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NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

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## REMEMBERING LONGTIME FRIEND, COLLEAGUE, AND ALUMNUS JOSEPH M. HARENZA JR. '71



Joseph M. Harenza Jr. passed away peacefully on Wednesday, September 29. He graduated from Dickinson Law in 1971 and later served the Law School as an adjunct professor of securities law, as lead counsel for its 1996-1997 merger negotiations with Penn State, as a member of the Penn State Board of Trustees from 1999 to 2002, and as a generous supporter of the Law School and its students. Peter G. Glenn, dean emeritus of Dickinson Law, authored a tribute in his memory. [Read more](#)

## DUSTY ELIAS KIRK '79 HONORED BY PRESIDENT ERIC BARON AS 2021 ALUMNI FELLOW



On Wednesday, October 6, Dusty Elias Kirk '79 received the Penn State Alumni Association's most prestigious award when she was inducted by President Eric Baron as a 2021 Alumni Fellow during a ceremony at the Hintz Family Alumni Center in University Park. Kirk is a partner in Reed Smith LLP and currently serves on Dickinson Law's Leadership Council Advisory Board and as the Law School's campaign chair for the A Greater Penn State for 21st Century Excellence Campaign. [See photos](#)

## HOLIDAY ORNAMENT FUNDRAISER BENEFITING THE DICKINSON LAW FUTURE FUND



Penn State Dickinson Law will hold a holiday ornament fundraiser through Noon on Friday, November 19. This year's design features the entrance to historic Trickett Hall, completed in 1918. Site of class photos, graduation celebrations, and countless memories for more than 100 years, this nostalgic ornament embodies the Dickinson Law experience. The cost per ornament is \$20 (shipping via USPS included in cost). All proceeds of the sale will benefit the Dickinson Law Future Fund, which supports our most vital needs. Supplies are limited, order yours today! [More information](#)

## RYAN MARR '22 EMBARKS ON 2021 U.S. BLAKE PLATEAU MAPPING PROJECT WITH THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION



Ryan Marr '22

Third-year Penn State Dickinson Law student Ryan Marr believes in taking advantage of opportunities that come his way. From studying in Tanzania to traveling to Bermuda, he says "yes" to any chance to see the world or learn something new. So when he was invited to participate in a project mapping an unexplored patch of the ocean floor with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Marr quickly signed up. [Read more](#)

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT DICKINSON LAW'S MOOT COURT PROGRAM



Assistant Professor of Law Mohamed Rali Badissy, Dickinson Law's faculty advisor to the Moot Court program, is pleased to share with our alumni an opportunity to support this dynamic and growing student-led experience. There has been an explosion of interest in the Moot Court program at the Law School this year, with registrations for the intraschool competition doubling and three-fold increase in the number of teams participating in national competitions. As part of this expansion, we are hoping to leverage the deep experience and dedication of our alumni community to serve as judges for the interschool competition and/or coaches for the national teams. Both opportunities will allow alumni to work closely with some of our most dedicated students to help guide the development of their written and oral advocacy skills. Also, at a time when experiential learning is growing in importance, the growth of our Moot Court program helps to ensure the Penn State Dickinson Law remains a leader in crafting a student experience that promotes personal growth and prepares graduates for real-world practice. Our students are participating in the following national competitions: The ABA Law Student Division National Appellate Advocacy Competition, Jeffrey G. Miller National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition, Irving R. Kaufman Memorial Securities Law Moot Court Competition, Seigenthaler-Sutherland Cup National First Amendment Moot Court Competition, and The New York Bar Annual National Moot Court Competition. [To volunteer, contact Professor Badissy.](#)

## PRACTICE GREATNESS, PRACTICE GIVING:

### #GIVINGTUESDAY IS NOVEMBER 30



Join the Penn State Dickinson Law community for #GivingTuesday, a global day celebrating the power of giving back. This year, all gifts made to the Dickinson Law Future Fund between November 16 and November 30 via our #GivingTuesday online giving portal will count toward our campaign. With your #GivingTuesday gift to the Dickinson Law Future Fund, you will help to provide flexible resources that can be used to meet our most critical areas of need. Future Fund gifts can be used to supplement student scholarship support; provide necessary technology repairs and upgrades; help students meet basic needs in times of crisis; and equip faculty with the resources they need to develop and deliver intensive coursework and programming necessary to prepare the next generation of Dickinson Law lawyers and leaders to Practice Greatness. [More information](#)



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