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Arcola Whatley Joins CSU C|M|LAW to Lead New Pardon, Clemency, and Expungement Clinic

Arcola Whatley has joined the CSU Cleveland-Marshall College of Law adjunct faculty as Director of our new **Pardon, Clemency, and Expungement Clinic**, launched earlier this year.

Whatley, a graduate of Western Michigan University's Thomas M. Cooley Law School, was most recently a Staff Attorney/Lecturer at the Case Western Reserve University School of Law, where she worked with the school's Second Chance Reentry Clinic and Media Law and Free Expression Practicum. She has also served as a staff attorney at the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland and has worked in the City of Cleveland's Law Department and Department of Public Works.

"I see law as a helping profession, and I knew that I wanted to use my talents and education for the benefit of others," explained Whatley. "I can be a partner with my clients on the road to making major life changes so they can secure one of life's basic necessities that ripples through the rest of their life and the lives of their family and community. It's about stabilizing the foundation of a community, one person or family at a time, so that we can build healthier families, stronger communities, and eventually a more just world."

The new CSU C|M|LAW Clinic will represent clients seeking pardon or clemency from the Ohio Governor, or expungement of a prior conviction from a court. The Clinic was developed through a partnership with the **Ohio Governor's Expedited Pardon Project** (OGEPP). Governor Mike DeWine launched the OGEPP in 2019 to fast-track the pardon applications of specific candidates who have become law-abiding and contributing members of society. Since the project's launch, 16 applicants have been pardoned with 86 others in various stages of the application process. CSU C|M|LAW will receive renewable funding through the partnership to sustain the Clinic's operations.

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Save the Date and Celebrate!
125 Years as Cleveland's Iconic Law School

CSU Cleveland-Marshall College of Law marks a milestone this year, 125 years of our enduring commitment to learning law and living justice. Join us for a very special evening of celebration and a unique opportunity to experience Harper Lee's classic American legal story, ***To Kill a Mockingbird***, onstage at Connor Palace Theater. Oscar-winner Aaron Sorkin brings this Broadway hit based on the novel on tour for the first time, directed by Tony Award winner Barlett Sher and starring Emmy Award winner Richard Thomas as Atticus Finch.

Friday, April 29, 2022

5:00 p.m.
Anniversary Celebration at Cibreo Privato
1501 E 14th St, Cleveland, OH 44115

7:30 p.m.
Curtain, ***To Kill a Mockingbird*** at Connor Palace Theater
1615 Euclid Ave, Cleveland, OH 44115

Please mark your calendar and don't miss this important evening.
A detailed invitation will follow soon.

CSU C|M|LAW Student Named Fellow in ABA Police Practices Consortium

CSU C|M|LAW Student **Katrice Williams** was recently named a fellow with the ABA's Legal Education Police Practices Consortium. She's one of 39 consortium fellows, all of whom will be researching public data about local and state law enforcement agencies.

The consortium was created by a small group of deans of ABA-accredited law schools in 2020, including **CSU C|M|LAW Dean Lee Fisher** who served for four years on the Cleveland Community Police Commission, in response to police killings and use of force in primarily Black communities. Fellows are assigned faculty advisers at their law schools, and it is expected that their research will eventually be available in a public database.

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Professors Mika and Robertson Selected for CSU Distinguished Faculty Awards for Teaching

CSU C|M|LAW Professors Karin Mika and **Heidi Gorovitz Robertson** were selected by the CSU Distinguished Faculty Awards Committee to receive the university's highest **Faculty Awards for Teaching**. Professor Robertson will receive the Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching while Professor Mika will receive the Provost's Teaching Award at an Awards Ceremony on April 5.

CSU C|M|LAW Professors Discuss Russia-Ukraine Conflict

CSU C|M|LAW Professors Milena Sterio, **Brian Ray**, **John Plecnik** and **Mark Sundahl** took part in a panel discussion on the ongoing Russia-Ukraine Conflict on Monday, March 7 moderated by **Professor David Forte**. The event was sponsored by the Dean's ad hoc Committee on Civil and Informed Discourse.

A video of the panel discussion is now available.

