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From left to right: Dean Anthony W. Crowell, Carl Weisbrod, and Professor Ross Sandler.

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## Major Progress on the Strategic Plan



In July 2013, New York Law School released a bold and groundbreaking Strategic Plan that covers every aspect of the Law School's activities. The plan draws from our rich history of innovative academic programs and charts a course forward, detailing how we are adapting the curriculum to align with the new legal marketplace. This past September, we followed up with *Strategic Plan Progress and Outcomes*, our first annual report evaluating and

presenting our progress over the past year. I am pleased to report that we have made great strides in implementing the Plan.

This issue of *New York Law School Magazine* details many of those accomplishments, such as improved employment outcomes in both traditional and nontraditional placements, and national recognition for our clinical programs, diversity, state-of-the-art facilities, and part-time evening division.

The issue also spotlights three of our most illustrious alumni, who, having made their mark in the business world, have gone on to acquire major sports teams. Our Titans of Sports event in October was truly a special night, featuring Marc Lasry '84, co-owner of the Milwaukee Bucks; Vincent Viola '83, owner of the Florida Panthers; and Zygmunt "Zygi" Wilf '74, owner of the Minnesota Vikings.

We also report on another exceptional event at NYLS: In September, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, who made history in 2007 by becoming the first woman to serve as Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, delivered the 2014 Sidney Shainwald Public Interest Lecture.

And we celebrate two of our extraordinary faculty members: Edward A. Purcell Jr., whose article, "Understanding Curtiss-Wright," offers penetrating insights into a notable 1936 Supreme Court case, and Ruti G. Teitel, whose book of essays, *Globalizing Transitional Justice*, traces the evolution of her reflections on the field since the publication of her seminal book, *Transitional Justice*, in 2000.

Finally, we highlight several notable events on campus, major alumni activities, and our Commencement Exercises in May, when we returned to Carnegie Hall, the site of our first commencement in 1892.

As we head toward our 125th anniversary, now only a year away, I look forward to your continued participation in the Law School community. We have made great progress in implementing our Strategic Plan. With your support, we will achieve all its goals, ensuring that NYLS continues to be recognized as an influential leader and innovator in legal education and scholarship.

Anthony W. Crowell  
Dean and President

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TO NYLS

By Meghan Lalonde



From left to right: Duke Castiglione, Marc Lasry '84, Vincent Viola '83, and Zygunt "Zygi" Wilf '74.

Amid the popcorn machines, pretzels, and hot dogs, it might have been easy to mistake New York Law School for a sports stadium on the night of October 1. To add to the atmosphere, among the crowd of nearly 300 students, alumni, faculty, and other members of the NYLS community, stood three of the Law School's most notable alumni, all from the world of sports: Marc Lasry '84, part-owner of the Milwaukee Bucks basketball team; Vincent Viola '83, owner of the Florida Panthers Hockey Club; and Zygunt "Zygi" Wilf '74, owner of the Minnesota Vikings Football Club.

It was a special night at the Law School. The main event was a lively and candid panel discussion in the Events Center with the three team owners, moderated by Sports Anchor Duke Castiglione of Fox 5 New York.

Professional sports as a whole today is a 30 billion-dollar-a-year industry, and team owners number among some of the richest people in the country. In fact, just days before the panel discussion took place, both Marc Lasry and Vincent Viola appeared on the *Forbes* 400, the magazine's list of the 400 richest people in the United States. Because sports are so popular, and consumer demand is so high, owners often receive as much attention as players and games.

Their decisions are widely analyzed on broadcast and print media and by fans on social media.

The three NYLS alumni team owners took time out to come back to the Law School for the event during a busy period for their sports: when the professional football season was well under way, and when the hockey and basketball seasons were just about to begin. They began by discussing the career paths that took them from NYLS to professional sports.

"I went to law school because my mother made me," said Mr. Lasry with a smile to a chorus of laughter from the audience. "But really, whether you use your law degree or don't use it, it's great to be a

lawyer and it's been really helpful in the sports world."

Born in Morocco and raised in Connecticut, Mr. Lasry refused to give up dreaming about basketball despite his parents' encouragement to pursue a more serious career in law. Still, he was regarded as a fierce competitor in both basketball and tennis while in high school.

