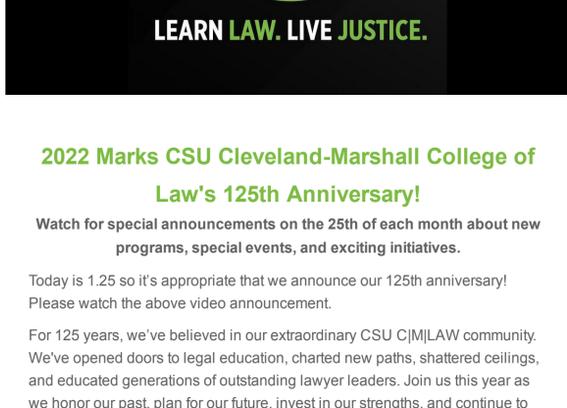




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## 2022 Marks CSU Cleveland-Marshall College of Law's 125th Anniversary!

Watch for special announcements on the 25th of each month about new programs, special events, and exciting initiatives.

Today is 1.25 so it's appropriate that we announce our 125th anniversary! Please watch the above video announcement.

For 125 years, we've believed in our extraordinary CSU CJMLAW community. We've opened doors to legal education, charted new paths, shattered ceilings, and educated generations of outstanding lawyer leaders. Join us this year as we honor our past, plan for our future, invest in our strengths, and continue to believe in our law school. [Watch video](#)

## Alumni Profile: Frank L. Gallucci III '00 Plays Critical Role in Bellwether Opioid Crisis Litigation

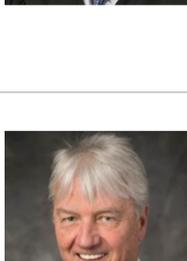
"I believe if there was no stigma attached to the opioid epidemic that everyone in Northeast Ohio would realize it is present somewhere in their circle of people."

CSU Cleveland-Marshall College of Law alumnus and Plevin & Gallucci Company, L.P.A. Principal **Frank L. Gallucci III '00** came to this realization several years ago. The facts surrounding the nationwide opioid crisis are startling. According to the [United States Department of Health and Human Services](#), 1.6 million people in the United States had an opioid use disorder in 2019 and nearly 50,000 people died from opioid-involved overdoses. [Ohio](#), and specifically [Northeast Ohio](#), are experiencing overdose rates above the national average with [Fentanyl](#), a synthetic opioid that is 50-100 times stronger than morphine, accounting for the majority of overdoses.

Gallucci, who has earned a national reputation for expertise in wrongful death, industrial accidents, personal injury, product liability, class action, and medical malpractice litigation, began examining the opioid crisis in 2017 after seeing a constant stream of news stories of deaths due to opioid overdose. His firm met with local government officials to understand how the epidemic was impacting their cities and counties on a number of levels and eventually took on approximately 20 cities and counties as clients.

Recently, Gallucci was a key member of the trial team representing Lake and Trumbull Counties in a seven-week trial in U.S. District Court in Cleveland before **Judge Dan Polster** (a member of the [CJMLAW Hall of Fame](#)) in the nation's first trial attempting to hold pharmacies responsible for their role in the deadly crisis. Gallucci served on the trial team with other leading plaintiff's lawyers (including CJMLAW alumna and Napoli Shkolnik attorney **Maria Fleming '16**) in the bellwether case that resulted in the first [national verdict](#) by a jury in the opioid litigation against pharmaceutical companies that allowed millions of opioid pills to be distributed in Ohio counties. Previously, Gallucci represented Cuyahoga and Summit Counties in [settlements](#) with drug manufacturers and distributors.

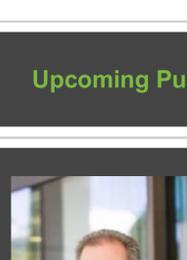
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## Hon. Dick Ambrose '87 Retired from Common Pleas Court

After a distinguished 17 years on the bench, **Judge Dick Ambrose '87** retired from the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court at the end of 2021.

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## Hon. Sean Gallagher '89 Selected as Eighth District Administrative Judge

**Judge Sean C. Gallagher '89** was unanimously elected by his colleagues to serve as the Administrative Judge of the Ohio Court of Appeals, Eighth District in 2022. He has served on the Ohio Court of Appeals since 2003.

