 30 years, and Professor David Ensign celebrated 25 years.

## PROMOTIONS AND TENURE

Professor Luke Milligan was recently granted tenure. Professor Milligan joined the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law as a visiting assistant professor of law in 2007-2008 before becoming an assistant professor of law from 2008-2012. Currently an associate professor, his tenure becomes effective in July 2015.

## STAFF NEWS

### AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Becky Wimberg, who has served at the law school for 40 years and who has served under six deans, four interim deans, and at least 17 associate deans, was honored as Outstanding Staff Member at the Alumni Awards Luncheon in September.



**Becky Wimberg**

Marcus Walker, who has been a member of the Law Library Staff for several years was just selected to serve as a member of the law library faculty beginning fall 2014. In that role, in addition to assisting patrons with reference queries, he organizes, catalogs, and preserves law school archival documents and artifacts. He also coordinates digitization projects in cooperation with University Libraries and with the State Law Library. Walker recently completed his Masters degree in Library and Information Science.

### NEW STAFF MEMBERS



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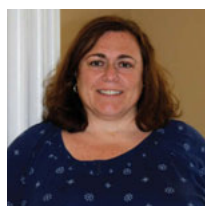
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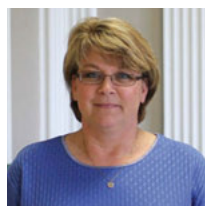
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### UNIVERSITY AWARDS RECOGNITION EVENT HONORS LAW SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS

At the University of Louisville Awards recognition, Becky Wenning, an administrative associate at the Brandeis School of Law, received an Outstanding Performance Award for staff. Simone Beach, Assistant Director of the Law Clinic, was one of three staff members who received an honorable mention.



## ANNUAL ALUMNI AWARDS

On September 26, we hosted our annual Alumni Awards Celebration for the first time as a luncheon instead of a dinner. It was a tremendous success with strong attendance. Later in this letter the Award recipients are noted, but it was a wonderful surprise to be awarded an Alumni Award for Service at the

Celebration. Our Alumni Council members are amazing individuals, this past year working under the leadership of Sean Deskins (L'2008). I look forward to working next year with the new President, Kristie Wetterer (L; 2012).

## Recipients of the 2014 Alumni Awards

### Lawrence Grauman Award

Rep. Greg Stumbo and Sen. Robert Stivers

### Dean's Service Award

Jeff Been, *Legal Aid Society*

### Distinguished Alumni/ae Awards

Hon. Eddy Coleman, *Pikeville Circuit Court*

Hon. Patricia Walker Fitzgerald, *Jefferson County Family Court*

Cathy Tang, *KFC Chief Legal Officer*

Greg Cinnamon, *Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton, LLP*

Scott Furkin, *Louisville Bar Association*

Susan Duncan, *Brandeis School of Law*

### Gail Robinson Award

Pete Schuler, *retired from Public Defender Juvenile Division*

### Recent Alumnus/a Award

Cinnamon Butler, *U.S. Department of Agriculture*

The Law Alumni Council is always looking for names of our alumni/ae to honor. Please send any suggestions for next year's awards to [susan.duncan@louisville.edu](mailto:susan.duncan@louisville.edu).

## LAW ALUMS WELL-REPRESENTED IN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The full slate for the 2014-16 board of directors for the **Alumni Association** was announced, and several of our law school alumni will be taking leading roles. Keith Cartwright (L'83), Greg Cinnamon (L'86), and Sean Deskins (L'07, A'04) will serve as at-large directors, whereas ex-officio directors (non-voting members) will include Bob Benson (L'69) on the board of trustees and Reggie Van Stockum (L'79, A'79) will serve on the executive committee.

## LUCY HELM SPEAKS AT GRADUATION

Lucy Helm (L'82) was the graduation speaker for the class of 2014. She leads the Global Law & Corporate Affairs department, including 190 legal and compliance partners (employees) in 14 offices around the world. She also serves as a member of Starbucks senior leadership team and supports the company's Board of Directors. In addition to her commencement address, National Law Journal recently named her one of America's 50 Outstanding General Counsels.



Lucy Helm

**She was selected to receive the Law School Alumni Fellow award for fall 2014.**

## LARRY ETHRIDGE (L'75) RECEIVES NATIONAL ABA AWARD

**17th Annual Jefferson Fordham Society Luncheon program**

## EMILY PEELER SERVING AS STREET LAW FELLOW

**Emily Peeler (JD'13) has been appointed to a fellowship that is a partnership between the National Association of Law Placement and the Street Law Legal Diversity Pipeline Program.** The two year position is in Washington, DC. The Legal Diversity Pipeline program partners law firms with diverse high schools nationally. As a fellow, she supports the program through developing and providing law firms with training and curriculum. She also facilitates the relationship between the schools and firms. The goal of the program is to teach students about the law and legal careers, encourage them to pursue legal careers, and offer support in that pursuit.



