

**NEW FACULTY:
DIRECTOR, LAWYERING PROGRAM
ASSISTANT LAW SCHOOL PROFESSOR**

ANNE-MARIE CARSTENS



in Maryland Carey Law's Lawyering Program use "the kinds of documents they will see in a real law practice" to complete assignments that follow the arc of civil litigation or criminal prosecution. The program also incorporates more skills critical to today's legal profession, and Carstens fosters direct connections between the Lawyering curriculum and the other first-year foundational courses.



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Carstens has experience teaching first-year Civil Procedure and Property, which she says helps her guide students in this holistic approach.

"Professor Carstens is the ideal person to take our Lawyering Program to the next level with her extensive experience teaching lawyering skills in addition to other first-year courses," says Senior Associate Dean Barbara Gontrum.

Carstens, who also oversees the writing center, has more than 20 years of experience in academia, government, and law

firm practice. She began her law teaching career in London, where she taught U.S. law students studying abroad while also pursuing her research doctorate in international law at Oxford University. She then spent four years as a visiting professor and researcher at Georgetown University Law Center before joining Maryland Carey Law as a visiting professor in 2019.

Carstens's research and scholarship focus primarily on cultural heritage law, property law, and international law governing armed conflicts. She has co-edited a book and published law review articles and book chapters, whose diverse topics include the interpretation of treaty rules, the wartime protection of civilian property and cultural property, the development of cultural heritage destruction as a war crime, and the use of special masters in the U.S. Supreme Court.

She received her JD from Georgetown and a DPhil in Law from Oxford. She also holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Virginia.

Carstens refers to her current role as her "third stint" in Baltimore. Prior to law school, Carstens taught as an inclusion teacher for Baltimore County Public Schools. After law school, she returned to Baltimore as a law clerk to Judge Diana Gribbon Motz on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit before practicing as a litigator in Washington, D.C. and London.

Carstens is enthusiastic about her new position because it combines her passions for teaching and for writing and editing. Plus, her favorite population to teach is 1Ls. "I love the enthusiasm that first-year students come to law school with," she says. "They are so prepared and engaged." ■

THE FIRST-YEAR curriculum at Maryland Carey Law has always reflected the law school's deep commitment and innovative approach to the integrated teaching of legal theory, doctrine, and professional skills. Its latest iteration, featuring a reconfiguration of legal writing and advocacy courses into a six-credit Lawyering series, builds on this groundbreaking tradition under the leadership of Anne-Marie Carstens, the school's new Lawyering Program director.

While the Lawyering Program retains legal writing and analysis as a primary focus, Carstens says the Lawyering classes use a simulation model to emphasize "practical application" of skills rather than "discrete exercises." This model means that students

**NEW FACULTY:
ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR LIBRARY AND TECHNOLOGY
LAW SCHOOL ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR**

KRISTINA ALAYAN



law will make her as beloved here as she has been everywhere else she has worked. I am thrilled she is joining us.”

Daughter of an Iranian refugee father and German mother, Alayan is first generation in her family to be born in the United States and to go to law school. Her history, she says, has shaped her values and approach to library leadership.



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- Prof. Rena Steinzor

THE MARYLAND Carey Law community is pleased to welcome Associate Dean for Library and Technology and Associate Professor Kristina Alayan, who began in the position on July 1, 2021.

Alayan comes to the law school from Howard University School of Law where she served as library director and assistant professor.

“Kristina has extensive experience as a law librarian, with a special focus on international issues,” says Professor Rena Steinzor. “She was attracted to the law school by our obvious commitment to diversity, and I have no doubt that her enthusiasm for doing whatever she can to encourage students in the study of

Before joining the law faculty at Howard, Alayan was the head of reference, head of content acquisition and management, and adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center. She also served as the foreign and international law reference librarian and lecturing fellow at Duke University School of Law, where she taught required legal research courses in the JD, LLM, and JD/LLM programs.

Alayan earned her master’s in Library Science (MLIS) with a certificate in Law Librarianship from the University of Washington School of Information and her JD from the University of Oregon School of Law with certificates in the International Law and Pro Bono programs. Her research interests include information literacy, access to justice, leadership, and change management. She specializes in foreign and international legal research and is proficient in multiple languages.

Active in the law library community, Alayan has served in various leadership positions in the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), the International Association of Law Libraries (IALL), and the American Society of International Law (ASIL). In 2019 she was recognized with the prestigious American Association of Law Libraries Emerging Leader award.

Alayan is excited to work with the team at Maryland Carey Law to build on the library’s tradition of being a physical and online space where students, faculty, and alumni can come for community and a range of supports. It’s a great responsibility, she says, “to do right by our students and our faculty and help them do the critical, cutting-edge work that has meaningful impacts in the city of Baltimore, the state of Maryland, and beyond.” ■