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## 2023 Leader on the Rise Delanté Spencer Thomas

As a law student, **Delanté Spencer Thomas '16** knew he would likely follow a non-traditional career path. He was looking for a career where he could have a positive impact on the community. Delanté found that in 2022 when he was named the first Chief Ethics Officer for the City of Cleveland.

“I am engaged in meaningful work, in ways that feel like this is exactly what I have been working toward,” said Delanté. “It is rewarding to know that the work we are doing is aimed at bettering our city and enriching the lives of those in our community.”

For his work and leadership efforts enriching our community, Delanté is being recognized by Cleveland State University College of Law with our **2023 Leader on the Rise Award**.

“Being named CSU|LAW’s Leader on the Rise is a very special honor for me,” said Delanté. “I was once someone that some thought would not make it in law school. But not only did I make it, I am excelling and growing in the profession.”

“Delanté has been an exceptional leader during his time as a student at CSU|LAW and throughout his legal career,” explained **CSU|LAW Dean Lee Fisher**. “He exemplifies for our students how legal education can be used to make a difference and we are honored to recognize Delanté as this year’s Leader on the Rise.”

Delanté will receive his Leader on the Rise award at [CSU|LAW’s Hall of Fame Celebration](#) on November 3 alongside 26 distinguished alumni, community leaders, and former faculty and staff being inducted in the Hall of Fame who have contributed to the past, present, and/or future success and reputation of CSU|LAW.

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## 2023 HALL OF FAME CELEBRATION

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



## 2023 CSU|LAW Hall of Fame Celebration

Our [6th Annual CSU|LAW Hall of Fame Celebration](#) honoring our [2023 Hall of Fame Honorees](#) is on the evening of this coming **Friday, November 3, 2023, 5:30- 8:00 p.m.** at the law school. It's not too late to Celebrate! Please consider [purchasing one or more tickets](#) to help honor one or more of our 2023 inductees and support student scholarships and other critically important student-focused needs.

***Information for ticket holders and their invited guests:***

***Complimentary valet will be located on E. 18th between Euclid & Chester.***

***Registration & coat check located at the building entrance on E. 18th St.***

**Event Timeline:**

5:30 p.m. Main reception and guest arrival

6:15 p.m. Induction Ceremony

7:30 p.m. Reception continues with heavy appetizers & drinks in the Law School Atrium

8:30 -9:00 p.m. Reception concludes. Valet closes at 8:30 pm

For questions or assistance, please contact **Keisha Mitchell**, 216-272-5244;

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## Civil Litigation Student Presents Oral Argument Before the Ohio Ninth District Court of Appeals

Students in the CSU|LAW Civil Litigation Clinic recently presented an oral argument before the Ohio Ninth District Court of Appeals. The case is an appeal of an unemployment compensation decision denying benefits to the Clinic's client.

**Lauri Hartmann** (*pictured*), a certified Legal Intern supervised by **Professor Emeritus Kenneth Kowalski**, very ably and forcefully presented the argument to a panel of three judges. **Shannon Ferry**, who sat second chair for the argument, along with Clinic students **Zoe Sapp** and **Nick Elrad**, had helped Lauri prepare for the argument with moot court questions and discussions. In addition, students from **Professor Doron Kalir's** Appellate Practice Clinic participated in a practice session, bringing fresh perspectives to the case.

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## Upcoming Public Lectures & CLE Events

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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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*CLE Pending*

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## Prof. O'Neill Quoted in New York Times

**Professor Kevin O'Neill** was quoted in a recent *New York Times* article discussing a novel First Amendment theory that is currently gaining prominence in voting rights litigation.

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## Prof. Sterio Documented Human Rights Violations Against Rohingya Refugees

**Professor Milena Sterio** traveled to Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, to collaborate with a group of Rohingya refugees in documenting human rights violations against the Rohingya community in Myanmar during 2016-17.

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## Prof. Sterio Lectured in United Nations Institute Program

**Professor Milena Sterio** lectured as part of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research Online Executive Diploma program on International Criminal Law and Transitional Justice. Her presentation focused

on the topic of “International Criminal Law and Statehood.”

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## In Memoriam

- [Adjunct Professor Harold Babbit](#)
  - [Hon. Jeff Payton '75](#)
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## Annual Recognition Luncheon

### Save the Date

The CSU Law Alumni Association (CSULAA) Annual Recognition Luncheon (ARL) will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at Noon at the Grand Ballroom of the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel (soon to be called Hotel Cleveland), 24 Public Square, Cleveland! Doors open at 11:30 A.M.

Our honorees will be **Kemper Arnold, CSU|LAW 1980**, and **Awatef Assad, CSU|LAW 1995**.

*Details will follow, but, for now, please save the date and note the new location.*

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# 2023 Ethics Seminar with Kegler Brown

**Saturday, November 18, 2023 • 9:00 a.m. -12:15 p.m.**

*Live Interactive Webinar (Virtually via Zoom)*

Join us at this live interactive webinar for Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter's annual seminar on professional responsibility. This well-regarded seminar is focused on providing Ohio's lawyers and judges with timely information regarding ethics and professionalism.

## **PRESENTERS**

**Nicholas S. Bobb** | Director, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter

**Chris Weber** | Managing Director, Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter

*3 Professional Conduct Credit Hours Pending*

[Register](#)

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## CSU|LAW Alumni Association CLE On-Demand Webinars

**2022 Ethics Seminar with Kegler Brown**

*2.5 Professional Conduct CLE Hours*

[Register](#)

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

*1.0 General Credit CLE Hour*

[Register](#)

## **Landlord Tenant Law**

*2.0 General Credit CLE Hours*

[Register](#)

## **The Home Construction Project**

*3.0 General Credit CLE Hours*

[Register](#)

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

*2.0 General Credit CLE Hours*

[Register](#)

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

*1.0 General Credit CLE Hour*

[Register](#)

## **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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