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Welcome Back!

In March 2020, everything changed. Our students and recent graduates have had to navigate an unusually uncertain, volatile world. With that has come great stress and hardship for many, but it has also enhanced the resilience and grit for which our students and graduates are well known.

While this pandemic is not yet behind us, we're coming back together as one CSU C|M|LAW family, and I've seen more smiles (partially hidden my masks) than I've seen in a long time.

While we must continue to meet our challenges, I've never been more optimistic about our future as a law school community.

The best is yet to come.

Welcome back!

My best,
Lee

Dean Lee Fisher
Joseph C. Hostetler-BakerHostetler Chair in Law

Visiting Professor Profile: Laura Hoffman

Laura Hoffman joins the CSU Cleveland-Marshall College of Law faculty this Fall as a Visiting Professor and Acting Director of our law school's Center for Health Law and Policy.

Most recently, Professor Hoffman worked as a Senior Research Fellow at Yale Law School's Solomon Center for Health Law and Policy and an Assistant Professor of Law at Seton Hall University School of Law. She received her first experience working in academia as Dean's Fellow for Academic Support at American University. In that role she provided academic support to master's students who had attended law school in another country and needed help working through language barriers in understanding the American form of legal education. She found the experience incredibly rewarding and it planted a seed for the prospect of law teaching as a career.

Professor Hoffman also feels a responsibility as a woman with a disability – she has been visually impaired since birth due to a genetic eye disorder – to ensure people with disabilities are part of the diversity and representation, including the faculty, of legal education. This year, Professor Hoffman was part of a drive that led to the Association of American Law Schools approving a group specifically for law professors with disabilities and their allies.

"I want to have a role in paving the way for change so that we are not missing the talents and gifts of individuals with disabilities from the legal profession," said Professor Hoffman. "That starts in the environment and culture we create in legal education. We need those with disabilities who are interested in law to see they belong here in legal education and in the legal profession."

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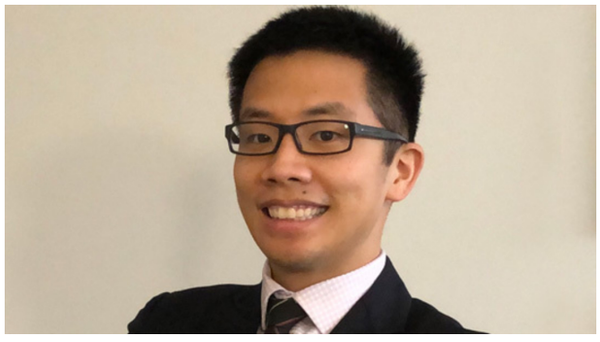

Visiting Professor Profile: Matthew Ahn

Matthew Ahn joins the CSU Cleveland-Marshall College of Law faculty this Fall as a Visiting Professor. Professor Ahn, a graduate of the New York University School of Law, most recently served as a Research and Writing Attorney with the Federal Public Defender for the Northern District of Ohio. However, the law is just one of many passions for Professor Ahn.

Professor Ahn is a trivia whiz who appeared on an episode of *Jeopardy!* while he was a law student. While he did not win in his appearance, participating on the show was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. His trivia knowledge at the time was deep but not well-rounded and some of the categories he faced, including literature, film, art and world history, did not align with his strong suits. With that experience, he learned a lesson that he also applies to his legal work.

"One of the things (I learned from *Jeopardy!*) that's helped me in my law practice is the understanding that as much as I will do my best in representing my client, I cannot control every aspect of the case as an advocate," said Professor Ahn. "Of course, the best advocates (and the best trivia champions) keep working on their own skills along the way."

Professor Ahn has also received notoriety as a transit enthusiast. He has twice held the *Guinness World Record* for the "Subway Challenge," holding the fastest time to travel to all New York City Subway stations. The *New York Times* dubbed Professor Ahn "King of the Subway," in an article on his amazing feat.

