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## Richard W. Pogue Leadership Conversation Series to Bring Prominent Speakers to CSU|LAW

The *Richard W. Pogue Leadership Conversation Series* was recently established at Cleveland State University College of Law, thanks to a generous donation from **Richard W. Pogue**. Richard ("Dick") Pogue is a member of the [CSU|LAW Hall of Fame](#) and is a member of the Executive Committee of the CSU|LAW Board of Visitors. He is Senior Advisor and former Managing Partner (1984-1992) of Jones Day, one of the largest integrated law firms in the world.

The new conversation series is set to bring prominent leaders to speak at the law school beginning in the spring of 2024.

"I believe that it is important for law students while they are in school to hear prominent speakers in public life and relate those comments to a legal backdrop," said Pogue. "Some

of the most important issues facing the public have fundamental legal issues at their root, and law school helps to prepare its graduates to contribute to their solution.”

The Pogue Leadership Conversation Series will be a vital component of the [P. Kelly Tompkins Leadership and Law Program](#). The series will bring at least one prominent speaker on leadership each academic year with many of the conversations open to all students, staff, faculty, alumni, and the general community and may include co-sponsored events with the CSU Levin College of Public Affairs and Education.

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## 2023 HALL OF FAME CELEBRATION

Friday, Nov. 3, 2023 • 5:30 pm  
CSU College of Law



## Featured Hall of Fame Honorees

Our [6th Annual CSU|LAW Hall of Fame Celebration](#) honoring our [2023 Hall of Fame Honorees](#) is on the evening of **Friday, November 3, 2023, 5:30- 8:00 p.m.** at the law school.

This special celebration gives us the opportunity not only to honor the new class of inductees but also is our single best opportunity to raise funds for much-needed student scholarships and other student-focused needs. The Hall of Fame celebration is the *only* annual fundraising event sponsored by the law school.

Please consider [purchasing one or more tickets, becoming a sponsor, and/or placing an ad in the program book](#) to help celebrate one or more of our 2023 inductees.

**The deadline for placing ads is Monday, October 23.**

Each of our Honorees will be featured in an issue of the CSU|LAW newsletter. Meet six of the honorees below.

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## Renee Tramble Richard

CLASS OF 1988

**President, Corporate College; Vice President, Legal Services & Risk Management, General Counsel, Cuyahoga Community College**

*"For me, attending CSU|LAW was a life-changing experience. It introduced me to a new world that I had no idea existed. The academic experience was challenging, but worth all of the possibilities that it provided for me. Without this foundation, I can't imagine many of my professional successes would have been possible. I will always think of CSU|LAW fondly—as my legal home away from home."*

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## Hon. Michael J. Ryan

CLASS OF 1996

**Judge, 8th District Court of Appeals of Ohio**

*"I was a kid from the housing projects, who was able, despite all odds, to amass the skills needed to protect victims, defend the wrongfully accused, obtain financial awards for the injured and dispense justice from the bench, because of the relevant, practical and theoretical education I received at Cleveland State University College of Law."*

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## James Sammon

CLASS OF 1994

**Corporate Counsel, Jenne, Inc.**

*"Without CSU|LAW I never would have met my wonderful wife Jen. Beyond that, CSU|LAW first provided my Dad and my uncle the ability to attend night school, obtain a law degree and then build – not just successful law practices – but also raise large families. That Legacy can never be forgotten. My career has taken me on tangents I never could have dreamt of when I first graduated. But throughout my whole career, CSU|LAW has moored me to the Cleveland community, alumni and legal network. It is an understatement to say that as goes CSU|LAW so goes the Cleveland legal community. Without our law school – Cleveland wouldn't have the leaders it needs to become the greatest small city in the Land!"*

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## Michael Schwartz

**Former President, Cleveland State University and Kent State University**

*"CSU|LAW is a symbol of hope for those who seek to serve the cause of justice and for those who will be served by them. It is the straight-line connection to the first of Europe's universities—at Bologna in 1088—which was organized around the study of canon and civil law. CSU|LAW connects us. Our law school is our root."*

