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NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

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G. GRIFFITH LINDSAY III '79 AND EMILY LINDSAY SUPPORT DICKINSON LAW WITH GRIFF AND EMILY LINDSAY ANTIRACISM AND SYSTEMIC EQUITY PROGRAM SUPPORT FUND



When Griff '79 and his wife, Emily, learned about the Antiracist Development Institute (ADI) at Dickinson Law, which launched in late 2021, they saw another avenue to fight injustice. Their recent \$250,000 gift created the Griff and Emily Lindsay Antiracism and Systemic Equity Program Support Fund to support the efforts of the ADI and Dickinson Law. Their fund is earmarked to support the institute and related initiatives and programming. "We trust them to use it where they see it is needed and achieve great results. And we are very confident the Dickinson Law leadership will do that," said Lindsay. "We are already seeing great things from the ADI." [Learn more](#)

WOMEN'S LAW CAUCUS TO HONOR TWO ALUMNAE WITH AWARDS IN MARCH



Penn State Dickinson Law's Women's Law Caucus will celebrate the 28th Annual Hon. Sylvia H. Rambo Award Ceremony & Reception on March 22 when it will honor Hon. Alicea Eloras-Ally '99 as the 2023 recipient of the Hon. Sylvia H. Rambo Award. Judge Eloras-Ally is a Family Court judge in the City of New York. Iman Woodyard '21, a staff attorney with MidPenn Legal Services, will receive the 2023 Recent Alumna Award. Alumni are invited to attend the event, which will be held in the Apfelbaum Family Courtroom & Auditorium and Ridge Commons. [Details and registration](#)

DICKINSON LAW'S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL ADVISORY BOARD SEEKS NEW MEMBERS



The Leadership Council Advisory Board is now seeking nominations for new Board members who are committed to sustaining the Law School's tradition of excellence and who, through leadership, service, and philanthropy, will contribute to the continued success of Dickinson Law and its community of students, faculty, staff, and alumni. Nominees should demonstrate some history of giving to, and engagement with, the Law School. Peer and self-nominations will be accepted; submission deadline is Friday, March 31. [Submit a nomination](#)

PROFESSOR GILDIN'S ADVANCED PERSUASION CLASS MEETS WITH NEUROSURGEON



Professor Gary Gildin's Advanced Persuasion class addresses how lawyers should adapt their persuasion to recent neuroscience findings as to how the brain receives and processes information. Earlier this month Professor Gildin and students from the class travelled to Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center where neurosurgeon Dr. Elias Rizk, division chief of pediatric neurosurgery, explained the operation of the brain using actual specimens of the brain. [Read more](#)

VENUS RICKS JOINS PENN STATE DICKINSON LAW AS ADI PROGRAM COORDINATOR



Throughout her entire career, Venus L. Ricks has focused on work that changes lives. Whether serving as the Commonwealth's first director of diversity, equity, and inclusion or leading multicultural affairs departments at a college or university, Ricks always placed antiracism at the center of that work. She recently joined the Antiracist Development Institute (ADI) at Penn State Dickinson Law as program coordinator. Here, she is eager to approach antiracism in a new way, building on what she has learned from her previous positions. [Meet Venus Ricks](#)

DICKINSON LAW REVIEW SYMPOSIUM TO PRESENT "THE IMPACT OF WOMEN OF COLOR IN THE JUDICIARY" ON MARCH 24



Dickinson Law Review will present "The Impact of Women of Color in the Judiciary" beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, March 24 in the Apfelbaum Family Courtroom and Auditorium, Lewis Katz Hall, Dickinson Law. Members of the judiciary and academia will discuss how women of color have shaped the judiciary, and the role of women of color on the bench moving forward. CLE credit is available. Thanks to generous co-sponsorship from the Macon Bolling Allen Civil Rights and Transitional Justice Program and the Steele Family Leadership Program in Gender and Racial Equity, all registration is free. Registrants can attend in person or virtually. [Details and registration](#)



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