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Student Profile: Mary Walsh

CSU Cleveland-Marshall College of Law 4LE student **Mary Walsh** has always been passionate about animals. In addition to raising her pet dog, she has donated her time and resources to animal rescue organizations and animal welfare advocacy efforts.

However animal advocacy as a profession was not on the radar for Mary until 2017, when the U.S. Department of Agriculture's decision to black out its animal welfare database sparked outrage in the animal advocacy community. Believing that her local advocacy was no longer enough, Mary decided to enroll in law school later that year.

"I want to use my law degree to advocate for and protect vulnerable communities and, in my opinion, animals are the most vulnerable," explained Walsh. "In fact, they are essentially property under the law, though arguably they are receiving 'rights' in the sense that laws mandate certain duties by humans."

Law school had always interested Mary, but she elected not to immediately attend after graduating from the Cleveland State University with a Bachelor of Arts in English Language and Literature due to financial constraints. Instead, Mary has worked for more than a decade at University Hospitals (UH), primarily as a Research Regulatory Specialist in the clinical trials unit at UH's Seidman Cancer Center.

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New Graduate Profiles

*Our most recent class of 2020 graduates are actively engaged in their permanent job search, and you can help! To connect with any of our talented Class of 2020 graduates, please contact **Assistant Dean for Student and Career Services Sarah Beznoska**, at s.beznoska@csuohio.edu.*



Daria Chalupa

Daria Chalupa is a newly licensed attorney who passed the October 2020 bar examination and is seeking a public defender role in a rural/semi-rural area of Ohio coming off her work as a Post-Graduate Fellow with the Federal Public Defender - Northern District of Ohio.

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Halie Evans

Halie Evans is a newly licensed class of 2020 graduate who gained legal work experience as a research assistant for **Professor Heidi Gorovitz Robertson**, a law clerk at Friedman and Nemecek and a legal extern at the Department of Justice. Halie is looking to grow within a transactional position that incorporates tax law and estate planning.

[Read More about Halie ▶](#)

Lacey Mencl

Lacey Mencl is a newly licensed class of 2020 graduate who has the work experience and interests to make her well-qualified for a successful career in sports law. She is equipped to add value to a practice focused on litigation or transactional matters.

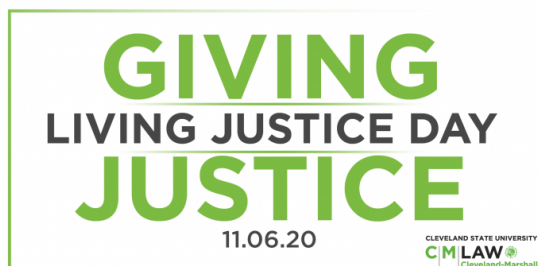
[Read More about Lacey ▶](#)



Kelly Wojtila

Kelly Wojtila is one of our class of 2020 students who passed the October 2020 Ohio bar examination. Kelly will bring her client-focused approach, strong work ethic, and extensive legal experience to her work as a new attorney.

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CSU C|M|LAW Received AALS Institutional Advancement Section Recognition

The CSU C|M|LAW Advancement team of **Amy Miller** and **Ashley Presutto** received recognition from the American Association of Law School Institutional Advancement Section for our [Living Justice Day 2020](#) event. The recognition was based on 2020 programs related to alumni relations, development, and/or marketing that were of the highest quality among law schools nationally.



Prof. Laser Published "Certiorari in Patent Cases" Paper

Professor Christa Laser published her paper, "Certiorari in Patent Cases," in the *AIPLA Quarterly Journal*. The paper has been listed in several SSRN top ten lists, including Judges and Federal Courts & Jurisdiction.

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Professor O'Neill Quoted on President Trump Incitement Prosecution



by First Amendment Watch

Professor Kevin O'Neill was quoted in an article on *First Amendment Watch* on former President Donald Trump's potential First Amendment protection of incitement of imminent lawless action regarding the Capitol riot.

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Prof. Kalir Explained Basic Legal Terms Relating to Capitol Riot for The Fulcrum

Professor Doron Kalir explained basic legal terms such as sedition, insurrection, treason, and the 25th Amendment relating to the Capitol riot for *The Fulcrum*.

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Dean Fisher Analyzed Presidential Impeachment for WKYC

Dean Lee Fisher appeared on *WKYC Cleveland 3* to discuss what impeachment means close to the end of a presidential term.

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Dean Fisher Joined 157 Law Deans in Public Statement on 2020 Election and Events at the Capitol

Dean Lee Fisher joined 157 Law School Deans from law schools across the country in signing a published statement

addressing the 2020 election and the events that took place in the United States Capitol.

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Prof. Ray Published Paper on Digital Contact Tracing Apps for Covid-19

Professor Brian Ray co-authored a paper "Covid-19 Apps are Terrible - They Didn't Have to Be," on the prominent *Lawfare* blog. The paper and Ray were featured in a companion *Lawfare* Podcast.

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Prof. Witmer-Rich Published Op-Ed on Juvenile Interrogations

Professor & Associate Dean for Academic Enrichment Jonathan Witmer-Rich published an op-ed on *Cleveland.com*, "All coercive state interrogations, including of juveniles, have constitutional due-process protections." The op-ed critiques a recent Ohio Supreme Court case, *In re M.H.*, in which the Court held that the confession of a juvenile to a child protective services officer was voluntary.

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Prof. Sagors Wrote for Slate, Quoted in Other Media on Facebook and Big Publishing Merger

Professor Chris Sagors wrote an article for *Slate* on the Federal Trade Commission's historic lawsuit against Facebook, and also spoke about the case with *Agence-France Presse*. Sagors also spoke with both *Publishers Weekly* and *Bloomberg* about the

potential acquisition of book publisher Simon & Schuster, by Penguin Random House or the News Corp subsidiary HarperCollins.

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Prof. Sterio Advises Government of Sudan on Transitional Justice

Professor Milena Sterio has been advising the government of Sudan on transitional justice issues, and in particular on the future establishment of the Special Court for Darfur and the Transitional Justice Commission for Sudan. Sterio has been working on this project as a consultant for the Public International Law and Policy Group.

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2.0 General Credit CLE Hours Pending

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2020 Ethics Seminar with Kegler Brown

2.75 Professional Conduct CLE Hours Pending

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Personal Injury: PI in a Box

3.0 General Credit CLE Hours Pending

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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

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