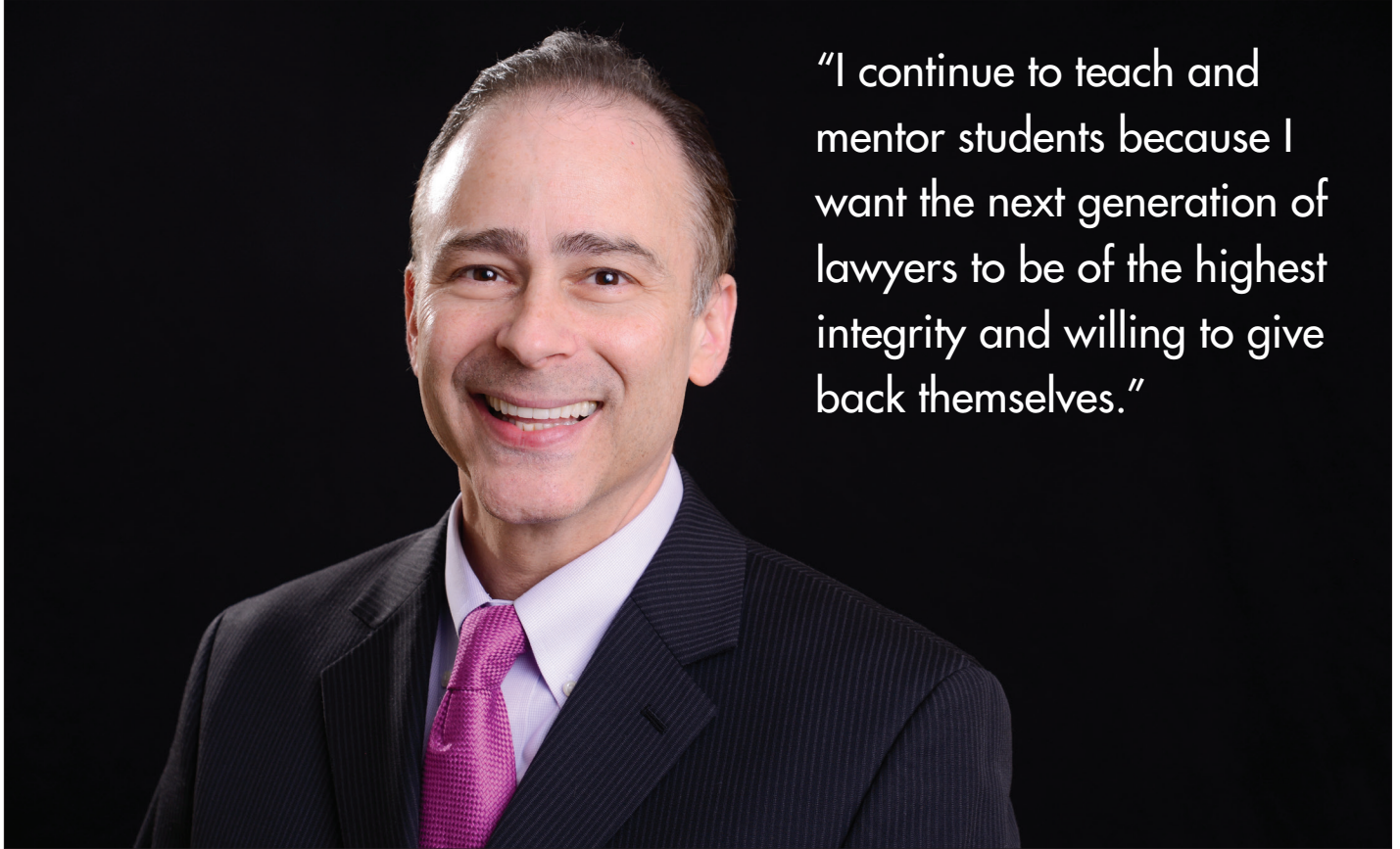


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"I continue to teach and mentor students because I want the next generation of lawyers to be of the highest integrity and willing to give back themselves."

STEVE CHAIKIN

OF COUNSEL • KARP, WIGODSKY, NORWIND, KUDEL & GOLD P.A.

Steve Chaikin created "Speak Up, Save a Life," a prescription/opioid prevention program to help communities in Montgomery County combat the rise in drug overdoses.

"The goal was to coordinate multiple government agencies and create a program to educate the community regarding the epidemic and the available resources," Mr. Chaikin said. "We spent hundreds of hours meeting with young people in recovery, schools, government agencies, medical experts, students, and parents to get input to create the program. We have presented to over 25,000 students and thousands of parents at PTA meetings. Our presentations have had great impact in churches, temples, private homes, and the community at large. We are experiencing a quiet emergency, and unless we act, it will continue to get worse. The New Good Samaritan Law is designed to save lives."

Mr. Chaikin recently joined Karp, Wigodsky, Norwind, Kudel & Gold, P.A. Prior to that, he was a Division Chief and Assistant State's Attorney in Montgomery County, where he witnessed firsthand the results of the nation's growing opioid crisis.

After a career filled with high profile court victories, and commitment to

community safety, Mr. Chaikin helped create a program to proactively combat the ongoing overdose epidemic. "Our program has resulted in hundreds of families receiving information regarding prescription drugs and the dangers of transitioning to street level narcotics. Many families have reached out after presentations with questions and positive comments."

As a member of the Bar Association of Montgomery County, Mr. Chaikin helped create programs involving internet safety, cyber bullying, and truancy prevention.

In the past ten years, Mr. Chaikin has made hundreds of PTA and neighborhood watch presentations on a range of these subjects. "My commitment has always extended well beyond 5:00 PM. I am available to respond to the concerns of parents and people in our community."

These efforts have led to Mr. Chaikin being recognized with numerous awards, including the Governor's Medal of Distinction, President's Citations for Outstanding Service to the Bar Association of Montgomery County, as well as awards from the Montgomery County Police Department and Montgomery County Public Schools.