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# Faculty Footnotes

Several faculty members spoke to students involved in the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Bowen chapter about the school's courses and how they relate to civil liberties and civil rights.

Dean **John DiPippa**, Associate Professor **Adjoa Aiyetoro**, Nadine Baum Distinguished Professor of Law **Terri Beiner**, Professor **Ken Gallant**, Visiting Professor **Wendell Griffen**, Associate Professor **Ranko Oliver**, and Assistant Professor **Josh Silverstein** participated. In addition, Holly Dickson, attorney with the Arkansas office of the ACLU, attended the program.

## Coleen Barger

Professor **Coleen Barger** appeared on a teaching technology panel at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) conference on Aug. 3, speaking about using wikis and blogs in law school teaching. Barger is a visiting professor at Stetson University College of Law in Gulfport, Fla. this fall, where she is teaching brief writing and oral advocacy in the required first-year legal writing program.

## Frances Fendler

Professor **Frances Fendler** made a presentation on Fiduciary Duties of Directors of Nonprofit Associations to the Arkansas Bar Association Board of Governors in Rogers, Ark., on Aug. 7.

## Kathryn C. Fitzhugh

In July, Professor of Law Librarianship **Kathryn C. Fitzhugh's**

encyclopedia article, "Moses Aaron Clark," was published in the online version of the *Encyclopedia of Arkansas History and Culture* at encyclopediaofarkansas.net. Clark rose from slavery to become a prominent and influential eastern Arkansas attorney, jurist, masonic leader, and newspaper publisher.

## Wendell Griffen

On May 18 Visiting Professor **Wendell Griffen** delivered the PowerPoint presentation titled "Cultural Competence and Adjudication" to the National Association of Administrative Law Judges during its meeting in Little Rock at the Peabody Hotel. Griffen's Law and Cultural Competency seminar introduced last spring at the Bowen School is the only course offered in an American law school that addresses cultural competency.

## Ranko Oliver

Associate Professor **Ranko Oliver** works with a group of parents of children with special needs to bring to the attention of the Disability Rights Center (DRC) in Little Rock problems these parents have encountered with school districts throughout the state, and request that the DRC pay particular attention to special education issues. Her legal expertise is being used to help the state's schools come into compliance with the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), which said Arkansas was found to be in noncompliance with federal



regulations regarding its system of general supervision.

## Josh Silverstein

Assistant Professor **Josh Silverstein** presented his paper, "A General Theory of Bankruptcy Equitable Power," at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools annual meeting Aug. 4. In the article, Silverstein offered resolutions to a series of fundamental questions about the scope of bankruptcy equitable power. These resolutions will provide crucial guidance to federal courts regarding the propriety of more than two dozen types of bankruptcy orders.



## Footnotes Guidelines

- Scholarship or service for the prior month. However, in the August edition, we will play catch up with content since the beginning of the year.
- Scholarship includes publications and presentations at scholarly conferences that have already taken place. We will publish information about articles and books that have been published. Please remember to include the complete citation along with any web publications so that everyone can read your great work.
- Public service items will focus on service to the legal community and legal service to the community.
- Public service also includes invited appearances and interviews in local media that establish Bowen professors as subject matter experts in various areas of the law.
- Deadlines for copy will be on the last Friday of the month. An email reminder will be issued one week before the deadline.
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