Law and Liberal Arts at Oberlin College

Law and Social Change in the 21st Century

November 14-16, 2003
CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2003

4:00-8:00  Registration                                 Carnegie Building
           Main Lobby                                      

4:30-6:00  Law Careers Workshop
           "Preparing For and Securing Law
           School Admission, the Law School
           Experience, and Careers in the Law"
           Science Center
           Craig Lecture Hall

Moderator:
Wendy S. Miller - Director of Career Services,
Oberlin College

Participants:
Liz Ryan Cole '68 - Professor of Law, Vermont Law School,
South Royalton, VT
Christopher S. Elmendorf '94 - Assistant Professor, University
of California at Davis School of Law, Davis, CA
Cedric M. Powell '84 - Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
and Professor of Law, University of Louisville Brandeis
School of Law, Louisville, KY
William F. Vodrey '87 - Magistrate,
Cleveland Municipal Court, Cleveland, OH
6:00 p.m.  Reception  Carnegie Building
           Root Room

7:00 p.m.  Dinner  Carnegie Building
           Root Room
MC:
Ronald C. Kahn - James Monroe Professor of
Politics and Law, Oberlin College

Welcome:
Nancy S. Dye - President of Oberlin College

Keynote Address:
Richard O. Lempert '64 - Eric Stein Distinguished University
Professor of Law and Sociology, University of Michigan,
Ann Arbor, MI, and Division Director for the Social
and Economic Sciences, National Science Foundation,
Washington, DC
“Affirmative Action: Grutter and Beyond”

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2003

8:00 a.m.  Continental Breakfast and Registration  Science Center
           Commons

9:00-10:30  Panel 1 - “Women, Gender, and
           Family Rights”  Science Center
           West Lecture Hall
Moderator:
Amy J. Gittler '72 - Frazer, Ryan, Goldberg,
Arnold & Gittler, Phoenix, AZ

Participants:
Susan M. Dennehy '99 - Kadish Fellow, Jurisprudence and
Social Policy Department, University of California, Berkeley, CA
Bennett H. Klein '82 - AIDS Law Project Director, Gay &
Lesbian Advocates & Defenders, Boston, MA
Carolyn A. Kubitschek '70 - Lansner & Kubitschek, NYC
Louise K. Melling '82 - Director, Reproductive Freedom
Project, American Civil Liberties Union, NYC
William F. Vodrey '87 - Magistrate,
Cleveland Municipal Court, Cleveland, OH
9:00-10:30 Panel 2 - “Tort Reform and Your Right to a Day in Court: Class Action Suits and the Capping of Damage Awards”
Moderator:
Patricia A. McCoy ‘76 - Professor of Law, University of Connecticut School of Law, Hartford, CT
Participants:
Michael H. Barr ‘77 - Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal, NYC
Joel S. Feldman ‘74 - Sidley Austin Brown & Wood, Chicago, IL
Merril J. Hirsh ‘79 - Ross, Dixon & Bell, Washington, DC
Stephanie Y. Moore ‘82 - Minority Counsel, House Judiciary Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, Washington, DC
Paul D. Rheingold ‘55 - Rheingold, Valet, Rheingold, Shkolnik & McCartney, NYC

10:45-12:15 Panel 3 - “Affirmative Action”
Moderator:
William L. Robinson ‘63 - Professor of Law and Founding Dean, District of Columbia School of Law, Washington, DC
Participants:
Jacqueline A. Berrien ‘83 - Program Officer, Peace and Social Justice Program, Ford Foundation, NYC
Thomas M. Keck ‘92 - Assistant Professor of Political Science, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY
Richard O. Lempert ‘64 - Eric Stein Distinguished University Professor of Law and Sociology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
Terry A. Maroney ‘89 - Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering, NYC
Cedric M. Powell ‘84 - Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Law, University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law, Louisville KY
10:45-12:15 Panel 4 - “The Internet, the Recording Industry, Broadcast Media and Intellectual Property: Napster and the New York Yankees”
Moderator:
Michael A. Santoro '76 - Associate Professor, Graduate School of Management, Rutgers University, Newark, NJ
Participants:
Justin J. T. Hughes '82 - Assistant Professor, Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University, NYC
Peter E. Jaffe '84 - Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, Washington, DC
Robert S. Lemle '75 - Consultant and former Vice President and General Counsel, Cablevision Systems Corporation, NYC
Valerie R. Marcus '84 - Vice President, Business and Legal Affairs, RCA Music Group, NYC
Michael N. Schlesinger '89 - Smith & Metalitz, Washington, DC

12:30-1:45 Networking Lunch with Students
Speaker:
Ronald C. Kahn - James Monroe Professor of Politics and Law, Oberlin College
“Oberlin as a Cradle for Legal Scholars, Practitioners and Advocates of Social Change”
Speaker:
Charles A. Spitulnik '73 - McLeod, Watkinson & Miller, Washington, DC
“Reflections on Oberlin College, Law School and a Life in the Law”

