Pictured above
Brandon Kalasho, '09

Click here to see what Brandon and others had to say about their Wayne Law experiences at law.wayne.edu/docs/Bulletin.pdf. Feel free to send the link on to friends and family as well!
Dear Wayne Law Alumni,

I often run into alumni curious about what the Wayne Law Alumni Association (LAA) Board does and how they can help out and get involved. Given that the majority of alumni that I know are recent grads, I find it easy to tell them that volunteering time is the most valuable and rewarding contribution that they can make. The LAA is one of the more flexible organizations to be part of as it has a wide variety of roles that one can step into, depending on the time commitment an individual can afford to give. The Board consists of 36 directors, traditionally elected at the annual meeting in September for a three-year term. Board members can help organize events like the annual golf outing, the Treasury of Detroit Gala, and student outreach seminars.

Members with more time can chair the committees that plan the events or run for an executive officer position. While the upcoming Annual Meeting on Sept. 25 is a great place to learn about the LAA Board and start contributing, alumni are always encouraged to drop in and get involved whenever they want to give back.

Your LAA is working hard to find new ways to improve the student and alumni experience at Wayne Law. During September we are working with Masco Corporation and Habitat for Humanity on a Blitz Build in a Detroit neighborhood. We are also working on: new lawyer seminars for students and recent graduates that focus on solo practice, alternative careers, and keys to success; career services student programming, including mock interviews and mentorship; and putting the final touches on a new Law Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship for need-based students. Your ideas and energy are always welcome, and we would love to have your assistance in developing new initiatives and cultivating our current ones.

Please consider donating to your school. While your hard-earned money is always greatly appreciated in executing our events, the Law Alumni Association also wants your time and camaraderie. We enjoy staying connected with our fellow alums, working hard toward improving our school and building our alumni community for new grads to come.

Best regards and stay in touch!

Sincerely,

Jon Emaus, ’06
LAA Treasurer 2007-08

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Wayne Law is pleased to announce a gift of $250,000 from Ford Motor Company Fund to support the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights. The check was presented by Jim Vella, President of Ford Motor Company Fund and Community Services, on Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2008, to The Hon. Damon J. Keith, Wayne State University President Dr. Jay Noren, and Wayne Law Dean Robert M. Ackerman.

The Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights will serve to promote research, academic programming and community engagement on legal and policy issues relating to civil rights and urban development. It will allow Wayne Law to attract and retain the best students, support and strengthen Wayne Law faculty, enhance programming and promote civil rights internationally from one of the most culturally rich and diverse cities in the United States.

Groundbreaking on the Keith Center is scheduled for 2009. It is likely to be positioned to the north and west of the current Law Building on Wayne State University’s campus. Exact plans as to what the Center will entail are currently under revision and will be announced in the near future.

“On behalf of Wayne Law students, faculty and alumni, I would like to thank Ford Motor Company for its generous contribution to the Law School and the legacy of Damon J. Keith,” said Wayne Law Dean Robert M. Ackerman. “Judge Keith has significantly impacted the landscape of civil rights law over the course of his career and remains dedicated to ensuring and preserving justice and equality through the law.”

Ackerman added, “He serves as a tremendous role model for Wayne Law students and has done so much to assist the Law School, the greater Detroit community, the state and the nation. It is time that we honor him and his legacy through the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights.”

Seconds Ford Motor Company’s Vella, “It is our pleasure to support the Keith Center. It is important for Wayne Law, Ford Motor Company and other area organizations to recognize and honor the great contributions that Judge Keith has made to both this community and to our nation. We look forward to the grand opening of the Center at Wayne Law and thank Judge Keith for all he has done and continues to do.”

“As a current Wayne Law student interested in pursuing a career in civil rights law, I am very thankful to those individuals, organizations and foundations helping to make the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights a reality,” said Rita Subhedar, ’10. “It will serve as a place of knowledge and pride for generations of students, alumni and community members to come.”

For more information on the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights or how you can make a gift to Wayne Law, please contact Mary Hollens, Senior Director of Development and Alumni Relations, at (313) 577-3113 or am2674@wayne.edu.

