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Alumni Profile: Wendy Cohn '88 and Mark Termini '84

When **Mark Termini '84** and **Wendy Cohn '88** started their sports agency, Mark Termini Associates Inc in 1986, they could not envision the success that would lie ahead. Termini had recently graduated from CSU's Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and got into the business by signing his first clients through Northeast Ohio connections from his basketball playing days. Cohn was still enrolled in the law school's evening program and working full-time as a victim advocate when she started with the sports agency soon after Mark entered the business.

"From the very beginning, the business has been extremely competitive and all-consuming," Termini recalled. "In the early stages of MTA, it was a fight for survival. Fortunately, we were able to evolve and grow from there."

What started as a small agency between business and life partners representing a handful of clients grew as Cohn and Termini built MTA into one of the most respected NBA player representation firms in the industry. The agency managed by the now-married pair has gone on to represent approximately 75 NBA players including more than 30 first-round NBA Draft selections. Termini has negotiated more than \$2 billion worth of NBA contracts.

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Upcoming Public Lecture & CLE Events



Racial Justice Community Conversation Series

Race & Law: The Capitol Insurrection v. Black Lives Matter Protests

Wednesday, April 7 | 6:00 p.m. | Virtual

Panelists will participate in a high-level discussion about the stark difference in the treatment of Black Lives Matter protests throughout the summer of 2020 and the Capitol riots of January 6, 2021. The panelists will discuss how during many BLM protests there was a heavy police presence, while during the Capitol riots there was a tremendous lack of police, and some actual active duty law enforcement that participated in the riots. The discussion will include the differences between peaceful lawful assembly, looting, and rioting, and how the media has influenced how peaceful demonstrations have been misconstrued at times.

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Entertainment and Sports Law Association Symposium

Tuesday, April 13 & Thursday, April 15 | Virtual

Tuesday, April 13:

6:00 - 7:15 p.m. - Practicing Entertainment Law

7:15 - 8:15 p.m. - Issues of In-House Counsel for Sports Franchises

Thursday, April 15:

6:00 - 7:15 p.m. - Navigating Sports in a Post-Covid World

7:15 - 8:15 p.m. - Recent Legal Developments in Sports Betting

4 free hours CLE

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Faculty Spotlight Series



Contracting with NASA: How to Take Advantage of NASA's Public/Private Partnerships & Counsel Your Clients

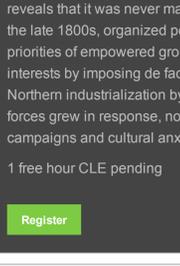
Thursday, April 15 | 12:00 p.m. | Virtual

Professor Mark Sundahl, CSU C|J|LAW, Director, Global Space Law Center

NASA is a world leader in creating a variety of opportunities for the participation of private companies to further NASA missions and support the development of the aerospace industry. From traditional federal acquisition processes, to the more flexible Space Act Agreements and the licensing of NASA technologies, NASA offers a variety of partnership opportunities. Which approach to take is the question that will be addressed in this program about the private space industry.

1 free hour CLE

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Black Law Students Association Annual Banquet

Friday, April 16 | 7:00 p.m. | Virtual

CSU C|J|LAW's Black Law Students Association's annual banquet celebrates the success of BLSA members and awards a scholarship for a Cleveland-area high school student to lessen college tuition costs.

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Criminal Justice Forum

Policing and 'Bluelining'

Monday, April 26 | 5:00 p.m. | Virtual

Professor Aya Gruber, University of Colorado Law School

Prof. Gruber will explore the increasingly popular claim that racialized brutality is not a malfunction of policing, but its function. This claim contradicts the conventional narrative, which remains largely accepted, that the police exist to vindicate the community's interest in solving, reducing, and preventing crime. A perusal of the history of organized policing in the United States, however, reveals that it was never mainly about interdicting crime. From its inception in the late 1800s, organized policing served the social, political, and economic priorities of empowered groups, from supporting Southern agrarian capitalist interests by imposing de facto slavery on emancipated Blacks to bolstering Northern industrialization by oppressing immigrant laborers. Thereafter, police forces grew in response, not to spikes in garden-variety crimes, but to political campaigns and cultural anxieties.

1 free hour CLE pending

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Center for Cybersecurity and Privacy Protection

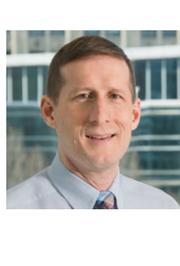
Cybersecurity and Privacy Protection Annual Conference

Thursday, May 20 & Friday, May 21 | 12:00 p.m. | Virtual

For the past six years Cleveland-Marshall's Center for Cybersecurity and Privacy Protection has hosted this cross-sector event featuring rich content relevant to lawyers, compliance professionals, technology experts, regulators and executives responsible for developing security and privacy policies.

8 hours CLE credit pending & 8 hours IAPP CPE credit pending

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Prof. Ray Quoted by Stataline on Contact Tracing Apps

Professor **Brian Ray** was quoted by *Pew Charitable Trust's Stataline* in a story on digital contact tracing apps in the U.S. Ray has worked extensively on the privacy concerns these apps raise since the start of the pandemic.

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Prof. Witmer-Rich Quoted by Ideastream on Police Drone Use

In an *Ideastream* story in the review of the Fourth Amendment related to plans by the Cleveland Division of Police to begin using drones later this year.

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Prof. Sagers Discussed App Fees on NPR's Morning Edition

Professor **Chris Sagers** appeared on a segment of NPR's Morning Edition to discuss the antitrust significance of the recent decision by both Apple and Google to cut the fees they charge for App Store purchases.

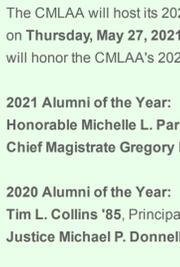
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Prof. Sterio Advised on Ukrainian Legal Reform

Professor **Milena Sterio** participated as an expert on behalf of the Public International Law and Policy Group in the review of Ukrainian draft laws on Reintegration (of Crimes and other occupied territories) and on Transitional Justice.

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Prof. Geier Interviewed on The Sound of Ideas on Tax Changes

Professor **Deborah Geier** appeared as a guest on WCPN's *The Sound of Ideas* to discuss several of the tax changes that affect the current tax filing season for 2020, as well as a few of the significant tax changes affecting low- and middle-income families in the American Rescue Plan Act for 2021.

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THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2021 | 12:00 P.M.

ANNUAL RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

The CMLAA will host its 2021 Annual Recognition Luncheon (ARL) on **Thursday, May 27, 2021** at Noon as a virtual celebration! The 2021 ARL will honor the CMLAA's 2020 and 2021 Alumni of the Year.

2021 Alumni of the Year:

Honorable Michelle L. Paris '84, Judge, Bedford Municipal Court
Chief Magistrate Gregory F. Clifford '80, Cleveland Municipal Court

2020 Alumni of the Year:

Tim L. Collins '85, Principal, Thrasher Dinsmore Dolan
Justice Michael P. Donnelly '92, Ohio Supreme Court Justice

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