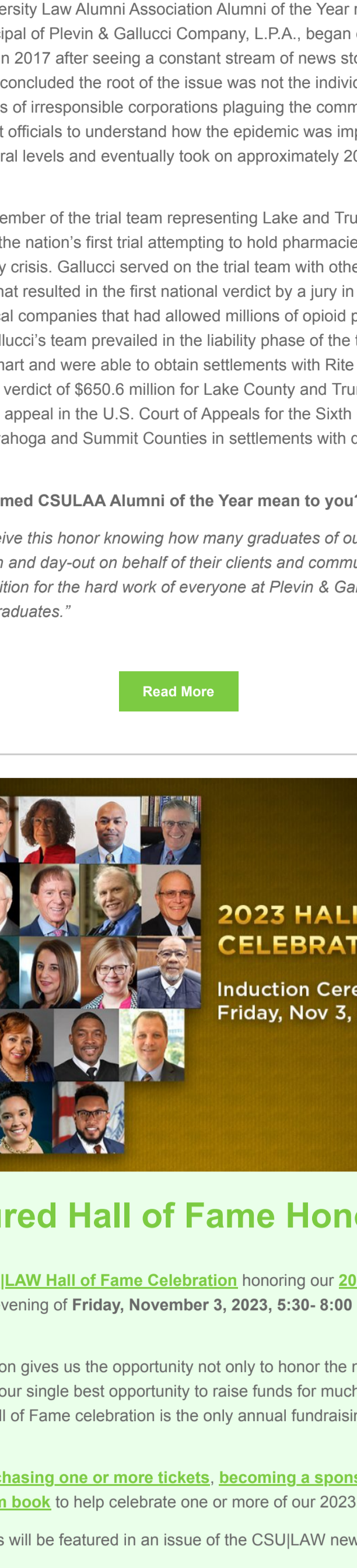




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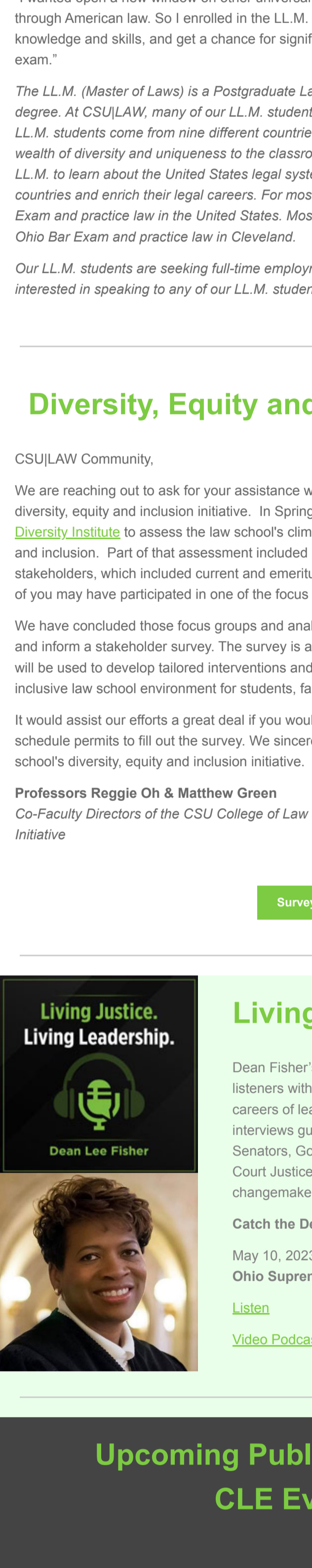
## CSULAA Alumni of The Year Recipient Profile: Frank L. Gallucci III '00

Cleveland State University Law Alumni Association Alumni of the Year recipient **Frank L. Gallucci III '00**, Principal of Plevin & Gallucci Company, L.P.A., began examining the national opioid crisis in 2017 after seeing a constant stream of news stories of deaths due to opioid overdose. He concluded the root of the issue was not the individuals addicted to opioids but the actions of irresponsible corporations plaguing the community. His firm met with local government officials to understand how the epidemic was impacting their cities and counties on several levels and eventually took on approximately 20 cities and counties as clients.

Gallucci was a key member of the trial team representing Lake and Trumbull Counties in U.S. District Court 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 plaintiffs in the bellwether case that resulted in the first national verdict by a jury in the opioid litigation against pharmaceutical companies that had allowed millions of opioid pills to be distributed in Ohio counties. Gallucci's team prevailed in the liability phase of the trial against CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart and were able to obtain settlements with Rite Aid and Giant Eagle, ultimately obtaining a verdict of \$650.6 million for Lake County and Trumbull County. (That verdict is currently on appeal in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.) Gallucci has also represented Cuyahoga and Summit Counties in settlements with drug manufacturers and distributors.

