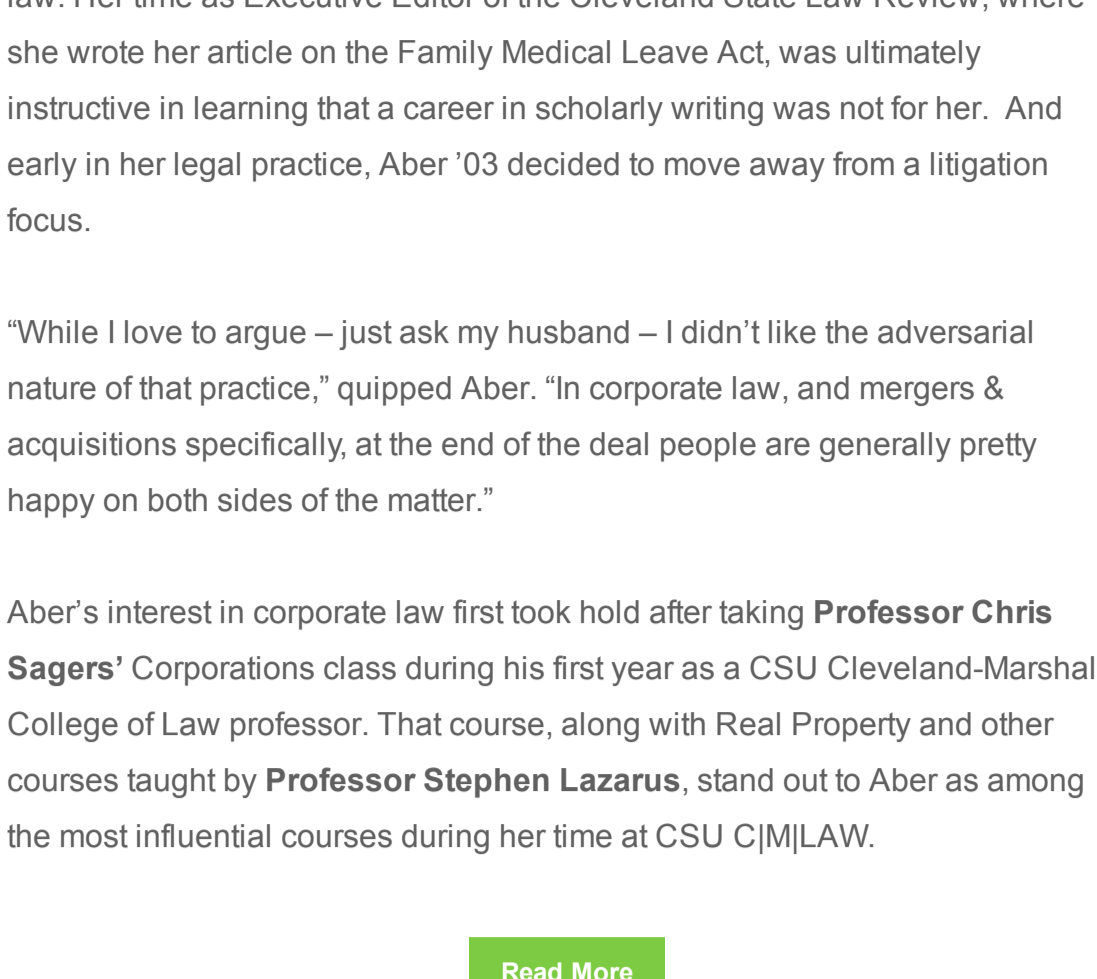


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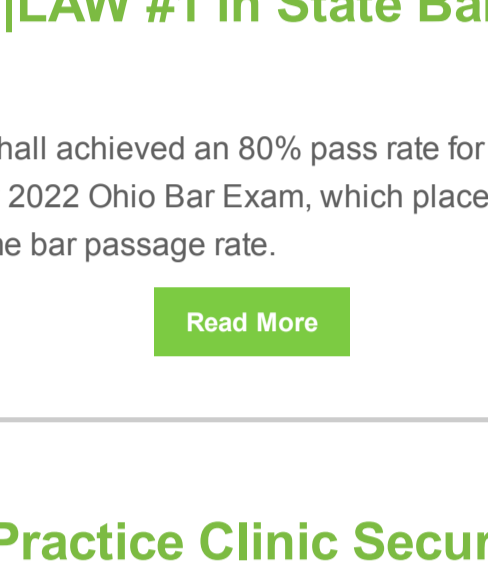
CMLAA Alumni of the Year Recipient Profile: Ann Aber '03

Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association Alumni of the Year recipient **Ann Aber**'s career path to becoming one of the most prominent corporate lawyers in the area as Senior Vice President, Chief Legal Officer & Secretary of JOANN Inc. started by eliminating several career possibilities along the way. She was originally interested in the medical field in college before switching to law. Her time as Executive Editor of the Cleveland State Law Review, where she wrote her article on the Family Medical Leave Act, was ultimately instructive in learning that a career in scholarly writing was not for her. And early in her legal practice, Aber '03 decided to move away from a litigation focus.

