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**93%**

## C|M|LAW Has Highest Passage Rate for State Bar Exam

Cleveland State University's Cleveland-Marshall College of Law had the highest passage rate for first-time takers of the July Ohio Bar Exam. Our passage rate was 93%, well above the state average of 79%.

This is the second consecutive Ohio Bar Exam in which C|M|LAW had the top passage rate, following its 82% pass rate for the February 2018 exam.

"First, I want to acknowledge the hard work of all our graduates who prepared for the bar exam, and congratulate those who passed and are now beginning their careers as licensed attorneys in Ohio," said **C|M|LAW Dean Lee Fisher**. "I would also like to thank all of the dedicated faculty and staff in our College who have provided the educational excellence, mentorship and support that have helped so many of our graduates be successful in their chosen careers."

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## Transformational Alumni Donation Establishes P. Kelly Tompkins Leadership and Law Program

**Cleveland attorney and business leader Kelly Tompkins '81** has made a \$750,000 gift to Cleveland-Marshall to establish a substantive leadership education program for law students. "Through C|M|LAW's Leadership and Law Program, we will equip students with the strategies and skills necessary to answer the inevitable call to leadership," said Tompkins.

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## 2018 Hall of Fame Celebration Video Debuts

The second annual **C|M|LAW Hall of Fame Induction Celebration** was a historic event where alumni, friends, students, staff, and faculty came together to honor the Hall of Fame Class of 2018 for their significant contributions to the esteemed reputation of our law school. The 2018 Hall of Fame Video celebrates the honorees and features musical contributions by **Professor Angelin Chang** and six outstanding student singers, **Jewel Heath-Thompson, Elizabeth K. Klucher, Emily Kontur, Ashley Neme, Keith Petersen, and Michael R. Watkins** (*pictured*).

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## Hall of Fame Induction Celebration Photo Gallery

Relive C|M|LAW's 2018 Hall of Fame Celebration with photos from the induction celebration. *Pictured is 2018 Hall of Fame Honoree Professor Emerita Susan Becker '83 and 2018 Leader on the Rise Recipient Alana Jochum '10.*

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## Justice Ginsburg Talks Live With C|M|LAW



## Community Via Skype Chat

**U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg** spoke to the CM|LAW community via Skype in a packed Moot Court Room. Justice Ginsburg spoke about cases from her career that removed barriers and opened doors that had been closed due to gender expectations. Her longtime friend and colleague, **CM|LAW Professor Emerita Jane Picker (2017 CM|Hall of Fame Honoree)**, also Skyped in and recounted stories from the years when she and the Justice were part of a small but courageous community of women lawyers. **Professor Ken Kowalski** moderated the event that was sponsored by the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association and our Women Law Students Association and included a screening of the documentary "RBG."



## Prof. Witmer-Rich Develops Course Based on Serial Podcast

**Professor Jonathan Witmer-Rich** has developed a first-of-its-kind CM|LAW course based on the current season of the popular Serial podcast. The course -- titled "Understanding and Reforming the Criminal Justice Process" -- will take place during the Spring semester and use the podcast episodes to explore issues in the criminal justice system.

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## Prof. Lewis Quoted on Fertility Clinic Lawsuits by Cleveland.com

**Professor Browne Lewis** was quoted by Cleveland.com on a story on fertility clinic lawsuits against the University Hospitals.

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## Remembering Professor Emeritus Joel J. Finan

**Professor Emeritus Joel J. Finan** passed away on November 2, 2018 at the Hospice of the Western Reserve in Westlake, Ohio, after a long illness and a short stay there. He was a graduate of City College of New York and Yale Law School, where he was only one of six students to be selected for the Yale Law Journal after his first year of law school.

Professor Finan began his long and illustrious academic career at the University of Texas School of Law, where he headed the Federal Appellate Defender Program. His scholarly research on religious rights in the use of

psychedelic drugs led him to aid in the appellate defense of Dr. Timothy Leary, the noted psychotherapist that studied hallucinogenic drugs like LSD and marijuana. Professor Finan then worked at a New York law firm, was a visiting professor at Stanford University, and was a member of the faculty at University of Arizona College of Law for ten years.


Professor Finan began his tenure with Cleveland-Marshall College of Law at Cleveland State University in 1980 and retired in 2008. His main teaching areas were: Criminal Law, Family Law, Biomedical Ethics & the Law, Law & Mental Health, and Law & Psychiatry. He was well known for his love of learning and teaching; he often told his students, "Everything is open to question; challenge me, challenge the judges, challenge yourself, but remember to do what's right and to love what you're doing."