2:00-3:30 Panel 5 - “Capital Punishment”
Moderator:
David J. Gottlieb '69 - Professor of Law, University of Kansas School of Law, Lawrence, KS
Participants:
Patrick J. Culligan '73 - Chief of Capital Defense & Trial Services Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, State of Connecticut, Hartford, CT
Gretchen M. Engel '85 - Director of Post-Conviction Litigation, Center for Death Penalty Litigation, Durham, NC
Timothy V. Kaufman-Osborn '76 - Baker Ferguson Professor of Politics and Leadership, Department of Politics, Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA
Michael C. Meltsner '57 - Visiting Professor of Law, Harvard Law School, and George J. and Kathleen Waters Matthews Distinguished Professor of Law, Northeastern University School of Law, Cambridge, MA
Gregory W. Meyers '80 - Chief Counsel, Death Penalty Division, Office of Ohio Public Defender, Columbus, OH

2:00-3:30 Panel 6 - "Environmental Law"  
Science Center
Craig Lecture Hall
Moderator:
Andrew M. Manshel '78 - Vice President of Finance and Administration, Barnard College, NYC
Participants:
Karen L. Florini '79 - Senior Attorney, Environmental Health Program, Environmental Defense, Washington, DC
Peter J. Kirsch '79 - Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell, Denver, CO
Christopher S. Elmendorf '94 - Assistant Professor, University of California at Davis School of Law, Davis, CA
Eric W. Orts '82 - Guardsmark Endowed Professor of Legal Studies and Management, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
Victor M. Sher '76 - Sher & Leff, San Francisco, CA

3:45-5:15 Panel 7 - "The Supreme Court and Appellate Courts in Contemporary Society"  
Science Center
West Lecture Hall
Moderator:
James E. Pohlman '54 - Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur, Columbus, OH
Participants:
Nancy Aron '70 - President, The Alliance for Justice, Washington, DC
Thomas A. Balmer '74 - Associate Justice, Oregon Supreme Court, Salem, OR
Nancy E. Crowe '91 - Frieda L. Miller Fellow, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
Eric R. Olson '95 - Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott, Chicago, IL
Robert H. Tiller '77 - Helms Mulliss & Wicker, Raleigh, NC

3:45-5:15  Panel 8 - “Social Change from Within and Without Government”  Science Center Craig Lecture Hall
Moderator:
William R. Perlik '48 - Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering, Washington, DC
Participants:
J. William Callison '77 - Faegre & Benson, Denver, CO
Lee I. Fisher '73 - President and CEO, Center for Families and Children, Cleveland, OH
Dale A. Iverson '78 - Principal and Mediator, Just Mediation, PLC, Grand Rapids, MI
Joan P. Warrington '74 - Morrison & Foerster, NYC

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Remarks:
Clayton R. Koppes - Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
Speaker:
Nancy J. King '82 - Lee S. and Charles A. Speir Professor of Law, Vanderbilt University Law School, Nashville, TN
“New Insights Into Old Problems: Wrongful Convictions in the 21st Century”
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2003

8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

Science Center Commons

9:00-11:00 Faculty Symposium:
"Liberal Arts Education (at Oberlin), Law, and Social Change"
Moderator:
Michael J. Frantz - Frantz Ward, Cleveland, OH

Participants:
Timothy M. Hall - Assistant Professor of Philosophy,
Department of Philosophy, Oberlin College
Joyce K. McClure - Assistant Professor of Religion,
Department of Religion, Oberlin College
David W. Orr - Distinguished Professor/Director of
Environmental Studies, Environmental Studies Program, Oberlin College
Harlan G. Wilson - Associate Professor of Politics,
Department of Politics, Oberlin College
James E. Zinser - Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, Oberlin College

Science Center West Lecture Hall
ALUMNI PARTICIPANTS

NANCY ARON ’70
Washington, DC

Ms. Aron founded The Alliance for Justice based in Washington, DC in 1979. It is a national association of 59 public interest advocacy organizations. She has been the President since its inception. In 1984, she founded its Judicial Selection Project, which monitors the appointment process for Supreme Court Justices and lower federal court judges. She is a nationally recognized expert on public interest law, the federal judiciary, and citizen participation in policy formulation. She has taught at Georgetown and George Washington University Law Schools, and serves on the Dean’s Advisory Council at American University’s Washington College of Law.

Ms. Aron has served as Executive Producer for several award-winning films on immigration, courageous judges, and gun violence. Her book, Liberty and Justice for All: Public Interest Law in the 1980s and Beyond, has been distributed throughout the United States, used as a law textbook, and translated into Spanish. She majored in Sociology at Oberlin, and earned a JD from Case Western Reserve University in 1973. She is married to Bernard S. Arons ’69, MD.