"While I love to argue – just ask my husband – I didn't like the adversarial nature of that practice," quipped Aber. "In corporate law, and mergers & acquisitions specifically, at the end of the deal people are generally pretty happy on both sides of the matter."

Aber's interest in corporate law first took hold after taking **Professor Chris Sagers'** Corporations class during his first year as a CSU Cleveland-Marshall College of Law professor. That course, along with Real Property and other courses taught by **Professor Stephen Lazarus**, stand out to Aber as among the most influential courses during her time at CSU C|MJLAW.

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CMLAA Alumni of the Year Recipient Profile: The Honorable Brendan Sheehan '93

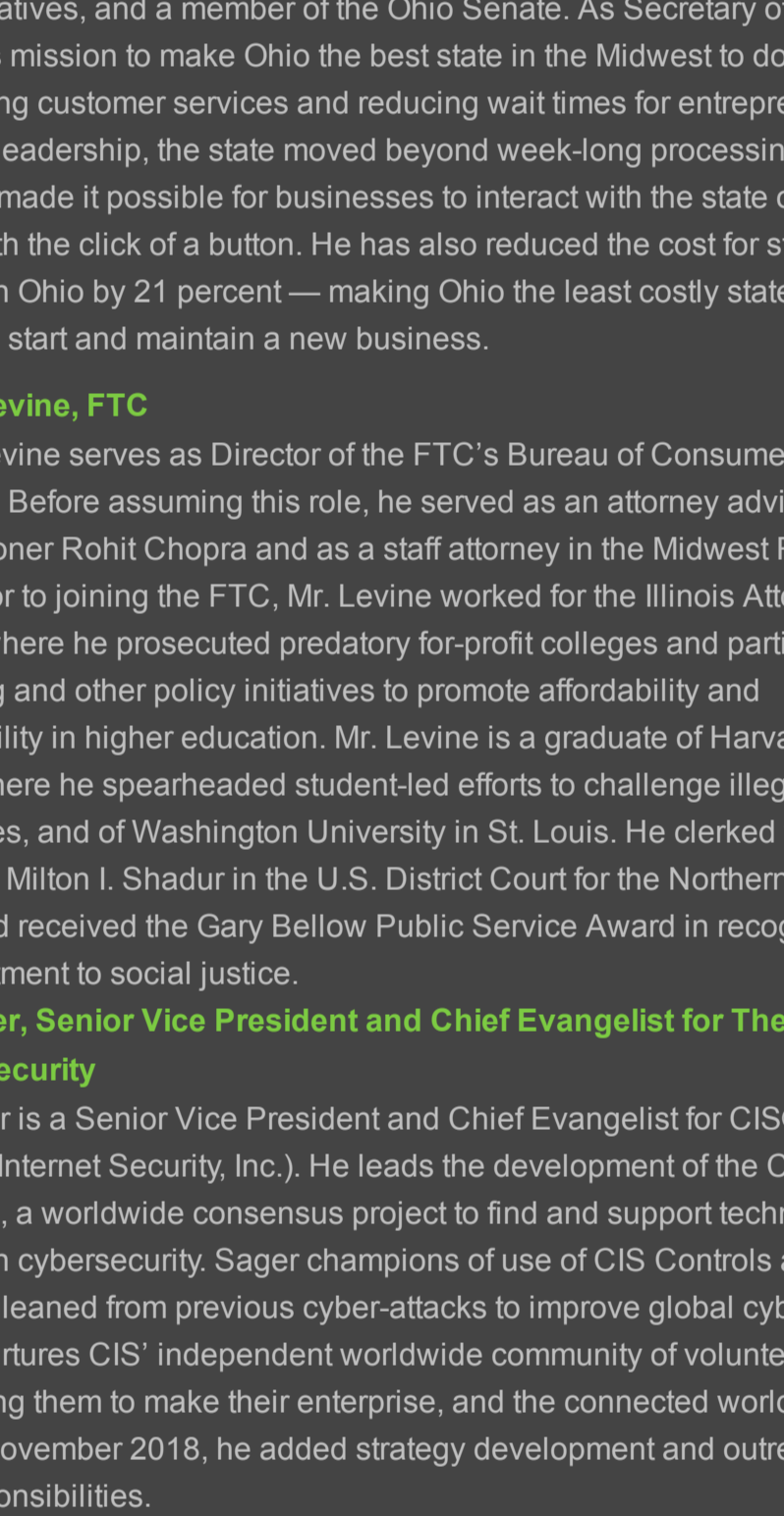
Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association Alumni of the Year recipient **The Honorable Brendan Sheehan '93**, the Administrative and Presiding Judge of the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, was driven to a career in law for a deeply personal reason.