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## Upcoming Public Lectures & CLE Events



## COVID AND CRISIS STANDARDS OF CARE: MEDICAL-LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Michael Anderson, M.D., Senior Advisor, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services/Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response

Friday, January 28, 12 pm  
In-person & Virtual Event



## COVID and Crisis Standards of Care: Medical-Legal Implications

Friday, January 28 | 12:00 p.m. | In-person & Virtual

Sponsored by the [CSU CJMLAW Center for Health Law and Policy](#)

Dr. Michael Anderson, a pediatric ICU physician and senior contracted advisor at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services/Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response will discuss the implications of the current use of "Crisis Standards of Care." Attendees will review definitions, clinical roll out and the long term ethical and moral implications.

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## Prof. Robertson Published Book Chapter on Fracking Regulation

**Professor Heidi Gorovitz Robertson** has published a book chapter, titled "Local Jurisdictions and Variations in State Law in the Marcellus Shale Region" in *When Fracking Comes to Town: Governance, Planning and Economic Impacts of the US Shale Boom*.

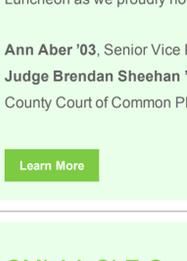
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## Prof. Witmer-Rich Quoted by Law360 on January 6 Prosecution Issues

**Associate Dean/Professor Jonathan Witmer-Rich** was quoted extensively in an article on *Law360*, "Attorneys Take Kitchen Sink Approach in Fighting Jan. 6 Charges." The article discusses pretrial release and detention of January 6 defendants, as well as several defenses that defendants have attempted to raise.

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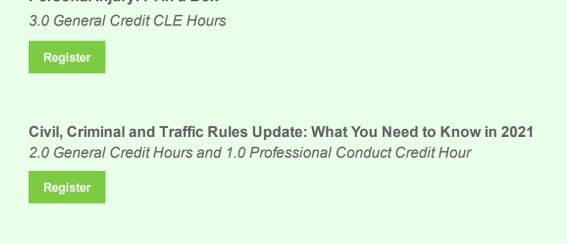
## Prof. Sterio Presented at International Law Event

**Professor Milena Sterio** participated as a panelist in a symposium "The New U.S. Recognition Policy." The symposium was hosted by the Antonin Scalia School of Law at George Mason University, and Sterio discussed the U.S. recognition policy vis-a-vis the Golan Heights and Western Sahara.

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## In Memoriam

- [Robert Wantz '61](#)



## 2022 Annual Recognition Luncheon

Thursday, May 26, 2022 | 12:00 p.m.

Renaissance Cleveland Hotel

Each year, the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association hosts what has been called the largest legal function in the State of Ohio, our Annual Recognition Luncheon (ARL). Join us at the 2022 Annual Recognition Luncheon as we proudly honor Alumni of the Year:

**Ann Aber '03**, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, JOANN  
**Judge Brendan Sheehan '93**, Administrative and Presiding Judge, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas

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## CMLAA CLE On-Demand Webinars

On-demand webinars available virtually via Zoom recording.

### Procedural Aspects of Landlord/Tenant Law

2.0 General Credit CLE Hours

[Register](#)

### 2020 Ethics Seminar with Kegler Brown

2.75 Professional Conduct CLE Hours

[Register](#)

### Personal Injury: PI in a Box

3.0 General Credit CLE Hours

[Register](#)

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

2.0 General Credit Hours and 1.0 Professional Conduct Credit Hour

[Register](#)

### The Hopes and Hold-Ups of Immigration Law: A New Administration and the Effects of a Pandemic

1.0 General Credit CLE Hour

[Register](#)

### The Home Construction Project

3.0 General Credit CLE Hours

[Register](#)

### Revisiting the Calls for Equality in the Criminal Justice System and Ohio's Path Forward

2.0 Professional Conduct Credit CLE Hours

[Register](#)

### Record Sealing Update: An Overview of the Big Changes in Ohio's Expungement Law

1.0 General Credit CLE Hour

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