During his time at NYLS, Mr. Lasry clerked with the Honorable Edward Ryan, the Chief Bankruptcy Judge of the Southern District of New York, and he started his career as a bankruptcy attorney with Angel & Frankel. A year later, he got his start in finance and investment. After





a few years at various firms, including the Smith Vasilou Management Company and Cowen & Company, he sought the help of his sister, Sonia Gardner (also an attorney), and together they formed Amroc Investments and Avenue Capital Group—both of which became incredibly successful distressed debt investment firms.

On April 16, Mr. Lasry’s basketball dream came true. He and partner Wes Edens purchased the Milwaukee Bucks, hoping the same strategy that made them

successful in finance would work just as well to produce a winning team in Wisconsin.

“I thought if I bought the team that I’d be able to play,” Mr. Lasry joked again. “I guess there’s some kind of rule against that.”

Mr. Lasry’s enthusiasm was matched by that of Mr. Viola and Mr. Wilf. Both commented about their passion for sports as well as the differences and similarities between sports management and corporate management roles.

“I manage the team exactly the same way I did my business,” said Mr. Viola. “It all begins with trust. Trust breeds communication. And discipline—discipline will always feed efficiency.”

The son of a World War II veteran turned truck driver, Mr. Viola was born in Brooklyn and attended Brooklyn Technical High School before receiving an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. Like Mr. Lasry and Mr. Wilf, Mr. Viola was always a competitive athlete and enjoyed playing sports. But after graduating from West Point, he left with the intention of building a career in the military and achieved the rank of Major in the U.S. Army Reserves.

After leaving the Army, Mr. Viola returned to New York, where he joined the New York Mercantile Exchange as a local trader and began attending law school. He went on to become a member of the New York Mercantile Exchange in 1982—his third and final year at NYLS.

“I wouldn’t trade my legal education for any other education experience,” he said. “You take on a different understanding and you’re better able to think critically.”

Mr. Viola found himself gravitating toward securities law at NYLS, which led to an interest in investing. It was his founding of Virtu Financial—a high-tech, high-frequency trading firm—that proved to be one of the most lucrative decisions of his career. The success of Virtu led to Mr. Viola’s first foray into team ownership with a minority stake in the New Jersey Nets basketball team. But after the team’s ownership was sold and split, moving the franchise to Brooklyn, Mr. Viola went looking for another team.

In September 2013, after a meeting with National Hockey League Commissioner Gary Bettmann, Mr. Viola found a new team to call his own in the Florida Panthers.

But as all new owners discover, unexpected challenges often crop up.

“Some of these players are just so young, they don’t understand that they are

their own individual brand,” Mr. Viola remarked. He has begun to educate his players about dealing with the public as well as taking care of their personal finances.

“The one thing I didn’t realize about being the owner of a sports team is that we are all stewards and ambassadors for a team that is really owned by the fans,” said Mr. Wilf, the 10-year veteran sports owner. “You have to have passion and you have to have money, but passion carries everything.”

The son of Holocaust survivors, Mr. Wilf immigrated to the United States with his family in 1951 and settled in Birmingham, Alabama, before moving to Elizabeth, New Jersey, where they were drawn by the local Yeshiva and synagogues. For Mr. Wilf, the experience of growing up as the son of Holocaust survivors not only instilled a strong sense of humility, but left a burning desire to succeed for those who had lost so much.

As a teenager, Mr. Wilf played doubles tennis and was an avid fan of hockey, baseball, and football, especially the New York Football Giants. Sandy Koufax, pitcher for the Los Angeles Dodgers was his idol—an admiration that was solidified after Koufax refused to play the opening game of the 1965 World Series because it fell on Yom Kippur.

After graduating from NYLS, Mr. Wilf went on to join his family-run businesses, Garden Homes and Garden Properties, where his legal education served him well. From owning a few humble shopping centers, Mr. Wilf’s leadership resulted in the company’s expansion and acquisition of over a hundred other properties, including several large shopping malls and over 90,000 apartment units across the country. In 2005, drawing on the success of the family businesses, Mr. Wilf purchased the Minnesota Vikings.

