



## Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient: Sunny Nixon '11

Civic engagement with Cleveland is second nature to **Sunny Nixon '11**. Growing up in Dover, Ohio, 90 minutes south of Cleveland, she first fell in love with the "The Forest City" when her dad brought her family to Cleveland to attend the annual convention for the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association. Nixon recalls being mesmerized by the impressive malls and lakefront that define Cleveland's downtown.

Decades later, as Board Chair of Cleveland Concert Company, Nixon played an integral role in reimagining the Cleveland Mall park space. She served as organizer of the [InCuya Festival](#), a two-day music festival in August 2018 that featured 20-plus international, national and local acts, including the Avett Brothers, Booker T. Jones, Awolnation, New Order and SZA. Nixon was pleased with the inaugural festival and looks forward to how the festival can expand in future years.

The InCuya Festival is just one of several ways Nixon has invested herself in the city and community she loves. She attended the CSU in the heart of Cleveland twice, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from Cleveland State University, and continuing on to graduate from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law where she earned the Dean's Learn Law. Live Justice. Award. Nixon will be recognized by CSU on September 28 as the recipient of the law school's annual [Distinguished Alumni Award](#) that is based on outstanding service, leadership and career achievements and bestowed upon the recipient at the Homecoming Week's signature gala.

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## Three C|M|LAW Faculty/Staff Selected for CSU Golden Apple Awards

Three members of the C|M|LAW faculty/staff, **Director of Academic Support Nicholas De Santis**, **Administrative Assistant to the Dean Holli Goodman** and **Professor Chris Sagers**, were selected to receive CSU's Golden Apple Award. The Golden Apple Award is an initiative sponsored by the Young Alumni Council of the CSU Alumni Association designed to recognize the contributions of outstanding faculty and staff members on the lives of students.



## Dean Fisher and Jurist-in-Residence Adrine Honored with American Constitution Society Awards

The Northeast Ohio Chapter of the American Constitution Society honored **C|M|LAW Dean Lee Fisher** with the *Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Service Award* and **C|M|LAW Jurist-in-Residence, The Honorable Ronald Adrine '73, HOF '17** with its *ACS Northeast Ohio Chapter Lifetime Achievement Award* at the chapter's Annual Luncheon on September 24. *Honorees and speakers pictured (L-to-R):* **Ryan Babiuch**, Partner, Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Arnoff LLP; *President, NEO Chapter ACS;* **Dean Lee Fisher**, C|M|LAW; **Judge Kathleen O'Malley**, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit; **Yvonne Pointer**, Anti-violence activist and author; **Hon. Ted Strickland**, former Governor of Ohio; **Judge Ronald Adrine**, C|M|LAW Jurist-in-Residence; **Michael Meuti**, Partner, Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Arnoff, Past President, NEO Chapter, ACS. *Not pictured:* **Judge Solomon Oliver**, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio.



## Former Ohio Governor Strickland Visits C|M|LAW Leadership Course

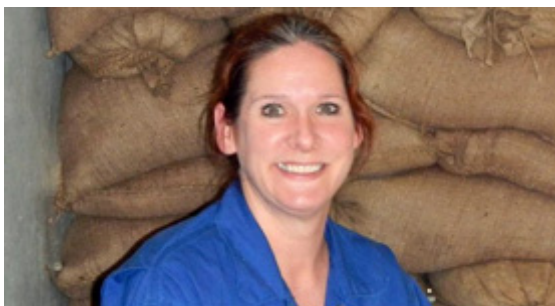
Former Ohio Governor **Ted Strickland** visited C|M|LAW and spoke to **Dean Lee Fisher's** *Leadership and the Law* class. Dean Fisher served with Strickland as Lt. Governor of Ohio from 2007-2011.



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4 | 4:00 - 7:00 P.M.

## Solo Practice Incubator Open House

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## Lederer '11 Profiled for Work as Environmental Specialist

**Christine Lederer '11**, a J.D./M.A.E.S. dual degree graduate from C|M|LAW, was profiled by the Levin College of Urban Affairs for her work as an Environmental Specialist with Rowan Companies, an offshore drilling company.