THOMAS A. BALMER ’74
Salem, OR

The Honorable Thomas A. Balmer joined the Oregon Supreme Court in September 2001. He is a widely respected and well-connected Portland attorney. He was an associate (1982-1986) and then partner (1986-1993) in the Portland firm of Ater Wynne LLP and its predecessor firm, Lindsay, Hart, Nell & Weigler, and also served as Managing Partner (1997-2001).

Mr. Balmer has been an Adjunct Professor of Law at Northwestern School of Law of Lewis & Clark College and an Adjunct Professor of Political Science at Lewis & Clark College. He is the author of numerous articles and book reviews on antitrust and other topics, and was a board member (1989-1993) and chair (1992-1993) of Multnomah County Legal Aid Service, Inc. He is also a board member of Classroom Law Project (2000-present), Chamber of Music Northwest (1997-present) and serves on the Advisory Committee of the Campaign for Equal Justice (1993-present). He majored in Government at Oberlin, and earned a JD from the University of Chicago in 1977.
MICHAEL H. BARR ’77
New York, NY

Mr. Barr is a partner with the law firm of Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal in New York City, and serves as vice chair for Sonnenschein’s Litigation and Business Regulation Practice Group. He has extensive litigation experience across a broad spectrum of substantive areas, including securities, workers compensation, consumer fraud, environmental, insurance coverage, trade regulation, real estate, professional liability, and contractual disputes. He has litigated before trial and appellate courts and administration forums throughout the United States. He has also counseled and represented numerous domestic and foreign investors and creditors concerning troubled real estate and commercial loans and investments. His cases include multi-million and billion claims and settlements involving the legality of a nationwide class action using a RICO fraud claim, the Superfund and Clean Water Act, surety bonds issued to Enron Corporation and property coverage litigation with regard to the World Trade Center after the 9/11 tragedy.

Mr. Barr is the lead author on the two-volume treatise New York Civil Practice Before Trial, and has lectured and written on a variety of insurance coverage issues. He majored in History and Government at Oberlin, received Highest Honors, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He earned a JD, cum laude, from Harvard University in 1980.

JACQUELINE A. BERRIEN ’83
New York, NY

Ms. Berrien is a Program Officer in the Governance and Civil Society Unit of the Ford Foundation’s Peace and Social Justice Program in New York City. She oversees the Foundation’s grant-making in the area of political participation and representation, and has administered grants to advance political equality in the United States by under-represented groups, particularly people of color, women, and youth since November 2001. Prior to joining the Ford Foundation, she was Assistant Counsel for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund in New York City, focusing on issues of voting rights and political participation, a position she held since 1994. She has taught trial advocacy at Harvard and Fordham law schools, and also is an Adjunct Professor of Law at New York Law School, where she teaches Blacks and American Law. Prior to her work with the NAACP, she was an attorney with the Lawyer’s Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law in Washington, DC, the ACLU Woman’s Rights Project and the National Legal Department in New York City.
Ms. Berrien has served as a Wasserstein Public Interest Fellow at Harvard Law School, was awarded the Muhammad Kenyatta Young Alumni/ae Award by the Harvard Black Law Students Association, and sits on numerous Boards of Directors and Advisory Committees. She has written several publications and has made many paper presentations and media appearances. She is listed in "Outstanding Black Collegians" and "National Register of Outstanding College Graduates." She majored in Government and English at Oberlin and received High Honors. She earned a JD from Harvard University in 1986, where she served as General Editor of the Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review.

J. WILLIAM CALLISON '77
Denver, CO

Mr. Callison is a partner with the law firm of Faegre & Benson LLP in Denver, CO. He is known nationally for his practice in corporate law, partnership law, tax law, business planning, affordable housing and community development law. He has been with the firm since 1997. His numerous publications include "They've Created a Lamb With Mandibles of Death: Secrecy, Disclosure and Fiduciary Duties in Limited Liability Firms," Indiana Law Journal (2001).

Mr. Callison is on the Executive Committee of the Yale Law School Alumni Association (2001-present). Other professional activities include: Chair, Taxation Committee, American Bar Association, Section of Business Law (1999-present); Secretary, Vice-President, President, Colorado Association of Corporate Counsel (1997-present); Colorado Chair, American Bar Association Forum Committee on Affordable Housing and Community Development Law (1993-present); Board of Directors, Colorado Lawyers Committee (1987-present); Chair, Tax Section, Colorado Bar Association (1988-1989). He majored in History and Government at Oberlin. He earned a JD from the University of Colorado in 1982 and a LLM from Yale University in 2000. Mr. Callison’s parents are both graduates of Oberlin, James C. Callison '51 and Jan Richelsen Callison '53.

