



## Alumni Profile: Ohio Supreme Court Justice Melody Stewart '88

Growing up in Cleveland's Hough neighborhood and later in East Cleveland, newly elected **Ohio Supreme Court Justice Melody Stewart '88** had big dreams of being a musician. A career in government, or even the law, never crossed her mind during those days, and with good reason - it seemed unrealistic to her for an African-American woman to hold a high-ranking office. For an African-American young woman growing up in Cleveland today, that is no longer the case - thanks in large part to role models such as Justice Stewart.

Stewart won election to the Ohio Supreme Court in November, becoming the first African-American woman elected to the Ohio Supreme Court. With this distinction, Justice Stewart's election has received significant [media coverage](#), as well as [recognition](#) from Akron-native **LeBron James**. Stewart recognizes the significance of her election to future generations.

"Being the sole African American on the court, it is probably important for a lot of students to see, 'that is a job I too can have one day'," Justice Stewart told [WOSU Radio](#).

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## C|M|LAW Team Won Thurgood Marshall Moot



## Court Regional Championship

C|M|LAW won the Thurgood Marshall Moot Court Regional Championship held in Chicago in early February. C|M|LAW students **Dylan Friedman** and **Jonathan Short** were named Best Oralists while **Jeff Carr** and **Jasmine Taylor** placed second in the Best Brief category. The team is coached by **Brandon Cox '12** and **Theophilus Hudson '12**, who were both part of a championship team in 2011. C|M|LAW's **Black Law Students Association** was also named Chapter of the Year in the Midwest Region for the fifth consecutive year.



## C|M|LAW Tech Featured in Forbes Article on the Future of Legal Education

The C|M|LAW Tech program was featured as one of five early innovators in legal technology education in an article in *Forbes* on the future of legal education.

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## Dean Fisher Named to Cleveland Magazine's Power 100

**Dean Lee Fisher** was named one of the 100 most powerful people in Cleveland by *Cleveland Magazine*, on the magazine's "The Power 100" list. Dean Fisher's inclusion was the first time a law school dean has made the list.

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**Prof. Robertson  
Published Letter to the  
Editor in Cleveland Plain  
Dealer**

Professor Heidi Gorovitz Robertson's Letter to the Editor titled, "Toledo's Lake Erie Bill of Rights," was published in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

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**Prof. Geier Interviewed on  
The Sound of Ideas**

Professor Deborah Geier appeared on



WCPN-FM's "Sound of Ideas" show to discuss how new tax laws are affecting tax refunds.

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## LEGAL WRITING VISITING SCHOLAR

**Sherri Lee Keene**

*Associate Professor and Director of the Legal Writing Program, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law*

Monday, March 4 | 5 p.m.  
C|M|LAW Moot Court Room



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## PUNISHMENT WITHOUT CRIME

**Alexandra Natapoff**

*UC Irvine School of Law Professor*

Tuesday, March 19 | 5 p.m.  
C|M|LAW Moot Court Room  
1 free CLE hour



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## Adj. Prof. Searby Hosts Distinguished Panel on Prosecutorial Discretion

Adjunct Professor Ned Searby is hosting a distinguished panel on "Prosecutorial Discretion, Neutrality &



Ethics In An Age of Increasing Politicization," on March 14 in Washington D.C.

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# LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS & EVENTS



**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 -- **McDonald Hopkins LLC Member 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, MARCH 16, 2019 | 9:00 A.M**

## Immigration Today: Stories from the Border

The seminar will cover the application of our current immigration law and the impact on all parties involved in real time. Each presenter has been on the border and will share their respective experiences. The presenters will also discuss the challenges of applying the law in a fair manner.

### Organizer:

- **Judge Michelle L. Paris** | Judge, Bedford Municipal Court

### Co-Presenters:

- **Melissa A. Gawelek** | Immigration Attorney, The Law Offices of Melissa Gawelek
- **Ashley L. Jones, Esq.** | Owner and Principal Attorney, Ashley Jones Law
- **Judge Dan Polster** | Judge, United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio

3 CLE Hours pending

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