Professor Finan was very much loved by his wife Joan. He leaves a younger sister, Ellen Finan Wachtel and brother-in-law Paul Wachtel, in New York City.

The Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Professor Joel J. Finan Award is given annually to the law school's top Criminal Procedure students. The Joel J. Finan Award was created over 15 years ago by his former student, **Carter Strang '84**, a partner at the Cleveland firm Tucker Ellis, as a tribute to Professor Finan's teaching, scholarship, and impact on the lives of his students. To date, over 60 Cleveland-Marshall law students have received the award.

### **Donations in his memory can be sent to:**

Cleveland-Marshall College of Law  
 Professor Joel J. Finan Award Fund  
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 1801 Euclid Avenue, LB 138  
 Cleveland, Ohio 44115




**Education Law Association**  
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November 9, 2018  
2:00 p.m.

**Free Speech in Education:  
Student Voices**

**Mary Beth Tinker**  
*"Black armband" war-protester*

**C|M|LAW Moot Court Room**  
2.25 free CLE hours



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## Prof. Emeritus Lind Receives Key to Memphis

**Clinical Professor Emeritus Kermit Lind** was presented with a key to the City of Memphis in honor of his work in the city on neighborhood preservation.



## Dean Fisher Published Column in Community Leader on Cleveland's BlockLand campaign

**Dean Lee Fisher** published a column with *Community Leader* on how Cleveland's BlockLand campaign can help establish the city as a tech hub.

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## LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS & EVENTS



### Upcoming CMLAA CLEs:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10 | 9:00 A.M

### Real Estate Purchase Agreements: Commercial and Residential Transactions and a Review of the Title Work Associated with Both

The seminar aims to educate attendees with the particular terms and conditions which an attorney may draft in order to best represent clients in both commercial and residential transactions.

Commercial estate transactions shall include particular discussions associated with environmental conditions, financing contingencies, other conditions precedent and specific variations which an attorney may encounter in the negotiation of more sophisticated and detailed commercial transactions.

The review of residential purchase agreements shall include particular emphasis on conditions precedent and financing provisions including conventional financing, FHA and VA financing as well as owner-held financing such as purchase money mortgages.

**Organizers and Moderators:**

- **Joseph B. Jerome** | Principal, Joseph B. Jerome and Associates

**Co-Presenters:**

- **John D. Grauer** | Associate, Joseph B. Jerome and Associates
- **Jeanne Inman** | President/Owner, Providence Title Agency
- **Joseph B. Jerome** | Principal, Joseph B. Jerome and Associates

***Paid Registration Required***

3 CLE Hours

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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17 | 9:00 A.M**

## **New Perspectives on Old Issues in Landlord-Tenant Law: Updates and Best Practices in Leasing, Evictions and Agency**

The continuing education seminar will focus on updates in Ohio and federal statutory and case law and best practices regarding primarily the residential landlord-tenant relationship, including leasing provisions, rules governing tenant behavior, and representation of landlords and tenants in both the courtroom setting and in administrative proceedings stemming from, for example, discrimination claims.

Speakers from broad and diverse backgrounds in landlord-tenant law will offer best practices and perils to avoid in each particular setting - from drafting to enforcement to litigation - and will discuss how recent rulings and statutory changes are relevant to today's practice of landlord-tenant law.

**Organizers:**

- **Kevin M. Butler** | Attorney, Law Offices of Kevin M. Butler Law Director, City of Lakewood, Ohio and Law Director, City of Brooklyn, Ohio
- **Lisa Gold-Scott** | Assistant Law Director/Housing Attorney/Assistant Prosecutor for the City of Shaker Heights

**Co-Presenters:**

- **Jeff Crossman** | City of Parma and Assistant General Counsel, Millennia Companies
- **Tom Owen** | Attorney, Powers Friedman Linn, PLL
- **Jennifer Sheehe** | Senior Attorney, The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland
- **Sharon D. Tassie** | Assistant Chief, Civil Rights Section, Ohio Attorney General

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### Additional CMLAA Fall CLE Events

- Saturday, December 1, 2018 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  
**Debt Collection & Bankruptcy**
- Saturday, December 15, 2018 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  
**2018 Ethics Symposium (video replay)**

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