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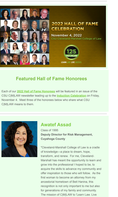

Featured Hall of Fame Honorees

Each of our 2020 Hall of Fame Honorees will be featured in an issue of the CSU CMLAW newsletter leading up the Awards Celebration on Friday, November 4. Meet three of the honorees below and share what CSU CMLAW means to them.

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Class of 1990
Senior Vice President for Risk Management, Cuyahoga County

Cleveland-Marshall College of Law is a center of knowledge, a place to think freely, learn, transition, and renew. For me, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law was a place I first arrived (and into the professional hallways) to be, to acquire the skills to advance my community and my profession. Cleveland-Marshall College of Law is a place for someone an attorney from my community can come back to for support, for recognition is not only important to me but also to my community, it is a place I can return to. The mission of CSU CMLA is "Learn Law. Lead Justice." I live mindful in my life passion to advance equality and inclusion for everyone.

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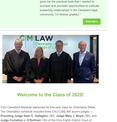

Mark Avsec

Class of 1990
Partner, Bernbach

I felt so fortunate I was able to have my mom, cousin and their priest to a legal career letter in 1990. I felt so fortunate because my cousin was a totally superb for mystagogic mentoring and the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law (Cleveland State) and I were the beneficiary. The mystagogic mentoring I received from my cousin turned us in ourselves our court ceremonial and were happening to us. That submit-cap mentoring I received from Professor Jerome Barry, **Professor of Cleveland-Marshall** decision I needed to study with Professor Gerry Lebowitz. I felt so fortunate I was able to have been able to go to law school as an over student but for the existence of Cleveland State University and Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. I have myself to my education and I am so fortunate I was able to be a part of an affordable Cleveland-Marshall College of Law to be a part of the Cleveland State University. I am so fortunate that I was able to be a part.

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Nancy L. Berardinelli-Krantz

Class of 1990
Senior Vice President and Deputy Chief Legal Officer, Eaton

CMLAW continues to generate talented and technology lawyers that are ready to tackle the complex issues that are facing society and the public sector. It is a place that enables students to attain a legal education that is on par with the best in the country and is one that financially undatainable for most. CMLAW gave me the practical tools that I needed to succeed in my profession and continues to be a leadership mentoring relationship to the Cleveland State University. I'm forever grateful.

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Welcome to the Class of 2020!

CSU Cleveland-Marshall welcomed to first-year class its Cleveland-Week. The Cleveland-Marshall included three CSU CMLAW alumni pledges – **Prioritizing Judge Sean C. Gallagher** '90, **Judge Mary J. Boyle** '90, and **Judge Kathleen Ann Sutula** '90 – who spoke to the students about their legal careers. The judges welcomed first-year students and allowed them to witness an equestrian scene that hosted on Watch Hold Point. Learn more about the Class of 2020 in **Dean Dawn Nunziato's Welcome Message** here.

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CSU CMLAW Welcomes Five New Professors

CSU Cleveland-Marshall College of Law welcomes five new professors to this community. **Assistant Professor Steven Chen, Legal Writing Professor Jennifer Harrell, Associate Professor Abby Moncrieff**, and **Clinical Professor Robert Trinzel** to the faculty.

In addition, years CSU colleagues **Adrian Sarafa** has joined the CSU CMLAW faculty and the Visiting Professorship of Professor Matthew Bunker, Professor Bunker's Visiting Professorship will continue two years after originally joining CSU CMLAW in the fall of 2021.

Assistant Professor Steven Chen

Bio/Focus: Welcome! Tell us a bit about yourself and your CSU CMLAW faculty. Where are you from? Where did you go to school?

Professor Chen spent the last three years as a Research Scholar Scholar at the American Bar Foundation (housed at the Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law). Prior to that, he was a Lecturer in Law at the University of Stanford Law School and an J.D. degree from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law. Professor Chen also earned a J.M. and a D. degrees from Nanjeon Chengchi University in Taiwan.

