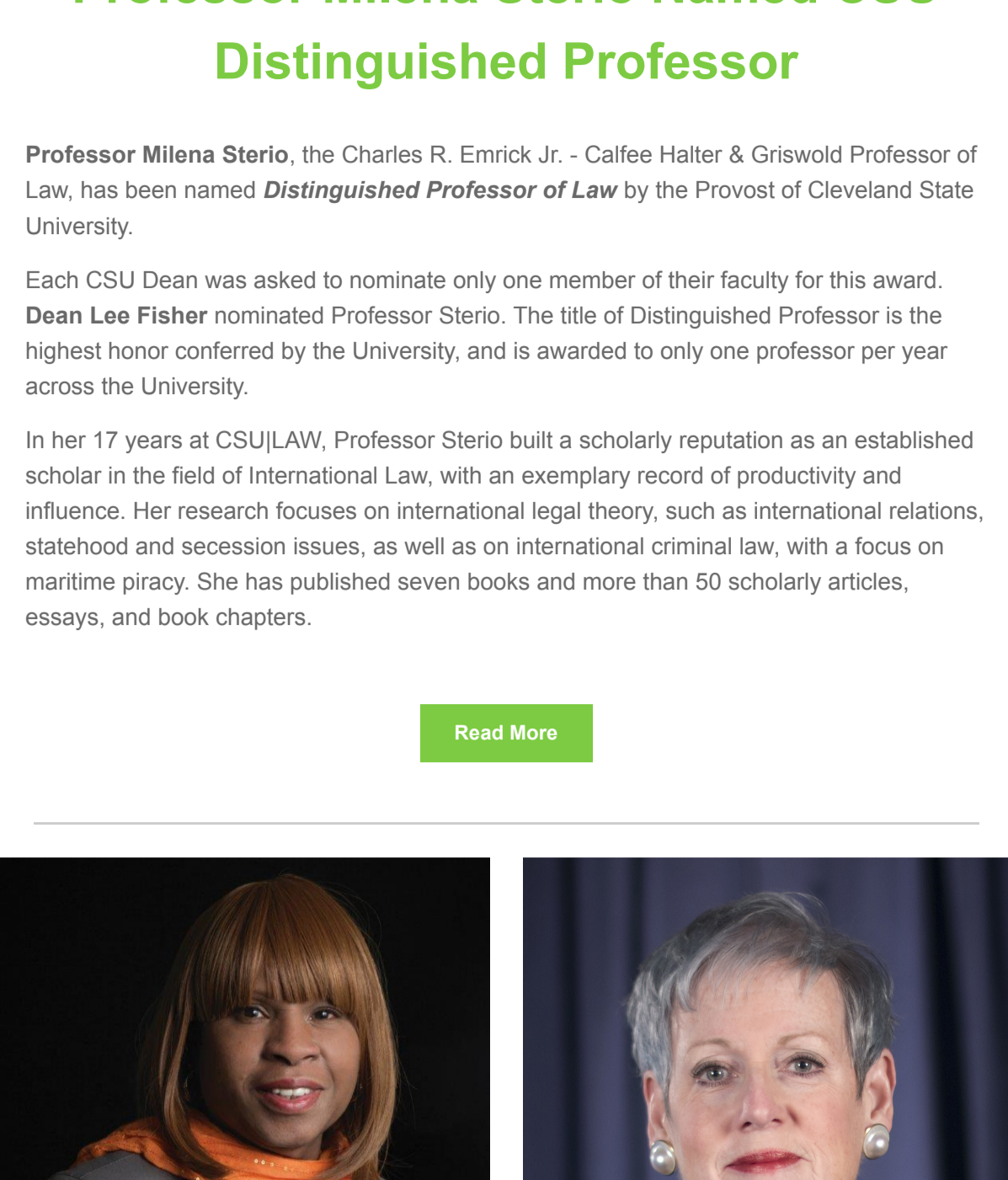




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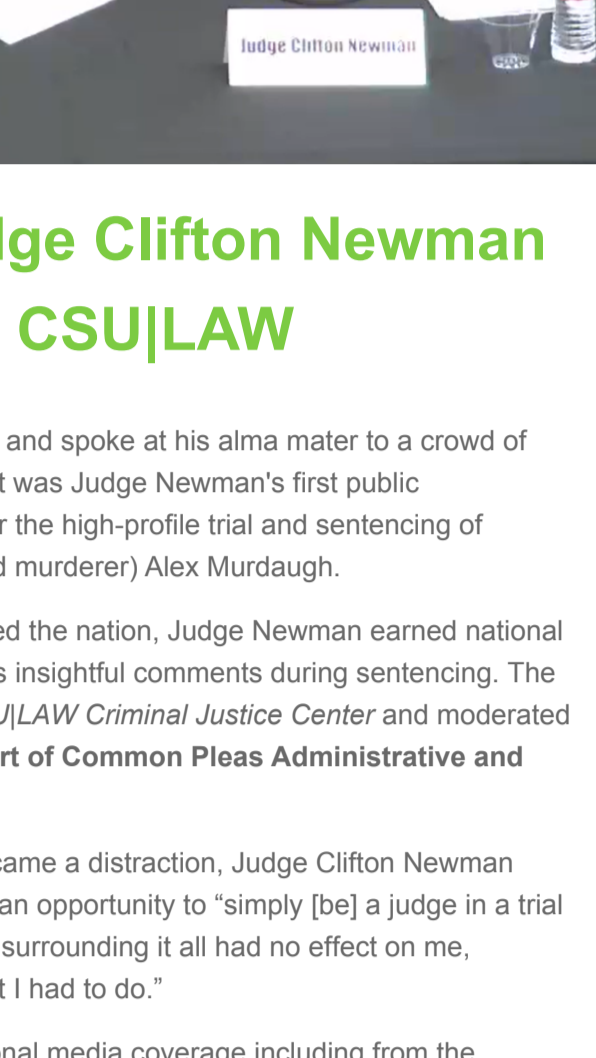
Professor Milena Sterio Named CSU Distinguished Professor

Professor Milena Sterio, the Charles R. Emrick Jr. - Calfee Halter & Griswold Professor of Law, has been named *Distinguished Professor of Law* by the Provost of Cleveland State University.

Each CSU Dean was asked to nominate only one member of their faculty for this award. Dean Lee Fisher nominated Professor Sterio. The title of Distinguished Professor is the highest honor conferred by the University, and is awarded to only one professor per year across the University.

In her 17 years at CSU|LAW, Professor Sterio built a scholarly reputation as an established scholar in the field of International Law, with an exemplary record of productivity and influence. Her research focuses on international legal theory, such as international relations, statehood and secession issues, as well as on international criminal law, with a focus on maritime piracy. She has published seven books and more than 50 scholarly articles, essays, and book chapters.

