

**CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2022**

**MEMORANDUM**

**REPORT OF AD HOC COMMITTEE REVIEWING REQUEST  
TO REMOVE NAME FROM LAW SCHOOL**

To: Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee Chair Tim Cosgrove  
Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee members:  
    Patricia M. DePompei  
    Alan G. Starkoff  
    Vanessa L. Whiting  
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CC: Board of Trustees Chair David Reynolds  
Board of Trustees Secretary Sonali Wilson

From: President Laura Bloomberg

Please find attached to this memo the report and recommendation of an Ad Hoc Review and Advisory Committee convened for the purpose of considering a request to remove the name of John Marshall from the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. This ad hoc committee was convened in accordance with the procedural document developed to implement *Policy 3344-3-01: Space, unit, and entity naming*, which was Board approved in May 2022. The procedures outline a four-phase

*Phase IV: Review by Board of Trustees*

The 14-member committee was convened and given their charge by the Provost in April 2022. The committee's final report and recommendation was presented to the President's Office on August 24, 2022. The committee's primary resource material for its review was the report of the Law School Naming Committee, cited throughout the Ad Hoc Committee's report as the "Framing Document". A copy of

*The President shall review the ad hoc committee's final recommendation and shall have making this decision, the President shall consider the nature of the allegations, the evidence in support of the request, and the potential impact on the university based on the information presented. In performing this review, the President may consult with other individuals as the President deems appropriate.*

*If the President decides to recommend removing or otherwise modifying the name at issue, the matter shall be advanced to the Board of Trustees for final review and action. The Office of the President will communicate the President's decision in writing to the requestor(s) with a copy to the Board, within 30 days of receiving the recommendation from the committee.*

*Upon receiving a recommendation from the President for the removal or amendment of a name, the Board of Trustees' Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee will evaluate the committee's report and the President's recommendation, along with any other relevant materials, and shall make a final decision as to whether such action is appropriate, and may approve, deny or modify any action recommended by the President. If the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee decides that the recommendation to remove or amend a name is appropriate, it will then be advanced to the full Board of Trustees for final approval. Importantly, if the Board decides to remove or amend a name, any new name being considered shall be addressed in accordance with separate university processes. Removal does not indicate an agreement to implement a new name suggested by the requestor(s) or some other party.*

Based on my consideration of all information provided and referenced in the report, the analysis of the ad hoc committee and the policy-related rationale outlined for their decision, **I submit to you my acceptance of the recommendation to remove the name of John Marshall from -Marshall College of Law.**





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