



## Alumni Profile: Ohio Supreme Court Justice Michael Donnelly '92

**Michael Donnelly '92** loved his 14 years as a Judge on the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court and believed he would one day retire from that position having protected justice in the local community. That was until the opportunity arose for Justice Donnelly to run for a seat on the Ohio Supreme Court.

Donnelly convincingly won election to the Ohio Supreme Court in November with more than 60% of the vote and in January took his seat on the seven-justice Court alongside two other C|M|LAW graduates, newly elected **Justice Melody Stewart '88** and **Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor '80**.

A seat on the highest court in the state is not one Justice Donnelly could envision when he sat in the classrooms on East 18th and Euclid three decades ago.

"Never in a million years did I believe I would someday be sitting on the Ohio Supreme Court," said Justice Donnelly. "All I knew is that I wanted to be a lawyer in the courtroom and argue for justice."

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Join Us for a  
**Happy New Year -  
 Back to School Party!**

Friday, January 25, 2019  
**5 pm - 7 pm**

Cleveland-Marshall College of Law  
 Valet Parking on East 18th Street

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We hope to see you January 25 at the law school to celebrate a wonderful New Year for our students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends!

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### C|M|LAW's Solo Practice Incubator Featured in Crain's Cleveland

C|M|LAW's Solo Practice Incubator was featured by Crain's Cleveland Business on the success of the Incubator as it reaches its fifth anniversary this February.

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**THURGOOD MARSHALL  
 MOOT COURT NIGHT**  
*PREVIOUSLY THE FREDERICK DOUGLASS MOOT COURT NIGHT*

Wednesday, January 30  
 5:30 p.m.  
 1.5 free CLE hours

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LAWYERING IN THE AGE  
OF TRUMP**

**Joshua Geltzer**  
*Executive Director and Visiting Professor  
of Law at Georgetown's Institute for  
Constitutional Advocacy and Protection*

Tuesday, February 5 | 5 p.m.  
C|M|LAW Moot Court Room  
1 free CLE hour pending



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### **Prof. Forte Wrote Essay for Law and Liberty**

**Professor David Forte** wrote an essay for the *Law and Liberty* online journal, *Dickinson*, "Penman of the Revolution," on *Freedom of the Press*, regarding the original understanding of a free press.

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### **Prof. Sagers Wrote for Pro Market Blog**

**Professor Chris Sagers** wrote an article for the *Pro Market Blog*, *Paging Don Qixote: The Last Hope for American Merger Law*, about a private merger challenge that could have a large impact on American antitrust law.

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### **Dean Fisher Quoted on ABA Bar Passage Proposal**

**Dean Lee Fisher** was quoted by the





*Columbus Dispatch* on potential changes to the American Bar Association's accreditation requirements regarding bar passage.

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THE CENTER FOR HEALTH LAW AND POLICY PRESENTS:

# CLEARING THE WEEDS: MARIJUANA AND THE LAW

Wednesday, February 27  
5:00 p.m.  
2 free CLE hours

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**THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019 | 12:00 P.M**

## **Annual Recognition Luncheon**

The Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association is proud to honor a pair of 1992 C|M|LAW graduates -- **Calfee, Halter & Griswold Partner Teresa Metcalf Beasley** and **Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court Administrative and Presiding Judge John J. Russo** -- as its 2019 Alumni of the Year. The pair of honorees will be recognized at the **2019 CMLAA Annual Recognition Luncheon**.

Doors Open at 11:30 a.m.  
Program Begins promptly at Noon

**Renaissance Cleveland Hotel**  
Grand Ballroom  
24 Public Square, Cleveland, Ohio

[Register Here](#)

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2019 | 9:00 A.M**

## **Blockchain for Lawyers**

The seminar will introduce attorneys to Blockchain and related concepts, present emerging legal issues related to this new technology, and discuss how Blockchain technology is expected to change the practice of law.

### **Organizer:**

- **Stacey McKinley** | Director, Gift Planning, Cleveland Clinic Philanthropy Institute and Adjunct Professor, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland State University

### **Co-Presenters:**

- **Jennifer Hart** | CEO, Connective Counsel
- **Daniel J. McMullen** | Attorney at Law, Calfee, Halter & Griswold LLP
- **Brian Ray** | Professor of Law, Director, Cybersecurity and Privacy Protection Center, Director, Master of Legal Studies and non-JD Programs, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cybersecurity Liaison, IoT Collaborative

3 CLE Hours pending

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