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# CLEVELAND | MARSHALL COLLEGE OF LAW

The Official Newsletter of Student and Career Services

## FEBRUARY - PT. 2

The Office of Student and Career Services is here to partner with you in planning your career, both during and after law school.



Here's what's coming up...

### Wed. 2/24 @noon (60 min.) - Get In The Way: The Black Lawyers' 2021 Call to Action

Join the CMBA Inclusion & Diversity Committee; Black Law Students Associations (BLSA) of CWRU School of Law and C-M College of Law; and the Norman S. Minor Bar Association (NSMBA) for a virtual panel discussion about the PBS documentary on the late U.S. Congressman John Lewis, the importance and value of "getting in the way," and the Black Lawyer's responsibility to get into "good trouble."

Click to register: [The Life of Congressman John Lewis](#)

### Thur. 2/25 @11am (60 min.) - CMBA: Estate Planning 101

Attorney Maria Shinn specializes in estate planning and how it relates to families and their futures. Join Maria as the Lakewood YMCA presents Estate Planning 101, a 45-minute presentation about the most important things you can do now to protect yourself, your loved ones, and your assets. This event is FREE!

Click to register: [Estate Planning 101](#)

### Thur. 2/25 @noon - CMBA, Business Development: Advice on Steps to Take Today

This all-star panel will discuss finding employment, networking, and building a book of business that will allow you to take control of your career, including tips on what steps young attorneys can take early on to establish connections that could grow into business relationships down the road.

Click to register: [CMBA](#)

### Thur. 2/25 @5pm - Student Town Hall

Bring your questions and concerns to our next Town Hall discussion.

Click to join: [Town Hall](#)

Meeting ID: 873 9134 6883; Passcode: 015791

### Sat. 2/27 @noon - Part-Time Student Town Hall

Click to join: <https://csuohio.zoom.us/j/83612937814>

### Thur. 3/4 @2pm (30 min.) - Virtual Office Hours: How to Develop Financial Resiliency

Join this short, informative webinar on how to develop tools for unlocking your financial health both before and after law school.

Click to register: [Financial Health S](#)



### KARAMU - A Joyful Gathering Place FREE Virtual Performances Throughout February



[karamuhouse.org](http://karamuhouse.org)

### Additional Town Hall Dates & Times

Tuesday, March 9th @noon  
Thursday, March 25th @4pm

Thursday, April 15th @5pm  
Tuesday, April 27th @noon

Tuesday, April 6th @noon

Thursday, May 13th @5pm

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You can always find us on [CareerConnect](#)



### Mon. 3/8 @ 4pm - International Women's Day Happy Hour

Join this free networking event hosted by the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association.

Click to Register: [IWD 2021](#)

### Thur. 3/11 @ 1pm - ABA: State of Legal Education Town Hall

Join the ABA as they discuss the current admission cycle as well as programs and initiatives to increase the number of lawyers who are racially and ethnically diverse, LGBTQ, and persons with disabilities.

Click to register: [ABA Town Hall](#)



## Career Connect for You!

Our [CareerConnect](#) "What's New" section is constantly updated with new opportunities. Recent posts include:

- Office of the Ohio Public Defender Info Session Recording
- Federal Law Clerk Hiring Plan
- Exploring the Profession - Employee Benefits Law (above 2/16 event)
- Legal Start-Up Opportunity with Flannery Georgalis
- Updated Drop-in Hours with Student and Career Services staff

Discover new job opportunities and gain access to **past recordings** of important seminar events. Just click [CareerConnect](#) to view details. Current opportunities and deadlines in the OCI Module are:

**Ankuda, Stadler & Moeller Ltd.** (Cleveland, OH): recruiting two 2L/3LE or 3L/4LE with an interest in civil litigation to join the firm as a law clerk. Feb. 26 deadline.

**Bonezzi Switzer Polito & Hupp Co. L.P.A.** (Cleveland, OH): seeking resumes from 3L/4LE (cross-posted in Jobs section because it is direct send).

**Brouse McDowell** (Akron, OH): seeking resumes from 2L/3LE, top 20% preferred. Feb. 28 deadline.

**Critchfield, Critchfield & Johnston Ltd.** (Wooster, OH): seeking resumes from 1L/2LE and 2L/3LE for law clerk roles. Clerks are generally expected to spend time in each of the firm's offices (Medina, Wooster, Millersburg, Ashland, and Mount Vernon). Feb. 28 deadline.

**Wickens Herzer** (Avon, OH): Seeking 2L/3LE for a law clerk role. GPA of 3.3. and above required. Submit cover letter, resume, transcript, and writing sample by February 28. This is a resume collect, which means you must submit your materials through the OCI module and we will send a packet to the firm after the posting closes on February 28.