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The Damon J. Keith Law Collection of African-American Legal History will host The Fourth Biennial Lecture from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the Law School’s Spencer M. Partrich Auditorium on Thursday, Oct. 23, 2008.

Sponsored by Comerica Bank, the Biennial Lecture will feature prominent civil rights attorney and activist Constance L. Rice. Noted Detroit Free Press columnist Rochelle Riley will serve as MC of the event.

“We are proud to welcome Constance Rice to Wayne State University Law School for The Fourth Biennial Lecture,” said Dana Roach, Wayne Law Assistant Professor of Law (Clinical) and Director of the Damon J. Keith Collection. “She is a nationally acclaimed authority on civil rights law and will provide attendees with a comprehensive and insightful lecture.”

The Biennial Lecture is free and open to the public, and parking is available in Structure #1 across from the Law School, on Palmer Street (corner of Cass) for $3.50. For more information on the Biennial Lecture or the Keith Collection, contact the Keith Collection program manager, Robin Johnson at (313) 577-6530 or via email at rjohnson@wayne.edu.

Constance L. Rice
Constance Rice is co-director of The Advancement Project and a civil rights lawyer known for successfully tackling problems of inequity and exclusion in unorthodox ways. She has received more than 60 major awards for her work in expanding opportunity and advancing multi-racial democracy. As a litigator, Rice has filed and won traditional class action civil rights cases redressing police misconduct, race and sex discrimination and unfair public policy in transportation, probation and public housing.

Rice and her colleagues have led campaigns and bond initiatives that transferred over $25 billion into systems that support the poor. In January of 2007, she released the highly regarded report, “A Call to Action: A Case for a Comprehensive Solution to L.A.’s Gang Violence Epidemic,” which was commissioned by the City Council’s Ad Hoc Committee on Gang Violence and Youth Development.

Hallmarks of Rice’s work include solving problems, reducing conflict, turning opponents into allies, and winning. She graduated from Harvard College in 1978 and New York University School of Law in 1984. She also served as clerk for Judge Keith and has earned a first-degree black belt in the Korean martial art Tae Kwon Do.

Damon J. Keith Law Collection of African-American Legal History
The Damon J. Keith Collection, initiated by Professor Emeritus Edward J. Littlejohn, is dedicated to recording the history of African American lawyers and judges. Upon the founding contribution of papers and records by the Honorable Damon J. Keith, senior judge of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, the Keith Collection was firmly established. It has since taken a leading role in memorializing Judge Keith’s commitment to freedom and justice for all.

A partnership between the Walter Reuther Archives and Wayne Law, the Keith Collection has already been designated as the repository for the papers and works of historical importance by many distinguished persons, including Kenneth Cockrel, Judge George Crockett and Steven Lighthill. It also includes a compiled oral history of the legendary fighter for justice, attorney Ernest Goodman.

The Keith Collection uses its endowment, now exceeding $2.1 million, to gather oral histories, support lectures and research, provide educational teaching materials and traveling exhibits, and generally assist in the preservation and popularization of the lessons learned during the course of the historic struggle of the African American people for democracy in the United States.

Conversations with the Dean
As part of a new development initiative at the Law School called “Conversations with the Dean,” Wayne Law Dean Robert M. Ackerman is meeting with area business and industry leaders in an effort to promote growth, collaboration, and urban development at the Law School and in the city of Detroit.

“Conversations with the Dean” allows for focused discussion with the dean in a small group setting. Participants at the first meeting included Carolyn E. Chambers, Vice President, Comerica Bank; Pamela G. Alexander, Director of Community Development and Fund Operations, Ford Motor Company Fund; David Ripple, Vice President of Development and Alumni Affairs, Wayne State University; and Mary Hollens, Senior Director of Development and Alumni Affairs, Wayne State University Law School. The group discussed moving forward on the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights, as well as ways to find additional support both locally and nationally.

