

## Distinguished Alumni

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in raising money for the restoration of the Ministry's campus on West 52nd and Detroit.

Beyond his Irish connections and his commitment to the needy on Cleveland's west side, where he was born and still lives, perhaps his greatest dedication has been to organizations that support research for leukemia. He is a former National Trustee and chapter President of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of America, Northern Ohio Chapter; and a member of the National Cancer Leadership Council, University Hospitals Cancer Center. The Northern Ohio Chapter of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society has recognized his work, and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society has presented him with its National Distinguished Service Award. Tom's dedication to organizations that seek a cure for childhood leukemia is poignant,

a memorial to Christopher Miller, the Scanlons' first grandchild, who died in 1999 from leukemia—his hope that other children and their families will be spared.

### Our Alumnus

Tom has stayed close to his law alma mater—as committed to Cleveland-Marshall in 2007 as he was in 1963: a Life Member of the Law Alumni Association and a member of the law school's Visiting Committee. "You remember," he says, "I had to work to put myself through high school, college and law school. I have done reasonably well because of the law, and so I have supported our school financially every year since I graduated." He has also contributed a great deal of time and energy to the law school. In the 70s, for example, when alumni like **Leon Plevin '58**

were infusing new life into the Law Alumni Association, Tom threw himself into the task of creating a comprehensive database of all living graduates. He recalls with affection some of the early law alumni recognition luncheons he helped organize when such stellar graduates as Honorable **Frank Lausche '21**, the Honorable **Samuel Silbert '07**, and the Stokes brothers, the Honorable **Carl '56** and the Honorable **Louis Stokes '53**, were honored. In 1971 he was the Law Alumni Association President; in that year the Association paid tribute to the Judges of the entire Eight District Court of Appeals.

In a word, we at the law school are very grateful to Tom Scanlon. Being the object of a Tom Scanlon passion has been good for all of us. Something like an Irish blessing, you might say. LFM

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## More on the Best Law Students in the World 2006-2007 Pro Bono Program: A Sampling

Cleveland-Marshall College of Law students, under the guidance of Professor Pamela Daiker-Middaugh '88, Director of the law school's Pro Bono Program, volunteered over 10,000 hours of community service to individuals and organizations throughout Northeast Ohio. Projects listed below do not include many other Pro Bono Program initiatives.

### The 3Rs (Rights, Responsibilities and Realities)

**Program** is a partnership between the Cleveland Bar Association and the Cleveland Municipal School District that enlists volunteer lawyers, law students and law faculty to teach the American Constitution, improve passage rates on the state-mandated Ohio Graduation Test, provide practical career counseling, and encourage minorities to seek careers in law. This year, over 70 law students, faculty and staff formed a portion of the 700 volunteers who taught tenth grade government classes in every high school in Cleveland and East Cleveland.

### The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland

**Volunteer Program** – Forty Cleveland-Marshall law students volunteered at the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland to help provide pro bono legal services to low-income people in Northeast Ohio. Law students participated in Saturday Free Advice and Referral Clinics in city neighborhoods, developed community legal education workshops, and assisted volunteer lawyers who are working on cases referred by Legal Aid and other legal service providers.

**The Homeless Legal Assistance Program** – Our students worked with volunteer lawyers through the Homeless Legal Assistance Program and staff at the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless to provide pro bono legal assistance to homeless men and women in our community. Volunteers provided a variety of services, including conducting intake during weekly legal advice workshops at homeless shelters and assisting with legal research for volunteer lawyers providing direct representation in free legal cases.

**The Driver License Reinstatement Project** – Over 350,000 residents of Cuyahoga County are driving under suspended licenses. Most of these drivers are poor and unemployed and, in many cases, unsure what is needed to have their licenses reinstated. Working with a cadre of volunteer lawyers and judges, law students interviewed clients in Northeast Ohio to determine why their licenses were suspended. Then students assisted the lawyers in researching their clients' cases, and, when necessary, accompanied their clients to court as they worked toward license reinstatement.

### The IRS-Certified Volunteer Tax Preparer

**Project** – Cleveland-Marshall students worked with the Cuyahoga Earned Income Tax Coalition at area tax sites – including Cleveland-Marshall College of Law – to provide free tax preparation for low-wage taxpayers. This year, 50 law students, together with other law school volunteers, helped over 3,200 citizens receive \$4.6 million in refunds across Northeast Ohio.