Professor Chen knew early in his longer-decision in Taiwan that he wanted to be a law professor and he knew that he wanted to teach and write about the intersection of the should study in Germany in the United States. His mentor at that time, Professor Chen, Professor Chen's mentor, Professor Chen's mentor, Professor Chen that if he wanted to make a difference in the legal profession, he should become a law professor. Professor Chen's mentor, Professor Chen advice has remained in the decision and course forward in spending the entire of his career in the United States.

In his first semester at CSU CMLAW, Professor Chen will be teaching Criminal Procedure, his teaching interests also include the Legal Profession, Evidence, and Torts.

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Legal Writing Professor Jennifer Harrell

Jennifer Harrell joins the CSU Cleveland-Marshall College of Law faculty this year as a Legal Writing Professor.

Professor Harrell already has experience on the CSU CMLAW campus as she spent last semester as a visiting professor at the law school. Prior to that, Professor Harrell was a Legal Writing Professor at Ohio Northern University at Ada Ohio for over 10 years. In addition to teaching law students, Professor Harrell taught legal writing to undergraduates as part of a program that she helped to implement and also taught a class on criminal law and ethics mostly groups underrepresented in the legal profession.

Before joining the world of academia, Professor Harrell was a Shapiro at Fulton Ohio focusing on product liability and mass tort cases.

"Ohio at Turtle Ohio, I volunteered for every learning opportunity I could and I was lucky to have had some great mentors and supervisors. I'm grateful for those programs. I enjoyed that I could the classroom made the transition from teaching legal writing allows me to follow my passion for education, setting goals, I'm free, I love editing, and I'm alert."

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Associate Professor Abby Moncrieff

Abby Moncrieff joins the CSU Cleveland-Marshall College of Law faculty this year as an Associate Professor. Professor Moncrieff is teaching **Professor Laura Rothman** of the Center for Health Law and Policy.

Professor Moncrieff is an Iowa graduate of the University of Chicago Law School, was a Fulbright Scholar, and earlier earned her Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Chicago. Professor Moncrieff was a Visiting Professor at Boston University School of Law. She has also worked as a Lecturer in Law at Harvard Law School, a Visiting Assistant Professor at Emory and University of Texas at Austin School of Law, and an Adjunct Professor in Residence at New York University School of Law and an Adjunct Professor at St. John's University School of Law.

Professor Moncrieff loves learning the law, and would have left undeterred as an undergraduate student if she had not been a student in a law school class. Since then, as a full-time academic, she also gets to work on big-picture research and writing, something she considers a primary focus in her career.

This semester, Professor Moncrieff will teach Contracts and Constitutional Law. In the spring, she will teach Contracts and Constitutional Law and Policy. Her interests are at the intersection of Health Law and Constitutional Law, which she explains in detail in a recent podcast.

Clinical Professor Robert Trinzel

Robert Trinzel joins the CSU Cleveland-Marshall College of Law faculty this Fall as Clinical Professor and Co-Director with **Professor Jonathan Witmer-Rich** of the Criminal Justice Center.

Professor Trinzel is already a familiar face in the Cleveland legal community and around the CSU CMLAW campus. The past two years he has served as Director of Criminal Justice Initiatives at the Cleveland Foundation and Criminal Justice Center, was the Interim Director of the Psychic Clemency and Exoneration Project, and brought exceptional life courses and practitioner insights to the project.

As a full-time professor, he will continue running the Pretrial Justice Clinic while working to expand the experiential learning opportunities for CSU CMLAW students. Professor Trinzel is looking forward to teaching Criminal Procedure and providing focus on the significant criminal justice issues, challenges and opportunities facing our community.

A graduate of Cornell University and Case Western Reserve School of Law, Professor Trinzel is an accomplished defense attorney and earned an initial trial experience as a Cuyahoga County Assistant Prosecutor. Since then, he recently served as the Ohio Public Defender and Director for the City of Cleveland Law Department. Professor Trinzel's work in the public sector advance efforts toward human rights legislation, bail reform and all-American criminal justice. He has also served as Chief Counsel for the Ohio Senate and as Director of the Cleveland Municipal Court where he assisted the colleagues in the establishment of the Greater Cleveland Drug Court and was instrumental in establishing the Court's Mentally Ill Offender Docket.

