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**David A. Anderson**

On November 10, 2006, David Anderson gave a talk on current freedom of information issues to the Council of the UT College of Communications. In January, the *Texas Law Review* posted on its web site his commentary, “Hidden Agendas,” discussing clandestine advertising messages in news and entertainment.

**Lynn Baker**

Lynn Baker (and Sandy Levinson) participated in a “*Dole* Dialogue” at the University of South Dakota Law School conference on *South Dakota v. Dole* on January 26, 2007. The conference proceedings will be published in a future issue of the *South Dakota Law Review*. Baker became a nine-time National Champion in tournament bridge when her team won the Women’s Board-a-Match competition in Honolulu, Hawaii on November 20, 2006.

**John Deigh**

From September 18 to December 8, 2006, John Deigh was the White Distinguished Visiting Professor in the philosophy department of the University of Chicago.

**Mitch Berman**

Mitch Berman presented his paper, “Punishment and Justification,” at Columbia’s Legal Theory Workshop on November 13, 2006. He also presented his paper, “Originalism is Bunk,” at the University of Pennsylvania Faculty Workshop on December 4, 2006.

### **Steve Bickerstaff**

Steve Bickerstaff published *Lines in the Sand*, a book about the 2003 congressional redistricting in Texas, the campaign activities in 2002 that made the redistricting possible and the criminal prosecutions and resignation that followed. The University of Texas Press published the book.

### **Cynthia Bryant**

As a member of the Texas Supreme Court’s Task Force on Child Protection Case Management and Reporting, Cynthia Bryant participated in the development of the Task Force’s report to the court, “Strengthening Texas Courts for the Safety, Permanency, and Well-being of Children in Foster Care,” which was submitted to the Court on October 31, 2006. On November 13, 2006, Bryant spoke on “Dispute Resolution in Child Support” in Seattle at the Western Interstate Child Support Conference. On January 30, 2007 Bryant moderated a panel on Dispute Resolution in state and tribal child support programs at the Policy Conference of the National Child Support Enforcement Association in Washington DC.

### **Sarah Buel**

Sarah Buel gave the Keynote at the Court & Prosecution Response to Domestic Violence Accountability Audit, Massachusetts District Attorney’s Conference on December 11, 2006 in Northampton, Massachusetts. On December 18, 2006 Buel gave a presentation for all faculty at the Harvard Medical School Symposium on Domestic Violence, “The Pedagogy of Effective Interventions with Domestic Violence Patients: Focus on Universal Screening”; then presented to all first-year medical students on “Ethical Interventions and Liability Implications for Physicians Handling Domestic Violence Cases.”

### **Charles G. Childress**

On November 2, 2006, Charles Childress presented a program on “Representing Texas Children in Abuse and Neglect Cases” to attorneys and judges in Bryan, Texas. Childress also presented the same program on November 15, 2006 in Palestine, Texas. On December 1, 2006, Childress spoke to the Bexar County Attorney *ad Litem* Seminar in San Antonio on “Outsourcing Child Protective Services—the Devil in the Details” on the implementation of legislative requirements that came out of the 1995 session. He co-presented on this topic with Tiffany Roper, Attorney and Policy Analyst, Center for Public Policy Priorities.

**Jeff Civins**

On October 26, 2006, Jeff Civins chaired a panel discussion on “Reconciling Shareholder Value Creation with Stakeholder Interests—Corporate Sustainability,” at the 4th Annual National Conference of the Institute for Excellence in Corporate Governance at the University of Texas-Dallas.

**Michael J. Churgin**

Michael Churgin was reappointed for a one-year term to the ABA Bar Admissions Committee of the Section on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar. On January 25, 2007, he served on a working group organized by the National Archives in Washington to discuss the disposition of non-trial federal court records.