Judge Sheehan's father, Timothy Sheehan, who worked at Cleveland State University as an Assistant Superintendent for buildings and grounds, was murdered when Brendan was 15 years old. Brendan sat in the back of a courtroom and watched a jury convict the man who killed his father. It was then he knew he wanted to pursue a career in law.

"I saw the judge and the prosecutor treat the case and all the parties with dignity and respect," explained Judge Sheehan. "I knew then that I wanted to aspire to be a judge so I could help others navigate the legal system and provide a fair courtroom where everyone is treated with the same dignity and respect."

The prosecutor on that trial, Senior United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio Judge Donald Nugent '74, became a mentor and friend to Sheehan after the trial and Sheehan regularly called Judge Nugent for advice. When Judge Nugent later served on the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas, he hired Sheehan as his bailiff and eventually encouraged Sheehan to attend his alma mater at CSU Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

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CSU C|MJLAW #1 in State Bar Passage

CSU Cleveland-Marshall achieved an 80% pass rate for first-time bar exam takers of the February 2022 Ohio Bar Exam, which placed us first of Ohio's nine law schools in first-time bar passage rate.

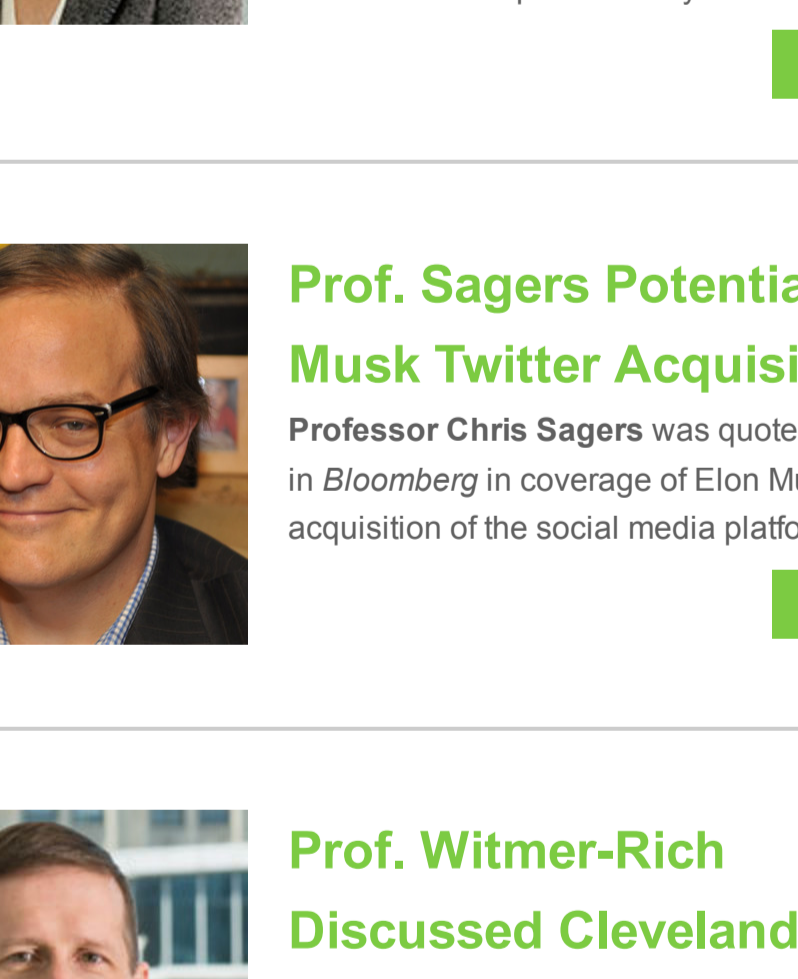
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Appellate Practice Clinic Secures Another Win with the Sixth Circuit

The Cleveland-Marshall Appellate Practice Clinic, directed by **Professor Doron Kallr**, has secured a fourth straight victory in the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. The Clinic was appointed to represent Liston Watson on appeal.