LIZ RYAN COLE ’68
South Royalton, VT

Professor Cole specializes in clinical legal education and legal ethics. As director of the Semester in Practice and the Environmental Semester in Washington programs, she
supervises students and mentors in full-time clinical externships. She worked as a practicing attorney in San Jose, CA (1974-1977), both with Community Legal Services and as a partner in the firm of Katz, Cole & Beam. She served as training coordinator with the Legal Services Training and Advocacy Project in New Haven, CT (1978-1980), and as regional training coordinator with the Legal Services Corporation of New York (1980-1983). She has been a member of Vermont Law School's faculty since 1984, when she became director of the Semester in Practice program and director of the Office of Career Services.

Professor Cole has been a trustee of Vermont Legal Aid and has served on several committees for the Vermont Bar Association. She was a founder and first president of the Clinical Legal Education Association, and in 2002 received the Association's Outstanding Advocate for Clinical Legal Education Award. She writes and speaks on legal education, including comparative and clinical legal education, legal ethics, and the training and supervision of law students and lawyers. She also runs workshops for lawyers and judges on improving their ability to give feedback on supervisee performance. She majored in History and Government at Oberlin, and earned a JD from Boston University in 1973. She is married to Charles N. Cole Jr ’68. Her mother is Mary Hartson McCalla ’43.

NANCY E. CROWE ’91
Cambridge, MA

Ms. Crowe is the Frieda L. Miller Fellow at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, since 2002. She was Assistant Professor of Government at Dartmouth College (1999-2003). She is interested in the roles that gender and race play in the US legal system. Her research documents the substantive implications of the increasing diversification of the federal judiciary by empirically addressing the question of whether judges make different decisions based on their sex or race in employment discrimination cases. During her Radcliffe fellowship year, Ms. Crowe expanded the scope of her research by conducting analyses of additional areas of law. Her goal is to determine how widespread the effects are of a diversifying federal judiciary. In her book, she hopes to expand on the theoretical implications of her findings for justice and fairness.

Ms. Crowe majored in Law and Society and Government at Oberlin and received High Honors. She earned a MA in 1993 and a PhD in 1999 in political science from the
University of Chicago. She received a doctoral fellowship from the American Bar Foundation, and has received research grants from the American Political Science Association and the Nelson A. Rockefeller Center at Dartmouth College. Her work was awarded the Carrie Chapman Catt Prize for research on women and politics in 2001. She is married to Robert A. Eichfeld '91.

PATRICK J. CULLIGAN '73
Hartford, CT

Mr. Culligan has been a public defender attorney for 23 years. He also practiced as a private attorney doing insurance defense work during a hiatus from his public defender career in the late 1980s. He has been a member of the Public Defender's statewide Capital Defense and Trial Services Unit since August 1988. Since October 1991, he has been the chief attorney of the Unit. The Unit is located in the Office of the Chief Public Defender in Hartford, which is the statewide administrative office for the entire public defender organization. They are responsible for the defense of all public defender clients charged with capital felonies who are being prosecuted for the death penalty. Death penalty defense has been a major part of his professional life since his first death penalty trial in 1985.

Mr. Culligan has defended eight capital felony death penalty trials. During his tenure with the Capital Defense and Trial Services Unit they have represented approximately 75 clients accused of capital felony and prosecuted for the death penalty. Connecticut presently has 7 defendants on death row; they are all clients of his Unit. He has had two clients on death row. In 2002, one of the two clients had his death sentence overturned by the Connecticut Supreme Court, and had the sentence of life imprisonment without the possibility of release imposed with no retrial. Mr. Culligan majored in History at Oberlin, and earned a JD from the University of Connecticut in 1978.

SUSAN M. DENNEHY '99
Berkeley, CA

Ms. Dennehy is currently a PhD Candidate and Kadish Fellow, Jurisprudence and Social Policy Department, at the University of California, Berkeley. Her current research examines how it is that law, by way of state courts, is reconfiguring the family in light of social changes such as cohabitation and reproductive technology. She has been a member
of the American Political Science Association since 1998 and is also a member of the Law and Society Association since 2001.


CHRISTOPHER S. ELMENDORF '94
Davis, CA

In January 2004, Professor Elmendorf will join the faculty at the University of California at Davis as Assistant Professor of Law. Before coming to Davis, he clerked for Judge Guido Calabresi of the US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and served as a Joint Research Fellow of the National Wildlife Federation and the Political Economy Research Center.

Professor Elmendorf’s teaching and scholarly interests are wide ranging. His recent publications have developed economic and cultural analyses of legal mechanisms for preserving and restoring ecological resources on privately owned lands. Other teaching interests include areas of natural resources law, property law, and law and democracy. Presently he is working on a study of whether independent advisory commissions fulfill, or could be designed so as to fulfill, some of the representation-reinforcing functions that scholars of constitutional law typically assign to that more familiar “independent” branch of government: the federal courts. A second project now in the works analyzes whether disparate statutory and constitutional frameworks for the governance of state “school trust” and national “multiple use” public lands, have resulted in meaningfully different forms of judicial oversight of the stewardship of those lands.

