



## Faculty Profile: Professor Christa Laser

**Professor Christa Laser** joined CSU Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in the fall of 2020 as an Assistant Professor of Law after spending nearly a decade in practice at international law firms Kirkland & Ellis LLP and, most recently, WilmerHale, as a Senior Associate in Intellectual Property Litigation. She is an experienced litigator, intellectual property law scholar, speaker and teacher, but also a photographer, author, biochemist, dancer, fencer and fitness enthusiast. With her wide range of skills and experience, she believes her best avenue for making an impact on the world is through her teaching and legal scholarship and is excited for that to take place at CSU Cleveland-Marshall.

"I am thrilled to join the Cleveland-Marshall faculty and I can't wait to start making an impact on students and our school," Laser said.

[Laser](#), a graduate of the George Washington University Law School where she won the World Championship of the International & North American Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition, has extensive expertise in patents, trademarks, copyrights, false advertising, pharmaceutical litigation and regulation and technology law. While she loved practicing law, she has known since working as a research assistant in law school a decade ago that she would ultimately like to teach the law.

"I can't imagine a better job than being able to think about the law, write honestly about what the law should be, and see my students learn and grow into attorneys," Laser said. "I get so energized by talking with others about the nuances of the law that I knew that I would enjoy teaching."

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## Faculty Profile: Legal Writing Professor Brandon Stump

For **Legal Writing Professor Brandon Stump**, who joined the CSU Cleveland-Marshall College of Law faculty in the fall of 2020, legal writing was not always the focus of his ambitions with the written word. After graduating from the West Virginia University College of Law, he worked as a civil rights attorney representing victims of police brutality with Goodman & Hurwitz and later as a research attorney for the Michigan Court of Appeals.

Still, when he thought of writing it was often not written advocacy or dispositive motions, but of great fiction, poetry and other works of literature. Five years into his practice, he determined it was time for a shift in his career focus and decided to pursue his lifelong passion for writing and the arts. Stump returned to school to pursue a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing - Fiction from the University of New Orleans, and completed the degree in 2017 after a pair of writing residencies in Cork, Ireland.

While satisfied after giving up his legal practice, **Stump** still craved elements of what drew him to law in the first place - logic-based education, legal theory, discussions of what things were and how they should be. He reached out to the director of Legal Writing at the Duquesne University School of Law, inquiring about teaching while earning his M.F.A. There were no openings at the time but a year later he was brought on as an adjunct professor of legal writing. Stump taught for three years at Duquesne and spend a year as a Visiting Teaching Associate Professor of Legal Writing at his alma mater, the WVU College of Law, before joining the CSU Cleveland-Marshall faculty. During that time he fell in love with the process of legal writing and working with students.

"I also learned the power of the classroom," recalled Stump of his early teaching experiences. "If a professor tries to foster a safe and community-oriented classroom environment, the class becomes more than a requirement for a grade. It creates lifelong bonds for the students and the professor."

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### New Graduate Profile: Robert Higgins

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Featured is **Robert Higgins**, who graduated in May 2020 and will sit for the October bar examination. Robert is interested in opportunities in litigation, criminal law, estate planning, and corporate law/data privacy compliance.

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### Prof. Kalir Interviewed on Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Key Opinions

**Professor Doron Kalir** was interviewed by Charles Ellison of *WURD Radio* in Philadelphia on the passing of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

including the key opinions authored by Justice Ginsburg.

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## Dean Fisher Discussed Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Legacy on WKYC Cleveland TV 3

Dean Lee Fisher appeared on *WKYC Cleveland 3* to discuss the legacy of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and the process of replacing her on the U.S. Supreme Court.

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## Prof. Sterio Filed Amicus Brief with International Criminal Court

Professor Milena Sterio, along with several colleagues from the Public International Law and Policy Group, filed an amicus brief with the International Criminal Court at The Hague in the case of Bosco Ntaganda.

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## Prof. Sagers Appeared on American Scandal Podcast

Professor Chris Sagers was featured in a longform interview for the Wondery podcast series *American Scandal* in its September 15 episode on the golden age of monopoly and its culmination in an antitrust case against Standard Oil.

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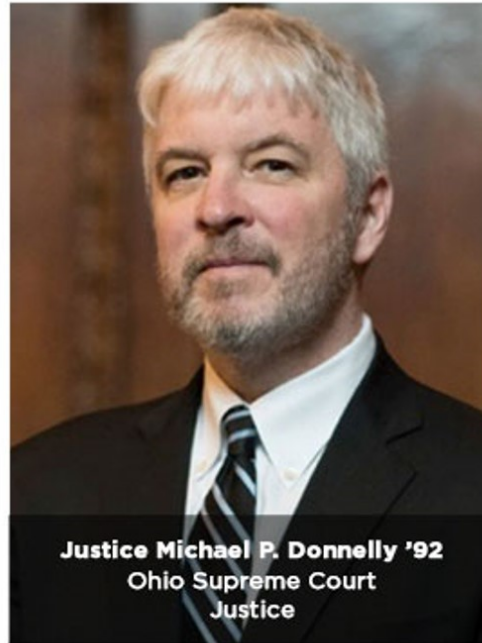
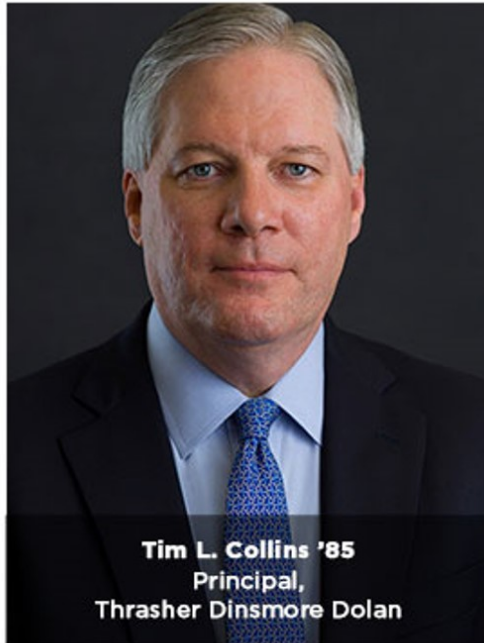
# LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS & EVENTS



## CMLAA Unveils New Website

The Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association (CMLAA) recently launched its new website, [cmlaa-csuohio.org](http://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.

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<< 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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