

# Famed First Amendment advocate Mary Beth Tinker to present in Cleveland Friday, November 9



*“Black armband” war-protester student of the 1960s will be featured speaker at Education Law Association’s 64th Annual Conference special event at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law*



In 1965, 13-year-old Mary Beth Tinker, along with her brother and another student, wore black armbands to school to protest the Vietnam war, and were sent home. Represented by the ACLU, the students and their families embarked on a four-year court battle that culminated in the landmark Supreme Court decision, *Tinker v. Des Moines*. On February 24, 1969, the Court ruled 7-2 that students do not “shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate.”



Now, as we near the 50th anniversary of that famous First Amendment ruling, you will have a chance to hear Mary Beth Tinker in person at a special session starting at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9 at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law’s Moot Court Room, 1801 Euclid Ave. in Cleveland (Rooms 201 and 202 will also be open). The event is part of the Education Law Association (ELA) 64th Annual Conference in Cleveland and is cosponsored by Thompson & Horton, LLP. Following Tinker’s presentation and a panel discussion is a reception with silent auction to benefit ELA’s technology fund.

The event is open to the public at no charge. Ohio attorneys will receive 2.25 CLE credits.

## Schedule

- 2:00 Welcome / introductions
- 2:05 Mary Beth Tinker presentation and Q&A
- 3:05 Break
- 3:15 Introduction of the panel
  - Moderated by Kevin Francis O’Neill, J.D.: Associate Professor at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law
  - Mary Beth Tinker
  - Chris Gilbert, J.D.: Author of “The Oldest Rule” and founding partner of Thompson & Horton, LLP, Houston, Texas
  - Jennifer Mezzina, Ed.D.: Assistant Principal, Northern Valley Regional High School, Waldwick, New Jersey
- 4:15 Move to the law school atrium for the reception and silent auction, until about 6:00

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***There’s still time to register for the full Education Law Association conference, November 7-10 at the Downtown Marriott at Key Center in Cleveland***

Join about 250 attorneys, professors, school administrators, consultants, and graduate students interested in education law who will participate in ELA’s 64th Annual Conference. Wednesday, Nov. 7 features two afternoon preconferences, one of which is Legal Ethics. On Thursday and Friday, as well as Saturday morning, choose from over 100 concurrent breakout sessions, feature presentations, roundtables, and poster sessions. Two postconferences will be held Saturday afternoon.

The Marriott offers a block of rooms at an attractive rate until Oct. 19 or sold out. For the Mary Beth Tinker presentation, a shuttle bus that will make loops from the Marriott to the law school in the hour before and the hour after the event.

Ohio has already granted 19.25 general hours of CLEs for the full conference and 3 hours for our legal ethics preconference (the preconference may also be attended as a stand-alone registration).

**See the full conference schedule, presenters listing, and register for the conference at [www.educationlaw.org](http://www.educationlaw.org)**