Watch

Upcoming Public Lectures & CLE Events

CSU-NLG Symposium: Beyond Black Letter Law

Monday, March 28 - Wednesday, March 30 | In-Person

Cleveland State University National Lawyers Guild will present a three-day symposium discussing the topic of movement lawyering, covering a range of topics discussed by attorneys and community members.

DAY ONE: REIMAGINING POLICING
MONDAY, MARCH 28, 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.

Over the last decade with the advancement of cell phone technology, the conversation around U.S. policing has once again become a major issue. Instances of violence, primarily against Black and people of color, have not increased but are for the first time in history being recorded and put out to the public. Few debate that the system of policing needs improved; police are asked to be society's first responders to everything from violent crimes, mental health crises, elder and juvenile care, social work, and drug overdoses. However, thoughtful discussions around solutions are getting drowned out by polarizing politics. What does "defund the police," actually mean, and how does that differ from "police reform?" This panel will focus on speakers doing the real work in Cleveland of untangling these questions. Find out for yourself what alternatives exist, and if we should be using them.

DAY TWO: MOVEMENT LAWYERING
TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.

Put into practice, movement lawyering can take many forms, and lawyers practicing in all areas can use their expertise in the law to align themselves with social movements. For instance, criminal defense and civil litigation attorneys often align themselves with police and government misconduct dissent movements. Environmental attorneys and civil litigators may find themselves working together on class actions and doing race-discrimination work. This panel will focus on speakers who have built successful careers as practicing movement lawyers in a variety of fields.

DAY THREE: LAW FOR THE PEOPLE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Traditionally, the legal field is the seat of power for many of the roles in our society, from politics, finance, the corporate sector, to the judiciary. Public interest lawyers work in much-needed areas of government and social sectors providing direct service to the community. Movement Lawyering takes on a different philosophy; by using the law to align ourselves with the community, and taking direction from their leadership, and their social movements, as opposed to imposing our own leadership. This area of the legal field seeks to utilize the law to bolster the power of people, organizers, and dismantle systems of oppression to work toward transformative justice and lasting change. This panel will focus on speakers who have made it their life's work to help foster movement lawyering within the community they live in.

2 free hours CLE per session pending

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Academic Awards Ceremony

Thursday, March 31 | 5:00 p.m. | In-Person

CSU Cleveland-Marshall College of Law's Annual Awards Ceremony celebrating our students' academic successes.

Reception to Follow

RSVP by Monday, March 21 to Jaime Gay at j.gay@csuohio.edu or 216-687-4557.

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Journal of Law & Health/Global Business Law Review Symposiums

Friday, April 8 | 9:00 a.m. | In-Person

Two of Cleveland-Marshall's excellent journals, the *Global Business Law Review* and the *Journal of Law and Health*, are pleased to present C|M|LAW's 2nd Annual Symposium Day, hosting expert panels to address timely legal issues.

PART ONE: FEMALE THOUGHT LEADERS IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY

Sponsored by the Global Business Law Review

Female Thought Leaders in Immigration Law in Modern Day America
This panel, featuring **Margaret Wong**, will discuss immigration law issues that are prevalent in today's immigration process, and Ms. Wong's experiences in this field of law.

Female Thought Leaders in Cybersecurity, Technology and Data Privacy
This panel will discuss hot button issues in international law and technology, as well as hot topics in data privacy and cybersecurity today. Panelists: **Ariana Evers** and **Bethany Houghton**

Female Thought Leaders in Business Organizations
This panel, featuring Eaton Corporation General Counsel **Nancy Berardinelli-Krantz**, will discuss issues faced by corporations and businesses in a post-pandemic world, and what law practitioners need to know to overcome them.

***Attendance for this session earns 3.0 CLE Hours*

PART TWO: DIGITAL HEALTH & TECHNOLOGY
Sponsored by the Journal of Law and Health

Keynote Speaker - Prof. I. Glenn Cohen
Prof. Cohen will discuss an overview of hot topics in artificial intelligence in healthcare, including prominent issues in artificial intelligence in healthcare in the evolving digital age.

Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare and Law
Discussion of artificial Intelligence in healthcare and law including discrimination, individual autonomy, and the ethical and legal challenges for big data and any encompassing topics. Panelists: **Sharona Hoffman**, **Charlotte Tschider**, **Sara Gerke**.

Digital Healthcare and Technology
This panel will discuss rising concerns regarding digital health & technology with a focus on compliance for telehealth and data privacy and protection concerns in the new digital age. Round table discussion of digital health & technology with a focus on compliance and legal issues in telehealth, data privacy and protection, and the impact of evolving technology in healthcare in the new digital age. Panelists: **Jeffrey Kapp**, **Gregory Tapocsi** and **Bradley Reed**.

***Attendance for this session earns 3.5 CLE Hours*

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Criminal Justice Forum

Listening to Defendants

Wednesday, April 13 | 5:00 p.m. | In-Person

Bennett Capers, Professor of Law and Director of Center on Race, Law & Justice, Fordham University School of Law

Professor Capers plans to discuss all the ways we silence criminal defendants and will make the argument that we have gotten everything wrong. Specifically, he argues that we would be better off if we listened to defendants. Listening to defendants has the potential to help us rethink why people offend. It has the potential to contribute to rehabilitation and perceptions of legitimacy. It can benefit victims by facilitating something akin to restorative justice and by allowing victims their own right of confrontation. And it can benefit the rest of us as well.

1 free hour CLE pending

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11th Annual Entertainment and Sports Law Association Symposium

Friday, April 15 | 9:30 a.m. | In-Person

CSU Cleveland-Marshall College of Law's Entertainment and Sports Law Association will host its 11th Annual Entertainments and Sports Law Symposium. It will discuss emerging issues and developments in the fields of entertainment and sports law with attorneys and other industry professionals from around the country.

Details and Registration COMING SOON.

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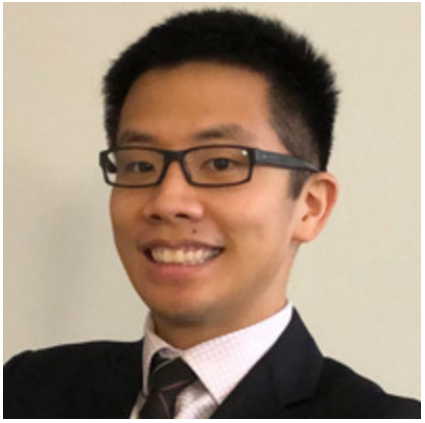

Prof. Ahn Published on Supreme Court Candidate

Professor Matthew Ahn published an article, “No Compassion,” on his original research into potential Supreme Court nominee J. Michelle Childs’s criminal justice record as a district court judge. The article is published at *Inquest*, a forum created by Harvard Law School’s Institute to End Mass Incarceration.

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Prof. Sagers to Publish on Mergers

Professor Chris Sagers will publish his paper “Why Do Corporations Merge and Why Should Law Care?” in the *Michigan Journal of Law Reform*.

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Prof. Sterio Spoke on Ukraine-Russia Conflict at Multiple Events

Professor Milena Sterio was a guest on *The Sound of Ideas* radio program and moderated both local and international panels discussing international law issues related to the ongoing Ukraine-Russia conflict.

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Prof. Laser Discussed NFTs on Podcast

Professor Christa Laser appeared as a guest on the podcast “3 Things to Know,” hosted by WKYC journalist Stephanie Haney. She discussed intellectual property issues related to non-fungible tokens (NFTs).

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Prof. Laser Quoted in Bloomberg Law on Patent Case

Professor Christa Laser was quoted in an article in Bloomberg Law, “Suppliers Out in Patent License Talks After Appeals Ruling.” The article discusses a recent Fifth Circuit case in which suppliers of cellular components for cars sued standard essential patent holders for alleged antitrust violations.

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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

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2021 Ethics Seminar with Kegler Brown
2.75 Professional Conduct CLE Hours

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Personal Injury: PI in a Box
3.0 General Credit CLE Hours

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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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Modern Issues in Divorce; Custody, Support and Finances
2.0 General Credit CLE Hour

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