Professor Elmendorf majored in Economics and Environmental Studies at Oberlin, received Highest Honors, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He earned a JD from Yale University in 2001, where he was the Olin Fellow in Law and Economics.
GRETCHEN M. ENGEL '85
Durham, NC

Ms. Engel is the Director of Post-Conviction Litigation at the Center for Death Penalty Litigation in Durham, NC. She is responsible for direct representation of indigent capital defendants in direct appeal, state post-conviction, federal habeas, and clemency proceedings. She prepares Capital Update, a bimonthly newsletter distributed to 700 attorneys statewide summarizing developments in death penalty law.


HOLLY B. FECHNER '85
Washington, DC

Ms. Fechner is Chief Labor Counsel for the US Senate Health, Education, Labor & Pensions Committee in Washington, DC. She is the primary adviser to Senator Edward M. Kennedy and Senate Democrats on the economy, labor, employment, pensions, workplace safety, and labor-management relations. Prior to her current job, she was Legislative Counsel for the AFL-CIO, a labor lawyer in private practice, and Policy Counsel for the National Partnership for Women and Families. She has been a consultant to the Department of Labor, an adjunct professor of law, and a sexual harassment prevention consultant. She has published on women and the Civil Rights Act of 1991 and on sexual harassment law.

Ms. Fechner majored in History at Oberlin and received Honors. She earned a JD, cum laude, from the University of Michigan in 1989 and a graduate certificate in Women’s Studies from Michigan in 1991. She is married to Kevin P. Mills '83.

JOEL S. FELDMAN '74
Chicago, IL

Mr. Feldman is a partner with the law firm of Sidley Austin Brown & Wood in Chicago, IL. He chairs its Insurance/Financial Services Class Action Defense Group. He has
served as lead defense counsel in over 45 insurance/financial services class actions in over 25 federal and state courts throughout the US. He achieved one of the first denials of class certification in a vanishing premium multi-district consolidated proceeding. Other class certification denials include an annuity class action, an attempt to certify a class of foreign nationals, and two class certification denials brought under state consumer fraud acts. He successfully tried a securities fraud class action to a jury verdict, named by the National Law Journal as one of the top ten trials of the year.

Mr. Feldman has served as chair of the American Bar Association's Securities Litigation Subcommittee on Secondary Liability and currently chairs the Federal Civil Procedure Committee of the Chicago Bar Association. He is the past Editor-In-Chief of Securities News, the official ABA publication of the Securities Litigation Committee. In the last five years he chaired the Practicing Law Institute's national class action seminar in New York, and has spoken and written widely on class actions. He has served as law clerk to the Honorable Thomas Acquinas Flannery of the US District Court for the District of Columbia (1979 to 1980). He majored in Government and Religion at Oberlin. He earned a JD from Georgetown University in 1979, where he served as Case & Note editor of the Georgetown Law Journal.

LEE I. FISHER '73
Cleveland, OH

Mr. Fisher has served as President and CEO of the Center for Families and Children in Cleveland, OH since March 1999. The Center serves children, individuals, and families throughout Northeastern Ohio at 15 sites in the areas of child care and early childhood education; behavioral health care; special interventions for youth at risk; a nationally-recognized fatherhood program; and employee assistance services for 80 Northeast Ohio businesses.

Mr. Fisher has served as Ohio Attorney General, State Senator, State Representative, private attorney, and as a federal appellate law clerk. In 1998, he was the Democratic nominee for Governor of Ohio, losing narrowly to Robert Taft II in the closest Ohio gubernatorial race in 25 years. He also has served on a number of corporate and local, state, and national nonprofit boards. He is a member of the Oberlin College Board of Trustees, serving since 1992. He speaks regularly on the topics of the intersection of the private, public, and non-profit sectors, the changing shape of government-nonprofit relations, public policy advocacy, racial and cultural tolerance and diversity, fund-raising
and donor engagement, and leadership, management and board governance. He received national acclaim for forming unique partnerships with local law enforcement and citizens to fight violent crime, reaching out in unprecedented ways to Ohio’s labor and business communities, and running a highly professional office. He majored in Government at Oberlin, and earned a JD from Case Western Reserve University in 1976.

KAREN L. FLORINI ’79
Washington, DC

Ms. Florini is a Senior Attorney with the Environmental Health Program in the Washington, DC Office of Environmental Defense (formerly the Environmental Defense Fund), where she specializes in toxic chemicals, antibiotic resistance, and related topics. Founded in 1967, Environmental Defense is a leading national nonprofit environmental advocacy group with more than 300,000 members and offices in seven locations around the US. Prior to joining Environmental Defense in 1987, she served for three years as an attorney in the US Department of Justice’s Land and Natural Resources Division.