All three owners commented on the tremendous amount of attention they’ve received in the press and on social media after acquiring their teams. “It’s

astonishing how much you’re in the public eye,” said Mr. Lasry. In answer to the question whether they would take advice from fans, he said, “I do it all the time.” Mr. Wilf responded, “That will change in a couple of years.”

Despite living in New York, hundreds of miles from their teams, the three owners spend as much time as they can in the local communities. Mr. Lasry said he gives a lot of speeches in Milwaukee. Mr. Wilf said that his family’s foundations

and legacy of giving back to the community helped ingratiate him with the Minnesota fan base. All three said they are heavily involved in day-to-day personnel decisions.

If one thing became clear during the course of the discussion, it was that, despite their rather unorthodox career paths, hard work and dedication can lead to opportunity, even in the exclusive world of professional sports. •



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# Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi Delivers the Shainwald Public Interest Lecture

By Thomas Adcock



Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi greets a group of NYLS students before her speech.

Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, cheerfully outspoken as leader of the Democratic caucus in the U.S. House of Representatives, delivered the 2014 Sidney Shainwald Public Interest Lecture at New York Law School on September 16, 2014.

In a wide-ranging talk, she commented on legislative stalemate, marriage equality, immigration policy, the recovering economy, feminism, and what to do about the barbaric Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS).

Dubbed “Grandma with a gavel” by a *Washington Post* columnist, the Californian became the first woman Speaker of the House in 2007, when her party controlled that body. In 2011, Republicans won majority status, and Congressman John Boehner of Ohio became Speaker.

Dean Anthony W. Crowell welcomed the audience assembled in the Events Center, observing, “The Shainwald Lecture is one of the premier events held at the Law School. This series provides a unique forum for thoughtful and intellectual discussion featuring the most prominent leaders in public and judicial service.” He

then introduced Sybil Shainwald ’76 as “a groundbreaking legal pioneer, a visionary who has made fighting for women’s health her unrelenting mission for the last three decades.”

Ms. Shainwald, a New York Law School Trustee and women’s health lawyer, established the Public Interest Lecture in 2004 in honor of her late husband, Sidney Shainwald, an advocate for social justice who worked for Consumers Union from 1937 to 1982. Past speakers have included U.S. Supreme Court Justices Sandra Day O’Connor and Stephen Breyer; then-Senator, now Secretary of State John Kerry; then-Senator, now Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel; and the late Senator Edward “Ted” Kennedy.

“I am so honored and so pleased to have the first woman Speaker of the House of

Representatives here,” said Ms. Shainwald. She then introduced Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney of New York, who in turn introduced fellow Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi as “a trailblazer, ceiling breaker, and history-maker” who “actually got things done.”

Pelosi presented a conversational address, in which she responded to questions from James F. Simon, NYLS Dean Emeritus and Martin Professor of Law Emeritus. She was quick to excoriate what she considers obstructionist Republicans of Congress—especially in the chamber run by Speaker Boehner. The House majority is “anti-government, anti-science, and anti-Barack Obama,” she said. “What they’ve said to the President is, ‘Anything you want, we’re not interested; nothing is the agenda, never is the timetable.’”

She added, with a laugh, “Pardon me for that partisan word.”

Pelosi touched on how she briefly considered the fame-free option of entering a Catholic convent as a young novitiate. As a nun, she said, “You could pray all the time, and do good deeds. But I just thought I might check out the world. The church is very important to me, [though] I may be less important to them as I speak out.”

Pelosi is ardently liberal on issues such as marriage equality, immigrant rights, and reproductive rights.

“I was taught to [honor] the dignity of every person,” she said. “Part of that dignity is the free will to take responsibility for your own life. Whatever my thoughts are, what business is it of mine to insist on that for someone else?”

“This is the time of year when Christ said to the Apostles, ‘Love one another.’ This is love: letting other versions exist. I attribute this to my upbringing in Baltimore,” said Pelosi. There, she said, three cultural pillars made her what she is: her Italian American family, the Catholic Church, and the Democratic



Congresswoman Pelosi and Dean Emeritus James F. Simon



From left to right: Sybil Shainwald '76, Congresswoman Pelosi, and Dean Crowell



Sybil Shainwald and Congresswoman Pelosi talk with NYLS students.

Party. “Our Catholic teachings,” she said, “were in furtherance of respecting people.”