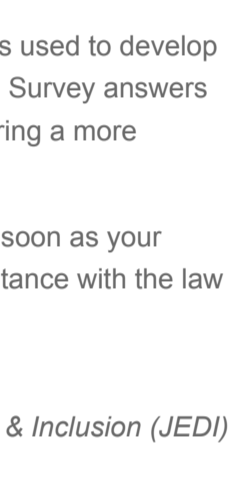
**What does being named CSULAA Alumni of the Year mean to you?**  
*"It is humbling to receive this honor knowing how many graduates of our law school do incredible work day-in and day-out on behalf of their clients and community. I am receiving the credit and recognition for the hard work of everyone at Plevin & Gallucci, many of whom are also CSU|LAW graduates."*

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## 2023 HALL OF FAME CELEBRATION

Induction Ceremony  
Friday, Nov 3, 2023 - 5:30pm



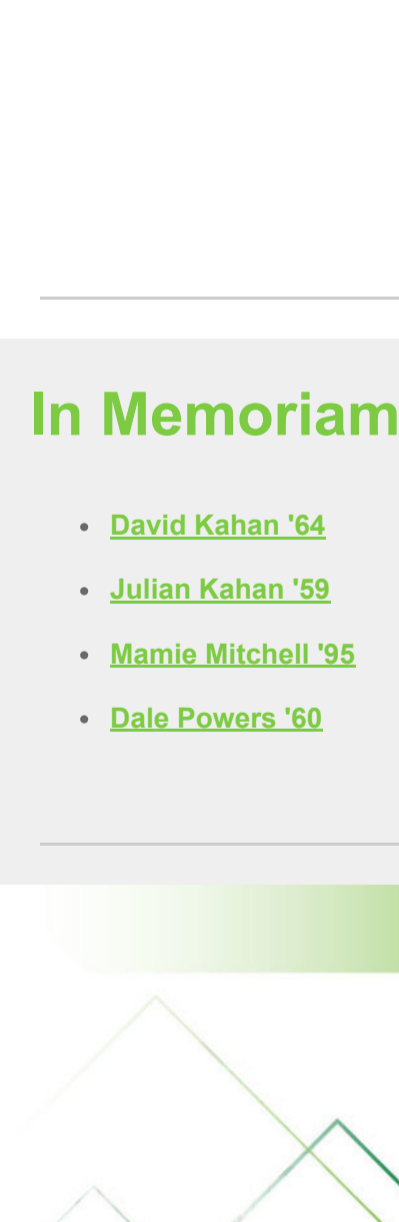
## Featured Hall of Fame Honorees

Our **6th Annual CSU|LAW Hall of Fame Celebration** honoring our **2023 Hall of Fame Honorees** is on the evening of **Friday, November 3, 2023, 5:30- 8:00 p.m.** at the law school.

This special celebration gives us the opportunity not only to honor the new class of inductees but also is our single best opportunity to raise funds for much-needed student scholarships. The Hall of Fame celebration is the only annual fundraising event sponsored by the law school.

Please consider [purchasing one or more tickets](#), [becoming a sponsor](#), and/or [placing an ad in the program book](#) to help celebrate one or more of our 2023 inductees.

Each of our Honorees will be featured in an issue of the CSU|LAW newsletter. Meet two of the honorees below.

