

Alumni Happenings ■

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Daniel S. Kalka is president of the Cleveland Intellectual Property Lawyers Association.

Cuyahoga County Prosecutor **William D. Mason** was recently honored with the National Internet Crimes Against Children Leadership Award by the U.S. Department of Justice. He was recognized for his leadership in spearheading the Ohio Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, the only national task force of its kind run by a county prosecutor.

Shawn R. Russell is a partner at the Cleveland firm of Ulmer Berne, where her practice is concentrated on corporate law, securities, regulatory compliance, banking and commercial finance, corporate governance, and mergers and acquisitions.

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Kathleen Sasala of the Cleveland Law Library was named chair of the Ohio State Bar Association's law libraries and legal information services committee.

Former Municipal Court Judge **Joan Synenberg** was elected to the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court.

Timothy P. Trainer spoke at the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office's IPR Enforcement Academy's program for judges and prosecutors, as part of the Middle East Partnership Initiative in June '06. Thompson-West published his book, *PROTECTING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS ACROSS BORDERS*, in August 2006. Mr. Trainer conducted a series of intellectual property workshops in the Philippines and Brunei in August 2006 and spoke at several universities, addressing law, business and economics majors, regarding the importance of intellectual property in economic development. He also conducted a series of IPR workshops with government and business leaders in Prishtina, Kosovo, in October 2006. Mr. Trainer is the president of the Global Intellectual Property Strategy Center.

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Debora Lasch was elected 2007 President of the Cleveland chapter of CREW (Commercial Real Estate Women), an international network of real estate professionals

working to advance the success of women in commercial real estate. Ms. Lasch is a partner with the Cleveland firm of Cowden, Humphrey, Nagorney & Lovett, where she focuses her practice on real estate and urban development.

Howard B. Newman joined the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association as vice-president of development, with responsibility for planning and managing all fundraising efforts of the Association.

Frank Aquila was named of counsel with McGown & Markling in Akron.

Mary Beth Duffy is an associate with the Cleveland firm of Hurtuk & Daroff.

Laura M. Simon is the director of leadership development at Brown & Brown, Inc., in Tampa, Florida.

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David J. Chernosky is the litigation manager of the Westlake, Ohio, firm of Perry, Chernosky & Associates.

The Franklin County Democratic Party appointed **Edward J. Leonard** to serve the remainder of Ohio Treasurer Richard Cordray's unexpired term as the county's treasurer. Mr. Leonard will run in the November 2008 election for a full four-year term.

Toni E. Marsh was appointed Director of the Paralegal Studies Graduate Programs at The George Washington University in Washington, DC. The programs offer graduate certificates in paralegal studies with legal specialties in government law, intellectual property law, and international law. She is also the author of *JUVENILE LAW*.

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Sophia M. Deseran was elected President of the Greater Cleveland Mortgage Bankers Association for 2006-2007. Ms. Deseran is a partner with the Cleveland firm of

Walter & Haverfield, where she focuses her practice on real estate and commercial lending.



Patricia A. Poole, a partner in Baker Hostetter's Cleveland office, is the president of The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland's Board of Trustees.

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Janet Lowder of the Cleveland firm Hickman & Lowder was named chair of the OSBA's elder law committee.



P. Kohl Schneider has become a partner in the Cleveland law firm of Gallagher Sharp in the firm's general litigation, professional liability, and product liability practice groups. Mr. Kohl represents businesses, insurance companies and individuals in a wide variety of civil litigation and defends construction companies, real estate professionals, manufacturers and their insurers throughout Ohio.

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Donald G. Drinko is a partner with the Cleveland firm of Gallaher Sharp where he is active in the firm's general litigation, insurance, and business and employment practice

groups.

THE BEST LAWYERS IN AMERICA 2007 recognized Ulmer & Berne partner **Thomas W. Ostrowski** who has extensive experience in commercial banking, corporate