## Free Financial Programs for Law Students (AccessLex) !

Please remember that as a CJM|LAW student you have access to the entire portfolio of free financial education, through AccessLex. You should take advantage of these programs. Even better, participating in the AccessLex programs makes you eligible for a scholarship drawing on April 1! See the attached handbook for examples of this semester's programs, which include:

- Strategies for Financing the Cost of Bar Study
- The Road to Zero: A Strategic Approach to Student Loan Repayment
- Five Habits of Financially Successful Lawyers.

There are also programs that provide financial planning for law students, information on public service loan forgiveness, and more.

Create your MAX account at:

<https://www.accesslex.org/maxonline> to take advantage of the quick lessons and resources, earn entries in the scholarship drawings and reduce stress/empower yourself through financial knowledge!

REMEMBER, there are recorded financial wellness & competence sessions by MAX by Access Lex (if you don't already have one):

<https://maxbyaccesslex.exceedlms.com/student/catalog>

## A Writing Contest You'll Roll Over and Shake Hands For



Sponsored by the Government Relations Division at the American Kennel Club, This year's writing contest theme entitled, "Companion Animal Law Writing Contest," is open to all students at ABA-accredited law schools. The contest will offer a first-place prize of \$2500 and a second-place prize of \$500. Students are asked to choose between **two topics**: 1) forfeiture of an animal or 2) the legal treatment of animals as property. This year's topics offer students the unique opportunity to discuss legal perspectives on issues currently in the news and at the forefront of animal law. Entries will be judged by legal and public policy professionals with experience in laws affecting companion animals.

Contestants can enter through March 31, 2021, at 6pm EST. To learn more about the contest, including official rules and policies, click [here](#).



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## Virtual Job Search and Networking Tips

In this time of uncertainty, we want to let you know first and foremost that you are not alone! We know this is a difficult time, and C|J|LAW and the alumni community are thinking creatively about ways to support you. Do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions or concerns - we are here to support you!

We anticipate that cultivating a professional online presence and effectively navigating the virtual job search will be more important than ever in the upcoming months. To that end, we have compiled the following tips to help you in your search.

Your **Virtual Presence** and Basic Documents: Building Your Brand

- > **Update** your LinkedIn Profile and connections. Make sure there are no typos and you have a professional profile picture. Upload your resume to LinkedIn – first make sure it is approved by Career Services and it is flawless! Contact Sarah or Jaime for a review of your LinkedIn profile – we can look and provide tips and feedback.
- > **Review** your existing social media accounts, remembering that employers will look at these as well. Update privacy settings for personal social media or content you're not comfortable sharing in a professional context. If your profiles are public, think about the online presence you are cultivating and make sure it aligns with your professional goals.
- > **Update** your documents: Resume (highlight transferrable skills, include interim/remote work assignments), Cover Letter (highlight your remote work skills and your adaptability), Writing Sample (take time to fine-tune and edit).
- > **Practice** telling your story: Take time to perfect your personal pitch and interview skills. Meet with Sarah or Jaime by Zoom to practice. We can conduct virtual mock interviews, give feedback on your pitch, help you identify your transferable skills, and more.

### Networking in an Online World

- > **Build Relationships:** employers and alumni connections may have more time than usual to chat with you about their work. Take this opportunity to reach out and schedule informational interviews via video conferences or phone calls.
- > **Analyze** and update your potential contacts (Who do you know? Who do you want to meet? Who can connect you?). Think about alumni mentors, attorneys you have worked with, former externship supervisors, and others. If in doubt, contact Sarah and Jaime to brainstorm ideas.
- > **Join** local and state bar associations and participate in virtual events they are offering.
- > **Host** virtual coffee/lunches and conduct informational interviews on a remote basis.
- > **Treat** virtual meetings the same way you would treat in-person ones – arrive on time, dress professionally, and maintain professionalism throughout. Thank your contact for their time.
- > **Look** for possible volunteer opportunities, such as assisting committees of the bar association, engaging with the alumni network, or offering virtual assistance to a non-profit working in an area that is important to you. Think creatively and don't be afraid to reach out and offer your assistance.

### LUV grant

CSU-administered emergency grant funding is now available for application through your CampusNet account. There is an Emergency Grant link on the "Accounts" tab. Please refer to Asst. Dean Beznoska's email from Feb. 3 or contact her for more information.

### We want to see how you shine!

Show us your home law school Zoom classroom! Send us pics, and we will post them. Send them to [j.gay21@csuohio.edu](mailto:j.gay21@csuohio.edu).

