



A Special Message from Dean Lee Fisher

Uplifting the spirits of our students will help them navigate these turbulent waters and help them emerge even stronger and more united when we get to the other side.

I thought you would enjoy these two videos that our faculty and staff recently sent to our students:

[Message of Support for our Students](#)

[Message of Support for our Students Part 2: Final Exams](#)

We're in this together. #ItCMLAW

Thanks.

My best,



Lee



Pop-Up Practicum Seeks Post-Conviction Relief with Cuyahoga County Conviction Integrity Unit

CSU Cleveland-Marshall College of Law [Adjunct Professor Kimberly Kendall Corral '12](#), a Senior Associate Attorney with [Patluice & Associates, L.L.C.](#), knows what it takes to translate a CSU C/JM|LAW education into a successful legal practice and advocate for criminal justice. Corral is sharing her passion for justice with a class of CSU C/JM|LAW students this semester in a [pop-up practicum](#) dedicated to seeking post-conviction relief for [Anthony Starr](#).

"The students working on this case amazed me," Corral said. "They offered an elderly, indigent, long forgotten person a last shot at justice by giving him the highest quality legal representation."

In her practice, Corral has an exceptional track record of success in securing post-conviction relief. Most famously, Corral spent five years working with [Ru-El Sailor](#) to get his murder conviction overturned after 15 years. (The class held a virtual meeting with Sailor to learn more from an incarcerated client's perspective.) She also helped secure a dismissal of charges against [Charles Jackson](#) after he spent 27 years in prison for a homicide conviction. In 2018, Corral visited the Oval Office to discuss a pardon with President Donald Trump and the White House Counsel.

When Corral began reviewing the case, she immediately recognized the procedural roadblocks that Starr was facing. She identified this as a teaching opportunity for law students in post-conviction relief. Through Starr's case, students would be able to explore all of the procedural possibilities and understand why some are not realistic avenues for relief. The class discussed the pros and cons of the possible procedures and decided that an application with the [Cuyahoga County Conviction Integrity Unit](#) provided the fastest avenue for possible relief.

"Professor Kim Corral's course is a prime example of why I created Pop-Up Practicums - so that our students and faculty could respond to relevant issues in real time," explained CSU C/JM|LAW Dean Lee Fisher.

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Student Profiles: Global Business Law Review Editors-in-Chief Joseph Nelson Jr. and Michael Watkins

CSU Cleveland Marshall College of Law students [Joseph Nelson Jr.](#) and [Michael Watkins](#) have taken similar paths during their time in law school. Nelson and Watkins are both enrolled in the CSU C/JM|LAW [dual degree program](#), seeking joint J.D./M.B.A degrees. Both are active members of CSU C/JM|LAW's [Black Law Students Association \(BLSA\)](#). The duo's paths will now parallel even further as Watkins is succeeding Nelson as Editor-in-Chief of the [Global Business Law Review \(GBLR\)](#).

Nelson, a fourth-year law/business student graduating this spring, served as GBLR Editor-in-Chief in 2019-20 and learned that communication is key to leading an organization. While a member of the GBLR, he published a note, "[Targeted Advertisements on Social Media: An Age-Old Practice in a New Suit](#)," that analyzed the Facebook advertisement platform.

Watkins has been an associate on the [Global Business Law Review](#) for the past year, and wrote a note focused on renewable energy, "Ohio's Multifaceted Attack on Wind Energy." As Editor-in-Chief he intends to grow the number of members on the journal, increase alumni contact, increase the platforms for our selected publications and raise the reputation and visibility of the journal.

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UPCOMING CSU C/JM|LAW COMMUNITY TOWNHALLS:

Thursday, May 14, 12 p.m.
COVID-19 and Impacts on Housing
[Join Zoom Meeting](#)
<https://csuohio.zoom.us/j/91835663099>
 Meeting ID: 918 3566 3099
 Dial in: (312) 626-6799 or (929) 436-2866

Thursday, May 28, 12 p.m.
COVID-19 and Prisons
[Join Zoom Meeting](#)
<https://csuohio.zoom.us/j/97144129928>
 Meeting ID: 971 4412 9928
 Dial in: (312) 626-6799 or (929) 436-2866



Law Students Face Career Challenges. C/JM|LAW Alumni Can Help.