Ms. Florini was a co-author of Environmental Defense’s groundbreaking Toxic Ignorance report in 1997, which helped prompt creation of the High Production Volume (HPV) Challenge, a joint initiative with the Environmental Protection Agency and Chemical Manufacturers Association to rapidly fill basic data gaps in widely used chemicals by 2005. She also co-authored Facing the Challenge (2003), a detailed evaluation of the HPV program’s implementation through 2002. In addition, she chairs the Steering Committee of Keep Antibiotics Working, a coalition of 13 health, consumer, and other advocacy groups that seeks to curtail overuse of antibiotics in animal agriculture, and co-authored When Wonder Drugs Don’t Work: How Antibiotic Resistance Threatens Children, Seniors, and the Medically Vulnerable (2001). In addition to her public education work, she participates in regulatory and legislative policy work and conducts litigation. She is a member of the Oberlin College Board of Trustees, serving since 1996.

Ms. Florini majored in Biology and Environmental Policy at Oberlin and received High Honors. She earned a JD from Harvard University in 1983, where she was Editor-in-Chief of The Harvard Environmental Law Review. She then clerked for Judge John Fullam of the US District Court in Philadelphia.
MICHAEL J. FRANTZ  
Cleveland, OH

Mr. Frantz of Frantz Ward LLP in Cleveland, OH, focuses on litigation, labor and employment law, construction and higher education. He has extensive experience in the defense of labor and employment disputes and has negotiated hundreds of contracts on behalf of employers in a broad range of industries involving virtually every major union in the US and Canada. He has lectured extensively on various issues involving labor and employment and higher education law.

Mr. Frantz graduated from the University of Notre Dame magna cum laude. He earned a JD from Georgetown University in 1976, where he was Administrative Editor of the Journal of Law and Policy in International Business.

AMY J. GITTLE  '72  
Phoenix, AZ

Ms. Gittler joined the law firm of Frazer, Ryan, Goldberg, Arnold & Gittler LLP in June 2002. She advises, counsels and represents corporations and individual business professionals in employment and commercial matters. She is a frequent lecturer in the area of employment law and regularly conducts harassment prevention training programs for businesses.

Ms. Gittler first formed her own law firm in 1997. Prior to that time, she was a partner with the law firm of Brown & Bain. She also previously held the position of Executive Director of the Arizona Center of Law in the Public Interest where she handled a range of cases involving employment discrimination and the rights of persons with mental and physical disabilities.

Ms. Gittler has received numerous awards including the Legislative Service Award, the Human Dignity Award and the Arizona State University College of Law Distinguished Achievement Award. In 1983, she successfully argued a case before the US Supreme Court, establishing the right of women to receive equal pension benefits upon retirement. She is also a published author and frequent lecturer. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Oberlin, she earned a JD at Northwestern University in 1977. She was a member of the Oberlin College Board of Trustees from 1991-2003.
DAVID J. GOTTlieb '69
Lawrence, KS

Mr. Gottlieb joined the KU law faculty in 1979. He served as Director of the Kansas Defender Project (1979-1999), and as Director of Clinical Programs (1995-1999). He teaches criminal law and criminal procedure. He is a nationally recognized expert in criminal law, particularly the law of sentencing. An outstanding teacher, he received the law school's Immel Award for Teaching Excellence in 1992. He has served as a consultant on clinical legal education in the US and abroad, most recently in the Ukraine, Bulgaria and Turkey.


MERRIL J. HIRSH '79
Washington, DC

Mr. Hirsh is a partner in the Washington, DC office of Ross, Dixon & Bell LLP. He joined the firm in 1989 and represents both plaintiffs and defendants in civil litigation in antitrust, insurance, intellectual property, securities, corporate, discrimination, class action, and other cases. He is one of the attorneys responsible for the False Claims Act litigation that in December 1999 resulted in a jury verdict finding that Koch Industries, Inc. submitted over 24,000 false claims on Government or Native American oil leases. He was also one of the attorneys who obtained an $85 million settlement on behalf of a class of resellers of long-distance service in litigation against GTE and various regional Bell Operating Companies. He is part of the team representing DSL provider Covad in antitrust and commercial litigation against Verizon. He was also one of the attorneys who represented two adult eagle scouts who sought (unfortunately unsuccessfully over a
decade of litigation) to challenge the Boy Scouts exclusion of gays and lesbians from Scouting.

