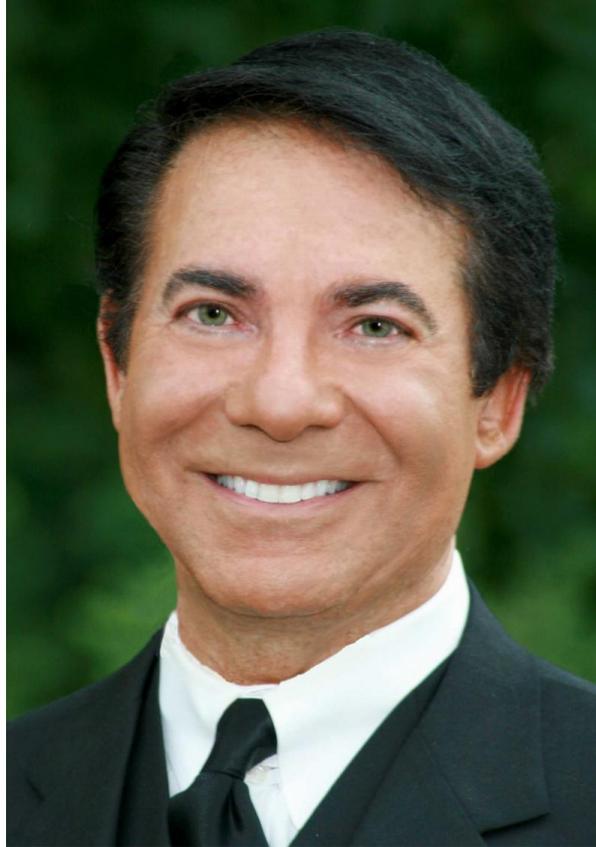




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Alumni Spotlight: Avery Friedman '72 Recognized with Southern Christian Leadership Conference's President's Award

The [Southern Christian Leadership Conference](#) recently recognized **Cleveland State University College of Law** alumnus, **Adjunct Professor and Hall of Fame member Avery Friedman '72** with its *President's Award*, the Conference's highest honor. Friedman received the honor for his decades of work championing the fight for equality as a civil rights attorney.

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) is a civil rights organization closely associated with its first president, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The SCLC's roots trace back to the Montgomery Bus Boycott of 1955-1956 sparked by Rosa Parks' arrest for refusing to give up her seat to a white man on the bus. The SCLC's mission is to bring about the promise of "one nation, under God, indivisible" together with the commitment to activate the "strength to love" within the community of humankind.

Friedman received the award at the [SCLC's Annual Convention](#) held in Washington D.C. The conference commemorated the 60th anniversary of the March on Washington and Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech.

"Receiving the highest award given by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the organization founded by Dr. King, was a truly incomparable experience," stated Friedman. "While I acknowledge that the backdrop of the time and event tells the general story, being personally surrounded by the well-wishing from hundreds of members of the clergy and celebrated civil rights leaders was as electrifying as it was humbling. Imagine being part of an event in the shadows of the Lincoln Memorial. I could not have understood until I got there that it was a lot bigger than I could have imagined."

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NOVEMBER 3 2023



**2023 HALL OF FAME
CELEBRATION**

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

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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.

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



Hon. Diane Karpinski

CLASS OF 1980

**Former Judge, 8th District Court of Appeals of Ohio
(Deceased)**

Judge Diane J. Karpinski was devoted to CSU and CSU|LAW. She taught English courses at CSU before graduating from CSU|LAW, becoming an attorney and eventually being elected to the Eighth District Court of Appeals for Cuyahoga County. Judge Karpinski then went on to teach legal writing at CSU|LAW.

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Erica Lazzaro

CLASS OF 2004

Executive Vice President of Publisher Services & General Counsel, OverDrive, Inc.

"I view having a law degree from CSU|LAW as the starting point and foundation for countless options for professional and other life choices, whether practicing law or having a seat on a nonprofit board. CSU|LAW and its curriculum provided me many transferable skills I use daily in my role as a counselor and business advisor at OverDrive, including critical thinking, writing skills and ability to assess and manage risks. I am grateful to be connected to and in the company of so many other accomplished alumni who count CSU|LAW as their alma matter."