Pelosi, mother of five adult children and grandmother to six (and counting), remembers a moment of disrespect during a House debate on abortion law, and how it conflicted with certain less inclusive Catholic doctrine. “They said, ‘Oh, that Nancy Pelosi—she thinks she knows more about having babies than the Pope,’” she recollected. “Yes!”

In 2009 and 2010, a Democratic Congress passed a number of hard-fought measures to address the near meltdown of the American economy, including the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. Pelosi said Republicans now want to overturn Wall Street reform and return to policies that led to the crippling recession begun in 2007.

Suggesting that Republicans are willing to manipulate statutory authority for the benefit of wealthy Americans, and to the disadvantage of everyone else, Pelosi said, “We don’t begrudge anyone their success. But we do resent the exploitation of working people, the environment, and consumers when that success springs from something very unfair in our economy.”

On the topic of women’s place in the nation’s affairs, Pelosi’s stance is resolute: “When women succeed, America succeeds. That is a statement of absolute fact. It’s not about politics, it’s about values.”

To elect more women to public office, she said, “It’s really important to do everything in our power to reduce the role of secret, undisclosed special interest money destructive to our democracy and the middle class.

“If we reduce the role of money and increase the level of civility, I guarantee you this: We will increase the number of women in politics, and that will be the most wholesome thing we can do,” said Pelosi. “Not only women, but younger people and minorities.”

She added, with another laugh, “It seems inevitable to us that this has to happen, but inconceivable to Republicans.”

Pelosi was further resolute on the matter of responding to the ISIS threat: “I will not vote for troops on the ground. We cannot go down that path. There’s no evidence it would even work.”

She expressed firm support for President Obama’s expansion of air strikes in Iraq, and into Syria, in order to “degrade and ultimately destroy [ISIS],” as the president declared in a September 10 television address.

In 2002, Pelosi voted “nay” on bills authorizing then-President George W. Bush to make war on Iraq. But “aye” votes in the House and Senate prevailed. Air strikes against ISIS forces, ordered now by President Obama, are “a consequence of our going into Iraq in the first place,” said Congresswoman Pelosi, opining that the Iraq war “will go down in history as one of the most serious mistakes our country ever made.”

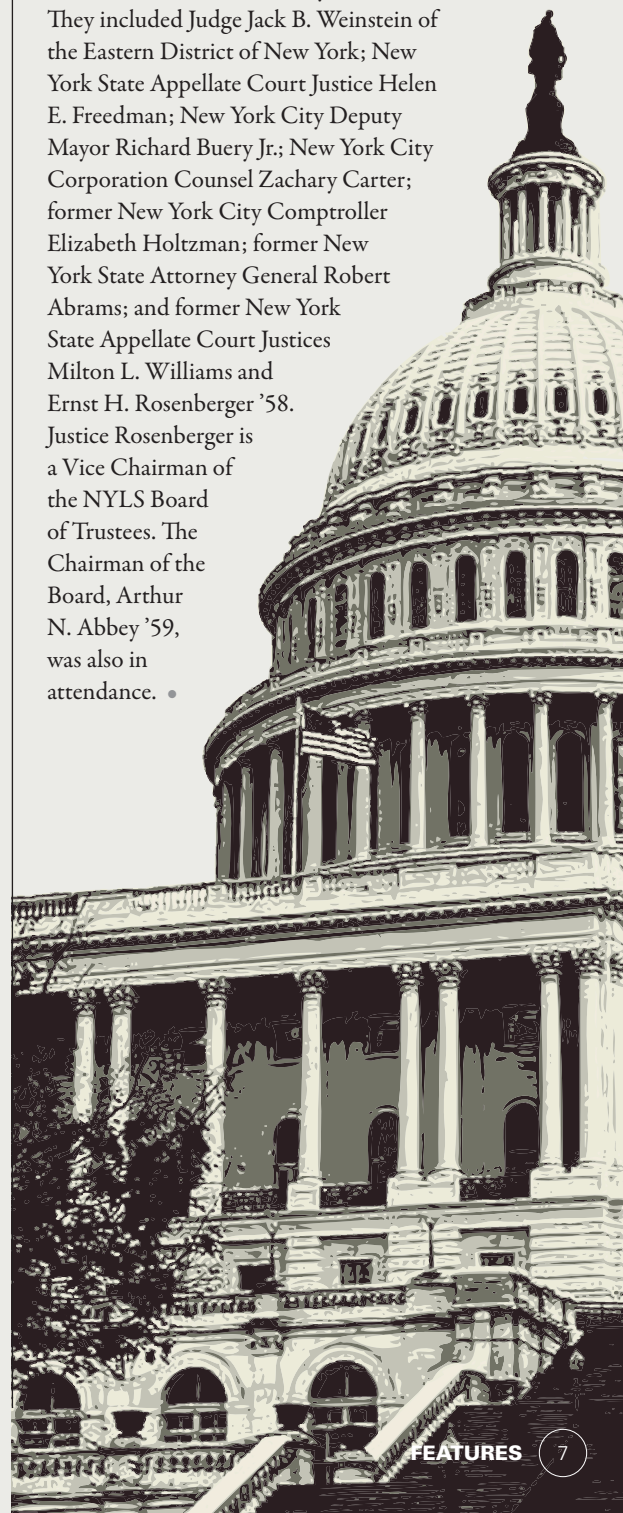
Pelosi said she strongly endorses the creation of international coalitions to deal with the newest terrorist threat because, “it’s not just the United States fighting ISIS; it’s the world. If there is a need for combat troops on the ground, they should not be combat troops of the United States of America.”

