We Need More Faculty Like This Guy

OR AT THE very least more profiles like his, which we have excerpted from the web site of the Columbus School of Law at Catholic University. Professor Fishman began his career ...

by serving for eight years as an assistant district attorney in the New York County District Attorney’s Office ... . During those eight years he tried dozens of jury trials; wrote and supervised the execution of more than thirty interception orders; wrote search warrants leading to the seizure of untold quantities of heroin, cocaine, and marijuana (not to mention a 200-pound bag of peat moss); and also oversaw the purchase of the most expensive kilogram of pancake mix in the history of American law enforcement.

Having cleaned up New York City’s narcotics problem, in 1977 he joined the faculty of the Columbus School of Law ... . He is the author of Wiretapping and Eavesdropping (2d ed. 1996) with his co-author, Ann T. McKenna; the first four volumes of Jones on Evidence (7th ed., 1992, 1994, 1998, 2000) (only three more volumes to go, or maybe
four, or perhaps five, or ...); and numerous scholarly articles ... . Professor Fishman has also occasionally taken court assignments to defend indigent defendants, in which capacity he complains bitterly about prosecutors doing to him what he delighted in doing to defense attorneys when the shoe was on the other foot.

Advice to Lawyers

The National Archives in Washington, DC, house many treasures, not the best-known of which are the books filed as “RG 267, Entry No. 56 – Records of the Office of the Clerk: Scrapbooks on Court’s History. 1880–1935.” These are, according to the official finding aid, fourteen volumes of Supreme Court-related miscellany, “[a]rranged chronologically by date of item. Contain chiefly newspaper clippings, but include a few magazine articles, cartoons, and humorous poems, concerning the Court and its members and officers.”

A full treatment of this collection would be too large to fit in a Green Bag, but a few samples are within our reach. In this issue we offer an entertaining morsel (see facing page) from the first Scrapbook. We have had no success identifying the author of this work, but we suspect it was an inside job. It appears to address some of the more trying aspects of the day-to-day interaction between the Clerk and the Bar, while also showing that the patience and good humor with which the Clerk’s office deals with the characters that practice at the high court is a thing of the past, as well as the present.

The Ivey League

Anna Ivey is, we admit, a longtime friend of the Green Bag. We can nevertheless unblushingly endorse her new book about law school admissions because it is truly and simul-