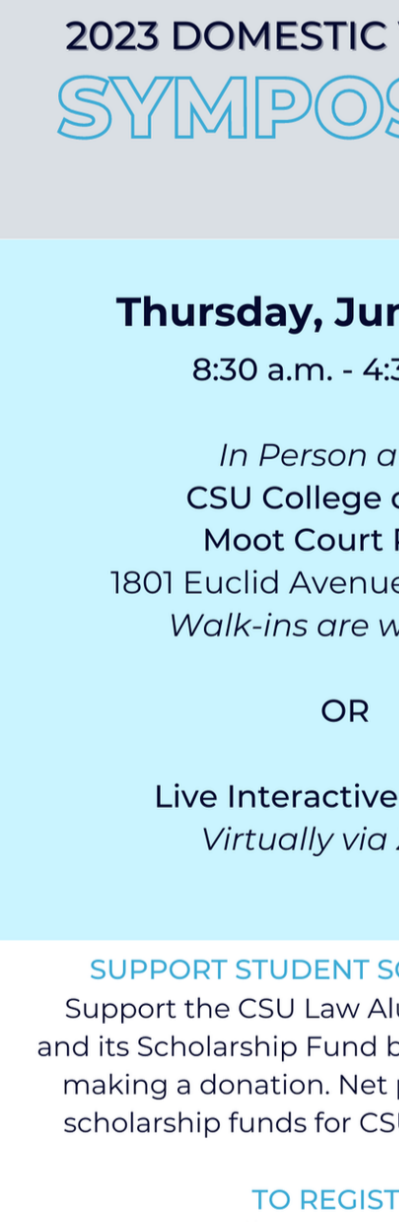


### Steve Auvil

CLASS OF 1993  
Office Managing Partner, Cleveland, Squire Patton Boggs

*"CSU|LAW is a law school of opportunity for, among others, students who are economically disadvantaged, as I was when I arrived. I attended three law schools (CSU|LAW, Penn Law, and NYU Law) during my journey, and CSU Law punches well above its weight in legal education. I deeply value and appreciate the education I received at CSU|LAW as well as the lasting friendships that I made with professors and students alike."*

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### Dr. Reggie Oh

Former Records Officer, CSU College of Law

*"CSU|LAW is the place where hardworking faculty and staff join with hardworking students to learn law and live justice. I'm truly fortunate to have been a part of its success."*

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### Terry Billups

CLASS OF 2005  
Chief General Counsel, Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority

*"CSU|LAW means opportunity and change to me. It provides an opportunity for a new beginning, for growth, leadership, and success. It fosters the opportunity to Learn Law. Live Justice. and to become the catalyst for change that we want to see and experience in our communities."*

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## Featured LL.M. Student: Mohamed Marzouk

**Mohamed Marzouk** is a current LL.M. student at CSU|LAW. He has been practicing law in Egypt since 2004, both teaching and providing legal advice in Contract, Obligations, Employment Security Law, and Property. Working as an Associate Professor of Civil Law in Egypt, Mohamed realized that it is not enough for him to know about Egyptian law or the Civil law system. He plans to practice law in the United States in one of his previous fields of experience.

"I wanted open a new window on other universal legal systems, the Common law System through American law. So I enrolled in the LL.M. program at CSU|LAW to acquire new knowledge and skills, and get a chance for significant education in preparing for the Bar exam."

*The LL.M. (Master of Laws) is a Postgraduate Law Degree for students with a J.D. or LL.B degree. At CSU|LAW, many of our LL.M. students are international students. Currently our LL.M. students come from nine different countries, speak several languages and add a wealth of diversity and uniqueness to the classroom experience. For some, they obtain the LL.M. to learn about the United States legal system so they can go back to their home countries and enrich their legal careers. For most, they obtain an LL.M. to sit for the Bar Exam and practice law in the United States. Most of our LL.M. students hope to take the Ohio Bar Exam and practice law in Cleveland.*

*Our LL.M. students are seeking full-time employment once they graduate. If you are interested in speaking to any of our LL.M. students, email [llm.program@law.csuohio.edu](mailto:llm.program@law.csuohio.edu).*

## Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Survey

CSU|LAW Community,  
 We are reaching out to ask for your assistance with the CSU College of Law's ongoing diversity, equity and inclusion initiative. In Spring 2022, the law school engaged [The Diversity Institute](#) to assess the law school's climate and culture related to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Part of that assessment included holding a series of focus groups with stakeholders, which included current and emeritus faculty, students, staff and alumni. Some of you may have participated in one of the focus group discussions.

We have concluded those focus groups and analyzed that data which was used to develop and inform a stakeholder survey. The survey is a critical assessment tool. Survey answers will be used to develop tailored interventions and trainings aimed at fostering a more inclusive law school environment for students, faculty and staff.

It would assist our efforts a great deal if you would take a few minutes as soon as your schedule permits to fill out the survey. We sincerely appreciate your assistance with the law school's diversity, equity and inclusion initiative.

**Professors Reggie Oh & Matthew Green**  
 Co-Faculty Directors of the CSU College of Law Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (JEDI) Initiative

[Survey](#)



## Living Justice Podcast

Dean Fisher's popular biweekly podcasts provide our listeners with inspiration and insight into the lives and careers of leaders and advocates for justice. He interviews guests from current and former U.S. Senators, Governors, Attorneys General, Ohio Supreme Court Justices, CEOs, and lawyers, to disrupters, changemakers, and innovators.