In addition to his efforts with “Conversations with the Dean,” Dean Ackerman has also recently met with a large number of other Detroit area leaders interested in enhancing collaboration and revitalization efforts.
Wayne Law to Host Alumni Reception at State Bar of Michigan Annual Meeting, Sept. 18

Wayne Law will host its annual Alumni Reception at the State Bar of Michigan Annual Meeting from 4:30-6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 18, 2008, in the Cord Suite, 2nd floor, of the Dearborn Hyatt Regency in Dearborn, Mich.

Join Wayne Law Dean and Professor of Law Robert M. Ackerman and faculty for appetizers, cocktails and a chance to mingle with other alumni and friends.

Please contact Wayne Law’s Office of Development and Alumni Relations at (313) 577-3113 with any questions regarding the Wayne Law reception. For more information on the State Bar of Michigan Annual Meeting & Solo and Small Firm Institute, visit http://www.michbar.org/annualmeeting.cfm.

Wayne Law to Host 16th Annual Bernard Gottfried Memorial Labor Law Symposium, Oct. 16

Wayne Law students, alumni and guests interested in gaining additional insight into labor law are invited to attend the 16th annual Bernard Gottfried Memorial Labor Law Symposium on from 8:15 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 16, 2008.

Sponsored by Wayne Law, the National Labor Relations Board, Region Seven, and the State Bar of Michigan Labor and Employment Section, the symposium will be held in the Spencer M. Partrich Auditorium. Specific breakout sessions, led by local and national labor relations experts, include:

- Dana Corporation and Voluntary Recognition – Protection or Peril?
- The Register-Guard – Employee Use of E-Mail and the Boundaries of the Law
- Recent Developments at the National Labor Relations Board
- Toering Electric / Oil Capitol and Salts
- Protected Concerted Activity – What is Protected and What is Concerted?

The registration fee for the symposium is $100 and includes all sessions, a continental breakfast and lunch. Students, NLRB staff and government employees may register for a reduced cost of $25. Those interested in attending should contact Robin Dortenzio in the Dean’s Office at (313) 577-3933. The sign-up deadline is Oct. 2, 2008.

Parking for the symposium is available in Structure #1, across from the Law School, at the corner of Palmer Street and Cass Avenue, for $3.50. For more information on this or other upcoming Law School events, visit the Law School online at law.wayne.edu.

Proceeds from the symposium will be used to fund future educational programs and labor-related studies at the Law School.

Bernard Gottfried (1925-1992) was director of the National Labor Relations Board, Region Seven from 1973 until his death. He taught at Wayne Law for many years and this symposium honors his vision for labor relations.

23rd Annual Ambulance Chase to Raise Funds for Cass Community Social Services, Oct. 1

Wayne Law alumni, students and friends are invited to assist a local non-profit in its effort to enhance the local community as the Wayne Law Student Bar Association Board of Governors (SBG) hosts the 23rd annual Ambulance Chase Charity Run/Walk at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2008.

Consisting of a 2.2 mile race in which participants run/walk behind an ambulance, the event pokes fun at the stereotype of the “ambulance-chasing lawyer.” All proceeds, including a $20 entrance fee, will benefit Cass Community Social Services.

This year’s Chase will begin in front of the Law School, located at 471 West Palmer Street in Detroit. A barbeque for all participants and spectators will take place at the conclusion of the race. Sponsorship opportunities are still available, and there is still time to register. Please contact Allison Bentley at (248) 807-1062 or e-mail ambentle@wayne.edu with any additional questions. To learn more about CCSS, visit http://casscommunity.org/.

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“Our professors’ involvement on this and other important community issues is just another prominent example of why Wayne Law’s faculty truly is top notch.”

- Dean Robert M. Ackerman

As the dust begins to settle on the city of Detroit after Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick’s resignation, word of the professionalism, expertise and civic-mindedness of Wayne Law professors called upon in the matter continues to spread.

Professors Peter Hammer, Peter Henning and Robert Sedler – experts in contract law, criminal law and constitutional law, respectively – have played significant though differentiated roles in the high profile case, demonstrating to students, peers and the public their dedication to public service and the manner in which different areas of legal expertise can come into play in a public controversy.