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Jennifer Mountcastle

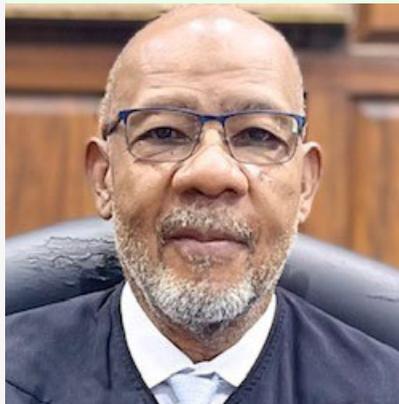
CLASS OF 2000

Senior Vice President, Deputy General Counsel, and Corporate Insurance Director, The Huntington National Bank

"I knew when I was in middle school that I wanted to be a lawyer but the prospect of getting there was

daunting. I came from a small town in Ohio, was the first in my family to pursue a professional degree, and was one of the first to go to college. CSU|LAW provided the down-to-earth environment I needed to feel comfortable and confident while also challenging me to learn and grow. As I look back on my time at CSU|LAW, I firmly believe that its pragmatic approach to legal education has served me well in both private practice and the corporate world."

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Hon. Clifton Newman

CLASS OF 1976

Judge, South Carolina Circuit Court

"My childhood dreams of becoming a lawyer were fulfilled when I was accepted into the CSU|LAW Legal Career Opportunities Program (LCOP). Following my first year, I was able to maintain much needed gainful employment through the day/night class schedule. While in law school, I gained invaluable legal experience by taking advantage of the legal internship program. Without CSU|LAW, it is likely that my legal career would not have happened "

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Susan Petersen

CLASS OF 1997

Partner, Petersen & Petersen

"CSU|LAW means everything to me. It was my gamechanger. It was there that I learned to love law and live justice. It provided me with knowledge, connections, opportunities, and success that I would never imagined, let alone known."

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William Plesec

CLASS OF 1971

Partner (retired), Jones Day

"At a time in my life when I did not have the financial means to pursue other law school options, CSU|LAW provided me with the opportunity to attain a law degree by having a night program available. That program allowed me to continue working as a teacher to pay for tuition and other expenses of life while pursuing my career of choice. I am also thankful to the Law School for awarding me a scholarship to help reduce my financial burden at that time. Going through law school in that fashion had the benefits of, among others, keeping me focused on my goals, learning to budget my time, appreciating the value of hard work, and associating with some outstanding classmates who

were similarly situated and went on to be highly successful and respected lawyers, jurists and business executives. Attending CSU|LAW was one of the most memorable and meaningful experiences of my life."

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Crain's Cleveland Named Bakita Hill '21 to its 20 in Their 20s Class of 2023

Crain's Cleveland Business named Tucker Ellis attorney **Bakita Hill '21** to its Crain's 20 in Their 20s Class of 2023. The honor recognizes the talented up-and-coming young leaders

in Northeast Ohio's business and nonprofit community. Recipients of the honor were selected based on professional accomplishments and nonprofit and civic involvement with the aim of recognizing a diverse range of people and industries.

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Upcoming Public Lectures & CLE Events

WAR CRIMES IN UKRAINE CONFERENCE: THE ABDUCTION AND DEPORTATION OF CHILDREN

OCTOBER 5, 2023
4:30P - 6:30P
MOOT COURTROOM
2 hr CLE (pending)

Co-Sponsored by the Cleveland Council on World
Affairs, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association,
and the City Club of Cleveland.



U.S. AMBASSADOR
STEPHEN RAPP
KEYNOTE SPEAKER



MYKOLA KULEBA
PANELIST



ROMAN SHEREMETA
PANELIST



Dean MICHAEL SCHARF
PANELIST



Moderated by
CSU Distinguished Professor
Milena Sterlo

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Conference: War Crimes in Ukraine: The Abduction and Deportation of Children

Thursday, October 5 | 4:30 p.m.

Moot Court Room

Co-sponsored by the Cleveland Council on World Affairs , Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, and The City Club of Cleveland.