Larry Ethridge (L'75)

### CIVIL RIGHTS MILESTONES RECOGNIZED

The years 2013 and 2014 mark several significant civil rights anniversaries. Our law school and our faculty members were involved in several of these. The 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech, "I Have a Dream," was on August 28, 2013. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 will have its 50th anniversary this summer. The 60th anniversary of the *Brown v. Board of Education* Supreme Court decision was marked this past May. The University of Louisville hosted a campus-wide program on August 28 at which Professor Laura Rothstein spoke reflecting on her memories of how King's famous speech affected and changed her life's work.

### HISTORIC MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PHOTOS UNVEILED – FEBRUARY 28, 2014

After years of digging through photographic archives, the Louis D. Brandeis School of Law unveiled photos taken nearly 50 years ago when **Martin Luther King Jr. spoke in the school's Allen Courtroom**. King spoke at our law school March 30, 1967, after law student Steve Porter invited him. Porter—the 2013 **Alumni Fellow**—spoke at an event unveiling the portraits on February 28, 2014. Other speakers were Andrew Williams and recently retired law professor David Leibson. Porter and Leibson were in the courtroom during King's visit and Williams was one of dozens of students who squeezed around the courtroom's windows hoping to catch a glimpse of the civil rights leader. Five of the photos will be permanently displayed in the courtroom's entrance along with a bronze plaque that commemorates King's visit. The event also served as our second Reunion of Graduates of Color.

### SPEAKERS REFLECT DIVERSITY ISSUES

Two Brandeis Medal recipients—one present and one past—have spoken at our law school in the past year and also happen to be leaders on race issues. On October 15, 2013, Congressman John Lewis, Georgia's 5th Congressional District Representative and the only speaker at the 1963 March on Washington still living today, visited Louisville for the Kentucky Author Forum regarding his graphic novel *March*. Professor Enid Trucios-Haynes moderated the afternoon program on-campus with the 2000 Brandeis Medal award recipient.

The 2014 Brandeis Medal was awarded to Eugene Robinson, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and television political analyst. His most recent book, *Disintegration: The Splintering of Black America* addresses issues that are most timely today. Eugene Robinson received the Brandeis Medal in recognition of his distinguished commitment to first amendment rights, privacy rights, and social justice. Through print and broadcast journalism he enhances public awareness of important public policy issues often ignored in other forums.



Eugene Robinson

### CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL MAGNET PROGRAM HAS A NEW COURTROOM

Our partnership with Central High School Law and Government Magnet program has as a goal building the pipeline to law school and higher education for students from underrepresented backgrounds. Our partnership with the Law and Government Magnet program has been in existence since 2001, and this year, in recognition of the success of the program, **the Jefferson County Public School System has renovated the law and government magnet classroom to create a courtroom**. The new configuration allows students to practice courtroom skills and to apply what they are learning in that setting.

### CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL WRITING SKILLS MATERIALS PREPARED WITH LOUISVILLE BAR FOUNDATION GRANT SUPPORT

During 2013-2014 Writing Skills materials used by the juniors at Central High School were developed pursuant to a grant from the Louisville Bar Foundation. These were used during the year and continue to be edited and revised. Mary Jo Gleason provided the basic materials which four students adapted and prepared for continuing use. The materials include test banks and power points for teaching.



### PROFESSOR POWELL INSPIRES BLSA GRADUATES

Professor Cedric Merlin Powell was the invited speaker for the **2014 Black Law Student Association Convocation** honoring the six BLSA members who graduated this year. In his convocation remarks, "The Lawyer in a Changing World," Professor Powell implored the graduates to embrace their new-found role as a lawyer in a changing world and to represent the law school in its finest tradition of distinguished lawyering by (1) exercising independent judgment and problem solving skills; (2) developing deep critical thinking ability; (3) learning to be a contextual communicator: to read, write, and express ideas cogently, lucidly and with expert facility; (4) being a passionate advocate with a commitment to social justice and progressive advocacy; and (5) acting with humility: "Your work is not for recognition or awards, but to advance the greater good, that is the true meaning of 'Pro Bono Publico.'"



**COURTYARD PROJECT**



Under the supervision of the Boehl Chair in Property & Land Use, Professor Tony Arnold, and recent dual-degree (law and urban planning) graduate Jennifer-Grace Ewa, the law school’s courtyards underwent a transformation to beautiful native landscaped spaces, and functional gathering and community spaces. **This community-wide project took more than 100 person-hours of work from the law school community, including students, staff, faculty, and alumni, who assisted with preparing the land and soils, transporting plants and flowers, and planting over selected days during June and July.** The courtyard project intends to help achieve a landscaping plan that was developed by all law school constituencies in a participatory process and was funded through the generosity of the Charles Hebel family.