“Professors Hammer, Henning and Sedler are nationally recognized and highly respected in the legal community and beyond for their commitment to public service and vast knowledge of the law,” said Wayne Law Dean and Professor of Law Robert M. Ackerman. “It is due to this kind of engagement by our diverse faculty in the legal community – and the scholarly expertise behind it – that Wayne Law students are able to study in a wide variety of program areas, develop critical thinking skills and thrive upon graduation.”

All three faculty members have been quoted extensively by local, national and international media outlets regarding this matter. In addition, Professor Sedler served as an attorney in the forfeiture hearings, which resulted in a ruling that the City Council lacked the power to removed Kilpatrick. And, Professor Hammer testified about the “legal effect” of the settlement agreements related to the whistle-blower lawsuits, which was a factor in the mayor’s resignation one day later.

Those interested in perusing articles and webcasts featuring Professors Hammer, Henning and Sedler – as well as other Wayne Law faculty experts – can visit Wayne Law’s Professors in the News page online at law.wayne.edu/Professors_in_news.html.

A Wayne Law professor since 2003, Professor Hammer specializes in Health Law & Policy, examining the industry from an institutional economic perspective. Professor Hammer received a J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School and a Ph.D. (economics) from the University of Michigan. In addition to contracts in the first year curriculum, he teaches Health Care Quality, Licensing & Liability; Health Care Organization & Finance; International Organizations & Public Health, and Health Policy: The Firm, The Market & The Law. For more information on Professor Hammer, please visit law.wayne.edu/faculty/profiles/hammer_peter.html.

Professor Henning joined the Wayne Law faculty in 1994 as an associate professor, and was promoted to professor of law in 2002. He graduated magna cum laude from Georgetown University Law Center in 1985 and teaches Corporations, White Collar Crime, Professional Responsibility & the Legal Profession, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, and Securities Litigation. For more information on Professor Henning, please visit law.wayne.edu/faculty/profiles/henning_peter.html.

Professor Sedler, Distinguished Professor of Law, has been at Wayne Law since 1977. He earned a J.D. from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and teaches Constitutional Law and Conflict of Laws at Wayne Law. Professor Sedler has litigated a large number of important civil rights and civil liberties cases in Michigan. For more information on Professor Sedler, please visit law.wayne.edu/faculty/profiles/sedler_robert.html.

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Faculty Blogs

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A Taxing Matter (Professor Linda Beale)

Great Lakes Law (Professor Noah Hall)

Taxation and Development (Professor Michael McIntyre)

White Collar Crime (Professor Peter Henning)
Under the Detroit city charter and state law, now that Kwame Kilpatrick has pleaded guilty to felony crimes, he is automatically removed as mayor of the city. His immediate resignation ensures that an orderly transition will take place. The legal process has succeeded in accomplishing what no amount of media commentary or the pressure of public opinion could do. Kwame Kilpatrick is out of office.

The legal process moves slowly and deliberately. This because it embodies values that go beyond the events and passions of the moment. In our constitutional system we elect our officials, and Kwame Kilpatrick was elected mayor of Detroit by the citizens of Detroit. The Detroit city charter and state law provide for recall of elected officials by the voters. It only takes 57,000 signatures of Detroit citizens to get a recall petition on the ballot. Despite the intensity of the pressure to remove the mayor, his opponents were unable to gather those signatures. I am a constitutional lawyer and not a pollster. Kilpatrick may or may not have actually continued to retain the support of Detroit citizens. But in constitutional theory, the absence of a recall petition means that the citizens of Detroit did not want to remove him as mayor. It is their choice, not the choice of the media or the residents of the suburbs.

City Council then initiated forfeiture proceedings against Kilpatrick under the city charter. The city charter provides that the office of a mayor or other official is forfeited for “violation of a provision of this charter punishable by forfeiture.” But the provisions of the charter cited by Council in the forfeiture resolution do not provide that their violation is “punishable by forfeiture.” Godfrey Dillard and I were retained by the City of Detroit to challenge the forfeiture proceedings as violative of the Charter. Judge Robert Ziolkowski agreed that they did violate the charter and held that City Council lacked the authority to remove the mayor. Finally, City Council invoked a very old and little used provision of state law giving the Governor the power to remove local officials for “official misconduct.” Those removal proceedings were pending before the Governor at the time of the mayor’s plea and resignation.