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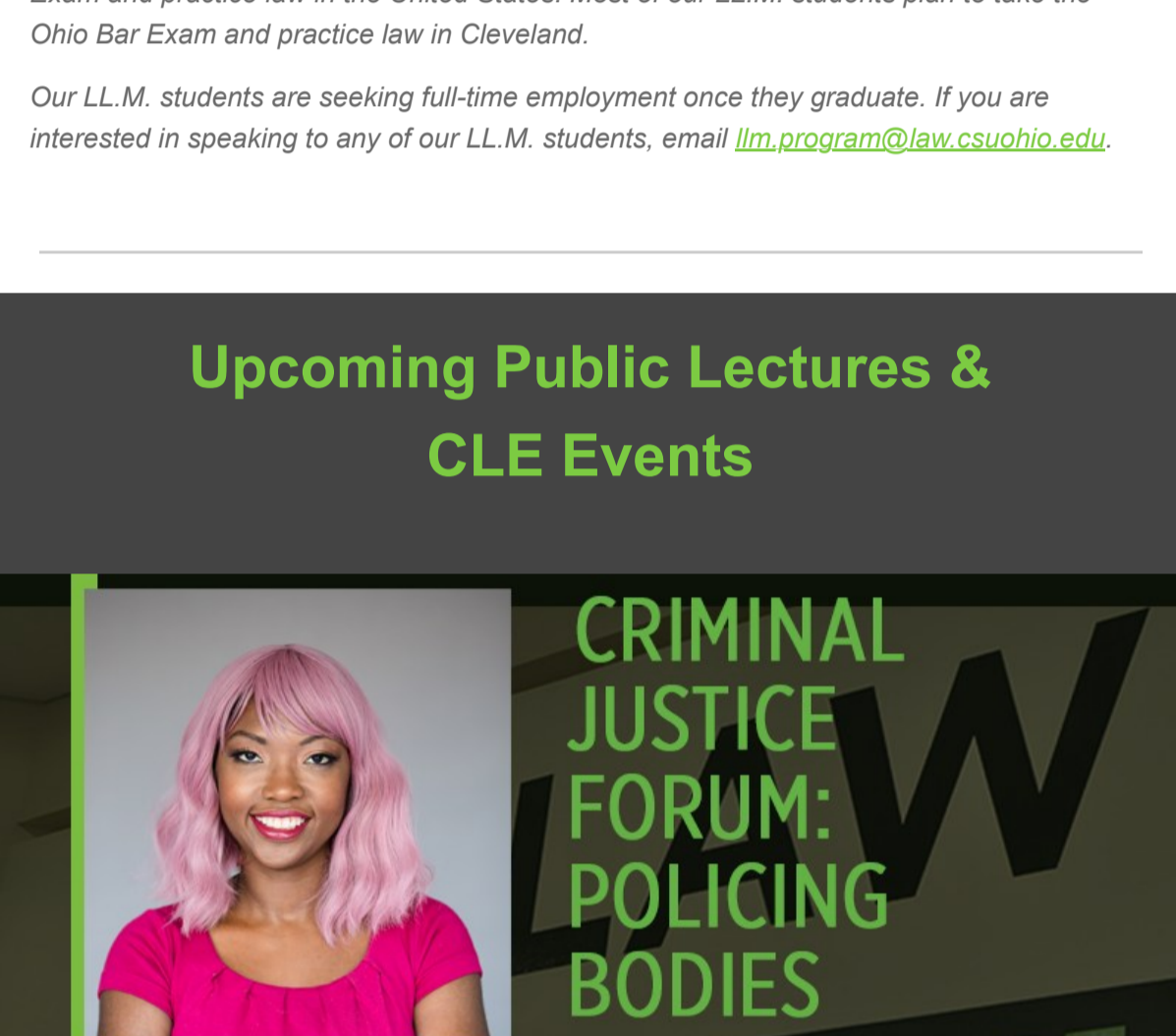
CSU|LAW Welcomes Sheryl King Benford '79 and The Honorable Maureen O'Connor '80 as Leaders-in-Residence

Cleveland State University College of Law welcomes two distinguished leaders in the legal community and members of the school's Hall of Fame, former Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court **Maureen O'Connor '80** and former Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority General Counsel and Deputy General Manager of Legal Affairs **Sheryl King Benford '79**, to the school's Leaders-in-Residence program.

Our [Leader-in-Residence](#) program, founded in 2017 by CSU|LAW Dean Lee Fisher, is designed to closely connect students, staff and faculty with volunteer community leaders from whom they can learn and benefit.

"I'm excited to join the Leader-in-Residence Program because, among other things, it continues a nearly 50-year relationship with the College of Law in a new, unique and innovative way," said Benford. "It is important to me to pass on lessons learned as a leader and problem solver. This role will provide the opportunity to do that for students and others."