This Conference will address the ongoing war in Ukraine with a particular focus on the war crime of abduction and deportation of Ukrainian children by the Russian authorities. Over the past year, Russian authorities have willfully separated Ukrainian children from their families and have orchestrated a policy whereby such children are adopted by Russian families. The Conference will focus on the ongoing International Criminal Court's investigation into the war crime of abducting and deporting children, as well as on other relevant international law issues related to imposing accountability on Russian President Vladimir Putin and Maria Lvova-Belova, Russian Commissioner for Children's Rights.

Moderator: CSU Distinguished Professor Milena Sterio

Keynote Speaker: Former U.S. Ambassador Stephen Rapp

Panelists:

- **CWRU School of Law Co-Dean Michael Scharf;**
- **Ukrainian social and political activist Mykola Kuleba**
- **CWRU Professor of Economics Roman Sheremeta**
- **Former U.S. Ambassador Clint Williamson**

2 CLE hours pending

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BEHAVIORAL TELEHEALTH

Clinical and Legal Considerations
for Mental Health Providers in the
Age of Virtual Therapy

FRIDAY • OCTOBER 13 • 9 AM - 12:15 PM

DR. LAURA C. HOFFMAN
Assistant Professor of Law, CSU|LAW
Co-Director for the Center for Health Law
and Policy



BRADLEY D. REED, J.D.
Partner, Frantz Ward LLP



STACY SIMERA, MSSA, LISW-S
Licensed Social Worker



Live webinar or in-person
3.0 CLE

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**Behavioral Telehealth: Clinical And
Legal Considerations For Mental Health
Providers In The Age of Virtual Therapy**

Friday, October 13 | 9:00 a.m.

Moot Court Room or Live Webinar

Behavioral Telehealth: Clinical And Legal Considerations For Mental Health Providers In The Age of Virtual Therapy is a course that will cover the rapidly shifting trends in telehealth and will be facilitated by mental health and legal experts.

3 CLE hours

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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

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IP+ Conference 2023

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Prof. Sundahl to Propose Lunar Activity Coordination Before the United Nations

Professor Mark Sundahl, along with a member of China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, has been appointed co-chair of a Working Group charged with crafting a proposal to the United Nations regarding the creation of a new international coordination group for lunar activity. This group would allow for the informal creation of best practices and guiding principles for a return to the Moon.

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Prof. Sundahl and 2L Caylan Fazio Explore Artemis Accords

Professor Mark Sundahl, in collaboration with **second-year student Caylan Fazio**, recently published an article on the Australian Outlook website. The article, titled “*How Private Companies and NASA’s Artemis Accords Will Shape Space Law*,” offers a comprehensive exploration of the evolving landscape of space law.

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Prof. Kalir Published on First Amendment Implications of White Christian Nationalism

Professor Doron Kalir's paper on the rise of White Christian Nationalism and the threat it poses to the Jewish community in America, was recently accepted by the editors of “Law vs. Antisemitism” symposium. In the paper, Professor Kalir explores the First Amendment

doctrines relevant to such rise, in particular freedom of speech and the Free Exercise Clause.

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Prof. Sterio Participated in International Humanitarian Law Roundtable

Professor Milena Sterio participated in the International Humanitarian Law Roundtable. The IHL Roundtable is a conference which assembles academics, experts, and international criminal tribunals' prosecutors and judges to discuss relevant topics in international humanitarian law. This year, Professor Sterio co-chaired a sub-group at the IHL Roundtable on the topic of Cyber Attacks under the International Criminal Court's Rome Statute.

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Prof. Ray Discussed Senate AI Hearings on NPR 's Air Talk

Professor Brian Ray joined the NPR program AirTalk to discuss recent U.S. Senate hearings on artificial intelligence.

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Dean Emeritus Steinglass Wrote the Intersection of Home Rule and Gun Safety

Dean and Professor Emeritus Steven H. Steinglass published a guest column in the *Columbus Dispatch* that delved into the critical issue of home rule and gun safety. Dean Emeritus Steinglass raises the fundamental question of whether the Ohio General Assembly has the authority to override city gun laws.

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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

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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

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

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

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Modern Issues in Divorce; Custody, Support and Finances

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

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