There can no longer be any controversy about whether Kwame Kilpatrick should be the mayor of Detroit. He cannot be the mayor because he has pleaded guilty to felony crimes and thus is disqualified from being the mayor. The legal process, working in its slow and deliberate way, has succeeded in removing Kwame Kilpatrick as mayor of Detroit. We should see this result as a tribute to the strength of the legal process.

Robert A. Sedler is a constitutional law professor at Wayne State University.

This column originally appeared in the Detroit Free Press.

**Faculty Spotlight**

The Legal Process Removes the Mayor: An op-ed by Professor Robert Sedler

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**Recent Faculty Accomplishments**

**Professor Laura Bartell** has two forthcoming articles. Her piece on “Awards of Costs in Bankruptcy Court” will be published in the December 2008 issue of the Journal of Bankruptcy Law and Practice. Her article on “Straddle Obligations Under Prepetition Contracts - Prepetition Claims, Postpetition Claims or Administrative Expenses?” has been accepted by the Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal.

**Professor Jocelyn Benson** served as a featured panelist at the Detroit Emerging Leaders Forum on July 31, 2008, speaking on Election Administration issues in Michigan in 2008. On July 30, she was a guest on Jack Lessenberry’s show, Michigan Radio (jackshow.blogs.com/jack/)

On July 26, she served as a panelist at the Judicial Candidates and Election forum, sponsored by the Michigan Judicial Caucus, in Troy, Mich.

On July 23, she presented research on “The Social Effects of Democratic Engagement of Linguistic Minorities in a Democracy,” at the International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, located at Monash University Centre, Prato, Tuscany, Italy.

On July 18, she presented commentary entitled “Language and Difference in a Democracy - Universal Engagement in Linguistically Diverse Democracies,” at the Sixth International Conference on the Humanities, held at Fatih University, Istanbul, Turkey.

From June 24-25, she participated in a roundtable discussion on election reform sponsored by the Midwest Democracy Network in Minneapolis, Minn.

On June 18, she led a discussion entitled “Democracy, Language, and Diversity: Developing a Voice for Language Minority Communities,” at the Eighth International Conference on the Diversity in Organisations, Communities and Nations, at the University of Montréal in Montreal, Canada.

On June 13, she was a featured speaker at the Gamaliel National Conference, where she presented research on “State Constitutions, Litigation, and the Fundamental Right to Education,” at Cobo Hall in Detroit.

On June 4, she presented a paper entitled “Education as a Fundamental Right in a Diverse Society,” at the Fifteenth Annual International Conference on Learning, at the University of Illinois, Chicago.

On May 28, she served as a Panel Organizer and Participant for a roundtable discussion on “Law and Democracy in a Multilingual Society,” at the Annual Law and Society Conference in Montreal, Canada.

On May 24, she ran the Bayshore Marathon in 3 hours and 31 minutes, qualifying to run the Boston Marathon in April 2009.


**Professor Stephen Calkins** gave a speech entitled “My Crystal Ball,” at post-annual meeting of the ABA Antitrust Section in New Brunswick, Canada, on Aug. 14, 2008. He served as a panelist at The FTC at 100 on “The effectiveness of the competition mission” in Washington, D.C., July 30, 2008.
Professor Anthony Dillof was interviewed on WJR radio regarding the legal ramifications of a recently passed Michigan law requiring that paroled aggravated stalkers wear global position monitoring devices.

Professor Gregory Fox’s paper entitled, “Constitutional Violations and the Validity of Treaties: Will Iraq Give Lawful Consent to a Status of Forces Agreement?” was recently listed on SSRN’s Top Ten download list for PIL: Treaties & Other Sources of International Law (Topic).

Professor Lance Gable participated in the Turkish Pharmaceutical Law conference in Kayseri, Turkey on May 8-9, 2008 and presented on “Clinical Trials in the United States: What Role for Criminal Law?”