"As a Jurist-in-Residence, I anticipate acting as a resource, whenever possible, to advise students, participate in moot court, and encourage students and new lawyers in their pursuit of a career using their law degree," said Justice O'Connor.



Murdaugh Trial Judge Clifton Newman '76 Visited CSU|LAW

Judge Clifton Newman '76 visited CSU|LAW and spoke at his alma mater to a crowd of over 300 attendees in the Moot Court Room. It was Judge Newman's first public appearance in the area since he presided over the high-profile trial and sentencing of former South Carolina attorney (now convicted murderer) Alex Murdaugh.

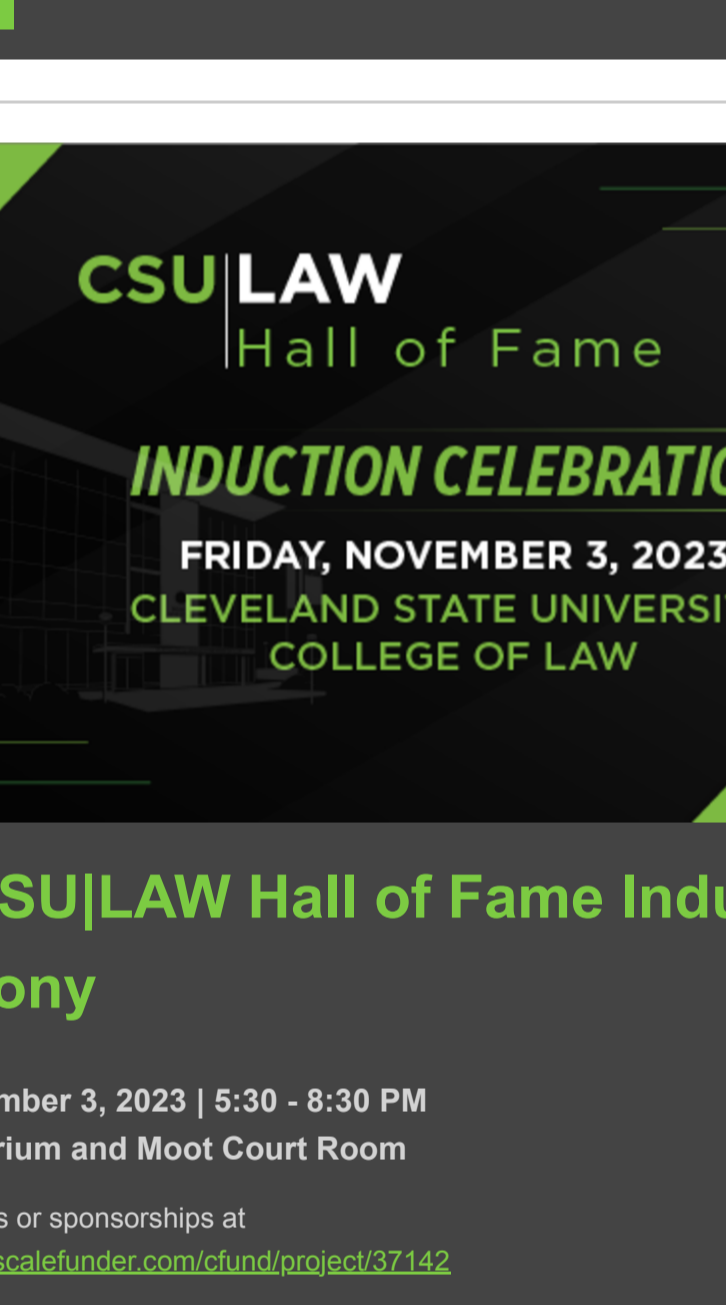
Throughout the Murdaugh trial which captivated the nation, Judge Clifton Newman earned national praise for his even-handed demeanor and his insightful comments during sentencing. The hour-plus event was co-sponsored by the *CSU|LAW Criminal Justice Center* and moderated by fellow CSU|LAW alumnus, *Cuyahoga Court of Common Pleas Administrative and Presiding Judge Brendan Sheehan '93*.