Turning to immigration policy, she said, “There are 11 million people who need legislation, and we have the votes in the House,” but “one person is standing in the way.” She referred to John Boehner, who controls the House agenda and refuses to allow debate.

“I’m very disappointed,” said Pelosi, whose mother, Annunciata Lombardi, came to the United States with her Italian parents in 1911. “Immigration is the constant reinvigoration of America. Immigration makes America more American.”

Before her conversation with Dean Emeritus Simon, Pelosi met privately with a group of NYLS students to answer their questions.

Several city officials and dignitaries of the bench and bar attended this year’s event. They included Judge Jack B. Weinstein of the Eastern District of New York; New York State Appellate Court Justice Helen E. Freedman; New York City Deputy Mayor Richard Buery Jr.; New York City Corporation Counsel Zachary Carter; former New York City Comptroller Elizabeth Holtzman; former New York State Attorney General Robert Abrams; and former New York State Appellate Court Justices Milton L. Williams and Ernst H. Rosenberger ’58. Justice Rosenberger is a Vice Chairman of the NYLS Board of Trustees. The Chairman of the Board, Arthur N. Abbey ’59, was also in attendance. •





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## THE FUTURE IS NOW: NYLS MAKES IMPRESSIVE PROGRESS ON ACHIEVING STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

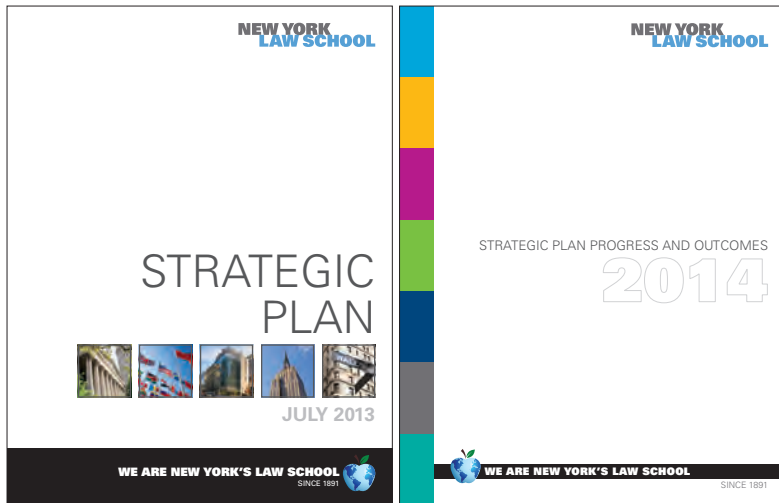
By Ruth Singleton

**W**hen Anthony W. Crowell became Dean and President of New York Law School in May 2012, he brought with him a drive for innovation, accountability, and transparency developed during his nearly 11 years working as Counselor to Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg. Soon after his arrival, he initiated a strategic review process with the faculty and administration that encompassed all aspects and operations of the Law School. That process included meetings, one-on-one discussions, and surveys involving faculty, administrators, staff, trustees, alumni, and students, as well as a comprehensive operational review. The result was the NYLS Strategic Plan, issued in July 2013, which has been widely praised for its innovative ideas, clear presentation, and focus on transparency. Arthur N. Abbey '59, Chairman of the NYLS Board of Trustees, hailed it as “groundbreaking,” and said it “will ensure a bright future for the students of New York Law School.”

