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A Special Message from Dean Lee Fisher

The health and safety of our students, staff, and faculty and support of our students as they study and learn under very challenging circumstances remain our highest priorities.

But it's also very important that we continue to share good news in the midst of this uncertainty, which is why we are continuing to send this newsletter.

What buffers us from the impact of this shared crisis is our commitment to something larger than ourselves - our sense of belonging, our sense of community.

Uplifting the spirits of each other and those most vulnerable in our community will help us navigate these turbulent waters and help us emerge even stronger and more united when we get to the other side.

We're in this together. #ITCMLAW

Thanks.

My best,

Lee



CSU C|MJLAW's Community Advocacy Law Clinic Springs to Action During COVID-19 Crisis

Over the past month, every industry in the world has been dramatically altered by the COVID-19 crisis and the legal industry is no exception. Caseloads are rising as the scope and nature of legal issues expand. **CSU Cleveland-Marshall College of Law's Community Advocacy Law Clinic** has sprung into action and taken a major supportive and leadership role to help individuals, lawyers, businesses and the greater community in this time of need.

"The goal with all of this work is to do our part as a Clinic to help "flatten the (legal) curve," said Zach Germanluk '12, Slavic Village Development's Director of Neighborhood Stabilization and Adjunct Professor with the CSU C|MJLAW Community Advocacy Law Clinic. "There are so many legal issues caught up in this (COVID-19) crisis that the fear is it will overwhelm our judicial system."

The **Community Advocacy Law Clinic (CALC)** is an experiential learning course where students use their legal training to develop legal skills while addressing the unmet legal needs of the most vulnerable populations; low-income families, children, the elderly, the homeless, and people suffering from physical and mental illness.

While the response to COVID-19 has affected everyone, low to moderate income citizens that the CALC intends to serve have particularly been negatively impacted by a tidal wave of social and legal issues created by unexpected job loss, increased childcare responsibilities and difficulty meeting rent, mortgage, and bill obligations, among other matters.

Housing is a particularly important essential that is being impacted in this time of crisis and an urgent matter for individuals with payments typically due monthly. Housing was already an area of expertise for the CALC as students were working on a presentation and manual on landlord-tenant legal issues. Responding to the COVID-19 crisis, clinic students have created a tenant hardship affidavit to assist tenants in need with documenting their situations while proactively anticipating potential eviction litigation. This work has occurred in coordination with the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland and other non-profit organizations, after these organizations responded with a "resounding yes" when Clinic professors inquired if such a document would be beneficial.

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CSU C|MJLAW Partners with Wagner College to Offer 3+3 Program

CSU C|MJLAW is partnering with Wagner College, a liberal arts college in Staten Island, New York, to offer a 3+3 Bachelor's/Law Accelerated Degree Program. Enrolling in a 3+3 program gives students the opportunity to complete both bachelor's and law degrees in just six years instead of the traditional seven years. Wagner College is the 10th school CSU C|MJLAW has partnered with to offer a 3+3 Program.

[Learn More on the 3+3 Program >](#)

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CSU C|MJLAW Hosts Alumni Zoom Events

On Thursday, April 2, CSU C|MJLAW hosted its first one-hour Zoom Town Hall Alumni Event. **Dean Lee Fisher** was joined by law school administration, faculty, staff, current students and alumni to discuss the law school's pandemic response as well as plans moving forward, and to share stories from CSU C|MJLAW community members during these historic times. During this challenging time, CSU C|MJLAW will continue to provide virtual experiences, professional learning, leadership, and networking that helps drive the success of its outstanding law school community.