Catch the Dean's Latest Podcast!  
 May 10, 2023: Episodes 20 & 21  
 Ohio Supreme Court Justice Melody Stewart '88

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## Upcoming Public Lectures & CLE Events



## All Rise: A Festival of Film & Law

Five Films – Five Days - 5pm Monday, October 16 - Friday, October 20

All Rise: A Festival of Film & Law is back! Following last year's successful inaugural event, we're pleased to present another slate of documentary and narrative films at the intersection of law and film. Five films will be presented at 5 P.M. across five days. Panel discussions and a diverse selection of guest speakers at each event serve as a catalyst for compelling conversations surrounding cinema, law and justice.

The festival takes place at Playhouse Square with screenings at the Westfield Studio Theater, the CSU School of Media Arts, and the SCHEDULE TBA.

*All screenings are free and open to the public. SCHEDULE TBA*

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## Dean Fisher Writes on CSU College of Law Name Change

Dean Lee Fisher has published an article in Cleveland Magazine titled, "A New Era for CSU's Law School: Why the Name Change Matters."

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## Prof. Sterio to Co-Edit Book on Ukraine and Legal Accountability for Russia

Professor Milena Sterio will co-edit a book titled "Ukraine and the Legal Accountability of Russia: The Emergence of a New Global Order." The book will be published by Routledge in 2024. This will be Professor Sterio's eighth book.

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## In Memoriam

- [David Kahan '64](#)
- [Julian Kahan '59](#)
- [Mamie Mitchell '95](#)
- [Dale Powers '60](#)

## CSU|LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

### The 2023 Luncheon will honor Alumni of the Year:



**FRANK L. GALLUCCI, III '00**  
Principal, Plevin & Gallucci Company, L.P.A.



**THE HONORABLE DEBORAH M. TURNER '97**  
Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court

## 2023 Annual Recognition Luncheon

Thursday, May 25, 2023 | Noon  
Hilton Cleveland Downtown

Join us at the 2023 Annual Recognition Luncheon as we proudly honor Alumni of the Year, **The Honorable Deborah M. Turner '97**, Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court and **Frank L. Gallucci, III '00**, Principal, Plevin & Gallucci Company, L.P.A. These two distinguished alumni are being honored for their commitments to the CSU|LAW Alumni Association, contributions to CSU College of Law and career accomplishments within our legal community.

[Register](#)

## 2023 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SYMPOSIUM

Thursday, June 1, 2023  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

*In Person at the CSU College of Law Moot Court Room 1801 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland Walk-ins are welcome*

OR

*Live Interactive Webinar Virtually via Zoom*

**SUPPORT STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS**  
 Support the CSU Law Alumni Association and its Scholarship Fund by registering or by making a donation. Net proceeds benefit scholarship funds for CSU|LAW students.

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 EMAIL >> [cmacle@gmail.com](mailto:cmacle@gmail.com)  
 CALL >> 216-687-2368



**6.5 CLE Credit Hours**  
(Full Day, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)  
Pending Approval

**3.0 CLE Credit Hours**  
(Half Day, 8:30 a.m.-Noon or 1:00-4:30 p.m.)  
Pending Approval

**CPT Credits**  
Pending Approval

**REGISTRATION**  
*Lunch will be provided for Full Day, In Person attendees.*

>> General Attorney Admission  
 Full Day: \$160.00  
 Half Day: \$90.00

>> Non-Attorney Admission  
 \$50.00

>> Student Admission  
 Free

[REGISTER TODAY](#)

## 2023 Domestic Violence Symposium

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 CSU College of Law-Moot Court Room OR Virtually via Zoom

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## CSU|LAW Alumni Association CLE On-Demand Webinars

*The CSULAA's 2023 Annual Meeting will follow this All Day CLE*

**2022 Ethics Seminar with Kegler Brown**  
 2.5 Professional Conduct CLE Hours

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**The Hopes and Hold-Ups of Immigration Law: A New Administration and the Effects of a Pandemic**  
 1.0 General Credit CLE Hour

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**Landlord Tenant Law**  
 2.0 General Credit CLE Hours

[Register](#)

**The Home Construction Project**  
 3.0 General Credit CLE Hours

[Register](#)

**Small Business Law Update: New Legal Landmines for Small Businesses to Avoid**  
 2.0 General Credit CLE Hours

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**Record Sealing Update: An Overview of the Big Changes in Ohio's Expungement Law**  
 1.0 General Credit CLE Hour

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**Revisiting the Calls for Equality in the Criminal Justice System and Ohio's Path Forward**  
 2.0 Professional Conduct Credit CLE Hours

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

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**The Law After 9/11: Changes in Privacy, Prosecution and Procedure**  
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**Lawyers on Nonprofit Boards**  
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