He presented on “Closing Borders during Public Health Emergencies” at the UCLA Conference on Public Health and Disasters on May 19, 2008.

He made two presentations at the Law and Society Association’s Annual Meeting in Montreal, Canada on May 29, 2008: “Ethics, Human Rights and Mental Disability” and “Human More or Less? Human Rights, Transformative Technologies, and Human Bodies.”

He participated in a panel round table at the annual American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics Health Law Professors Conference on “Protecting Populations at Risk” on June 6, 2008.

He served as a grant peer reviewer for the Centers for Disease Control, Coordinating Office for Terrorism Preparedness and Emergency Response.

He attended “Confronting the Ethics of Pandemic Influenza Planning: The 2008 Summit of the States” as a member of the state Michigan delegation.

Professor Noah Hall was quoted in the LA Times and Forbes for a story on the ethics of a deal between the Sierra Club and Clorox. See his Great Lakes Law blog post at greatlakeslaw.org/blog/.

He provided detailed written testimony on “Interstate Water Management and the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact,” to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee at the Committee’s invitation on July 30, 2008. (The testimony is available on SSRN at ssrn.com/abstract=1229243). Two days later, the Senate unanimously approved the Great Lakes compact.

Professor Mike McIntyre had a 20-minute appearance on New York City radio as a guest of Errol Lewis’s WWRL Morning Show. He spoke about the tax scandal involving the Swiss banking giant, UBS, and the recent report on offshore banking fraud by a Senate committee chaired by Senator Carl Levin on July 21, 2008.


Professor Steven Winter has chapters forthcoming in three separate volumes to be published by Cambridge University Press. The first is a chapter entitled “What is the ‘Color’ of Law?” which will appear in the Cambridge Handbook of Metaphor and Thought edited by Ray Gibbs. Final page proofs were submitted this past April.

The second is a chapter entitled “When Things Went Terribly, Terribly Wrong” which will appear in a volume edited by Jay Mootz called On Philosophy and American Law after Karl Llewellyn’s 1942 essay of that name. The volume contains about 40 essays by contemporary American legal theorists including such people as Frank Michelman, Larry Alexander, Austin Sarat, and Pierre Schlag. His paper was written and submitted last fall.

The third is Chapter 1 of the Companion to Law, Culture, and Humanities edited by Austin Sarat, Matthew Anderson, and Catherine Frank. The Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and Humanities is now 11 years old. It is an interdisciplinary group of scholars who teach law, legal studies, philosophy, history, literature, and social theory. This Association has a journal which is now three years old. This volume will appear in a volume edited by Jay Mootz called On Philosophy and American Law after Karl Llewellyn’s 1942 essay of that name. The volume contains about 40 essays by contemporary American legal theorists including such people as Frank Michelman, Larry Alexander, Austin Sarat, and Pierre Schlag. His paper was written and submitted last fall.

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To view more faculty accomplishments, please visit law.wayne.edu/faculty/ today.
STAFF FEATURE

Long-time Wayne Law Library Director Co-founder of LLMC

Upon meeting Wayne State University Law School long-time Law Library Director Georgia Clark one immediately gets a sense of her passion for and dedication to providing students, alumni and community members with access to legal information.

“The ability to seek out information is so crucial to society,” Clark said. “Preservation of information, delivery of information, accessibility of information is what I’m all about.”

What people may not know, however, is that the ever-gracious and humble Clark is one of the masterminds behind the single largest library consortium in existence.

More than 30 years ago, Clark, along with then Wayne Law Dean Donald Gordon and University of Hawaii Law Library Director Jerry DuPont, saw a need for better preserving legal documents and providing enhanced methods of accessibility to a wider variety of publics. Together, they embarked on a journey that would forever change the face of legal library services.

Through their efforts and the seed money raised from foundations and private individuals, the Wayne Law Arthur Neef Law Library and the University of Hawaii Law Library partnered in 1976 to launch the Law Library Microform Consortium (LLMC), a non-profit cooperative of libraries. Its initial mission? To “preserve legal titles and government documents on film, while making copies inexpensively available in microfiche format.”