**A. Mechele Dickerson**

On November 2, 2006, Mechele Dickerson moderated and participated in a panel on “As the World Turns in Chapter 13: What’s Hot, What’s Not?” at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges in San Francisco. On January 26, 2007, Dickerson presented a paper, “Insolvency Principles and the Doctrine of Odious Debts: The Missing Link in the International Human Rights Debate” at a conference at Duke Law School, and on January 27, 2007, she participated on a panel “You’ve published it, now what?” at the Mid-Atlantic People of Color Conference in Richmond, Virginia. From January 29 to February 1, 2007, Dickerson served as the 2007 Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute Distinguished Visiting Professor at Georgia State College of Law.

**John Dzienkowski**

In October 2006, John Dzienkowski (with Bob Peroni) taught the professional responsibility and oil and gas tax components of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation’s Oil and Gas Law Short Course in Houston, Texas. That month he also delivered “Legal Ethics for Oil and Gas Lawyers” to the Federal Oil and Gas Short Course of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation in Houston, Texas; and was the academic panelist on a legal ethics panel entitled, “Eggs and Ethics,” sponsored by the Dallas Bar for Texas state and federal judges in Horseshoe Bay, Texas.

In November 2006, Dzienkowski was the faculty supervisor and also gave several lectures at the international energy law component of the University of St. Gallen Business Law Student Exchange Program in Austin, Texas. In December 2006, he delivered a presentation, “Sources of Regulation in International Petroleum Transactions” for the Conference on International Law and Politics at the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland, where he also moderated the panel on Global Warming and other Environmental Issues in International Energy Law.

### **Karen Engle**

On October 6, 2006 Karen Engle presented a lecture at the Annual Student Public Interest Conference at Emory Law School on “What Does it Mean to Be ‘For’ Human Rights?” On December 1 and 2, 2006 Engle delivered the opening presentation for the Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice’s third annual conference. The presentation, co-delivered with NPR producer Tracy Wahl, was entitled “‘Mr. Human Rights:’ The Style of George Lister.” The conference, which Engle organized, was entitled “The Life and Legacy of George Lister: Reconsidering Human Rights, Democracy and U.S. Foreign Policy.” On January 25, 2006 Engle presented a discussion of her work on land rights claims by indigenous and afro-descendant groups in Latin America to a group of faculty at the Universidad de Los Andes, in Bogotá, Colombia, where she is currently a visiting scholar.

### **William Forbath**

William Forbath gave a paper on “Social Citizenship: History & Theory, Past, Present & Future,” at the International Conference on “New Dimensions of Citizenship,” Fordham Law School, New York, NY, September 29–30, 2006. He also gave a paper on “Hebrew Immigrants and Jewish Lawyers: Jews, ‘Race’ and Identity Politics in the Progressive Era,” at the International Conference on Jews and the Legal Profession at Benjamin Cardozo Law School, New York City, NY, October 20–23, 2006. Forbath was consultant and speaker at an in-house workshop and public seminar on “Social and Economic Rights: What Difference Do They Make,” held at the World Bank in Washington DC, October 25–27, 2006, where his public presentation was titled “Social Rights, Social Reform, and the Courts in the U.S.” He was seminar leader and will be co-author of the Rockefeller Foundation-funded Team Project, “Stones of Hope”: African Lawyers Reclaim Human Rights to Challenge Global Poverty, First Phase Conference, which was held at the Rockefeller Foundation Retreat Center in Bellagio, Italy, December 5–16, 2006.

Forbath organized and is leading a new interdisciplinary Colloquium on Law, History, and the Humanities at UT Law School, during Spring 2007 (with Evan Carton, UT Humanities Institute and Department of English). He was also a featured speaker on a PBS television series on the history of the United States Supreme Court, *The Supreme Court*, which aired on January 31 and February 7, 2007. He organized, gave introductory remarks, and chaired panels at “The Future of the Welfare State,” an International Conference at UT Law School, cosponsored by the LBJ Presidential Library, Austin, Texas, February 1–3, 2007 (with Sanford Levinson & Betty Sue Flowers). Forbath’s “Politics, State-Building, and the Courts, 1870-1920” was a top ten download on *Constitutional Law: Judicial Review and Interpretation* as well as other journals on SSRN.