The open-to-public-and-media case never became a distraction, Judge Clifton Newman recalled; rather, he saw the Murdaugh trial as an opportunity to "simply [be] a judge in a trial doing my job," and that "interest and notoriety surrounding it all had no effect on me, because I was engaged in the process of what I had to do."

Judge Newman's visit received local and national media coverage including from the [TODAY Show](#) and [CNN](#).

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Featured LL.M. Student: Samira Valadkhan

Tehran, Iran native **Samira Valadkhan** is a current LL.M. student at CSU|LAW.

Samira obtained her law degree from Azad University of Tehran and is licensed to practice law by the Iranian Bar Association. Her practice primarily focused on meeting the many needs of her corporate clients and involved diverse areas of law, including business litigation, commercial transactions, corporate structure, and real estate law. She intends to practice in the same areas in the United States.

The LL.M. (Master of Laws) is a Postgraduate Law Degree for students with a J.D. or LL.B degree. At CSU|LAW, many of our LL.M. students are international students. Currently our LL.M. students come from nine different countries, speak several languages and add a wealth of diversity and uniqueness to the classroom experience. For some, they obtain the LL.M. to learn about the United States legal system so they can go back to their home countries and enrich their legal careers. For most, they obtain an LL.M. to sit for the Bar Exam and practice law in the United States. Most of our LL.M. students plan to take the Ohio Bar Exam and practice law in Cleveland.

Our LL.M. students are seeking full-time employment once they graduate. If you are interested in speaking to any of our LL.M. students, email llm.program@law.csuohio.edu.

Upcoming Public Lectures & CLE Events



Criminal Justice Forum: Policing Bodies

Monday, April 17 • 5:00 p.m.

CSU|LAW Moot Court Room

I. India Thusi will discuss her recently published book, *Policing Bodies*, which examines the policing of sex work in South Africa and provides a feminist examination of the regulation of sex work.

The regulation of sex work is a site for contesting female sexuality. The policing of sex workers reveals how racism, nationalism, policing, and gender complicate popular understandings about womanhood and the role of the police in controlling it. The book exposes the limitations of dominant feminist arguments regarding the legal treatment of sex work that rely on various modes of criminalization to achieve a feminist goal. The book argues that feminists should look beyond criminal law to promote a feminist vision and relies on an in-depth historically-informed ethnography to support its arguments.

Cosponsored by the CSU|LAW Women's Committee

1 free hour CLE Pending

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Cybersecurity & Privacy Protection Conference

