

Governor DeWine Expands Expedited Pardon Project to Include Law Partners in Cleveland, Dayton, and Cincinnati

Partner Statements:

"CSU Cleveland-Marshall Law School is thrilled to partner with Governor DeWine on the Expedited Pardon Project, which aligns directly with our C|M|LAW mission to 'Learn Law, Live Justice.' Our students are passionate about making positive change in their community. Through this project they will assist Ohio residents in pursuing pardon or clemency, a key step toward reintegration and becoming more productive members of the community."

Jonathan Witmer-Rich Associate Dean for Academic Enrichment, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law

"We are excited to be awarded a grant to continue our work on the Ohio Governor's Expedited Pardon Project. The project already has positively impacted the lives of those who have received an expedited pardon. We look forward to working with the new project partners to expand the reach of the project so more deserving Ohioans can have a second chance. We are thankful to Governor DeWine and the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction for their ongoing support and collaboration."

Joann Sahl Assistant Director, University of Akron School of Law

"Mercy is at the heart of our mission as a Catholic Marianist institution. This program that gives people a second chance will provide a wonderful learning experience for our students."

Andrew Strauss
Dean, University of Dayton School of Law

"The Ohio Governor's Expedited Pardon Project is a wonderful partnership that provides an opportunity for a second chance for qualifying Ohioans. We are so excited to be a part of that mission and to further this program in southern Ohio. Not only will it give UDSL students the opportunity to assist individuals with the application process, but hopefully it will extend the reach of the program and add to its success. We're grateful to be chosen to partner with the project and are looking forward to this important work."

Katie Wright and Ericka Curran Professors, University of Dayton School of Law

"On behalf of the Ohio Justice & Policy Center, we applaud Governor DeWine for his expedited pardon initiative and are grateful that we were awarded funding to help deserving applicants who need a second chance."

David Singleton

Executive Director, Ohio Justice & Policy Center

"We are thrilled to receive a grant to support our continued work on the Ohio Governor's Expedited Pardon Project and are thankful to Governor DeWine and the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction for their ongoing support and collaboration. We are grateful to be part of efforts to expedite the application process for those seeking a pardon under Ohio's laws. As we look to expand the project in coming months, we applied Governor DeWine for his vision and commitment to making pardons more accessible to Ohioans who have been rehabilitated and contribute positively to their communities.

Douglas Berman
Professor, The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law