The Law School also received a great deal of positive feedback from students and alumni, many of whom were involved in the process, as well as from other law school deans, many of whom said they were studying it to inform their own strategic planning. Several deans said they considered the Strategic Plan

an impressive and comprehensive document that focuses on the School's core strengths and charts its course forward in an eloquent and convincing fashion.

The Strategic Plan presents a systematic approach for attaining a new level of excellence with measurable outcomes in every aspect of the School's life. It sets forth five broad strategic goals to be achieved in the areas of Academic Excellence and Innovation, Career Success, Intellectual Life, Community Engagement, and Operations. Also included are 32 priority action items in support of those goals and seven outcomes used to measure progress. One of the most important objectives for the planning process was to help the Law School function better in a structurally changed legal marketplace in order to enhance the career prospects for students. Among the most important features of the Strategic Plan, therefore, is offering students substantially more opportunities to engage in meaningful clinical and experiential learning, as well as enhancing academic advising and career planning. The Strategic Plan spotlights the Law School's clinical offerings, notably reporting on the School's recent doubling of the number of clinical offerings, from 13 to 26.



## One Year Out: Considerable Progress, with More to Come

In September, the Law School issued *Strategic Plan Progress and Outcomes for 2014*, the first annual report on the Strategic Plan. It includes a Strategic Priorities Scorecard, used to measure the progress made in completing each of the 32 priority action items set out in the Strategic Plan. (See page 11.) The Scorecard, and indeed, the entire report, sets a new standard for transparency and accountability in a law school setting by measuring not only where NYLS has achieved substantial progress, but also where the Law School has more work in front of it to do.

The Progress and Outcomes report details the progress made toward achieving seven strategic outcomes. In most cases, that progress is tracked in a quantitative manner reflecting measurable results. For example, as a result of enhancements to academic advising and career planning, employment outcomes have improved in both traditional and nontraditional placements. And participation in clinics in 2013-14 increased by 44 percent over the prior academic year. Additionally, nearly 30,000 hours of experiential training were offered in the form of externships across an array of professional options.

When introducing the report, Dean Crowell said, “We are aligning our curriculum to meet the demands of the changing legal marketplace; graduating students with the legal skills, knowledge, and values needed to achieve success; and doing it all with a sharp eye on the bottom line, while continuing to maintain the highest quality services to all our constituents—students, faculty, staff, alumni, trustees and the broader NYLS community.”

The Law School’s willingness to confront its challenges head-on and make public every step of its implementation of the Strategic Plan is one of the attributes that makes NYLS unique. NYLS also is singularly situated to adapt to the new reality of the job market and the profession owing to its location in the heart of

New York City’s legal, government, financial, and technology centers; its enduring partnerships with the City’s most powerful institutions; its extraordinary community of trustees, faculty, staff, students, and alumni; and its embodiment of the qualities that make New York City the indisputable capital of the world: diversity, talent, energy, and independence of spirit. Channeling these unparalleled qualities, the Law School is experiencing a major resurgence.

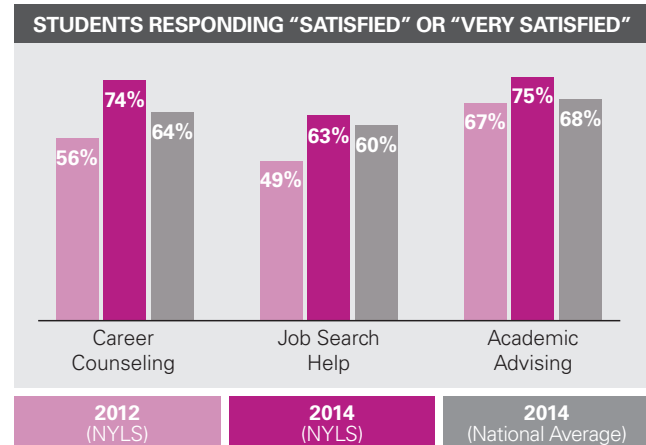
Below are some of the major areas of accomplishment documented in the Progress and Outcomes report.