### **Elizabeth Frumkin**

Elizabeth Frumkin presented a Drawing Board Lunch Talk here at the law school on November 28, 2006, entitled “Beyond the Water’s Edge? The Extraterritorial Reach of the U.S. Constitution in a Post-9/11 World.” Frumkin presented a draft of her paper, “Beyond the Water’s Edge? The Extraterritorial Reach of the U.S. Constitution in a Post-9/11 World,” at the American Society of International Law’s International Law in Domestic Courts workshop at the University of San Diego Law School, held on December 11, 2006. Frumkin began her service on the Culture Committee of Impact Austin, a “giving circle” of women in the Austin, Texas area who pool their philanthropic donations, then annually award grants for local community service projects selected by the members.

### **Mark Gergen**

Mark Gergen’s article, “The Ambit of Negligence Liability for Pure Economic Loss” appeared in the *Arizona Law Review* with other papers at a conference on the Restatement of Economic Torts. Gergen presented Council Draft No. 1, Restatement Third, Economic Torts and Related Wrongs to the Council of the American Law Institute Oct. 20, 2006. He participated in an advisor’s meeting on Restatement Third, Restitution and Unjust Enrichment, October 14, 2006. He also participated on a panel on the Restatement Third, Restitution and Unjust Enrichment at the January AALS meeting in a special session on Remedies.

### **Julius Getman**

Julius Getman published his first novel, *Strike*, which has thus far had limited but all highly favorable reviews, including a letter of praise from Cecil Roberts, President of the United Mine Workers of America. Getman acted as press contact for the Houston Janitors local in their negotiations and strike against major employers. He was contacted and quoted by the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Houston Chronicle*, the *Christian Science Monnitor*, and Bloomberg News.

### **John M. Golden**

John Golden lectured on patentable subject matter for the 11th Annual Advanced Patent Law Institute, held at the Four Seasons Hotel in Austin, Texas, October 26–27, 2006. He spoke on issues related to nonobviousness and injunctive relief as a panelist for the Frontiers of IP Conference, which was held at the University of Texas School of Law in Austin, Texas, November 10–11, 2006.

### **Steven Goode**

In October 2006, Steven Goode served as University representative in the University's successful defense of *Carson v. University of Texas et al.* In December 2006, he gave the luncheon address for the Dallas Bar Association Trial Skills section, and in January 2007, he appeared on Court TV and KVUE (Austin) to comment on the *State v. Pitonyak* murder trial.

### **Henry T. C. Hu**

The (lead) front-page story in the *Wall Street Journal* on January 26, 2007 was on the phenomenon of “empty voting” in corporate governance. The article credited Henry Hu and Bernard Black with coining the term, and refers repeatedly to their May 2006 article, “The New Vote Buying: Empty Voting and Hidden (Morphable) Ownership.” In addition, relying on the writer's interviews with Hu, the article quoted Hu on how this and related phenomena affect the foundations of corporate law and on what the Securities and Exchange Commission should do by way of disclosure reforms.

On January 22, 2007 and January 29, 2007, Securities and Exchange Commission Commissioner Paul Atkins gave speeches indicating concern over empty voting by hedge funds and citing this vote buying research. On January 24, 2007, the *Financial Times* (London) reported that Commissioner Atkins's warning “mirrors concerns expressed last year” in this vote buying research.