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## Maria Spangler

CLASS OF 2006

**Director, Community Engagement, The Sherwin-Williams Company; Director, The Sherwin-Williams Foundation**

"Maria Spangler leads The Sherwin-Williams Company's enterprise strategy to drive corporate social responsibility initiatives and programs, building alignment and synergies with shareholders, customers and employees. She works strategically with a diverse set of internal and external stakeholders, building relationships and driving excellence, with a particular

focus and passion around inclusion and talent attraction and development.

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## Joyce E. Barrett

CLASS OF 1971

**Former Adjunct Professor, CSU College of Law**

Joyce Barrett realized she wanted to be an attorney while working as a legal secretary after college. She applied to the CSU College of Law and received a full scholarship, graduating in 1971. Joyce became a very successful attorney in private practice, specializing in family law. In 2022, Joyce and her husband **John Krebs** established the *Joyce E. Barrett '71 Endowed Scholarship* in order to provide future students with the life-changing opportunity that Joyce had at CSU|LAW.

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**Upcoming Public Lectures &  
CLE Events**



**ALL RISE FILM FESTIVAL EVENT:  
A SCREENING OF *LOVELY  
JACKSON* & A DISCUSSION ON  
WRONGFUL CONVICTION**

OCTOBER 19, 2023  
5:00P - 9:00P  
MOOT COURTROOM

*Lovely Jackson* is a compelling documentary that captures the remarkable journey of Rickey Jackson, America's longest wrongfully held exonerated prisoner, as he revisits the prison where his 39-year battle for freedom began. In a poignant twist, he takes the role of guide, leading his younger self from death row to the path of freedom.

After the screening, stay for a panel discussion tackling the profound issue of injustice and wrongful convictions within the American legal system.



**RICKEY JACKSON**  
FILM SUBJECT



**MATT WALDECK**  
DIRECTOR



**TERRY GILBERT**  
CIVIL RIGHTS ATTORNEY,  
PARTNER AT FG&G,  
CSU|LAW HOF INDUCTEE



**LAURA GREIG**  
DIRECTOR, CSU|LAW  
GILBERT WRONGFUL  
CONVICTION CLINIC



**KWAME AJAMU**  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD,  
WITNESS TO INNOCENCE



Moderated by  
**CSU|LAW Baker Hostetler**  
Professor of Law & Co-Director  
Criminal Justice Center,  
Jonathan Witmer-Rich

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**A Screening of *Lovely Jackson* & A  
Discussion of Wrongful Conviction**

**Thursday October 19 | 5:00 p.m.**

## **Moot Court Room**

"Lovely Jackson" captures the remarkable journey of Rickey Jackson, America's longest wrongfully held, exonerated prisoner. The film follows Jackson as he revisits the prison where his 39-year battle for freedom began.

*The evening will also mark the launch of **CSU|LAW's Terry Gilbert Wrongful Conviction Clinic**, the first wrongful conviction clinic of its kind. This clinic will provide legal assistance to incarcerated individuals in Ohio with claims of actual innocence or manifest injustice.*

Following the screening, there will be a panel discussion featuring **Rickey Jackson**, Lovely Jackson's Director **Matt Waldeck**, founding partner and civil rights attorney at Friedman, Gilbert, & Gerhardstein **Terry Gilbert '73**, **CSU|LAW Terry Gilbert Wrongful Conviction Clinic Director Laura Greig**, and exonerated prisoner & Chairman of the Board, Witness To Innocence, **Kwame Ajamu**. The discussion will cover the profound issue of criminal injustice and wrongful convictions within the American legal system, as well as outlining the new Terry Gilbert Wrongful Conviction Clinic at CSU|LAW.

