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NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

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NEW FEDERAL COURTHOUSE TO BE NAMED FOR DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA



During her tenure as Chief Judge of the Middle District of Pennsylvania, the Honorable Sylvia H. Rambo '62 advocated tirelessly for the planning, construction, and funding of the new courthouse building. On Tuesday, April 20, U.S. Senators Robert P. Casey Jr. and Pat Toomey jointly introduced naming legislation in recognition of her public service to Pennsylvania. "Judge Rambo's trailblazing career serves as an ongoing inspiration to countless young women across the Commonwealth... and the entire nation," Casey said in a statement. "Her dedication to the judiciary is unparalleled, and there is no better way to honor her service to our nation than by naming the new federal courthouse in Harrisburg after her." Located in Harrisburg's Midtown at 6th and Reily streets, the federal courthouse is expected to open next year.

Full story

YOUNG ALUM SPOTLIGHT: MARCUS SPISSO '19



As a staff attorney for KidsVoice, a Pittsburgh, PA, organization representing those in the child-welfare system in Allegheny County's Juvenile Court, Marcus Spisso encounters many challenging situations related to abuse, drugs, and mental health disorders. That made one recent case notable because Spisso's client received a happy resolution. ***Full story***

FROM WORDS TO ACTION: DICKINSON LAW COURSE EXAMINES ROOTS OF SYSTEMIC RACISM



After adopting an antiracist approach to legal education following the unanimous passing of two faculty resolutions last summer, Dickinson Law has taken measurable action to combat systemic inequality, which threatens the rule of law. In this feature and video, hear from Dean Conway, Professor Dermot Groome, and others about how Dickinson Law's "Race and the Equal Protection of the Laws" course—a requirement for first-year law students—came to fruition, how it will transform how students see their place and role in an imperfect and still-evolving democracy, and how it will cultivate within them an enduring commitment to work for true equality over the course of their careers. ***Full story and video***

PROFESSOR LANCE COLE JOINS THE ACADEMIC ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF TORT LAW



As a member of the Academic Advisory Council, Professor Cole—an expert in corporate crime and government regulation of business—will assist the museum's Executive Director and professional staff in developing educational initiatives and exhibits relating to corporate crimes and torts, corporate accountability, and related matters. Founded by consumer protection and government reform advocate Ralph Nader, the museum's exhibits and educational initiatives focus on tort law's pivotal role in the protection of personal freedom and safety, and celebrate the historical and contemporary achievements of the civil justice system. ***Virtual tour of the museum***

THREE DICKINSON LAW STUDENTS SHARE STRONG ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT

MEET INSIDE ENTREPRENEURSHIP LAW'S ENTREPRENEURS OF THE MONTH

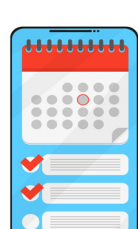


Ashli Jones '21, Stephanie-Rose Orlando '21, Pearlyne Paulemon '22

The idea of success is a different concept for everyone, but one thing was evident to Chris Gazzio '22 while interviewing three Dickinson Law student entrepreneurs: hard work pays off. In this Inside Entrepreneurship Law blog post, Gazzio shares the stories of Ashli Lyric Jones '21, Stephanie-Rose Orlando '21, and Pearlyne Paulemon '22, including how they balance law school and life as female entrepreneurs.

Full story

UPCOMING ALUMNI AND FRIENDS EVENTS



Dickinson Law is continuing to deliver events and CLE programs virtually this spring. Mark your calendars now to save the dates, and plan to join us for the following:

CALLING ALL 90S GRADS!

THURSDAY, APRIL 29 – 5 TO 6:30 P.M. EST VIA ZOOM

Registration required here

Join Dickinson Law and co-hosts Laura Williams '90 (assistant dean for administration, Dickinson Law) and Rich Bobbe '99 (president, Dickinson Law Alumni Society Board of Directors) for a virtual alumni event for graduates of the 1990s! Reconnect with classmates, professors such as Gary Gildin, Katherine Pearson, and Laurel Terry, and other members of the Law School community during this Zoom happy hour event. We'll reminisce about what made the '90s a decade to remember and catch up on what we've collectively accomplished in the time since.

LOCAL LAW FOR SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT IN PENNSYLVANIA

FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2021 — NOON TO 1 P.M. EST VIA ZOOM

Registration required here no later than May 13

Co-sponsored by Penn State Dickinson Law and the Cumberland County Bar Association, this one-hour webinar will provide an overview of solar project trends as well as an introduction to solar power projects. The Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board has approved this program for 1.0 hour of substantive law, practice and procedure credit. There is no cost to attend.

DICKINSON LAW'S SECOND ANNUAL JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 2021 — 3:30 TO 5 P.M. EST VIA ZOOM

Registration required; link forthcoming

Join the Dickinson Law community as we explore the groundbreaking **"Race and the Equal Protection of the Laws"** course at Dickinson Law. The virtual program will offer CLE credit as well as the opportunity to engage in an active conversation with community members about this course.

SHARE YOUR PET PHOTOS WITH DICKINSON LAW



Class of 1979 graduate Kathleen O'Malley shared this photo of her pedigreed Maine Coons—the biggest breed of domestic cat in the world—from left to right: Tibbot, a 14-year-old cancer survivor, and Sabre, a 6-year-old champion show cat. O'Malley is an Assistant United States Attorney and resides in Jacksonville Beach, Florida.

Do you have the most fabulous feline, pawsome dog, or chatty bird? Show us! Submit a photo of your pets (you can be included, too!) for a chance to be featured in our next issue of *Dickinson Lawyer*, the Law School's official publication for alumni, family, and friends, or on our social media channels. Whether a furry new addition to or a longtime member of your family, our pets have shared many smiles and cuddles with us and have made many Zoom appearances over the course of the pandemic as our new work from home colleagues. All pets are welcome! **Email your photo to dickinsonlawalum@psu.edu by Friday, May 14.** Be sure to include your full name, class year, the name and breed of your pets, a fun fact about your pets, and identify who is pictured.



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