Hu's speech to the Council of Institutional Investors on such “new vote buying” matters also received attention. For example, the *Financial Times* (London) discussed the speech in an October 6, 2006 story with the headline: “Thesis on hedge fund tactics gives investors a shock—Professor's warning on ‘empty voting’ has big impact in the US.” The *FT* story noted that the thesis of Hu's speech was “pretty astonishing”—that “[t]he basic legal and economic underpinning of the public corporation” “had been washed away.” Thus far, *FT* has published four stories discussing this shareholder vote buying research (October 6, 2006 (two), October 16, 2006, and January 24, 2007). In an editorial on October 16, 2006, “Pensions and Investments” endorsed enhanced hedge fund disclosure as to stock ownership, primarily based on this academic research.

Hu also spoke on such hedge fund/shareholder voting matters at the Society of Corporate Secretaries and Governance Professionals 2006 Joint Regional Fall Conference (New York and other chapters -- Newport (RI): October 2006), a John L. Weinberg Center for Corporate Governance (University of Delaware) panel discussion (October 2006), the American Bar Association's Section of Business Law Committee on Federal Regulation of Securities Fall Meeting (Washington DC -- December 2006), and the West Legalworks Hedge Fund Activism conference (New York -- December 2006).

Hu also appeared on National Public Radio's show “Morning Edition” with respect to the controversy over Richard Grasso's compensation while at the New York Stock Exchange.

Apart from the media stories referred to above, Hu was quoted on corporate governance, Fannie Mae, hedge fund, private equity, securities regulation, shareholder rights, stock options backdating, and other matters in, among other places, the *Financial Times* (October 5, 2006, October 6, 2006, October 11, 2006, and October 12, 2006), *International Herald Tribune* (December 26, 2006), *Los Angeles Times* (October 12, 2006), *New York Times* (December 19, 2006, December 24, 2006, and December 25, 2006), and the *Wall Street Journal* (October 9, 2006).

### **Stanley Johanson**

On October 26, 2006, Stanley Johanson spoke on “Recent Developments in Estate Planning” at the Tulane Tax Conference in New Orleans. On November 3, 2006, he chaired “Estate Planning Day” at the University of Texas School of Law’s 54th Annual Taxation Conference in Houston. He began the day with a speech on “Recent Developments in Estate Planning,” and in the afternoon chaired a workshop on “Current Problems and Ethical Issues in Estate Planning.” On November 17, 2006, Johanson gave a day-long seminar on “Current Topics in Estate Planning” to attorneys, CPAs and other estate planning professionals in El Paso, Texas. The program was sponsored by the El Paso Community Foundation.

### **Calvin Johnson**

Calvin Johnson is serving as Visiting Professor at the Chief Counsel, IRS in Washington DC for the Spring Semester. On January 28, 2007, he presented “Righteous Anger at the Wicked States: The Meaning of the Founders’ Constitution” to Boston College Law School Colloquium. Johnson has presented to the IRS counsel, “Why Do Venture Capitalists Burn Research and Development Deductions?”, “An Inventory of Anti-Abuse Doctrines,” and “The Shelf Project for Anti-Loophole Legislation.”

### **Brian Leiter**

On October 19, 2006, Brian Leiter presented “Why Tolerate Religion?” to the faculty workshop at the University of Chicago Law School, where he was a visiting professor in the fall quarter. He gave the same paper as the Keynote Address at the Graduate Conference in the Department of Philosophy at Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University on November 4, 2006 and also to a faculty workshop at Chicago-Kent College of Law on November 28, 2006.

On November 16, 2006, he and Judge Richard Posner had a debate on “Some Doubts about Pragmatic Adjudication,” sponsored by the Federalist Society and the American Constitution Society at the University of Chicago Law School. On January 19, 2007, Leiter presented his paper “Nietzsche’s Theory of the Will” to the Department of Philosophy at Georgia State University.

### **Sanford Levinson**

Sanford Levinson's book, *Our Undemocratic Constitution: Where the Constitution Goes Wrong (and How We the People Can Correct It)* was the subject of a panel at the annual meeting of the American Association of Law Schools in Washington DC in January, 2007, as well as an earlier program at the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in Boston on October 30, 2006. Levinson gave talks on the book at the Duke and University of North Carolina Law Schools in January, 2007.

