

## SPOTLIGHT ON: CRIMINAL LAW SECTION

# IT WOULD BE CRIMINAL TO MISS OUT ON THIS YEAR'S EVENTS!

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The CMBA Criminal Law Section brings together prosecutors, criminal defense attorneys, members of the judiciary and other interested parties for networking and educational opportunities. Over the past several months, Section leadership has worked expeditiously to secure high-quality programming and events for the upcoming year. We look forward to safely convening in person while also offering a virtual option for each CLE to members who are not able to physically attend.

Please consider saving the following dates:

On August 5, 2021, immediate Past-Chair of the Criminal Law Section, Ashley Jones, will present on Fourth Amendment suppression issues involving warrantless searches of vehicles, related motion practice, and helpful tips for suppression hearings.

On September 2, 2021, a very groovy experience will take place at the new '70s-themed disco bar, Good Night John Boy, located in the East Flats! The Criminal Law Section is excited to co-host this social event with the Women in Law Section, the Insurance Section, the Young Lawyers Section, and the Inclusion & Diversity Committee. Doors open at 5 p.m.!

On September 9, 2021, Mira Aftim, Emily Mikes, and Julia Shagovac, Flannery | Georgalis, will present on the legal framework of public corruption crimes, and will advise on the many risk areas for those who interact with public officials for work, political reasons, or anything in between.

On October 6, 2021, Attorney and Forensic Psychologist Mark Silver, who is based in New York, will provide an overview of criminal mitigation with emphasis on various humanizing processes that a criminal law practitioner can utilize to better advocate for his or her client.

On November 10, 2021, Assistant United States Attorney Brian McDonough, will provide an update and practitioner's guide to utilizing

and understanding laws focused on the rights of victims. Topics covered will include the latest statutes and cases affecting crime victims' rights in Ohio under Marsy's Law and federal law.

On December 16, 2021, Kate Mozynski (she/they), Staff Attorney for Equality Ohio, will present on serving LGBTQ individuals with humility. This presentation will be designed to educate and train attorneys to competently serve their lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) clients to help foster increased public trust and confidence in the judicial system and the perception of justice by LGBTQ Ohioans. Attorneys will learn about heightened risk factors that specifically affect LGBTQ people and the incomplete lack of discrimination protections for LGBTQ people in Ohio. Attorneys will also learn some general best practices when representing LGBTQ clients.

On January 13, 2022, Criminal Law Section Vice-Chair Leslie Johns, will present on the fundamentals and best practices of OVI defense. Topics covered will include motion practice, license suspensions, and preparing for sentencing.

On February 3, 2022, President and CEO of Vestige Ltd., Damon Hacker, will lead an important discussion on issues pertaining to the identification and preservation of digital evidence as well as other technological areas of interest to judges, prosecutors, and criminal defense attorneys.

On March 3, 2022, Attorney and Certified Polygraphist Bill Evans, will present on developments and benefits of forensic polygraph examinations in criminal matters and investigations. Topics covered will include traditional polygraph considerations as well as ocular testing.

On April 27, 2022, Eric Long, Friedman & Nemecek, will discuss the everchanging landscape of Collegiate sexual misconduct cases under the new Title IX regulations, groundbreaking judicial

opinions, and the new regulations expected under the Biden Administration. Mr. Long will also analyze the interconnected relationship between campus sexual misconduct investigations and the criminal process.

Topics for further Criminal Law Section presentations and discussions this year include:

- Police Accountability and Criminal Implications;
- Views from the Bench Relevant to Criminal Practitioners; and,
- Updates on the Efforts to Implement a State-Wide Sentencing Database in Ohio.

In addition to the aforementioned events, the Criminal Law Section is proud to feature an extensive program on the intricacies and complexities of jury selection through a simulated voir dire with a full-size mock jury. This half-day seminar, on a date to be determined, will be facilitated by veteran trial attorney, Ian Friedman, who is a former President of both the CMBA and the American Board of Criminal Lawyers. Attendees will observe the jury selection techniques of multiple, skilled attorneys and receive insight as to the jurors' impressions and feedback. It does not get closer to actual trial experience than attending a program such as this.

Please contact Melanie Farrell at mfarrell@clemetrobar.org to become a member of the section as we begin what is anticipated to be a memorable and meaningful year.

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