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C|M|LAW Hall of Fame

Induction Celebration

Friday, November 5, 2021

Featured Hall of Fame Honorees

Each of our 2021 Hall of Fame Honorees will be featured in an issue of the CSU C|M|LAW newsletter leading up to the Induction Celebration on **Friday, November 5**. Meet three of the honorees below who share what CSU C|M|LAW means to them.

For information on sponsorships, program ads and individual tickets for the Hall of Fame event, contact Amy Miller at a.l.miller86@csuohio.edu or 216.687.2537, or visit the Hall of Fame Registration Page.

Ann-Marie Ahern

Class of 1998

Principal, McCarthy, Lebit, Crystal & Liffman, Co. LPA

"It is often said that C|M|LAW is 'a school of opportunity,' and I could not agree more. I came to C|M|LAW directly from undergrad and entered the night program while working full-time. I knew three people in Cleveland, but I quickly found that Cleveland is the kind of town where you can grow as big as your ambition and industriousness allow. C|M|LAW mirrors the city in this way. It doesn't matter where you came from at C|M|LAW, only where you're going. I am so grateful to C|M|LAW for giving me my start in this wonderful city, and for all the values it nurtures in its students … grit, perseverance, and intellect."

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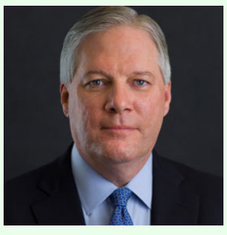

Tim Collins

Class of 1985

Principal, Thrasher, Dinsmore & Dolan

"The Law School is a school of opportunity, providing both substantive education, and incredible socialization and connectivity needed to transform eager students into effective practicing lawyers. We were introduced to the critical thinking required as a lawyer, but also to the people and institutions in NE Ohio that lawyers must know to successfully represent their clients. In addition to making a living, we also were given the tools to make a difference in this world for the benefit of people and organizations that need our skills, energy and focus. Without Cleveland-Marshall and its connections, I would not have had the opportunities to participate as I have in making a difference in our community."

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Colleen M. Cotter

Executive Director, The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland

"Cleveland-Marshall doesn't just train lawyers, it trains community leaders. C|M|LAW effectively conveys its values of diversity and inclusion, community service and community engagement."

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Restorative Justice Pop-Up Practicum Students Work for Change in the Community

Three CSU C|M|LAW students, **Langston Bailey-Murray '21**, **Erica Sammon '22**, and **Caitlin Steiner '21**, had the opportunity during the Spring 2021 semester to present both the Cleveland City Prosecutor and the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court a proposal to establish a restorative justice diversion alternative for prosecutions in the City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court. Working with **Adjunct Professor Robert Triozzi**, Director of the CSU C|M|LAW's Criminal Justice Center's Day 1 Project, the students studied the principles of restorative justice, a long-standing holistic criminal justice practice where the aim is to bring victims of harm, those who committed the harm, and community members together in an effort to repair the harm caused by the offense.

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CSU Center for Cybersecurity and Privacy Protection Board Members Draft Ohio Personal Privacy Act (OPPA)

CSU C|M|LAW's Center for Cybersecurity and Privacy Protection Advisory Board member and CyberOhio Chair **Kirk Herath** led a small group of experts, including Center Director **Professor Brian Ray** and two other Center Board members, **Tim Opsitnick** and **Spence Witten**, in drafting Ohio's landmark privacy bill that was announced by Ohio Lt. Governor Jon Husted and several lawmakers.

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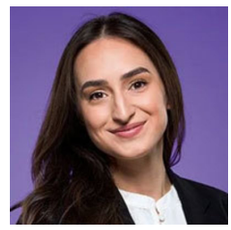

Brandilyn Cook Named to Crain's 20 in their Twenties

CSU C|M|LAW alumna and Lorenzon Law Immigration Attorney **Brandilyn Cook '18** was named to *Crain's Cleveland Business'* 20 in their Twenties Class of 2021. *Subscription required.*

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Upcoming Public Lectures & CLE Events

City Club of Cleveland Forum
cosponsored by CSU C|M|LAW

How Rights Went Wrong: Why Our Obsession with Rights is Tearing America Apart

Friday, September 3 | 12:00 p.m. | In-Person
The City Club of Cleveland

Professor Jamal Greene, *Columbia Law School*

Jamal Greene is author of the book *How Rights Went Wrong: Why Our Obsession with Rights is*

Tearing America Apart. His work reveals how our approach to rights is dividing America and shows how we can build a better system of justice.