Levinson and Lynn Baker participated in a symposium at the University of South Dakota on the 20th anniversary of *South Dakota v. Dole*, on January 26, 2007. In October, he participated in symposia at the University of Minnesota and St. Thomas Law School, both in Minneapolis, and gave a presentation of his book to the American Constitution Society at Yale. (The Duke and UNC gatherings were also American Constitution Society meetings of the local chapters.) He participated in the Texas Book Festival, and gave a lecture in the Program in Ethics and the Professions at Harvard on October 26, 2006 on "The Ethics of Torture." Finally, Levinson participated in a symposium at the Cardozo Law School on "Jews and the Law."

### **Kate Litvak**

In October 2006, Kate Litvak presented her paper, "The Effect of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act on Foreign Companies Cross-Listed in the US" at the First Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, and "Governance Through Exit: Default Penalties and Staged Capital Calls in Venture Capital Limited Partnership Agreements" at the University of Chicago Law School. In November 2007, Litvak presented "The Effect of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act on Foreign Companies Cross-Listed in the US" at the Georgetown Law Center, and "Sarbanes-Oxley and the Cross-Listing Premium" at the conference on The Impact of Sarbanes-Oxley on Doing Business, at the University of Michigan Law School. In January 2007, Litvak presented "The Effect of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act on Foreign Companies Cross-Listed in the US" at the Frontiers of Finance conference and at the University of Chicago Law School.

### **Basil Markesinis**

On January 16, 2007, Basil Markesinis was awarded the blue sash and gold insignia of a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of Merit by the French government. On January 7, 2007, he also received an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Athens, his fifth thus far.

### **Tracy McCormack**

Tracy McCormack served as Institute Chair and Moderator for the First Annual Arbitration Institute: A Comprehensive Guide to Arbitration Success, which was held November 30–December 1, 2006 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Austin, Texas.

### **Thomas McGarity**

Thomas McGarity and Wendy Wagner attended a conference at Albany Law School that was devoted exclusively to the manuscript for their forthcoming book entitled “Bending Science.” While there, they received helpful comments and criticisms from participants representing a broad variety of disciplines, including scientists, philosophers of science, economists, congressional and legislative staff, business school professors and law professors. They are now busily incorporating the comments into their manuscript.

### **Roy Mersky**

Roy Mersky gave a presentation titled “Legal Research v. Legal Writing Within the Law School Curriculum” at the Legal Information and the Development of American Law Symposium, held at the University of California-Berkeley Boalt Hall, on October 21, 2006. Mersky hosted a faculty presentation by Marc Galanter, who discussed his book *Lowering the Bar: Legal Jokes and Legal Culture*, on October 26, 2006. He served as the American Library Association representative to the Guadalajara International Book Fair, in Guadalajara, Mexico, from November 24–29, 2006, and participated in the National Endowment for the Humanities site visit to Texas Humanities, Austin, on December 7, 2006. Mersky was elected to membership in the Philosophical Society of Texas and attended its annual meeting in Dallas on December 1, 2006. He reviewed the University of Nebraska Lincoln Law and University Library Funding for the University of Nebraska President, December 11–13, 2006.

### **Linda S. Mullenix**

Linda Mullenix gave a presentation titled “Update on CAFA Issues and Problems” at the Corporate Counsel Symposium, Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois, on September 28, 2006. She presented “Baycol and Vioxx: Two Case Studies in Mass Tort Litigation” at the Annual Conference on Tort Liability Regimes, sponsored by Munich Re, in Munich, Germany, which was held from October 25–27th, 2006. Mullenix also spoke on “The Politics of Class Actions,” at an event sponsored by the Section on Civil Procedure, The American Association of Law Schools in Washington DC on January 4, 2007. She holds the Fulbright Distinguished Senior Chair in Law at the University of Trento in Italy for Spring 2007.