This has been a difficult time for many in our community, especially our students. Current students have lost summer job opportunities, externship positions, and full-time jobs. Graduating students face much uncertainty about permanent employment.

If you can help by hiring a law student or graduating student in a law clerk role, for part-time project-based research, or for a specific writing or other assignment, please complete our [job posting form](#) or contact Sarah Beznoska, Assistant Dean for Student and Career Services at s.beznoska@csuohio.edu.



Prof. Ray Co-Authored Commentary on Personal Data Transfer

Professor Brian Ray co-authored a commentary, *The Sedona Conference Commentary and Principles on Jurisdictional Conflicts over Transfers of Personal Data Across Borders*, with a group of international experts.

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Prof. Mead Assisted in Habeas Petition for Prisoners at Risk from COVID-19

Professor Joseph Mead, a Cooperating Attorney with the ACLU of Ohio, assisted in a federal class action petition for a writ of habeas corpus challenging the continued detention of people in the Elkton federal prison in eastern Ohio.

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Prof. Geier Interviewed on The Sound of Ideas

Professor Deborah Geier appeared as a guest on WCPN's *The Sound of Ideas* to discuss tax implications of the pandemic at the Federal, state, and local levels.

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CSU C/JM|LAW 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 their compassion and concern and have created an Emergency Student Financial Assistance Fund. You may also designate a contribution to the Dean's Innovation Fund to help our students with other important matters.

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

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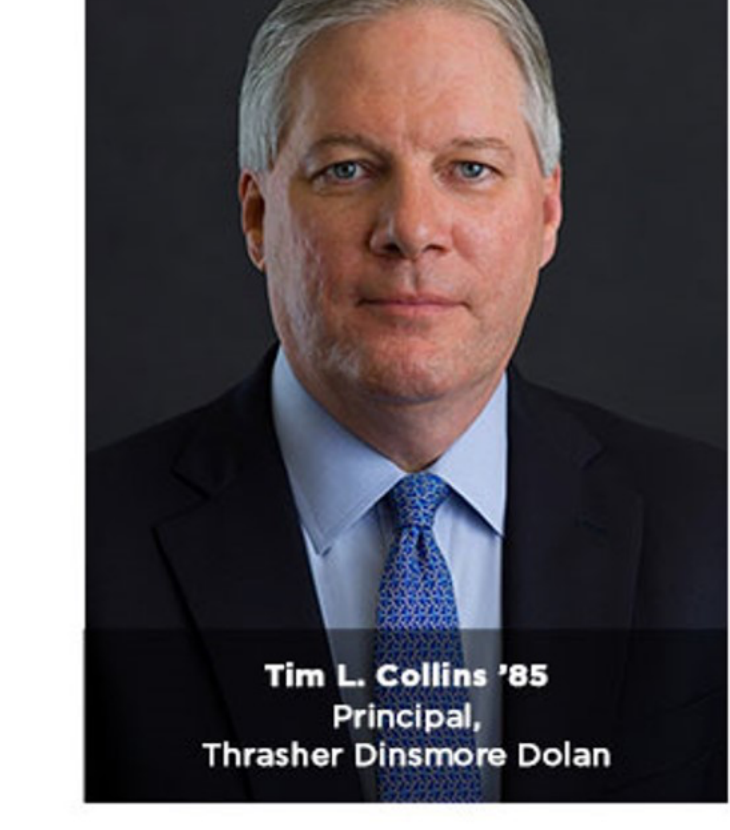
In this Together #ItCMLAW

Even though we're physically separated, we're still *In This Together (ITT)*. This is why we would like to encourage members of the CSU C/JM|LAW community to take their Live Justice activities to social media, using the hashtag #ItCMLAW.

Tell your story online and tag CSU C/JM|LAW!

NOTE: For the remainder of the spring semester, all on-campus events have been cancelled or postponed. For the latest information on CSU C/JM|LAW events, visit law.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.csulaw.org/art

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Have exciting news to share? Send us your news to include on our website, social media or in a future newsletter. Email AlumniNews@law.csuohio.edu.

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