- UPCOMING ZOOM EVENTS:**
- April 9: Lawyers in Health Care: Risk, Challenges, and Responses to Coronavirus**
- Prof. David Schweighofer**
 Counsel, Ulmer & Berne LLC; Adjunct Professor of Law, CSU C|MJLAW
- David A. Valent '08**
 Counsel, The Cleveland Clinic Foundation Law Department
- Darlene White '00**
 Assistant General Counsel - Operational Risk, The MetroHealth System
- Join Zoom Meeting**
<https://csuohio.zoom.us/j/526466187>
 Meeting ID: 526 466 187
- April 16: Managing Partners Discuss Law Firm Responses to Coronavirus**
- Kerin Lyn Kaminski '84**
 Partner, Giffen & Kaminski
- Jon J. Pinney '00**
 Managing Partner, Kohrman Jackson & Krantz
- Daniel A. Richards '92**
 Managing Partner, Weston Hurd LLP
- Join Zoom Meeting**
<https://csuohio.zoom.us/j/604178292>
 Meeting ID: 604 178 292
- April 23: Coronavirus, Elections, and the 2020 Census**
- Brian A. Glassman**
 Legal Writing Professor of Law, CSU C|MJLAW
- Dr. Mark J. Salling**
 Senior Fellow and Research Associate, Northern Ohio Data and Information Service (NODIS) and Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs at CSU
- Join Zoom Meeting**
<https://csuohio.zoom.us/j/887221340>
 Meeting ID: 887 221 340

Prof. Saggers Quoted by Reuters on Oil Regulation

Professor Chris Saggers was quoted by *Reuters* in a story carried by the *New York Times*, on how antitrust law applies to the federal government regulating oil production.

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Prof. Majette Spoke at National Academy of Social Insurance Annual Conference

Professor Gwendolyn Majette (pictured second from left) spoke at the annual conference for the National Academy of Social Insurance, an interdisciplinary meeting that was held at the National Press Club in Washington DC.

[Learn More >](#)

CSU C|MJLAW Student Emergency Financial Assistance Fund

Many incredible, caring friends and supporters have approached us and asked how they could support our law students in this uncertain time. We are humbled by this outreach and have created an Emergency Student Financial Assistance Fund.

[Learn more about the Student Emergency Fund >](#)

[Make a donation to the Student Emergency Fund >](#)

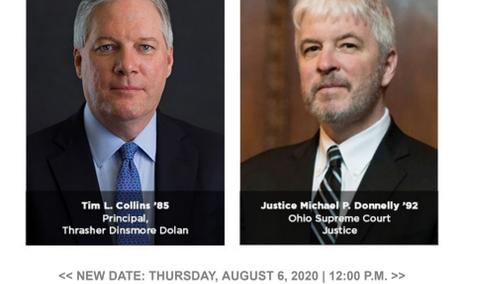
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In this Together #ItTCMLAW

Even though we're physically separated, we're still *In This Together (ItT)*. This is why we would like to encourage members of the C|MJLAW community to take their Live Justice activities to social media, using the hashtag #ItTCMLAW. Tell your story online and tag C|MJLAW!

NOTE: For the remainder of the spring semester, all on-campus events have been cancelled or postponed. For the latest information on CSU C|MJLAW events, visit www.csuohio.edu/newsevents/news/csu-cmlaw-event-status.

LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
 NEWS & EVENTS



<< NEW DATE: THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2020 | 12:00 P.M. >>

ANNUAL RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

Registration is Now Available for the 2020 CMLAA Annual Recognition Luncheon!

The Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association (CMLAA) will host its 2020 Annual Recognition Luncheon (ARL) on a rescheduled date, **Thursday, August 6, 2020** at Noon at the Renaissance Downtown Cleveland Hotel. Doors open at 11:30 A.M.

The honorees this year are **Tim L. Collins '85** and **Justice Michael P. Donnelly '92**

Support the Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association and its scholarship fund by securing your sponsorship, ad or ticket by registering at: www.cslaw.org/arl

Net proceeds benefit scholarship funds for Cleveland-Marshall Law students.

Please help us make the 2020 ARL the most successful ever!
 Please call 216-687-2368 or email CmlaaArl@gmail.com with any questions.

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If you have news or a story you would like included in this newsletter, please send an email to Lee.Fisher@csuohio.edu, CSU C|MJLAW Dean.