**INTERNATIONAL GUESTS ATTEND BRANDEIS CONFERENCE**

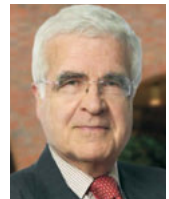
The Brandeis School of Law hosted the Eighth Annual Administrative Law Forum in Louisville. The co-hosts were the University of Alabama School of Law, the Luxembourg University Faculty of Law, the University of Aix-Marseille Faculty of Law, and the Emory University School of Law. Participation was limited to a select group of about 25 international scholars and scholars from around the country. Topics included developments in alternative dispute resolution in the administrative context and recent developments in administrative law. Professor and Distinguished University Scholar Russell Weaver, one of the organizers of the gathering, noted the significance of the gathering: “This is an opportunity to showcase UL to high-level scholars from around the world.”



Russ Weaver

**PROFESSOR AND NATIONAL FIGURE ARTHUR MILLER TO RECEIVE THE 2015 BRANDEIS MEDAL – APRIL 8**

Professor Arthur Miller will receive the 2015 Brandeis Medal from the Louis D. Brandeis School of Law. Professor Miller’s work in many ways is consistent with the values of Justice Brandeis. For example, his 1971 book, *Assault on Privacy, Data Banks, and Dossiers*, pursued Justice Brandeis’s early concerns about privacy and foreshadowed many of the issues still being debated. Because 2015 is the 50th anniversary of *Griswold v.*



Arthur Miller

*Connecticut*, another type of privacy decision, it is especially appropriate to recognize Professor Miller for his early awareness of the issues raised by developing technologies. In addition, Professor Miller’s work on PBS and elsewhere as a “teacher of the law to the general public” reflects Brandeis’s beliefs in educating the public about legal matters. Like Justice Brandeis, Professor Miller also has had an extraordinary influence on his former students (including Professor Leslie Abramson) and research assistants, many of whom have become judges and law school faculty members, including Chief Justice John Roberts.

**DEVELOPMENT**

**THE ULTIMATE GIFT TO OUR STUDENTS: HOW YOU CAN HELP**

Scholarship support has a significant and direct impact on the School of Law by increasing our ability to attract the most qualified students, enable students to remain in school, recognize their academic achievements, and lessen student debt. By offering competitive scholarships, we are able to mitigate the current trend in lower enrollments experienced by many law schools throughout the nation. As the cost of legal education and higher education increases, and the availability of student funding decreases, it becomes even more critical that scholarship coffers continue to increase. The University’s 1798 Society and the Law School’s Dean’s Circle both recognize donors who give \$1,000 each year. To make a gift please contact JP Davis, Major Gifts at [jp.davis@louisville.edu](mailto:jp.davis@louisville.edu).

We note with great sadness the tragic death of Mark Stanziano, 1982 graduate of our law school. In late June, he was shot and killed while on his way to work. He was known throughout the state as a model public servant, representing many individuals in difficult criminal cases. To recognize his contributions and remember him, his class created an endowment fund for the Criminal Law Moot Court Competition. So far they have raised \$6,825.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**MAKE SURE YOU DON’T MISS ANY OF THESE EVENTS DURING 2014-2015**

For the latest information, additional details, and to register for events, please visit [www.law.louisville.edu/news-events](http://www.law.louisville.edu/news-events).

**Holiday Reception**  
December 5, 2014

**KBA Diversity Forum**  
April 9-10, 2015

**Estate Planning Institute**  
May 15, 2015

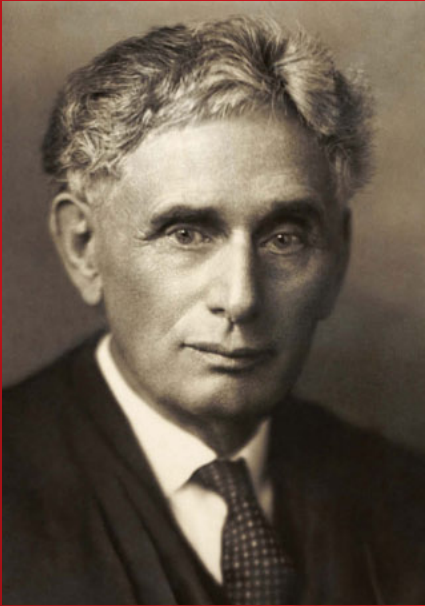
**Boehl Lecture**  
March 3, 2015

**Law School Student Awards**  
April 16, 2015

**Warns and Render Labor & Employment Law Institute**  
June 11 & 12, 2015

**Brandeis Medal Presentation Professor Arthur Miller**  
April 8, 2015

# BRANDEIS...



## OUR LEGACY

Born in Louisville, Kentucky, on November 13, 1856, Louis D. Brandeis devoted his life to social justice. He believed in public service, and he gave substantial service himself. He was the Supreme Court Justice most responsible for helping the Supreme Court shape the tools it needed to interpret the Constitution in light of the sociological and economic conditions of the 20th century. Justice Brandeis is a model for our law school's commitment to community and progressive values.