### **Bob Peroni**

Bob Peroni served as the academic adviser to the American Bar Association Section of Taxation's Task Force on International Tax Reform. He was one of the substantial contributors to the Task Force's lengthy report, which was published at 59 TAX LAW 649-812 (2006). In October 2006, Peroni and John Dzienkowski taught the professional responsibility and oil and gas tax components of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation's Oil and Gas Law Short Course in Houston, Texas. Also that month he was a commentator at the University of Minnesota Law School's Tax Policy Conference on the Future of Tax Shelters, and commented on Penn Law School Professor Michael Knoll's paper on implicit taxes.

From November 1–2, 2006, Peroni served as co-chair and a presiding officer at the University of Texas School of Law's Annual Tax Conference in Houston, Texas. On November 3, 2006, he delivered lectures on natural resource taxation and international taxation to the students in the University of St. Gallen/UT Law School program. Later that month he was a commentator on several papers on cross-border tax arbitrage at the University of Chicago Law School's annual federal tax conference. In December 2006, Peroni was the co-chair and a panelist at an international tax conference in Washington DC, co-sponsored by the George Washington University Law School and the Internal Revenue Service.

In January 2007, Peroni was a panelist at the AALS Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, speaking on the case for worldwide income taxation as part of a Taxation Section panel on "Can the Income Tax Survive in a Globalized Economy?" He also presented a paper on international tax reform at the University of Miami School of Law.

### **David Rabban**

In November 2006, David Rabban chaired the fall meeting of the Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure of the American Association of University Professors in Washington DC.

### **R. Anthony Reese**

In October 2006, Reese presented "Is the Public Domain Permanent?" at a symposium on Constitutional Challenges to Copyright at Columbia Law School, and taught a unit on digital copyright issues in the Executive Masters in Business Law program of the University of St. Gallen School of Law. In November 2006, Reese was a discussant in the Copyright Law panel at the Frontiers of IP symposium organized by UT Law School's Center for Law, Business and Economics and the *Texas Law Review*. He presented a paper on "The Temporal Dynamics of 'Capable of Substantial Noninfringing Uses'" at the Colloquium on IP Law at Columbia Law School in November 2006.

Reese presented his forthcoming paper, "Public but Private: Copyright's New Unpublished Public Domain" at faculty workshops at Vanderbilt University Law School

in October 2006 and at NYU School of Law in January 2007. He also presented a paper on “Innocent Copyright Infringement” at the IP Colloquium at the University of Michigan School of Law in January 2007.

### **William M. Sage**

In November 2006, William Sage presented “Risk in the Courts: The Ultimate Arbiter” at the 14th Annual ECRI Conference on Healthcare Practice and Policy, which was held in Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania. Sage also spoke on “Can the Fact that 90% of Americans Live Within 15 Miles of a Wal-Mart Help Achieve Universal Health Care?” at the University of Kansas Law School Conference on the Massachusetts Health Plan, in Lawrence, Kansas. In January 2007, he spoke on “Managing Disclosure of Medical Errors” at the UT System Healthcare Risk Managers Meeting in Austin, Texas.

### **John J. Sampson**

In Wellington, New Zealand, on November 10, 2006, Jack Sampson provided a one-day training session to personnel of the NZ Child Support Enforcement Agency. The primary subject was the U.S. law on child support establishment, enforcement, and modification. Also discussed was the progress of a proposed Hague Maintenance Convention on those subjects—Professor Sampson is a member of the U.S. State Department delegation in those negotiations.

### **Wayne Schiess**

Wayne Schiess spoke on ethical legal writing for the Austin chapter of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society and for the Robert W. Calvert Inns of Court in Austin, and on legal writing at the Texas Municipal Courts Education Council in Austin. He gave a seminar on legal writing for the Office of the General Counsel, Social Security Administration, in Denver. Schiess also attended the AALS annual meeting in Washington DC and spoke as a panelist on “Writing Jury Instructions in Plain English,” a presentation sponsored by Scribes—The American Society of Legal Writers.

