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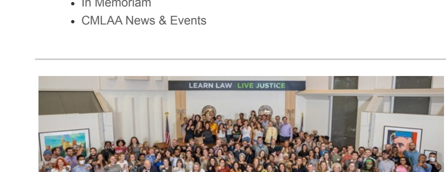

Raising the Bar for 125 Years

CSU|LAW was highlighted in an article in *Community Leader Magazine* (a publication of *Cleveland Magazine*) celebrating our 125 years of history as a living justice law school that prepares professionals with a passion for making a difference

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A Message from Dean Lee Fisher

Dear Law College Community,

On November 17 the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees voted to remove the name "Cleveland-Marshall" from the College of Law. Our college will now be known as the CSU College of Law.

As President Bloomberg noted in her message to the Cleveland State University community, the Board reached its decision following an extensive and comprehensive process that included review by a special University ad hoc committee of the Law School Name Committee Report that I submitted to the University earlier this year. The University ad hoc committee unanimously recommended the removal of the name "Marshall," and in September President Bloomberg submitted that recommendation to the Board with her endorsement. I also voiced my support of the recommendation.

The Law School Name Committee, which I appointed in the summer of 2020, consisted of law students, alumni, faculty, and staff members. The Committee was charged with seeking wide input and developing findings and options for whether "Marshall" should be removed from the Law College's name. The careful, thoughtful, deliberate process of the Law School Name Committee modeled what we teach our law students, including the importance of due diligence, due process, inclusiveness, transparency, and the need to listen to, respect, and understand the viewpoints of others.

The Law School Name Committee met over 18 months, and sought wide and deep input from all Law College constituencies. The Name Committee created a Law School Name Website and comprehensive resource materials on institutional name change issues: the Law School Name Resource Guide. The process included six virtual public forums which included nationally prominent speakers from universities which have dealt with similar naming issues, a 45-page Law School Name Framing Document that presented different views on the Law College name issue, and an online survey sent to over 4,000 Law College alumni, students, faculty, and staff as well as CSU and Cleveland legal community members.

I support the CSU Board's decision. We cannot ignore the reality that Chief Justice John Marshall bought and sold hundreds of slaves throughout his adult life, and unlike many of his contemporaries like George Washington, did not free any of his slaves; nor can we ignore his troubling beliefs, statements, and actions relating to slavery. His actions and views are contrary to the shared values of our Law College and the University - an unwavering commitment to justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion.

My view is that changing our Law College name is not about erasing history; it is about understanding the inherent complexity of our history and reckoning with that history in the context of our present-day values. Chief Justice John Marshall's contributions to American jurisprudence are significant and enduring, and his writings, decisions, and judicial legacy will continue to be an important part of our curriculum and the education of all CSU College of Law students, but we need to recognize the distinction between history and bestowing honor. Naming rights are a highly cherished honor that should be reserved for those whose actions are consistent with the shared present day values of the Law College and University and those with the strongest ties to our Law College – either through their service or their philanthropy. The fact is neither Chief Justice Marshall nor his ancestors have any ties to Cleveland, CSU, or our Law College.

I respect that some of you will disagree with the CSU Board's decision and my views, but I hope that those on all sides of this issue will respect the careful process that both the Law College and the University undertook. I am very appreciative that the vast majority of our alumni, students, staff, and faculty with whom I have communicated have agreed with this inclusive and deliberative approach regardless of their views on the issue.

As President Bloomberg stated in her message, I hope we can all move forward in agreement that the true value and strength of our College of Law lies in the high quality of the education we offer and the talents and diversity of our students, faculty, staff and alumni. That will never change.

Thanks.

My best,

Lee Fisher
Dean, Cleveland State University College of Law
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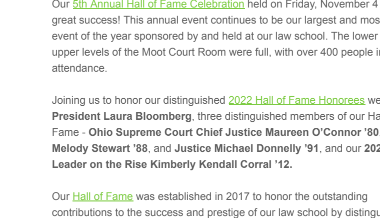


2022 CSU|LAW Hall of Fame Ceremony Highlights

Our 5th Annual Hall of Fame Celebration held on Friday, November 4 was a great success! This annual event continues to be our largest and most fun event of the year sponsored by and held at our law school. The lower and upper levels of the Moot Court Room were full, with over 400 people in attendance.

Joining us to honor our distinguished 2022 Hall of Fame Honorees were **CSU President Laura Bloomberg**, three distinguished members of our Hall of Fame - **Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor '80**, **Justice Melody Stewart '88**, and **Justice Michael Donnelly '91**, and our **2021 Leader on the Rise Kimberly Kendall Corral '12.**

Our Hall of Fame was established in 2017 to honor the outstanding contributions to the success and prestige of our law school by distinguished alumni, community leaders with strong ties to our law school, and former deans, faculty and staff. Our annual event also gives us the opportunity to raise much-needed funds for student scholarships.