In the district court, Watson entered into a plea agreement providing for a maximum 30-year sentence. At the sentencing hearing, however, the district court imposed a sentence of 30 years and one day, based on the court's belief that the additional day was legally required.

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Adjunct Professor Kirk Herath Appointed as Ohio's Cybersecurity Strategic Advisor

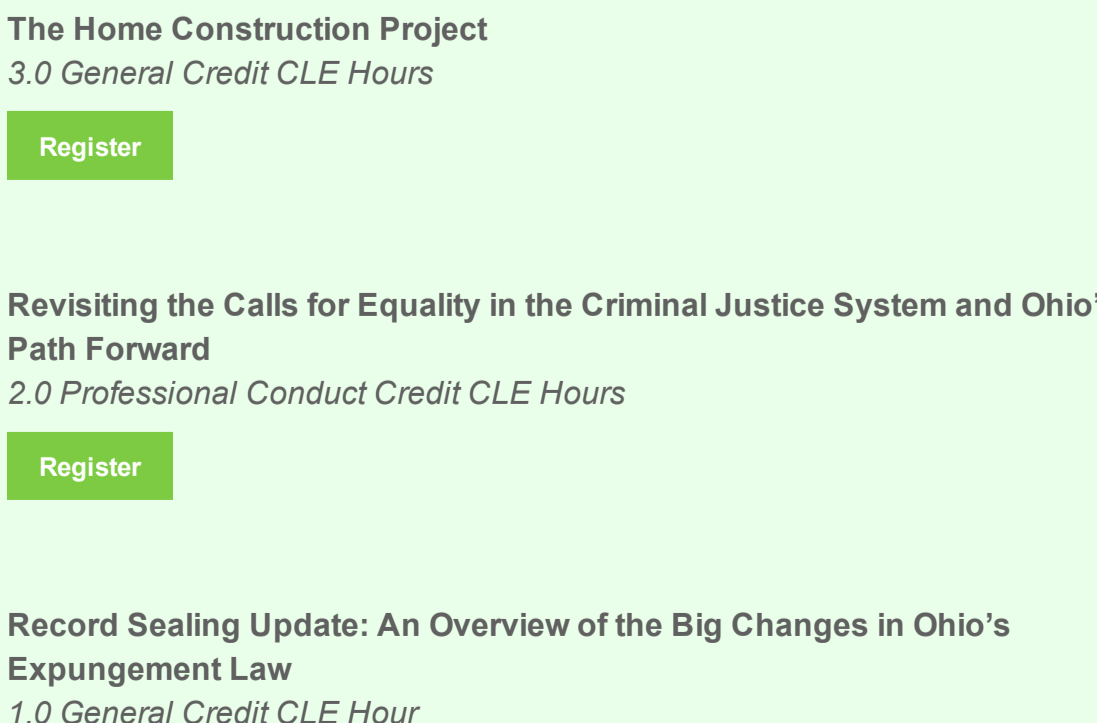
Ohio Governor Mike DeWine announced that **CSU C|MJLAW Adjunct Professor Kirk Herath** has been appointed to the role of Cybersecurity Strategic Advisor, a new position created within his administration. Herath will guide Ohio's wide-ranging cybersecurity efforts across agencies, including the Adjutant General's Office, the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, and the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

"Kirk Herath has decades of experience in cybersecurity and data privacy," Governor Dewine said in a statement. "I am pleased that Kirk will bring this expertise to the State to ensure Ohio leads the nation in cybersecurity and resiliency and its cybersecurity workforce."

Herath teaches as an adjunct professor at CSU Cleveland-Marshall College of Law's [Center for Cybersecurity and Privacy Protection](#). He is also a member of the Center for Cybersecurity and Privacy Protection's [National Advisory Board](#).

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Upcoming Public Lectures & CLE Events



2022 Cybersecurity and Privacy Protection Conference

Thursday, May 19, 2022 • 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday, May 20, 2022 • 8:00 a.m. - 12 p.m.
In-Person | Moot Court Room

A truly cross-sector event, Cleveland-Marshall's Cybersecurity and Privacy Protection Conference is one of the leading educational and networking events in the Great Lakes region and features rich content of interest to legal and compliance professionals, information technology and security experts, and executives responsible for developing security and privacy policies.

Keynote Speakers:

Kirk Herath, Cybersecurity Strategic Advisor for the State of Ohio
Kirk Herath was recently appointed as the State of Ohio's first Cybersecurity Strategic Advisor by Governor Mike DeWine. Prior to his appointment, he was a Principal with Pillars Consulting Group. He recently retired as Vice-President, Associate General Counsel and Chief Privacy Officer for Nationwide Insurance Companies and affiliates based in Columbus, Ohio.