### **Charles Silver**

Charles Silver commented on an article by Neil Vidmar of Duke Law School on legal malpractice claims at the Conference on Empirical Legal Studies at UT Law School in October. In November and December, Silver published two columns and several follow-up posts on changes in the number of physicians in Texas on TortDeform.com. In December, he attended a meeting of the Council of the American Law Institute that was devoted to the ALI’s principles project on aggregate litigation. In January, Silver presented an empirical study of verdicts and payments in medical malpractice cases to the UT law faculty, and presented a related study to the faculty at the University of Michigan Law School later that month.

### **Ernest Smith**

In October, Ernest Smith lectured at the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation's short course on oil and gas law in Houston, Texas.

### **Jordan Steiker**

On October 3, 2006, Jordan Steiker gave a talk on "Capital Punishment in the United States Supreme Court, 2005 Term" with Rob Owen at UT Law School. On October 6, 2006, he spoke on "The Role of Concerns about Wrongful Convictions in the Constitutional Regulation of the American Death Penalty: Innocence Enters the U.S. Supreme Court," at the Albany Symposium on Crime and Justice, "The Next Generation of Death Penalty Research," held at SUNY Albany.

On January, 17, 2007, Steiker argued *Smith v. Texas* (05-11304) in the United States Supreme Court; he also served as co-counsel in *Brewer v. Quarterman* (05-11287) and *Abdul-Kabir v. Quarterman* (05-11284), argued the same day. On January 24, 2007, he spoke on "Capital Punishment Clinic Supreme Court Litigation" with Rob Owen at UT Law School; and on January 26, 2007, he presented a lecture, "Appellate Advocacy: Seeking Review and Relief with Special Attention to Discretionary versus Mandatory Jurisdiction," also at UT Law.

### **Michael F. Sturley**

During the fall semester, Sturley organized the Law School's new Supreme Court Clinic, which he directs with Washington lawyer David C. Frederick, '89. The clinic's first project was a petition for certiorari in *Altadis USA Inc. v. Sea Star Line LLC* (No. 06-606), which was filed on November 1, 2006. The Supreme Court granted cert on January 5, 2007. From October 4–7, 2006, Sturley attended the fall meeting of the Maritime Law Association of the United States in San Francisco, California. He spoke to the Uniformity Committee on "Three Recent Cargo Cases Raising Major Uniformity Concerns," on October 4, 2006, and delivered a report to the general meeting of the Association on the current status of the Transport Law project of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) on October 7, 2006. On October 23, 2006, he spoke to a group of University of Cape Town graduate students and South African maritime lawyers on the history and current work of the UNCITRAL Transport Law project. While the audience listened (and asked questions) from Cape Town, Sturley spoke via a video link from one of UT Law School's wired conference rooms.

From November 6–16, 2006, Sturley attended the 18th session of UNCITRAL's Working Group III (Transport Law), held at UNCITRAL headquarters in Vienna, Austria. Sturley is the senior advisor on the U.S. delegation to this Working Group, which is negotiating a new multilateral treaty to unify the core elements of international maritime transport law. He is also the Working Group's coordinator for the chapter on Transport Documents and Electronic Transport Records, which was discussed during this session. From December

11–15, 2006, he participated in an “Experts’ Group Meeting” convened by the UNCITRAL Secretariat. He was one of nine experts from around the world invited to finalize the draft convention that will serve as the basis for the third reading at the 2007 sessions of UNCITRAL’s Working Group III (Transport Law). The Experts’ Group Meeting was held at UNCITRAL’s Vienna headquarters.

On January 29, 2007, Sturley spoke to the Law School’s freshlaw Brief Writing and Oral Advocacy classes on “Supreme Court Advocacy,” and on February 20, 2007, he attended a meeting in Washington DC of the United States delegation to UNCITRAL Working Group III (Transport Law). Sturley is the senior advisor on this delegation.

