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A Special Message from Dean Lee Fisher

My sincere thanks to CSU President Harlan Sands, the CSU Pandemic Response Team, and every member of the CSU Cleveland-Marshall community for the steps that each of you is taking to adapt to these fast-changing circumstances and help minimize the impact of this health crisis. A special thank you to Associate Deans Carolyn Broering-Jacobs and Jonathan Witmer-Rich with whom I am working closely day and night, 7 days a week.

During the Coronavirus outbreak, CSU Cleveland-Marshall will remain open for business during regular business hours, but our building is closed and my colleagues and I are working remotely. Classes will be taught remotely for all law students through the end of the semester, May 15.

As Coronavirus continues to disrupt our lives, we have never been in more need of uplifting messages and stories. I have seen many of you provide comfort and support to each other, to others in your lives, and to those less fortunate in our community.



Please continue to send me your stories, messages, ideas, and lessons learned about how we can continue to help, support, and uplift each other and those most vulnerable in our community. I will continue to highlight and encourage acts that lift all of us up during this very challenging time and that fulfill our mission of living justice.

This has been an extraordinary time for all of us in the CSU Cleveland-Marshall community. Thank you for your continued flexibility as we adapt to a very fast-changing set of circumstances and for your willingness to do what needs to be done on behalf of our students. This is an unprecedented, fluid, and evolving situation, and requires adaptive leadership by all of us.

The health and safety of the entire campus community - students, faculty, and staff - are our highest priorities and continue to guide all of our decisions. We are working to ensure ongoing effective teaching and learning, while also protecting public health and observing effective social distancing.

Please see these helpful links below:

- [CSU CIM|LAW Emergency Student Financial Assistance Fund](#)
- [CSU CIM|LAW Coronavirus Updates](#)
- [CSU Coronavirus Updates](#)
- [CSU Coronavirus FAQs](#)
- [CSU Health & Wellness Services](#)
- [CDC Coronavirus Facts](#)
- [Ohio Department of Health Coronavirus Facts](#)
- [Ohio Department of Health Stay At Home Order](#)
- [Facebook Coronavirus Information Center](#)
- [New York Times Coronavirus Briefing](#)
- [American Bar Association Coronavirus Legal Resources](#)

Thanks.



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CSU CIM|LAW Earns Highest Ever Placement in U.S. News & World Report Rankings

CSU Cleveland-Marshall College of Law rose 24 places in the recent U.S. News & World Report Law School rankings, placing CSU CIM|LAW 102nd among the over 200 ABA accredited law schools in the country. The U.S. News & World Report rank marks the highest placement for Cleveland-Marshall in school history.

Cleveland-Marshall's 24-point jump in the rankings was the second largest increase of any law school in the nation. CSU CIM|LAW ranks fourth among Ohio's nine law schools and is the highest-ranked public law school in Northern Ohio.

CSU CIM|LAW also ranked as the top part-time law school in Ohio with a national part-time ranking of 43.

"This good news is tempered by the extraordinary challenges we are facing with Coronavirus. However, at uncertain times like this, it is nice to have something to celebrate as we continue to focus on the health and safety of our students, staff, and faculty," said Lee Fisher, Dean and Joseph C. Hostettler-BakerHostettler Chair in Law.

"The tremendous increase in our national ranking is a tribute to the hard work of our students, full-time and adjunct faculty, staff, alumni, and the university," Fisher continued. "While rankings don't show the entire picture, they affirm our strategic vision and student-centered initiatives are guiding us in the right direction."

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Alumni Profile: Thomas Scanlon '63

CSU CIM|LAW alumnus Thomas Scanlon '63, an inaugural member of our Hall of Fame, has been a staple of the Cleveland legal, Irish-American, and greater Cleveland community during his 57 years practicing law. Honoring his work with each of those communities, Scanlon was named Grand Marshal of the 2020 Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade, which unfortunately was canceled because of the Coronavirus outbreak.

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CSU CIM|LAW Student Emergency Financial Assistance Fund

Many incredible, caring friends and supporters have approached us and asked how they could support our law students in this uncertain time. We are humbled by this outreach and have created an Emergency Student Financial Assistance Fund.

[Learn more about the Student Emergency Fund >](#)

[Make a donation to the Student Emergency Fund >](#)



CSU/CIM|LAW Students Spoke with Ohio Supreme Court Alumni Judges

CM|LAW and CSU Columbus Seminar students attended the Ohio Supreme Court earlier this month where they sat in on oral arguments and spoke with CSU CIM|LAW alumni Ohio Supreme Court judges Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor '80, Michael Donnelly '92 and Melody Stewart '88.



Dean Fisher Discussed Election Authority on WKYC Cleveland 3

Dean Lee Fisher appeared on WKYC Cleveland 3 to discuss whether Governor DeWine had the legal authority to postpone Ohio's March primary election.

[Watch >](#)

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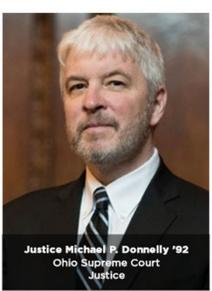
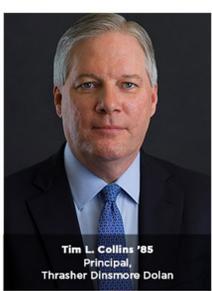
In this Together #ItTCMLAW

Even though we're physically separated, we're still *In This Together (ItT)*. This is why we would like to encourage members of the CIM|LAW community to take their Live Justice activities to social media, using the hashtag #ItTCMLAW.

Share your "why" for committing to the social responsibility of the Governor's Stay at Home order. What/who motivates you to stay home in order to help #FlattenTheCurve? Tell your story online and tag CIM|LAW.

NOTE: For the remainder of the spring semester, all on-campus events have been cancelled or postponed. For the latest information on CSU CIM|LAW events, visit law.csuohio.edu/newsevents/news/csu-cmlaw-event-status.

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RESCHEDULED DATE: THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2020 | 12:00 P.M.

ANNUAL RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

Registration is Now Available for the 2020 CMLAA Annual Recognition Luncheon! The Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association (CMLAA) will host its 2020 Annual Recognition Luncheon (ARL) on a rescheduled date on **Thursday, August 6, 2020** at Noon at the Renaissance Downtown Cleveland Hotel. Doors open at 11:30 A.M.

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

Support the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association and its scholarship fund by securing your sponsorship, ad or ticket by registering at: www.csulaw.org/arl

Net proceeds benefit scholarship funds for Cleveland-Marshall Law students. Please help us make the 2020 ARL the most successful ever! Please call 216-687-2368 or email CmlaaArl@gmail.com with any questions.

Have exciting news to share? Send us your news to include on our website, social media or in a future newsletter. Email AlumniNews@law.csuohio.edu.

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