Sponsored by the Center for Cybersecurity and Privacy Protection

Thursday, April 20 - Friday, April 21

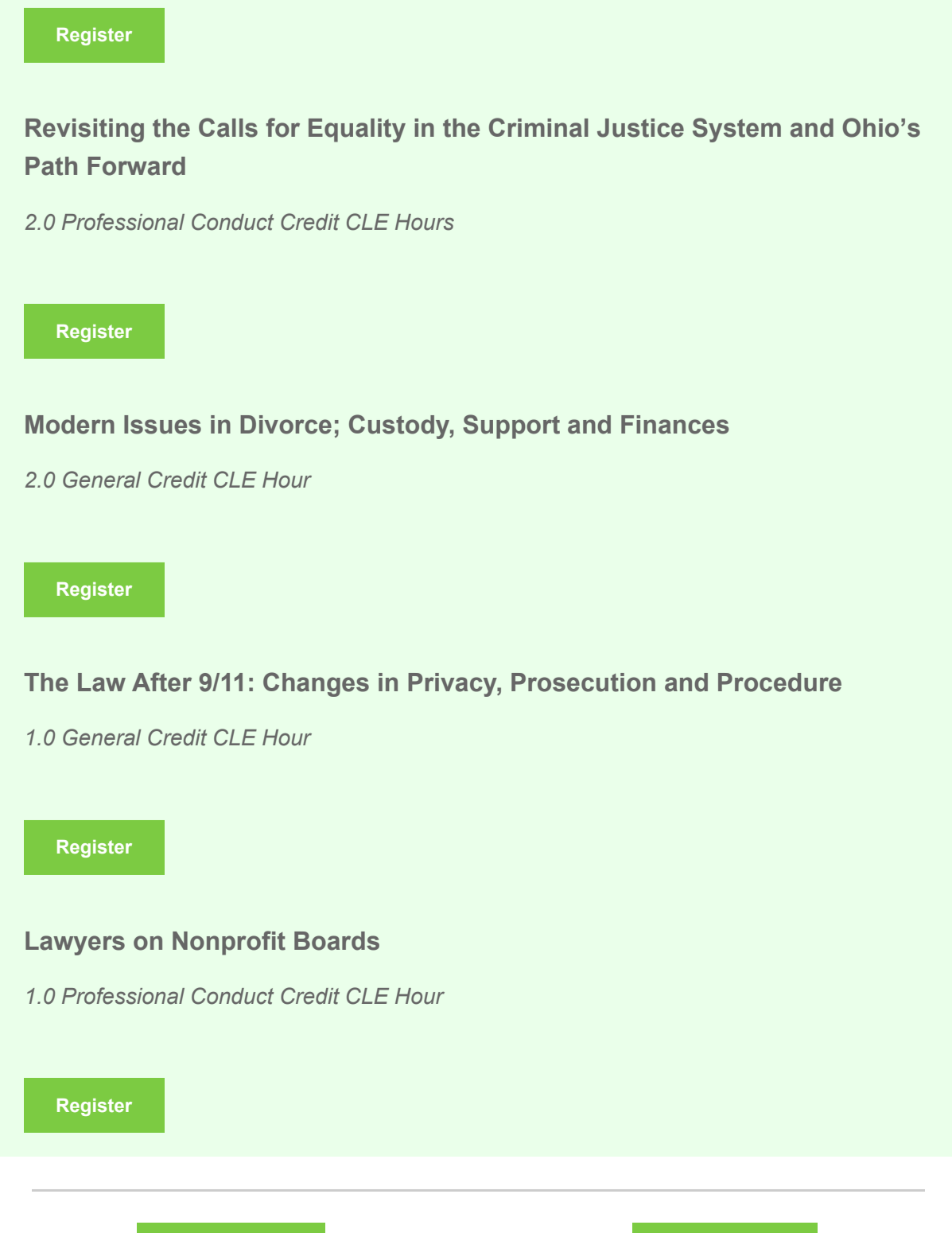
CSU|LAW Moot Court Room

A truly cross-sector event now in its ninth year, CSU College of Law's Cybersecurity and Privacy Protection Conference is one of the leading educational and networking events in the Great Lakes Region, and features rich content of interest to legal and compliance professionals, information technology and security experts, and executives responsible for developing security and privacy policies.

10.0 OH CLE Credit Hours pending (9.0 General Credit Hours and 1.0 Attorney Professional Conduct Credit Hours)

10.0 IAPP CPE credits (CIPPIUS, CIPPE, CIPM, CIPT)

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2023 CSU|LAW Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Friday, November 3, 2023 | 5:30 - 8:30 PM