According to LLMC’s website, it provides libraries with a reliable and budget-friendly source of film replacement when their older, physically deteriorating books become too burdensome to store. While aiding libraries in their preservation and space recovery programs, it also provides an economical way to complete retrospective collections.

LLMC launched its online service in 2003, called LLMC-Digital, and by 2005 all data capture conducted by LLMC was accomplished through digital scanning. Today, LLMC’s mission has expanded to include preservation and accessibility digitally through LLMC-Digital.

“LLMC has helped our Law Library and law libraries around the world build better collections and share precious reference materials that would’ve otherwise been accessible to the very few,” Clark said. “Through this cooperative, information and documents found around the world are able to find a home among their respective collections.”

Some of those special collections pieced together by LLMC and now available through Wayne Law’s Arthur Neef Law Library include the Canon Law Collection, Native American Collection, The Yale Law Library Blackstone Collection and the U.S. Military Law: History and Development collection – just to name a few.

So who has access to all this information? Today, subscribers to LLMC span the globe. Approximately 90 percent of American Association of Law Libraries-affiliated American law schools, 75 percent of Canadian law schools, and virtually every library serving units of the U.S. Federal Court System are members and have access to more than 50-million page images.

In what began as a conversation between colleagues, LLMC is now partnered with heavy-hitters such as Google and PublicResource.org to enable even greater accessibility to legal information online. Even so, Clark remains humble about her role with LLMC and continues to pay more attention to the impact the Consortium will have on future generations of information seekers.

“I never imagined LLMC getting as big as it has,” Clark said. “It is a legacy that will last indefinitely and will continue to provide and deliver necessary information to all parts of the world for years to come.”

Clark began her Wayne Law career in 1973 and has served as the director since 1976. She earned a bachelor’s degree from College of St. Scholastica and her master’s degree in Library Science from the University of Michigan. She was recently honored as the Special Treasure Honoree at Wayne Law’s 2008 Treasure of Detroit Gala.

For more information about LLMC, visit llmc.com/ today.

THE JUSTIN C. RAVITZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER KICKOFF EVENT

THURSDAY, SEPT. 18 FROM 5:30 – 7:30 P.M.
SPENCER M. PARTRICH AUDITORIUM
WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL

This event is a wonderful opportunity to again pay tribute to one of Detroit’s own, reconnect with friends and build a living legacy for tomorrow. A light dinner and refreshments will be served. RSVP to Toni Robertson at (313) 577-3113.
John E. McSorley, ’71, senior shareholder and member of the firm’s management executive committee in the Detroit office of Garan, Lucow, Miller P.C., has been elected as president of the Association of Defense Trial Counsel (ADTC) effective June 1 through May 31, 2009.

Wendy Potts, ’77, was interviewed by Motion Magazine in an article titled “Hail to the Chiefs” in the summer 2008 edition.

Daniel Iannotti, ’79, was recently elected as vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary of Ecology Coatings, Inc., a leader in the discovery and development of nanotechnology-enabled, ultra-violet curable advanced materials. Prior to joining Ecology Coatings, Iannotti served as a Principal of The General Counsel. During his career, Iannotti served as general counsel for three publicly held companies, including Prodigy Corporation, Hoover’s, and Origen Financial corporations. He also spent several years as a staff attorney for Ameritech, now AT&T.

Susan Patton, ’79, has joined Butzel Long law firm as a senior attorney based in the firm’s Ann Arbor office. She has 29 years of experience in the health industry, including 22 years of experience representing nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations, and serving as in-house counsel for the third largest Catholic health care system in the United States, where she represented numerous tax exempt subsidiaries in transactions and joint ventures with taxable for profit entities.

William Robinson Jr., ’81, has joined Farmington Hills-based Attorneys Title Agency as president.

John M. Halan, ’84, a shareholder and lawyer with Brooks Kushman P.C., has been invited to serve on the Engineering Technology Industrial Advisory Board of Lawrence Technological University in Southfield, Mich. Halan, who has been a frequent guest lecturer on intellectual property at Lawrence Tech since 1994, is a registered patent attorney and a licensed professional engineer. He has successfully managed and tried a large number of IP cases, including patent infringement, trade secret and related commercial matters. He has also negotiated many IP agreements and prepared many infringement and validity patent opinions.