Prior to joining Ross, Dixon & Bell, Mr. Hirsh was a Trial Attorney in the Civil Division of the US Department of Justice. There, he represented federal agencies and employees in courts across the country, primarily in cases challenging the validity of agency action and regulations and the constitutionality of Acts of Congress. He was the lead counsel representing the US Department of Education in the eight-month school desegregation trial in Kansas City, MO, the lead counsel representing the Veterans Administration in a two-month trial challenging the constitutionality of an Act of Congress, and one of the primary counsel responsible for negotiating an innovative Title VII class action employment settlement that reorganized the personnel practices at a major military base. He is also the author of several articles in various legal fields. He majored in Government at Oberlin, received High Honors, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He earned a JD, magna cum laude, from Harvard University in 1982.

JUSTIN J. T. HUGHES ’82
New York, NY

Professor Hughes teaches intellectual property and Internet law courses at Cardozo School of Law in New York City. Formerly an attorney-advisor at the US Patent and Trademark Office, his areas of expertise include the Internet, domestic and international copyright issues, database protection, trademarks and audiovisual performers' rights. His work in the US Government covered a wide range of issues from intellectual property law in developing economies to copyright appellate filings for the United States (including the Napster litigation). He is the author of several articles on intellectual property, linguistics, and international arbitration.

During his spare time, Professor Hughes has worked on democracy development, including election monitoring and assessment in Haiti, El Salvador, Albania, and Mali. In 1998, he spent his summer as the deputy producer of the first televised presidential debates in Bosnia since the Dayton Peace Accords. He is a past Henry Luce Scholar and Mellon Fellow. He majored in Philosophy and Government at Oberlin, received High Honors, and was elected to Phil Beta Kappa. He earned a JD, magna cum laude, from Harvard University in 1986.

DALE A. IVerson '78
Grand Rapids, MI

Ms. Iverson is Principal and Mediator at Just Mediation, PLC in Grand Rapids, MI. Her areas of practice are personal injury and death; employment; civil rights; professional negligence/malpractice; commercial litigation. Prior to her current position, she was a partner with the law firm of Smith, Haughey, Rice & Roegge in Grand Rapids for 19 years before founding Just Mediation, PLC.

Ms. Iverson was presented with the Western Michigan Legal Services (Legal Aid) Michael S. Barnes Award in October 2002. The Barnes Award is presented in recognition of exemplary contributions toward the provision of free legal assistance to the poor and the elderly in Western Michigan. Michael S. Barnes was the first chairperson of the Pro Bono Committee of Legal Aid. She has participated in the Pro Bono Program since 1986 and has accepted nearly 30 case referrals and donated well over 550 hours of time to the poor through direct client representation – making her one of the top contributors to the Pro Bono Program. She is a past president of the Grand Rapids Bar Association, culminating a record of active involvement as a member, including as a representative to the Grand Rapids Bar Foundation, member of the Diversity Committee, past co-chair of the Clerkship Program, and past member of the Board of Trustees.

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Mr. Jaffe gained extensive litigation experience at the US Justice Department and at the US Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia. He also possesses an extensive technology and policy background. He served as counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee, where he focused on technology, biotechnology, and constitutional issues. Specific policy questions involved intellectual property, bio-agriculture, drug development, homeland security, criminal law, affirmative action, First Amendment, separation of powers, and treaty issues. He continues to be active in politics and maintains many close relationships with important policymakers, legislators, and their staffs. He majored in English at Oberlin, and earned a JD from the University of Michigan, where he was an editor of the Michigan Law Review. He has been a frequent news and features analyst on CNN, MSNBC, ABC News, Reuters, and Bloomberg television, commenting on technology, law, and governmental issues.

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Professor Kaufman-Osborn is a death penalty expert and is widely published on this and other subjects, including political theory and the politics of law. His most recent book is entitled From Noose to Needle: Capital Punishment and the Late Liberal State (2002). Other publications include Creatures of Prometheus: Gender and the Politics of Technology (1997), and Politics/Sense/Experience: A Pragmatic Inquiry into the Promise of Democracy (1991).

Professor Kaufman-Osborn has received numerous faculty and teaching awards, including the Whitman College Town-Gown Award (2001), the Robert Fluno Award for Distinguished Teaching in the Social Sciences (1999), and the Burlington Northern Foundation Faculty Achievement Award (1989). He currently serves as President of the Western Political Science Association, and President of the American Civil Liberties Union of Washington. He majored in Government at Oberlin and received High Honors. He earned a MA at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1977, and a MA in 1980 and a PhD in 1982 in Political Science from Princeton University. He is married to Sharon Kaufman-Osborn '82.

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Professor Keck is a founding member of the Cleveland Green Party, and served as co-chair from 1999-2002. He is also a founding committee member (in 2003) of the Oberlin College Ultimate Alumni Association. He belongs to many legal, political science, and legal history professional associations as well. He majored in Government at Oberlin,
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Professor King is a member of the Advisory Committee on the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. She teaches courses on criminal law, criminal procedure, white collar crime, and evidence. She has been a visiting professor at the Michigan Law School and a visiting scholar at Northwestern University Law School. She served as Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development from 1999 through fall 2001, and was the FedEx Research Professor in 2001-2002. She majored in Government at Oberlin. She earned a JD, magna cum laude, from the University of Michigan in 1987, where she was Managing Editor of the Michigan Law Review (1986-1987).

