



New Leader-in-Residence Profile: Kim Bixenstine

Kim Bixenstine is one of the area's foremost experts in health law, having spent 16 years building an award-winning claims, litigation and risk management system at University Hospitals (UH). She worked for four years as UH's Chief Compliance Officer after serving as the Hospitals' Vice President & Deputy General Counsel for 12 years.

Kim retired from UH in 2019 and one of her new post-retirement roles will be to serve as the first Health Care Law Leader-in-Residence at CSU Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

CSU C|M|LAW's [Leader-in-Residence](#) program, founded in 2017, is designed to closely connect students, staff and faculty with volunteer community leaders. CSU C|M|LAW currently has long-term relationships with 13 Leaders-in-Residence who volunteer their time and share their wide-ranging experiences for the benefit of the law school.

Bixenstine, a graduate of the University of Chicago Law School, will work primarily with the CSU C|M|LAW [Center for Health Law & Policy](#). She will mentor students and work with the law school to enhance the profile and impact of the Center.

"I find it rewarding to be able to help others learn and grow," said Bixenstine. "I look forward to combining my leadership and strategic thinking skills, my knowledge of the law and policy and my contacts in the community in my teaching and mentorship."

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CSU C|M|LAW Racial Justice Task Force Update

Our Racial Justice Task Force comprises four work groups committed to ensuring that we implement our June 11 [Call to Action](#) to fight inequality and end racism. The work groups recent activities are highlighted here:



Community Conversations Workgroup

Co-Chairs: Chuka Anyafo, Amy Miller, and Professor Pam Daiker-Middaugh



Upcoming Racial Justice Community Conversation:

Thursday, October 29 | Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Employment Discrimination & Corporate Initiatives in Racial Equity

Zoom Webinar

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Employment discrimination, evidenced by systemic racism in many professions and industries, has been around for hundreds of years, but in light of recent discussions about race in America, many corporations are re-focused on diversity and inclusion in their workplace and for their consumers. We'll discuss employment discrimination in several different professions and hear from an expert in a corporation focused on racial equity.

PANELISTS:

Adebimpe O. Adedipe | Clinical Assistant Professor & Undergraduate Program Director, CSU School of Nursing

Matthew W. Green, Jr. | Alan Miles Ruben and Judge Betty Willis Ruben Professor of Law, CSU Cleveland-Marshall College of Law

Barron M. Witherspoon, Sr. | Senior Vice President, Global Industry Affairs and Corporate Race Initiative, Proctor & Gamble

MODERATOR:

Dean Lee Fisher | Dean, CSU Cleveland-Marshall College of Law

Additional Upcoming Community Conversations:

November 12: Health Disparities & Race

December 2: Local Government & Social and Racial Justice



Public Action Workgroup

Co-Chairs: Brandy Davis, Beth Farrell, and Professor Ken Kowalski

- Created a comprehensive and well-organized [Voting Resource Guide](#) that is updated weekly with a broad range of resources including general information, volunteer opportunities, nonpartisan voter mobilization initiatives and more.



School Climate Workgroup

Co-Chairs: Tayler Gill, Sarah Beznoska, and Professor April Cherry

- Co-chair **Tayler Gill (2L)** hosted a students-only discussion to gather anonymous feedback from students regarding the current climate in order to inform the group's actions going forward.

- On October 12, the Workgroup and the Dean's Diversity Council sponsored, "Say Her Name: A Teach-in on the Indictments in the Case of Breonna Taylor" with **Professors Reggie Oh and Jonathan Witmer-Rich**.

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Training and Education Workgroup

Co-Chairs: Davona Mason, Laura Ray, and Professor Matthew Green



- Compiling and analyzing results from a survey sent to incoming 1Ls and transfer students to help evaluate law school Orientation
- Initiated discussions with other organizations to assess current practices in diversity, inclusion, and social justice training and education



**CSU Alumni Association
Women's Leadership Lunch Series
Ohio Supreme Court Justice Melody J. Stewart '88
October 22, 2020**

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Living Justice Day: A Day of Giving

November 6, 2020

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New Graduate Profile: Matthew Wagner

Our most recent class of 2020 graduates are actively engaged in their permanent job search, and you can help! To connect with any of our talented Class of 2020 graduates, please contact Assistant Dean for Student and Career Services Sarah Beznoska, at s.beznoska@csuohio.edu.

