

Bernard I. Rosen Memorial Lecture Series

Affirmative Action: Now What?

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Akron-Summit County Public Library
Main Library Auditorium
60 S. High Street
Free

Special Guest Speaker
Tony Mauro



Former *USA Today* reporter and Supreme Court correspondent for *The National Law Journal*, *American Lawyer Media*, and *law.com*, Tony has covered the Supreme Court for 31 years.

Distinguished Panel

Dr. Ronald Fowler, Consultant and Special Assistant to the President, Kent State University
Vern Granger, Associate VP for Enrollment Services, The Ohio State University
Lee Gill, Associate VP for Inclusion & Equity and Chief Diversity Officer, University of Akron

Over the summer the US Supreme Court issued a series of decisions around the issue of equality, which impacted fundamental institutions including education, and the ability of minorities to get into college. The case brought to the Supreme Court was Fisher v. University of Texas. Abigail Fisher, a white woman who was denied admission to the University of Texas at Austin, sued the University saying that that it based their decision on her race. She argued that classifying people on the basis of race violates the Constitution's equal protection clause. The Supreme Court allowed the admissions policies to continue for now, but ordered an appeals court to reconsider the case under more demanding standards.

Mr. Mauro will discuss Fisher v. the University of Texas and what it says about the law of affirmative action. The panelists will address what colleges and universities plan to do to ensure diversity in light of the new legal rules.

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