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The matters in which Mr. Kirsch has been involved are frequently issues of intense public and political debate, to which he brings experience in the interplay between legal and political solutions to local government problems. He has been involved in such high-visibility cases as the allocation of water in the Platte River in Nebraska and Wyoming; many of the nation's most contentious airport development debates; the purchase of parkland in Southern California; the adoption of growth management legislation in Colorado; and the restoration of the Kennebec River in Maine. A large part of his practice has concentrated on airport development issues for the last dozen years. He has represented clients on the panoply of land use, regulatory and environmental issues that arise in large or controversial airport development or similar large infrastructure projects.

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Mr. Klein was lead counsel in Bragdon v. Abbott, the first HIV discrimination case to be heard by the US Supreme Court. The case involved a Bangor, ME, dentist who had written a policy of refusing to treat any patient who had tested positive for HIV. The Court’s decision in 1998 established nationwide protection against discrimination under
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From 1988 until 2003, Mr. Lemle served on Cablevision’s board of directors and was a member of the board’s executive committee. He also served as vice chairman of Cablevision’s Madison Square Garden, owner of the New York Knicks and Rangers sports teams as well as New York’s Radio City Music Hall. Prior to joining Cablevision in 1992, he was associated with the law firm of Cravath, Swaine and Moore in New York City.

Mr. Lemle majored in government at Oberlin, and earned a JD from New York University in 1978. He serves as vice chair of the Oberlin College Board of Trustees. He is also co-founder and president of the board of trustees of the Long Island Children’s Museum located in Garden City, NY, and spearheaded the museum’s expansion and move to the 40,000 square foot historic airplane hangar at Long Island’s Mitchel Field. He is married to Roni Kohen-Lemle ’76.

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In 2000, Professor Lempert was named founding director of the University's Life Sciences, Values, and Society Program (LSVSP). He continues to direct the program while on leave and travels to Ann Arbor regularly in connection with his LSVSP responsibilities. He has held visiting fellowships at the Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences and at the Russell Sage Foundation. In 1993 he was elected a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In the 1993-1994 academic year he served as acting chair of the Department of Sociology at Michigan, and from 1995-1998 he was chair of the department. He majored in Government at Oberlin, received High Honors, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He earned a JD, *summa cum laude*, from the University of Michigan in 1968, and a PhD in Sociology from Michigan in 1971.

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Ms. Maroney majored in English and Women's Studies at Oberlin. She earned a JD, *summa cum laude*, from New York University in 1998, where she served as Notes Editor of the *New York University Law Review*. She also received the Frank H. Sommer Memorial Award for outstanding scholarship, character and professional activities, and the Gary E. Moncrieffe Award for the outstanding student in the area of racism and the law.

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Among Professor Meltsner's writings are four books: Cruel and Unusual: The Supreme Court and Capital Punishment (1973); Public Interest Advocacy: Materials for Clinical Legal Education (1974); Toward Simulation in Legal Education: An Experimental Course in Pretrial Litigation; and Short Takes, a novel. He has published numerous
articles and lectured widely on the lawyering process, legal ethics, the training of lawyers, and capital punishment. During 1977, he was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship. He has served as a consultant to the US Department of Justice, the Ford Foundation, the Legal Action Center of the City of New York, and for many other non-profit, legal and academic institutions around the country. In 2000, he was named a fellow of the American Academy in Berlin, and conducted research into German constitutional law. He majored in History at Oberlin, and earned a JD from Yale University in 1960.

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Mr. Meyers majored in Government and Religion at Oberlin, received Honors, and was elected head of the student government. He earned a JD from Ohio State University in 1983, and was awarded the Harry S. Lett Award for the Graduating Student Most Dedicated to Civil Rights.

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Professor Moore served as law clerk for the Honorable Leon Higginbotham Jr, in the US Court of Appeals, 3rd circuit, and later worked as staff attorney at the Center for Constitutional Rights in New York City. In 1996, she spoke at Oberlin, addressing the topic, "Anti-Affirmative Action & African American Women and Men: Where Do We Go From Here?" She majored in Government at Oberlin and received High Honors. She earned a JD from Harvard University in 1985, where she was Notes Editor for the Harvard Law Review.

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Mr. Orts majored in Government at Oberlin and received Honors. He earned a MA in Political Science from the New School for Social Research in 1985, a JD from the University of Michigan in 1988, and a JSD from Columbia University in 1994. He is a member of the bar of New York and the District of Columbia, an elected member of the American Law Institute, and belongs to a number of other professional and academic associations.

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