Rights are a sacred part of American identity. Yet they also are the source of some of our greatest divisions. The varying responses to preventative measures enacted to stem the COVID-19 pandemic is a clear example of these divisions—especially today as students return to in-classroom instruction.

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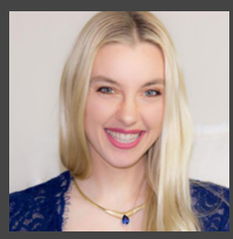

Faculty Spotlight Series

Intellectual Property Law Issues in Non-Fungible Tokens (NFT)

Wednesday, September 15 | 5:00 p.m. | Virtual

Professor Christa J. Laser, *Assistant Professor of Law, Intellectual Property & Innovation*

Attendees will learn more about how copyright, patent, and trademark law intersect with issues of minting and selling the hottest new blockchain asset, non-fungible tokens (NFTs).

1 free hour CLE pending

Register

The Cleveland State Law Review and C|M|LAW IPTA's Symposium

IP+ The National Non-IP IP Conference: Innovation Law, Intellectual Property, Emerging Tech, and Business

Friday, October 29 | 9:30 a.m. | Virtual

Featuring panels on why innovation keeps general counsels up at night, how intellectual property and innovation law can respond to emerging tech like blockchain, artificial intelligence, and medical innovation; academics presenting new theories and proposed changes to innovation law; and financial experts on the valuation and market for innovation assets.

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Prof. Sterio Published Article on International Criminal Law

Professor Milena Sterio published an article, "Darryl Robinson's Model for International Criminal Law: Deontic Principles Developed Through a Coherentist Approach," in the *Temple International and Comparative Law Journal*.

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Prof. Oh Published Essay on Critical Race Theory

Professor Reginald Oh has published an article on Critical Race Theory, “An Academic Theory Has Become the 21st Century’s Willie Horton,” in the *Washington Monthly*.

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Prof. Sundahl Published Op-Ed with SpaceNews

Professor Mark Sundahl, director of CSU CMLAW’s Global Space Law Center, published an op-ed with *SpaceNews*, arguing that NASA should not rely solely on one company to implement the Human Landing System.

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Prof. Robertson Published Book on Teaching Environmental Law

Professor Heidi Gorovitz Robertson published a book, *Strategies and Techniques for Teaching Environmental Law*, as part of a Wolters Kluwer law book publishing series on law teaching. Robertson was selected to produce the volume on environmental law based both on her past *Columbia Environmental Law Review* article, "Methods for Teaching Environmental Law: Some Thoughts on Teaching Law Students to Practice” and her experience in the field.

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Prof. Sterio Advised Sudan Peace Negotiations

Professor Milena Sterio attended the first round of peace negotiations between the Government of Sudan and one of the Sudan rebel movements, the Sudan People’s Liberation Movement (SPLM)-North, in Juba, South Sudan. Sterio provided legal expertise and guidance for the ongoing negotiations, as an academic expert and representative of the Public International Law and Policy Group.

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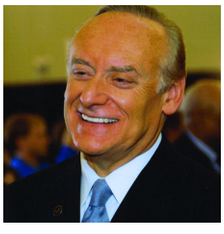

Dean Fisher Wrote for Cleveland Magazine on Cleveland Mayor

Dean Lee Fisher wrote a column for *Community Leader*, a publication of *Cleveland Magazine*, drawing on his experience in government, civic and educational leadership to offer some guidance to Cleveland’s next mayor.

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Civil, Criminal and Traffic Rules Update: What You Need to Know in 2021
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