### **Philomila Tsoukala**

On November 9, 2006, Visiting Assistant Professor Philomila Tsoukala was an invited speaker at the “Marriage in Culture” seminar at the University of Virginia Law School, directed by Professor Kerry Abrams. She presented a paper on the role of family law in the creation of national identity in post-Ottoman Greece.

### **Wendy Wagner**

From October 10–11, 2006 Wendy Wagner presented an invited paper on “Use and Review of Regulatory Models in the U.S.” at the Trans-Atlantic Uncertainty Colloquium (an NSF funded group of academics who are examining the use of models by policymakers) in Washington DC. On October 20, 2006, Wagner presented a paper on “Bending Science: The Role for Toxicologists” at Duke University’s Integrated Toxicology and Environmental Health Program Seminar Series, and on October 27, 2006 she spoke on “Uncertain Science, Incomplete Laws, and the Inadequate Protection of Children’s Health” at the Duke Environmental Law and Policy Forum Symposium on Law, Science, and Uncertainty: The Future of Children’s Environmental Health, held in Durham, North Carolina. She presented an invited paper, “Why special interests sometimes distort science and what can be done about it,” at the Society for Risk Analysis Annual Meeting, held in Baltimore, Maryland on December 6, 2006.

Wagner gave a UT Law Faculty Colloquia with Tom McGarity on draft chapters of “Bending Science” on November 3, 2006, and participated in a day-long conference vetting a draft book manuscript of “Bending Science,” also with Tom McGarity, which was hosted by Albany Law School, Albany, New York, on December 13, 2006.

### **Heather K. Way**

On February 5, 2007, Heather Way was a speaker at the Texas Housing Forum and Housing Texas Conference in Austin. In November 2006, she received the 2006 Texas Houser Award from the Texas Low Income Housing Information Service.

### **Louise Weinberg**

Appeared in the first and second episodes of the PBS series, “The Supreme Court,” first aired on January 31, 2007,

Contributed the article on “Federal Courts,” 5000 words, for the *Oxford Encyclopedia of Legal History* (forthcoming 2008),

Attended the Annual Meeting of the Philosophical Society of Texas, Dallas, December 3–5, 2006,

Successfully nominated UT Law Professor Ernest Young to serve as Program Chair/Chair-Elect of the AALS Section on Federal Courts,

Reviewed a proposed treatise on constitutional law for the Oxford University press,

Spoke on “The Supreme Court and the Crisis of 1860” at the St. Louis University School of Law Faculty Workshop Series, October 17, 2006,

Proofread galleys for her symposium article on *Dred Scott* (forthcoming 2007),

Was invited to speak next spring at the Austin Civil War Round Table on “The Supreme Court and the Coming of the Civil War,”

Was interviewed by Adam Cohen of the *New York Times* for background for his retrospective article on the Supreme Court’s decision in the case of *Bush v. Gore*.

### **Jay Westbrook**

In October 2006, Jay Westbrook presented a paper titled “Locating the Eye of the Financial Storm” at a conference on International Bankruptcy held at Brooklyn Law School, and in November he presented a paper on international insolvency to the 25th Annual UT Bankruptcy Conference. In December 2006, Westbrook participated in the UNCITRAL Working Group meeting in Vienna on the insolvency treatment of corporate groups in December 2006, and in January 2007, he gave his paper “Consumer Bankruptcy in the United States” at the Lanciano Conference on Consumer Bankruptcy in Lanciano, Italy.

### **Mark Yudof**

On November 1, 2006, Mark Yudof gave a lecture on Moses Maimonides at Congregation Agudas Achim in Austin, Texas, and on January 22, 2007, he spoke on “Higher Education’s Role in Improving America’s High Schools” at the American Council on Education National Summit in Washington DC.