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NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

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NEW ALUMNI LEADERS JOIN DICKINSON LAW'S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL ADVISORY BOARD



Penn State Dickinson Law's Leadership Council Advisory Board and Dean and Donald J. Farage Professor of Law Danielle M. Conway warmly welcome the newest Leadership Council Advisory Board members following the recommendation of the Council's Nominating Committee: **Michael Braminck '90** (Princeton, NJ), **Tara Burns '17** (Harrisburg, PA), **Ryan Caboot '01** (Camp Hill, PA), Hon. **Charece Collins '07** (Harrisburg, PA), **Denise Foster Cronin '97** (Lexington, KY), **John Duggan '94** (Mechanicsburg, PA), and **René Gornall '06** (Washington, DC). Earlier this year, alumni were invited to nominate a peer or themselves to serve on the Leadership Council Advisory Board. Dickinson Law's Leadership Council Advisory Board is comprised of a diverse group of prominent alumni leaders who work to advance Dickinson Law's mission of Practice Greatness. As ambassadors of the Law School, the Board also provides input and recommendations to the dean of Dickinson Law on topics as requested by the dean. This includes providing leadership to the Trusted Advisors Groups and supporting and ensuring Dickinson Law's vision priorities through service to the Dickinson Law community as well as the profession as a whole. [View Leadership Council Advisory Board members](#)

DICKINSON LAW ALUMNI SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS SEEKS NEW MEMBERS



The Dickinson Law Alumni Society, the Law School's constituent organization in the Penn State Alumni Association—the largest dues paying organization of its kind in the world—is seeking new members to join in service to the alumni program at Dickinson Law. The mission of the Dickinson Law Alumni Society is to advance the Law School's goals and initiatives and promote its strategic plan; to collaborate with the President, the Dean, the Leadership Council, and the Dean's Trusted Advisors in carrying out approved projects and programs; and to provide a meaningful connection between Dickinson Law and its alumni. The Board of Directors of the Dickinson Law Alumni Society bolsters the Law School's alumni program primarily through its partnership with the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs. Interested alumni should complete the online nomination form by July 30, 2021. [More information and nomination form](#)

DICKINSON LAW ENHANCES RESIDENT FACULTY WITH ADDITION OF NEW SCHOLARS



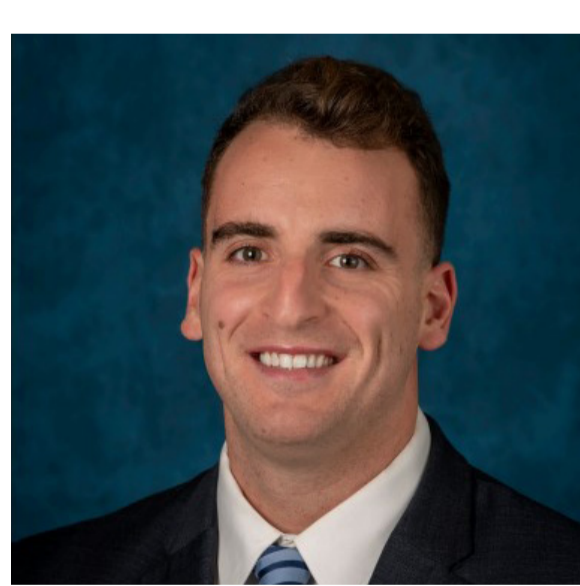
Sara Gerke



Brent Newton

Dickinson Law is pleased to welcome Sara Gerke and Brent Newton to its resident faculty. Gerke will join the Dickinson Law faculty as an assistant professor of law and will teach courses in torts, health law, bioethics, and related topics. Newton will join the Dickinson Law faculty as a visiting professor of law and will teach courses in civil procedure, professional responsibility, and advanced criminal law. "Professors Gerke and Newton bring unique perspectives and experiences to our community, which complement the knowledge and expertise of our faculty and staff, our practice greatness teaching and learning mission, and our commitment to the core values of excellence, diversity and inclusion, and service," said Dickinson Law Dean and Donald J. Farage Professor of Law Danielle M. Conway. "I am excited to welcome Professors Gerke and Newton to our vibrant, growing community." [Full story](#)

THIRD-YEAR LAW STUDENT NAMED EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS RURAL LEGAL CORPS SUMMER FELLOW



Michael McDonald

For third-year law student Michael McDonald, courses such as Advocacy and the Medical-Legal Partnership Clinic, as well as serving as an advocate on the National Trial Team, helped to prepare him to be an effective advocate for his clients. As a 2021 Equal Justice Works Rural Summer Legal Corps Student Fellow, McDonald will be hosted by Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma Inc., where he will assist the organization's Guymon office in expanding services to migrant workers on a variety of matters, including family law, housing, consumer law and public benefits. [Full story](#)

FREE CLE EVENT: SAVE THE DATE



On **Wednesday, August 11** from Noon to 1 p.m. EST, join the Alumni Societies of Penn State College of Medicine, Penn State College of Nursing, Penn State Dickinson Law, and Penn State Law for a co-sponsored virtual panel discussion, *A Shot in the Arm: Medicolegal Review of COVID Vaccination & Beyond*, about medical, policy, and legal issues surrounding COVID-19 vaccination mandates. Presenters include Dickinson Law Assistant Professor of Law Medha D. Makhoulf, Esq., Kevin T. McGarry, Esq., Wendy E. Braund, MD, MPH, MSED, FACPM, and Sherry DelGrosso DNP, RN. **This program will offer CEUs and CLE credits; registration forthcoming.**



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