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# Thurgood Marshall Memorial Lecture

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

4:00pm - 5:30pm

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RWU Law welcomes Danielle M. Conway, the Dean and Donald J. Farage Professor of Law at Penn State Dickinson Law, as the Thurgood Marshall Memorial Lecture Keynote Address Speaker. A leading expert in procurement law, entrepreneurship, and intellectual property law, Dean Conway joined Dickinson Law after serving for four years as dean of the University of Maine School of Law and 14 years on the faculty of the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, William S. Richardson School of Law. Dean Conway’s scholarly agenda and speeches have focused on, among other areas, advocating for public education and for actualizing the rights of marginalized groups and promoting systemic equity in legal education and the profession. Under her leadership, Dickinson Law’s Antiracist Development Institute (ADI) was created to facilitate the dismantling of structures that scaffold systemic racial inequality by using a systems design approach focused on implementing antiracist practices, processes, and policies throughout organizations.



Dean Danielle M. Conway

Dean Conway is the co-recipient of the inaugural Association of American Law Schools’ (AALS) Impact Award, which recognized her work in co-curating the Law Deans Antiracist Clearinghouse Project, a webpage for law deans, faculty, and the public that contains resources and information related to addressing systemic racism in law and legal education. Dean Conway is an elected member of the American Law Institute, a member of the AALS Executive Committee, and a director of the AccessLex Institute.

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*Dean Danielle M. Conway*

*Dean and Donald J. Farage Professor of Law*

Danielle M. Conway is the dean and Donald J. Farage professor of law at Penn State Dickinson Law. A leading expert in procurement law, entrepreneurship, intellectual property law, and licensing intellectual property, Dean Conway joined Dickinson Law after serving for four years as dean of the University of Maine School of Law and 14 years on the faculty of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, William S. Richardson School of Law, where she was the inaugural Michael J. Marks Distinguished Professor of Business Law.

Prior to her deanships, Dean Conway was a member of the faculties at the Georgetown University Law Center and the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law. She also served as a Fulbright Senior Scholar in Australia and later as Chair in Law at LaTrobe University, Faculty of Law & Management in Australia. Dean Conway is the author or editor of six books and casebooks as well as numerous book chapters, articles, and essays. Her scholarly agenda and speeches have focused on, among other areas, advocating for public education and for actualizing the rights of marginalized groups, including Indigenous Peoples, minoritized people, and members of rural communities. Dean Conway's most recent [publication](#) focuses on different aspects of building an antiracist law school, legal academy, and legal profession through leadership, vision priorities, and transformational diversity, equity, and inclusion-focused admissions and faculty and staff recruitment and retention.

Dean Conway is the co-recipient of the [inaugural Association of American Law Schools' \(AALS\) Impact Award](#), which honors individuals who have had a significant, positive impact on legal education or the legal profession. Dean Conway received this recognition for her work in establishing the [Law Deans Antiracist Clearinghouse Project](#). Launched in June 2020, the project is a webpage for law deans, faculty and staff, and the public that contains resources and information related to addressing racism in law and legal education. Dean Conway also serves as one of three co-chairs of the [Select Penn State](#)



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### **Education**

LL.M., George Washington University Law School

J.D., Howard University School of Law, *cum laude*

B.S., New York University

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### **Research Interests**

Intellectual Property Law

Licensing Intellectual Property

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[Presidential Commission on Racism, Bias, and Community Safety.](#)

Dean Conway earned her bachelor's degree from New York University Stern School of Business, double majoring in finance and international business. She earned her J.D. degree, with honors, from the Howard University School of Law, where she graded on to the Howard Law Journal and served on the leadership board of the National Moot Court Team. She holds dual LL.M. degrees in Government Procurement Law and Environmental Law from the George Washington University Law School. She has been admitted to the bars in the District of Columbia, Hawai'i, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

Dean Conway has been a member of the American Law Institute since 2004. She is an appointed member of the AALS Executive Committee, appointed to the Board of Directors of AccessLex Institute, and an appointed member of both the Pennsylvania Bar Association COVID-19 Task Force and the Joint Task Force on Continuity of Legal Services. In 2016, Dean Conway retired from the U.S. Army in the rank of lieutenant colonel after 27 years of combined active, reserve, and national guard service.

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**Select Publications by Dean Conway**

“The cognitive dissonance between the rule of law and rural realities: Reading Gillian Hadfield’s Rules for a Flat World in the context of rural identity and politics,” *5 Creighton J. Interdisc. Leadership* 4 (2019).

“[Legal Deserts: A Multi-State Perspective on Rural Access to Justice](#),” 13 *Harv. L. & Pol’y Rev.* 15 (2018) (with Lisa R. Pruitt, Amanda L. Kool, Lauren Sudeall, Michele Statz, and Hannah Haksgaard)

*Intellectual Property, Software, and Information Licensing: Law and Practice* (with Professors Xuan-Thao Nguyen and Robert Gomulkiewicz) (BNA 2d ed. 2018)

[Licensing Intellectual Property: Theory and Application](#)

(with Professors Xuan-Thao Nguyen and Robert Gomulkiewicz) (Wolters Kluwer 4th ed. 2018)

[Transnational Intellectual Property Law](#) (West Publishers 2015)

[State and Local Government Procurement](#) (ABA Publishing 2012)

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What an amazing keynote address by our esteemed guest speaker, Dean Danielle Conway of Penn State Dickinson Law, whose energy, knowledge, and lecture were so befitting of the Thurgood Marshall event. We appreciate everyone's presence --guests, students, faculty, and staff--most especially the support of Hinckley Allen. Here's something to keep in mind when studying systemic racism: Historicity. [#rwulaw30th](#) [#thurgoodmatshalllecture](#) [Penn State Dickinson Law](#) [Danielle Conway](#) [#hinckleyallen](#)