### NOTABLE RECOGNITION

The Law School’s many initiatives have paid off in terms of recognition by legal journals and ratings publications. The Law School made a notable improvement in its ranking by *U.S. News & World Report* this year and was ranked highly by the magazine for its part-time evening division, clinical training programs, and diversity. *National Jurist* ranked NYLS as one of the top schools in the nation for practical training, and *Hispanic Outlook* magazine recognized the School for high enrollment and graduation of Hispanic students. Most recently, NYLS received high marks for diversity and best law school facilities in the November 2014 issue of *National Jurist*. The magazine also listed both of the Law School’s graduate programs in its LL.M. guide for foreign attorneys.

### STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND SATISFACTION

A primary focus of the last year was to improve student engagement and the law school experience for each and every one of NYLS’s students. The Law School’s success in this regard can be measured, to a large extent, by student satisfaction ratings provided by the Law School Survey of Student Engagement (LSSSE). In 2013-14, student satisfaction rose significantly in several key categories where rates of satisfaction were once lagging significantly. They are now in line with the national averages. In the specific categories of job search help, career counseling, and academic advising, the rates of satisfaction now surpass the national average.





## RAISING THE PROFILE OF THE FACULTY

Because of the central place of the faculty in the life of the School, NYLS is devoting important resources to raising the profile of the Law School's extraordinary professors. Many faculty members have placed opinion pieces in print and online and have been quoted in major media outlets. In addition, the Law School has produced a compendium of faculty publications showing the scholarly work of full-time and adjunct faculty; developed a Faculty Experts video series, in which professors offer expert insights on a variety of topics; supported academic entrepreneurship by assisting faculty in developing profiles and brands that can be promoted via social media; and publicized the awards and honors that faculty members have received. Dean Crowell recently named Professor Richard K. Sherwin the inaugural Dean for Faculty Scholarship, as well as the Wallace Stevens Professor of Law. As Dean for Faculty Scholarship, he will be instrumental in helping NYLS to develop, support, and promote the scholarly strengths of the faculty. Faculty activities, videos, and blogs can be found [www.nyls.edu/faculty](http://www.nyls.edu/faculty).

## ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

The NYLS alumni community plays a crucial role in sustaining the Law School. NYLS has provided new and innovative opportunities for alumni to engage with the Law School such as working to help design new programs, teaching CLE courses, speaking at career events, mentoring students, and providing valuable assistance with career placement. NYLS is more focused than ever on creating a strong foundation of support across the entire NYLS community.

## ACADEMIC ALIGNMENT

In keeping with the Law School's goal of adapting to a structurally changed legal marketplace, the Strategic Plan announced a particular focus on three areas—government and public interest; intellectual property, media, technology, and applied sciences; and business and financial services—which, because they broadly encompass what will likely be major areas of economic growth in New York City and beyond, will help make NYLS students the most competitive they can be. Three Centers—the new Impact Center for Public Interest Law, the Institute for Information Law and Policy, and the Center for Business and Financial Law—are distinctly aligned with these practice areas.

The **Impact Center for Public Interest Law**, which was launched in the fall 2014 semester, brings together many public interest initiatives at NYLS—including the Racial Justice Project, the Safe Passage Project, and the Diane Abbey Law Institute for Children and Families—under one umbrella. Dean Crowell said, "Through real-world endeavors, our students, alumni, and professors will make a difference in people's lives on the defining issues of civil liberty and the pursuit of justice. Our goal is to shape not only public interest lawyers, but also public interest law for the 21st century." The Center is co-directed by Associate Dean

for Academic Affairs Deborah N. Archer and Professor Richard Marsico. Distinguished Adjunct Professor Andrew Scherer serves as the Center's Policy Director and also chairs an Advisory Council made up of leading public interest law practitioners and public officials. The Center's website, [www.nyls.edu/impact](http://www.nyls.edu/impact), lists all its initiatives as well as upcoming events.