- 2022 Hall of Fame Honoree Video
- 2022 Hall of Fame Photo Gallery
- 2022 Hall of Fame Program Book
- 2022 Hall of Fame Ceremony Recording (starts at 11:53)
- Thank you message from our students

2023 Hall of Fame Nominations

Nominations are now open for the CSU College of Law **Hall of Fame Class of 2023**. If you would like to nominate someone for the 2023 Hall of Fame, please submit your nomination by **January 15, 2023**.

The general selection criteria are:

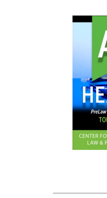
- Nominee's historic significance to the law school and/or the community, and/or
- Nominee's professional success and reputation, and/or
- Nominee's support of the law school through time, talent, and/or "treasure."

Please make sure that you address how the nominee fits at least two of the above criteria.

If the nominee has graduated within the past 15 years, the nominee will be considered for the Leader on the Rise Award. Each year, Dean Fisher appoints the Hall of Fame selection committee consisting of some members of the Hall of Fame and a few current faculty and staff. The 2023 Hall of Fame inductees and the 2023 Leader on the Rise will be announced early next year

In addition to submitting your nomination at the link below, to ensure that we receive your nomination, please also email it (in the form of a Word document or in the text of an email) to Holli Goodman at h.goodman@csuohio.edu.

Nominate



Center for Health Law & Policy Earns A+ Rating by PreLaw Magazine

PreLaw Magazine again named CSU|LAW and our Center for Health Law & Policy a Top School for Health Law with an A+ rating.

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Data Privacy in a Post-Roe America Webinar

Professors Laura Hoffman and **Brian Ray** led a webinar, sponsored by CSU|LAW's MLS in Cybersecurity & Data Privacy, on how the recent reversal of *Roe v. Wade* has lit a spotlight on the question surrounding digital surveillance and data privacy. A recording of the webinar is now available.

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Dean Fisher Inducted in Cleveland Magazine Business Hall of Fame

Dean Lee Fisher's long track record of helping to build the region's and state's economic development was recognized with his induction into the *Cleveland Magazine Business Hall of Fame.*

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Prof. Kalir Published Op-Ed on Affirmative Action

Professor Doron Kalir published an op-ed titled, "The Supreme Court is poised to eliminate affirmative action," on *Cleveland.com*.

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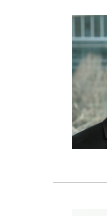

Prof. Mika Published on Teaching as a First Generation American

Professor Karin Mika has published an article, "The Power of Vulnerability in Promoting a Sense of Belonging: The Perspective of a First Generation American." The article appears in "The Second Draft," a publication of the *Legal Writing Institute.*

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Living Justice Podcast

Dean Lee Fisher's "Living Justice. Living Leadership" podcast guests.

Episodes 8-9: **Ohio Supreme Court Justice Michael P. Donnelly '91**.
Episodes 10-11: former **Ohio Attorney General Jim Petro** and his wife **Nancy Petro**, Authors, *False Justice: Eight Myths that Convict the Innocent*
Episodes 11-12: **Terry Gilbert '73**, Author, *Trying Times*

Listen

In Memoriam

- **Henry B. Fischer '64**
- **Alyssa Jean Wheeler-Keene '16**
  Go Fund Me to benefit her husband and their eight-month-old son
- **Jeffery A. Key '82**

C|M|LAA CLEVELAND-MARSHALL LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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 CMLAA, contributions to Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and career accomplishments within our legal community.

Register

Landlord Tenant Law

Friday, December 9, 2022 | 2:00 p.m.
Live Interactive Webinar

Join us for a comprehensive and relevant discussion from legal and industry experts on the "Nuts and Bolts of Forcible Entry and Detainer Actions" along with "A Practical Guide for Advising Landlords and Tenants."

2.0 CLE Credit Hours Pending

Register

Small Business Update: New Legal Landmines for Small Businesses to Avoid

Friday, December 16, 2022 | 10:00 a.m.
Live Interactive Webinar

Join us for a comprehensive and relevant discussion from legal and industry experts on Ohio's New LLC Law, the Corporate Transparency Act, and Force Majeure Clauses.

2.0 CLE Credit Hours Pending

Register

CMLAA CLE On-Demand Webinars

On-demand webinars available virtually via Zoom recording.

Procedural Aspects of Landlord/Tenant Law
2.0 General Credit CLE Hours

Register

2021 Ethics Seminar with Kegler Brown
2.75 Professional Conduct CLE Hours

Register

Personal Injury: PI in a Box
3.0 General Credit CLE Hours

Register

Civil, Criminal and Traffic Rules Update: What You Need to Know in 2021
2.0 General Credit Hours and 1.0 Professional Conduct Credit Hour

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

The Home Construction Project
3.0 General Credit CLE Hours

Register

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

Modern Issues in Divorce; Custody, Support and Finances
2.0 General Credit CLE Hour

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Lawyers on Nonprofit Boards
1.0 Professional Conduct 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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Media & the Law (Featuring Geraldo Rivera)
2.0 General Credit CLE Hours

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