Margaret Carroll Alli, ’85, has joined Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, PC as a shareholder in the Bloomfield Hills office.

Michael R. Blum, ’86, has joined the Farmington Hills office of Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith PC as a partner.

Mark D. Rubenfire, ’87, a partner with the Southfield office of Michigan-based Jaffe, Raitt, Heuer, & Weiss PC, has been named head of the firm’s Real Estate Practice Group.

Steven J. Enwright, ’97, has joined the firm Dickinson Wright PLLC.

Erika Matthews-Jackson, ’97, has been appointed Assistant Dean of Admissions of Wayne State University Law School.

Erica L. Keller, ’04, has joined the Detroit office of Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP (Honigman) as an attorney in its Litigation Department. Keller joins Honigman from the Detroit office of Dykema Gossett PLLC.

Tere McKinney, ’08, was quoted by Lauren Gant in Model D magazine in an article titled “What the Kids Want: Millennials Talk Detroit” on July 22, 2008.
State Bar Reception
Thursday, Sept. 18, 2008
Dearborn Hyatt Regency
4:30 – 6 p.m.
Call (313) 577-0283 or email tanya.jordan@wayne.edu with questions.

Ravitz Fundraising Kickoff
Thursday, Sept. 18, 2008
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
East Atrium
Wayne State University Law School
Call (313) 577-3113 with questions.

Master’s Essay Workshop for LL.M. Students
Friday, Sept. 19, 2008
1 – 5 p.m.
Room 1545
Wayne State University Law School
Call (313) 577-3941 or email llmprogram@wayne.edu with questions.

Presidential Management Fellowship Workshop
Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2008
12:15 p.m.
Jury Room
Wayne State University Law School
For more information, please call the Career Services Office at (313) 577-3967.

Law Alumni Association Annual Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 25, 2008
6 – 8 p.m.
Spencer M. Partrich Auditorium
Wayne State University Law School
RSVP by Sept. 22 to www.alumni.wayne.edu/events

23rd Annual Ambulance Chase
Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2008
Student Board of Governors event
Wayne State University Law School
Call (313) 577-3919 or email lawsbg@wayne.edu with questions.

The 16th Annual Bernard Gottfried Memorial Labor Law Symposium
Thursday, Oct. 16, 2008
8:15 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Spencer M. Partrich Auditorium
Wayne State University Law School
Call (313) 577-3933 with questions.

The Fourth Biennial Lecture
Speaker: Connie L. Rice
Thursday, Oct. 23, 2008
6 p.m. Pre-reception
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Spencer M. Partrich Auditorium
Wayne State University Law School
Call (313) 577-3933 with questions. Free and open to the public.

Federalist Society Lecture
By University of Pennsylvania Professor
Amy Wax
Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2008
11:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.
Spencer M. Partrich Auditorium
Wayne State University Law School

1L Career Services Orientation
Thursday, Oct. 30, 2008
12:15 p.m.
Classroom 1515
Wayne State University Law School
For more information, please call the Career Services Office at (313) 577-3967.

Class of 1968 Reunion
Saturday, Nov. 1, 2008
Wayne State University Law School
Please call (313) 577-3113 for more information.

Journal of Law in Society Symposium
Thursday, Nov. 6, 2008
noon – 6 p.m.
Spencer M. Partrich Auditorium
Wayne State University Law School

Panel Discussion: “How I Got My Summer Job”
Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2008
12:15 p.m.
Barris Lounge
Wayne State University Law School
For more information, please call the Career Services Office at (313) 577-3967.

Wayne State University Law School Honors Convocation
Friday, Nov. 14, 2008
4 p.m.
Community Arts Auditorium
Wayne State University

Resume and Cover Letter Writing Workshop
Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2008
12:15 p.m.
Classroom 1515
Wayne State University Law School
For more information, please call the Career Services Office at (313) 577-3967.

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