[Register](#)

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**ALL RISE FILM FESTIVAL EVENT:  
A SCREENING OF *26.2 TO LIFE* &  
PANEL DISCUSSION WITH  
MARKELLE TAYLOR & JACKLYN  
RANGE**

OCTOBER 20, 2023  
5 - 9PM  
WESTFIELD STUDIO  
THEATER AT  
PLAYHOUSE SQUARE

*26.2 To Life* is the moving story about the San Quentin Prison Marathon that has an unconventional route (105 dizzying laps around the crowded prison yard) and the incarcerated men who are members of the 1000 Mile Club, a prison long distance running club. *26.2 To Life* offers a rare glimpse into a world out of bounds, as the men navigating life sentences seek redemption and freedom.

Following the screening, you are invited to join us for a panel discussion along with refreshments, music, and more!



**MARKELLE TAYLOR**  
FILM SUBJECT,  
*26.2 TO LIFE*



**CHRISTINE YOO**  
DIRECTOR, *26.2 TO LIFE*



**CHRISTOPHER DUM**  
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR,  
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY



**JACKLYN RANGE**  
FORMER DIRECTOR, *BACK ON MY FEET*,  
MARATHON ENTHUSIAST



Moderated by Robert Trlozzi,  
Clinical Professor of Law &  
Co-Director of the CSU|LAW  
Criminal Justice Center

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## Screening: *26.2 to Life*

Friday October 20 | 5:00 p.m.

Westfield Studio Theater

*26.2 to Life* is an inspiring documentary about strength and redemption. Every November, inside the walls of San Quentin State Prison, an extraordinary event unfolds: the 1000 Miles Club Marathon. Despite their incarceration, participants step onto the dirt and concrete

track, completing a staggering 105 laps, striving to be champions and transcend the statistics that define their lives.

After the screening, join us for an enlightening panel discussion centered around criminal justice and the theme of redemption. We are honored to have the film's director, Christine Yoo, as a part of this insightful conversation.

[Register](#)

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A Festival of Film & Law

ALL RISE

5 DAYS. 5 FILMS. 5 PM.

October 16-20, 2023



## All Rise: A Festival of Film & Law

Five Films – Five Days - 5 p.m.

Monday, October 16 - Friday, October 20

All Rise: A Festival of Film & Law is back! Following last year's successful inaugural event, we're pleased to present another slate of documentary and narrative films at the

intersection of law and film. Five films will be presented at 5 P.M. across five days. Panel discussions and a diverse selection of guest speakers at each event serve as a catalyst for compelling conversations surrounding cinema, law and justice.

The festival takes place at Playhouse Square with screenings at the Westfield Studio Theater, the CSU School of Film & Media Arts, and the CSU College of Law.

*All screenings are free and open to the public.*

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**CLEVELAND STATE  
LAW REVIEW  
PRESENTS**

**DEMOCRACY'S PROMISE  
& THE FIGHT FOR ITS FUTURE**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2023 | 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW  
MOOT COURT ROOM**

**FEATURING:**

Federal District Judge  
Solomon Oliver, Jr.



The Honorable  
Melody Stewart



The Honorable  
Michael Donnelly



The Honorable  
Maureen O'Connor



**Students & Non CLE-Seeking Faculty: FREE**

**General Public \$25.00 | CLE (4.0 pending) \$60.00**

# Cleveland State Law Review

## Symposium: Democracy's Promise and the Fight for its Future

Friday, October 27 | 9:30 a.m.

**Moot Court Room**

*Cleveland State Law Review* is hosting an in-person Symposium with a robust and timely conversation about democracy's promise and the fight for its future. The Symposium will feature four panels and a keynote address by **retired Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor '80**, each of which will discuss different aspects of democracy and its intersections with race, education, and civil engagements.