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## Prof. Witmer-Rich Featured in CSU Faculty Spotlight

**Professor Jonathan Witmer-Rich** was featured in CSU's Faculty Spotlight for his expert research on Fourth Amendment issues and search warrants.

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## Prof. Sagers Publishes Essay on Havard Law & Policy Review Forum

**Professor Chris Sagers** published an essay on the online forum of the *Harvard Law & Policy Review* canvassing the opinions of Judge Brett Kavanaugh in antitrust and related areas.

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## Prof. Forte Publishes Article with CATO Constitutional Law Review; Interviewed on The Sound of Ideas

**Professor David Forte** published an article, *To Speak or Not to Speak, That is Your Liberty: Janus v. AFSCME*, in the *CATO Constitutional Law Review*. Forte also spoke on the Confirmation Hearings of Judge Brett Kavanaugh as a guest on *The Sound of Ideas*.

[Read \*To Speak or Not to Speak\* ▶](#)  
[Listen to The Sound of Ideas ▶](#)

## Prof. Sterio Appears on Talking Foreign Policy

**Professor and Associate Dean Milena**



**Sterio** participated as a panelist on WCPN's "Talking Foreign Policy" in an episode on responding to rogue states.

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## Ohio Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights Visits

**Dean Lee Fisher** (*pictured-center*) welcomed the Ohio Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights to CSU at the beginning of the Committee's hearings on School Funding in Ohio September 14.

**Professor David Forte** (*pictured-left-center*), Vice-Chair of the Committee, participated in the Committee's hearings.

**C|M|LAW**  
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Induction Celebration  
Friday, October 26



### Featured Honorees

Each of the [2018 Honorees](#) will be featured in an issue of the C|M|LAW newsletter leading up to the [Induction Celebration](#) on Friday, October 26. **See below for three profiles.**

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



## Anthony J. Garofoli

**Class of 1961** (deceased)  
*Partner, Climaco, Wilcox, Peca,  
Tarantino & Garofoli Co., LPA*

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### What C|J|LAW Meant to Him?

*C|J|LAW gave him the education and tools necessary to perform a lifetime of public service, a learned foundation that combined law and civic-mindedness to find justice, to change lives, and to promote social and community development.*

*-The Garofoli Family*



## Larry H. James

**Class of 1977**  
*Managing Partner, Crabbe, Brown &  
James LLP*

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### What C|J|LAW Means to Me?

*But for Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, I probably would not be a lawyer today. It provided the closeness to my family that needed my assistance and I felt with its history it was the right law school for me.*

## Iris S. Wolstein

*CEO, Heritage Development Company  
LLC*

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### What C|J|LAW Means to Me?

*Cleveland-Marshall College of Law was the basis for Bart's (Wolstein '53, HOF '17) entire and successful real estate career. That has allowed me to continue in real estate development and philanthropical endeavors.*



## LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS & EVENTS



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20 | 9:00 A.M.**

### **A View from the Bench: How to Navigate a Specialized Docket**

The seminar aims to help attendees develop best practices in their advocacy work before any of Cuyahoga County's various specialty-docket courts, including the mental health, veterans, drug and re-entry courts, and more. Led by the **Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court John J. Russo '92**, distinguished judges and speakers from the special-docket courts will cover a wide range of topics pertinent to their respective programs, including eligibility, local rules, practice fundamentals and pointers, roles and responsibilities of attorneys, participants, staff and third parties, and more.

**Organizer and Moderator:**

**Judge John J. Russo** | Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court

**Speakers:**

**Judge Hollie L. Gallagher** | Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Court, Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court

**Molly Leckler** | Drug Court & Recovery Court Coordinator, Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court

**Judge Nancy Margaret Russo** | Re-Entry Court, Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court

**Amanda Wozniak** | Veterans Treatment Court Coordinator, Cuyahoga County  
Common Pleas Court

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