Jon Husted, Ohio Lt. Governor
Lt. Governor Jon Husted oversees the Ohio Common Sense Initiative (CSI) and serves as the Director of both the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation and InnovateOhio. On November 6, 2018, Jon Husted was elected to serve as Lt. Governor of the State of Ohio. Husted also previously served as Ohio Secretary of State, Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives, and a member of the Ohio Senate. As Secretary of State, Jon made it his mission to make Ohio the best state in the Midwest to do business by improving customer services and reducing wait times for entrepreneurs. Under his leadership, the state moved beyond week-long processing of paper forms and made it possible for businesses to interact with the state over the internet with the click of a button. He has also reduced the cost for starting a business in Ohio by 21 percent — making Ohio the least costly state in the Midwest to start and maintain a new business.

Samuel Levine, FTC
Samuel Levine serves as Director of the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection. Before assuming this role, he served as an attorney advisor to Commissioner Rohit Chopra and as a staff attorney in the Illinois Regional Office. Prior to joining the FTC, Mr. Levine worked for the Illinois Attorney General, where he prosecuted predatory for-profit colleges and participated in rulemaking and other policy initiatives to promote affordability and accountability in higher education. Mr. Levine is a graduate of Harvard Law School, where he spearheaded student-led efforts to challenge illegal foreclosures, and of Washington University in St. Louis. He clerked with The Honorable Milton I. Shadur in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, and received the Gary Bellow Public Service Award in recognition of his commitment to social justice.

Tony Sager, Senior Vice President and Chief Evangelist for The Center for Internet Security
Tony Sager is a Senior Vice President and Chief Evangelist for CIS® (The Center for Internet Security, Inc.). He leads the development of the CIS Controls™, a worldwide consensus project to find and support technical best practices in cybersecurity. Sager champions of use of CIS Controls and other solutions gleaned from previous cyber-attacks to improve global cyber defense. He also nurtures CIS' independent worldwide community of volunteers, encouraging them to make their enterprise, and the connected world, a safer place. In November 2018, he added strategy development and outreach for CIS to his responsibilities.

12 hrs OH CLE (incl. 1 Ethics)/12 IAPP CPE credits
(CIPP/US, CIPPIE, CIPM, CIPT) pending

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CSU Cleveland-Marshall College of Law's Entertainment & Sports Law Association (ESLA) Golf Outing

Friday, May 20

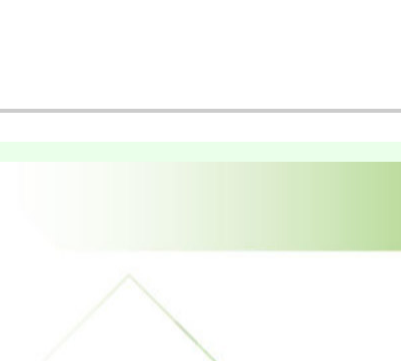
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Prof. Sterio Assisted in Human Rights Documentation Project for Rohingya Refugees

Professor Milena Sterio traveled to Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, in order to continue her work on a large human rights documentation project involving the Rohingya refugee community. Sterio has been working on behalf of the Public International Law and Policy Group on documenting human rights abuses that were committed against the Myanmar ethnic group in Myanmar by Myanmar authorities.

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Prof. Sterio Quoted on Ukraine Conflict by Politifact

Professor Milena Sterio was quoted in an article on war crimes prosecutions in the Ukraine conflict published by *Politifact*.

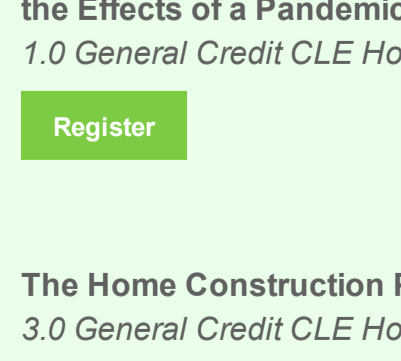
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Prof. Sagers Potential on Musk Twitter Acquisition

Professor Chris Sagers was quoted in *Bloomberg* in coverage of Elon Musk's acquisition of the social media platform Twitter.

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Prof. Witmer-Rich Discussed Cleveland Police Use of Facial Recognition

Professor Jonathan Witmer-Rich was quoted in a story on *Ideastream*, "City official says Cleveland police have facial recognition tech. How it's being used is unclear."

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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, Chief Legal Officer & 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

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The Home Construction Project
3.0 General Credit CLE Hours

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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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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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