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Professor Harlan Sands

Harlan Sands joins the CSU Cleveland-Marshall College of Law faculty as a Visiting Professor starting the spring of this year as Professor Elizabeth Glick's colleague.

A graduate of the Western School of the University of Pennsylvania, Professor Sands has served as a Lecturer in Law at Stanford Law School. Professor Sands also an officer of the earning USN Coast and several tours as a intelligence officer. During his time in the Navy, Professor Sands earned two Meritorious Service Medals, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, and the Joint Service Achievement Medal.

After leaving the Navy, Professor Sands spent four years as a public defender in Illinois. During that time, Sands began his time in academia and taught several law classes as a visiting lecturer in the Department of Criminal Justice at Illinois State University.

Professor Sands also joined the administration of Florida International University, where he served as Executive Director of the FIU Applied Research Center and Associate Director of the Center for Children and Families in the College of Health and Urban Affairs. He also worked as a professor of criminal justice. Professor Sands would go on to work in the administrative at the University of Illinois Springfield where he taught criminal law and undergraduate ethics classes. The Atlantic School, in 2019, Professor Sands joined CSU law as a temporarily seventh president.

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Upcoming Public Lectures & CLE Events

Constitution Day Event: Assessing Dobbs

Tuesday, September 22 | 12:00 p.m.
Moot Court Room

As June 6th 2020, the Supreme Court unanimously in decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization. In that decision, the Court struck down a Louisiana law requiring abortion providers, in Dobbs, to employ physicians who have privileges for the nearest to their facilities (around 43 miles), with no clinical exception. CMLAW Professors Jonathan Witmer-Rich and Dawn Nunziato will discuss the decision the Court's Dobbs decision, including the implications that over decades of the Court's jurisprudence. Pizza.

Free public program. Registration is not required.

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IP+ National IP Conference

Friday, September 18 | 9:00 a.m.
Moot Court Room

Legal practice is being shaped by an incredible lineup of teams that you won't find anywhere else. Innovation around the economic underpinnings of Silicon Valley's Intellectual Property, from the ability of emerging technology companies, the computational revolution, and the quest for strategies to intellectual property. Intellectual Property Law Professor **Jerome Reichman**, Professor **Dan Burk**, **Noah Feldman** Harvard Law School, and **Tania Sugandhi** Microsoft Corporation, discussing the IP and social impact of patentomics partnership, the Intellectual Property Innovation and the governance of the future.

Registration is required. The cost is $40 for lawyers and free, $20 for students, government, or non-profit, and free for CSU students. Reality and Lunch.

4 Hours CLE pending including 1 hour of substance abuse and ethics credit

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Criminal Justice Forum: Ruined: Language Use and Choice by Judges at Sentencing in Rape and Sexual Assault Cases

Friday, September 18 | 12:00 p.m.
Moot Court Room

Judges play a critical role in one of the most important stages of a criminal trial: sentencing. Sentencing is a time when the judge is exercising considerable discretion, there are little to no procedural safeguards, and victims may be present. In this talk, Professor Rebecca Hollander-Blumoff will discuss how judges use language in sentencing in rape and sexual assault cases. Drawing on a study of sentencing transcripts, Professor Hollander-Blumoff will examine the language judges use when sentencing defendants convicted of rape and sexual assault, and how the use of such language varies in those instances where the victim is "ruined," "broken," or "damaged" versus those instances where the victim is described as "strong," "resilient," "recovering," or "healing." Professor Hollander-Blumoff will also discuss the implications of such language and discuss research and advocacy ideas. Pizza.

Free public program. Registration is not required.

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Dean Lee Fisher Launches Leadership Podcast

Lee Fisher, Dean of the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, brings the conversation to life in his new podcast, Living Justice. Living Leadership. Fisher's guests, people who exemplify leadership in its essential qualities "Living Justice. Living Leadership." The podcast launches September 17 2020 with inaugural guest Ohio Supreme Court Justice.