Featured is **Matthew Wagner**, who graduated in May 2020 and recently took the October bar examination. Matthew served as President of the Student Bar Association during the 2019-2020 academic year, demonstrating exceptional leadership and advocacy on behalf of his fellow students throughout the year.

[Read More about Matthew ▶](#)

Prof. Sagers Appeared on NPR's Marketplace Morning Report



Professor Chris Sagers spoke with NPR's morning business affairs program, Marketplace Morning Report, to discuss the U.S. House Judiciary report on monopoly in the high technology sector.

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Prof. O'Neill Discussed First Amendment Rights in Cleveland.com Article

Professor Kevin O'Neill was quoted extensively in a Cleveland.com article on the legality of a "Biden Harris" light display that was displayed on the Terminal Tower.

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Prof. Kalir Quoted in Law360 Article

Professor Doron Kalir discussed Affirmative Action as it relates to the U.S. Supreme Court, centered around the nomination of Judge Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court in a Law360 article.

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Prof. Sterio Published Post on Conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh Region

Professor Milena Sterio published a post on *Opinio Juris*, a prominent academic international law blog, on the

recent resurgence of conflict in the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh region.

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LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS & EVENTS



Saturday, October 24 | 9:00 a.m.

Personal Injury: PI in a Box

LIVE INTERACTIVE WEBINAR

Virtually via Zoom

Join us at this live interactive webinar and learn from legal and industry experts on the topics of: How to effectively use mediation to resolve claims during COVID-19, general personal injury claims and workers comp 101.

ORGANIZER:

John C. Calabrese | Partner, MastersCalabrese Law Firm

PRESENTERS:

Frank A. Ray | President, Frank A. Ray Co., L.P.A.

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Benjamin P. Wiborg | Attorney, Nurenberg, Paris, Heller & McCarthy

3.0 CLE Hours Pending

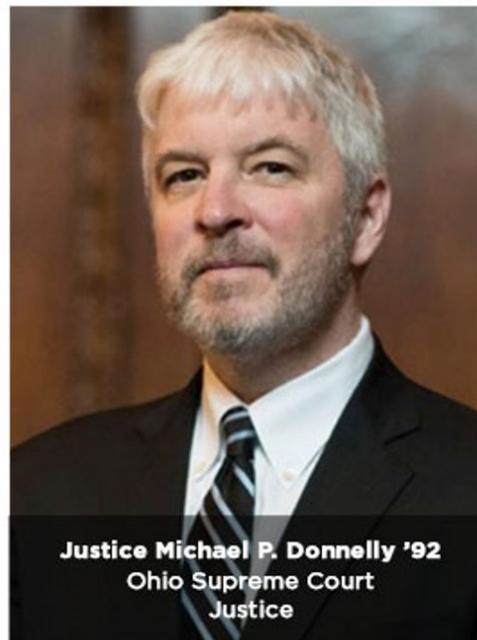
[Register ▶](#)



CMLAA Unveils New Website

The Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association (CMLAA) recently launched its new website, cmlaa-csuohio.org. The user-friendly website was designed to provide CMLAA membership easy access to the CMLAA's most requested content - Continuing Legal Education, Annual Recognition Luncheon, Scholarship & Giving and more. The website will serve as a touch point for connecting alumni with CMLAA social media, providing information on upcoming events and as a platform for updating contact information with the CMLAA and CSU C|M|LAW.

Visit cmlaa-csuohio.org ▶



<< RESCHEDULED DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2021 | 12:00 P.M. >>

ANNUAL RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

The CMLAA has rescheduled the 2020 Annual Recognition Luncheon (ARL) to **Thursday, May 27, 2021** at Noon at the Renaissance Downtown Cleveland Hotel. Doors open at 11:30 A.M.

The honorees are **Tim L. Collins '85** and **Justice Michael P. Donnelly '92**

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cmlaa-csuohio.org/arl

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