*4 CLE hours pending*

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CSU|LAW and IPTA Present



Intellectual Property and Innovation Law Conference

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Friday, December 1, 2023**

**9:15 AM - 3 PM, Virtual**

**Keynote Panel: Andy Warhol Foundation v. Goldsmith**

*Featuring Roman Martinez, who represented Warhol in the iconic Supreme Court case regarding Andy Warhol's art depicting a photograph of Prince.*

**Other Conference Topics:**

- *Finance & Intellectual Property*
- *View from In-House*
- *Cross-Border Trade in IP*
- *Artificial Intelligence & the Law*



More information and registration coming soon at

**[csulaw.org/IPConference](https://csulaw.org/IPConference)**

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**IP+ Conference 2023**

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Other conference topics:

Finance & Intellectual Property

View from In-House

Cross-Border Trade in IP

Artificial Intelligence & IP Law

*CLE Pending*

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## Prof. Sterio Developed Accountability Roadmap for Syria Working Group

**Professor Milena Sterio** recently delivered a speech at the Syria Accountability Working Group (SAWG) launch event on Capitol Hill. Professor Sterio has been a key advisor to the SAWG, contributing to the development of an accountability roadmap. Her research assistant, **2L student Matthew Hosler**, provided valuable support in drafting the roadmap and also participated remotely in the event.

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## Prof. Sterio Participated in Sudanese Peace Negotiations Training

**Professor Milena Sterio** participated in a training organized for Sudanese civilians on the topic of peace negotiations. The training was organized by the Public International Law and Policy Group.

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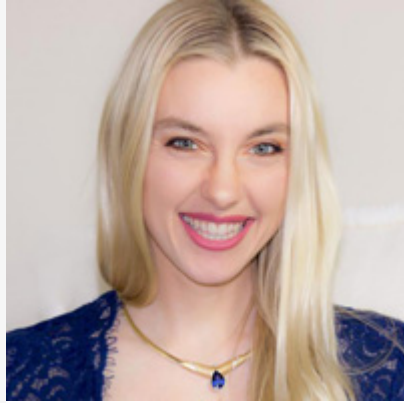


## Prof. Sundahl Spoke at Great Lakes Space Symposium

**Professor Mark Sundahl** participated in a panel discussion at the 2023 Great Lakes Aviation and Space Technology Symposium held at the Ohio Aerospace Institute. Professor Sundahl outlined the contributions of the [CSU|LAW Global Space Law Center](#), emphasizing its impact on the development of space law, spanning topics including commercial regulation and the prevention of orbital pollution and weaponization.

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## Prof. Laser Discussed Legal Challenges in Blockchain, Cryptocurrency, and NFTs

**Professor Christa Laser** recently shared her insights on the Ipse Dixit podcast about her paper, “Legal Issues in Blockchain, Cryptocurrency, and NFTs” which is set to be published in the *Nebraska Law Review*.

[Listen](#)

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## In Memoriam

- [Judge Michael J. Russo '85](#)
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## **CSU|LAW Alumni Association CLE On-Demand Webinars**

### **2022 Ethics Seminar with Kegler Brown**

*2.5 Professional Conduct CLE Hours*

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### **The Hopes and Hold-Ups of Immigration Law: A New Administration and the Effects of a Pandemic**

*1.0 General Credit CLE Hour*

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### **Landlord Tenant Law**

*2.0 General Credit CLE Hours*

[Register](#)

## **The Home Construction Project**

*3.0 General Credit CLE Hours*

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## **Small Business Law Update: New Legal Landmines for Small Businesses to Avoid**

*2.0 General Credit CLE Hours*

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## **Record Sealing Update: An Overview of the Big Changes in Ohio's Expungement Law**

*1.0 General Credit CLE Hour*

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## **Revisiting the Calls for Equality in the Criminal Justice System and Ohio's Path Forward**

*2.0 Professional Conduct Credit CLE Hours*

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## Modern Issues in Divorce; Custody, Support and Finances

*2.0 General Credit CLE Hour*

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## The Law After 9/11: Changes in Privacy, Prosecution and Procedure

*1.0 General Credit CLE Hour*

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## Lawyers on Nonprofit Boards

*1.0 Professional Conduct Credit CLE Hour*

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