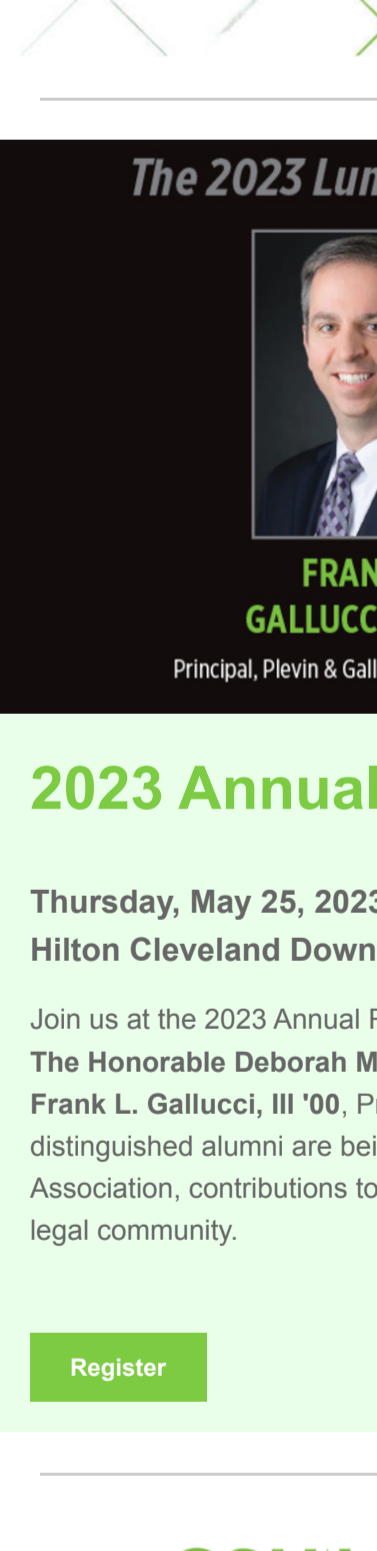
CSU|LAW Atrium and Moot Court Room

Purchase tickets or sponsorships at <https://csuohio.spaefunder.com/cfund/prpjec437142>

All proceeds will be used to support student scholarships.

For more information on sponsorships, program ads and individual tickets, contact Keisha Mitchell at k.mitchell44@csuohio.edu or 216.687.2537.

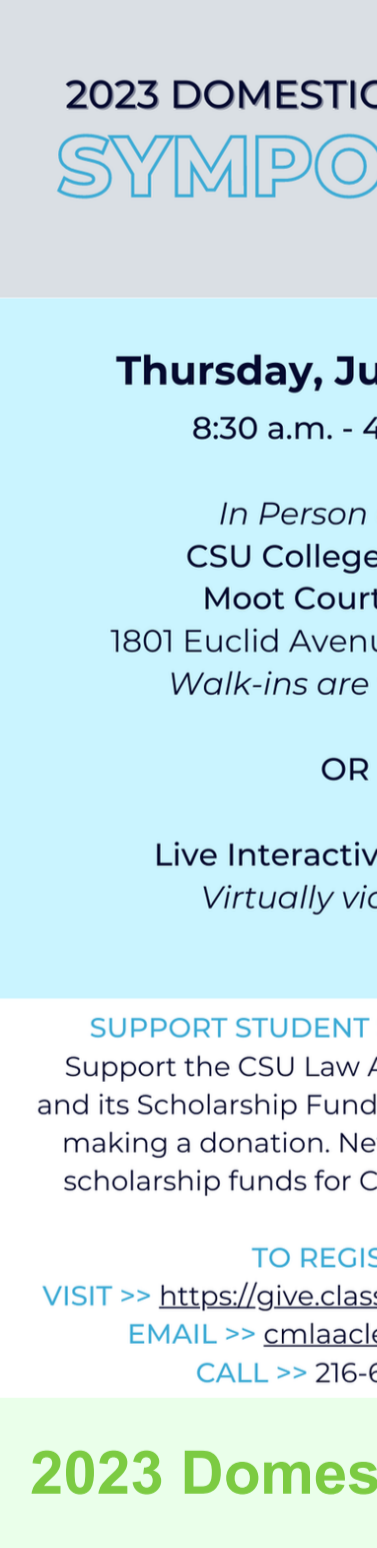
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Prof. Sterio to Publish on International Criminal Law

Professor Milena Sterio will contribute a chapter on the topic of "International Criminal Law in the United States" to the Elgar handbook on Comparative Enforcement of International Law. The volume will appear in the Elgar Research Handbook Series, edited by Francesco Parisi and Tom Ginsburg, and will gather around thirty international scholars from a variety of jurisdictions and perspectives.