Lee serves as the Judicial Chairman of the Ohio Attorney General and Ohio's state legislature, a lead and nationally presidential 2012, and a law firm partner with Calfee Calfee focusing lead of the law firm in 2016.

"I can have fortunate to have a career across multiple sectors, and equally important, I have had the opportunity to work with and learn from people who exemplify positive change," said Dean Fisher. I wanted to share with conversations, successful change comes at the expense of justice and leadership."

As Dean of the Law School, Fisher interviews a spectrum of guests who are leaders and advocates for justice, from current and former U.S. Senators, Supreme Court Justices, Ohio Governors, Ohio Supreme Court Justices, Ohio Attorneys General, Congressmen, and consultants. They all have one thing in common – they are leaders and advocates for justice.

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Appellate Practice Clinic Won Sixth Circuit Immigration Case

The CSU Cleveland-Marshall Appellate Practice Clinic, directed by **Professor Jonathan Witmer-Rich**, recently won a Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals case, Martinez-Lopez v. Barr (1st Cir. 2019).

Students **Kristina Williams**, **Victoria Kadish**, and **Nicole Johnson** worked briefing on the case and argue before Judges Kethledge and Moore Professor and Immigration lawyer **Tanya Lockney '19**.

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Center for Cybersecurity & Privacy Protection Awarded Gula Tech Foundation Prize

Thanks to the efforts of **Professor Brian Kay** and **Professor Jonathan Witmer-Rich** the **Center for Cybersecurity & Privacy Protection** at CSU CMLAW received a $10,000 Gula Tech Foundation Prize.

Protection as the third-place winner in its $1 million June 2022 grant competition for organizations that work to "incorporate Cyber Expertise in Corporate Governance."

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Lindsay Jenkins '02 Nominated as a District Judge

Lindsay Jenkins '02 has been nominated by President Biden to serve as a district judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

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1L Jake Wrege Named Student Rep to CSU Board of Trustees

Jake Wrege, a first-year CSU C|M|LAW student, has been appointed to a two-year term as a student member of the CSU Board of Trustees. Jake is a recent graduate of CSU, having received two bachelor's degrees in Environmental Science and Political Science from CSU in May 2022.

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Prof. Robertson Joins Institute for Energy Law Board of Advisors

Professor Heidi Gorovitz Robertson has been invited to join the Board of Advisors of the Institute for Energy Law (IEL). Law school membership in IEL is by invitation only and based on the law school's energy law capacity in terms of available courses and faculty expertise. Robertson's position on the IEL Board brings with it many benefits for the law school and for students interested in energy law.

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Prof. Hoffman Published on Designing an "Americans With Abilities Act"

Professor Laura Hoffman, along with a group of scholars from Yale Law School, Harvard Medical School, the Weill Cornell Medical College, and Penn State Law, has co-published an article in the *Boston College Law Review*, "Designing an Americans with Abilities Act: Consciousness, Capabilities, and Civil Rights."

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Prof. Sterio Presented and Wrote on the Ukraine Conflict

Professor Milena Sterio presented as a panelist at a Ukraine Knowledge Sharing webinar, organized by the Public International Law and Policy Group. Professor Sterio also published an article with *Jurist* about the war in Ukraine and various violations of international law that have been committed by Russian forces.

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Prof. Sagers Discussed Book Merger with New York Times and NPR

Professor Chris Sagers was quoted by the *New York Times* for a story about the Justice Department's pending challenge to the merger of publishing firms Penguin-Random-House and Simon & Schuster. Professor Sagers also appeared on NPR's nationally syndicated public radio program, *Here & Now*, to discuss the merger.

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Prof. Mika Published on Ukrainian Refugees

Professor Karin Mika's article, "Lessons of the Past and the Humanitarian Outreach of Poland to Ukrainian Refugees," was selected to be part of the inaugural edition of the AALS International Law Section newsletter.

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In Memoriam:

- Rev. Bob Begin '78
- Charles T. Cassaro '69
- William Goldstein '69
- Kevin O. Lowery Jr. '13

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