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Prof. Geier Discussed State Tax Proposal on Sound of Ideas

Professor Emeritus Deborah Geier appeared on WKSU's "Sound of Ideas" show to discuss HB 1, a proposal of the Ohio House of Representatives dealing with state taxation.

[Watch](#)



2023 Domestic Violence Symposium

Thursday, June 1, 2023 | 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

CSU College of Law-Moot Court Room OR Virtually via Zoom

6.5 CLE Credit Hours (Full Day, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

3.0 CLE Credit Hours (Half Day, 8:30 a.m.-Noon OR 1:00-4:30 p.m.)

Pending Approval

The CSULAA's 2023 Annual Meeting will follow this All Day CLE

[Register](#)

2023 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SYMPOSIUM

Thursday, June 1, 2023
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

In Person at the CSU College of Law Moot Court Room
1801 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland
Walk-ins are welcome

OR

Live Interactive Webinar
Virtually via Zoom

SUPPORT STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS
Support the CSU Law Alumni Association and its Scholarship Fund by registering or by making a donation. Net proceeds benefit scholarship funds for CSU|LAW students.

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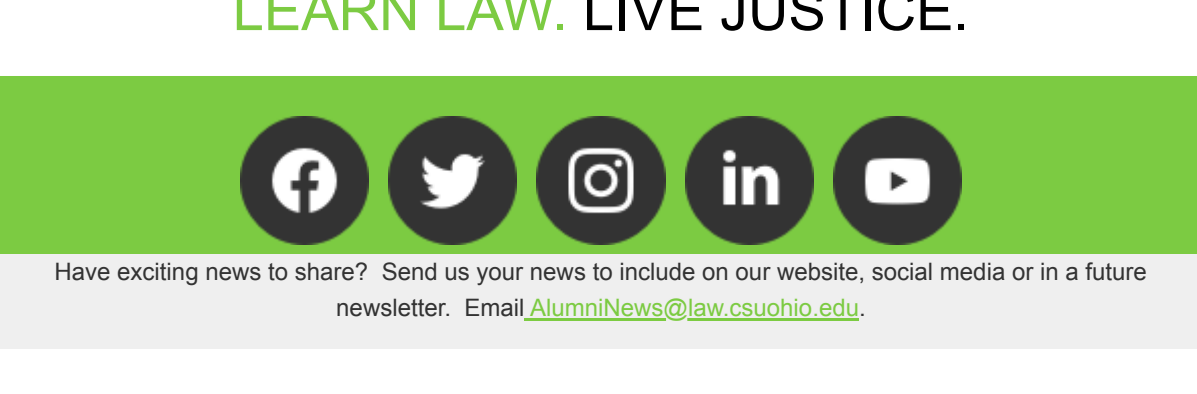
REGISTRATION
Lunch will be provided for Full Day, In Person attendees.

>> General Attorney Admission
Full Day: \$160.00
Half Day: \$90.00

>> Non-Attorney Admission
\$50.00

>> Student Admission
Free

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2023 Annual Recognition Luncheon

Thursday, May 25, 2023 | Noon

Hilton Cleveland Downtown

Join us at the 2023 Annual Recognition Luncheon as we proudly honor Alumni of the Year, **The Honorable Deborah M. Turner '97**, Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court and **Frank L. Gallucci, III '00**, Principal, Plevin & Gallucci Company, L.P.A. These two distinguished alumni are being honored for their commitments to the CSU|LAW Alumni Association, contributions to CSU College of Law and career accomplishments within our legal community.

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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

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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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