It also is a very exciting year for the **Institute for Information Law and Policy (IILP)**. The IILP has a new Director: Ari Ezra Waldman, who was promoted to Associate Professor of Law as a member of the full-time faculty in July. Professor Waldman focuses on the law and sociology of Internet life, with particular emphasis on the inequalities and injustices that arise in unregulated digital spaces. Additionally, the Law School hired Jacob Sherkow, an expert in biotechnology and patent law, as an Associate Professor to play an important role in the growth of the IILP. Speaking of his plans for the IILP, Professor Waldman said, "We're revamping a number of dynamic doctrinal courses; increasing the opportunities for experiential learning; and opening up new clinics, such as our certification pilot program with the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office. We're intent on preparing students to hit the ground running as lawyers in the new innovation economy." The Center's website is [www.nyls.edu/iilp](http://www.nyls.edu/iilp).

Both Co-Directors of the **Center for Business and Financial Law (CBFL)**, Tamara C. Belinfanti and Houman Shadab, were promoted to full Professors of Law with tenure in the spring, in recognition, in part, of the important research undertaken by the Center and the leading-edge programs it hosts. On October 21, the CBFL hosted a half-day conference on a new technology with a huge impact on the financial world: bitcoins. That event, Bitcoin Law: Regulation and Transactions, drew major press coverage for its innovative look at this new payment system. The Center's website is [www.nyls.edu/cbfl](http://www.nyls.edu/cbfl).

## FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

A major focus for Dean Crowell has been fiscal responsibility. NYLS has reduced expenses by 28 percent in the past two years while keeping tuition stable for the third year in a row. In addition, NYLS has doubled the amount of scholarship aid to students. The School has also created numerous administrative efficiencies, largely through converting manual processes to electronic methods. Dean Crowell is also leading a campus consolidation effort that will bring administrative offices and academic programs occupying leased space into the Law School's buildings. This will result in greater personal interaction, eliminate the need for leased space, and enable the Law School to place all classes, programs, and activities under one roof. The plan is projected to achieve a reduction in overhead costs of \$50 million over the next 17 years. Several trustees and alumni have remarked at how impressed they are with the rigorous approach that New York Law School, under Dean Crowell's watch, is taking. They have said they believe the School is doing everything necessary to ensure its fiscal stability into the future.

## IMPORTANT MILESTONES

In this time of transition, the Law School is also observing several important milestones. The Center for New York City Law began its 20th year of hosting its CityLaw Breakfast this fall when it hosted Carl Weisbrod, Chair of the New York City Planning Commission. The inaugural class of the new Two-Year J.D. Honors Program is beginning in January. And, of course, a host of plans are under way to celebrate the Law School's 125th anniversary in 2016, which will also be an occasion to celebrate the many goals of the Strategic Plan that have been achieved.

Dean Crowell said, “The support of the NYLS community—trustees, alumni, faculty, students, and staff—has been nothing short of amazing. I am so grateful for the efforts of so many in accomplishing so much. I look forward to our continued progress in implementing the changes that will take us where we need to go.”

More information about the *Strategic Plan Progress and Outcomes for 2014*, including NYLS's ever-growing milestones, is available, along with the Strategic Plan, at [www.nyls.edu/strategy](http://www.nyls.edu/strategy). •

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES SCORECARD

This scorecard depicts the progress made in completing our strategic priorities, which were identified as action items in support of the strategic goals. Some priorities require continuous effort; therefore, they are not expected to be “completed” but rather will remain an ongoing activity.



### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION

Ensuring that the Law School's students, faculty, and staff reflect the diversity and excellence that are New York City's greatest strengths.	●
Understanding and responding to the market forces that will shape and be influenced by the legal profession in the next five to 10 years.	●
Helping all students—part-time and full-time—achieve their aspirations by focusing on core competencies they must possess to succeed, including fostering a culture of professionalism and intellectual curiosity from day one.	●
Making bar passage a top priority for students through engagement and partnership with the faculty and administration.	●
Rationalizing our curriculum through assessment, refinement, and new investment to align our academic programs with the needs of the market.	●
Recruiting new full- and part-time (adjunct) professors whose areas of expertise match the needs of the market and the institution.	●
Evaluating every center, institute, and program to enhance the student experience and ensure connections to project-based, clinical, and other experiential learning opportunities, and <i>pro bono</i> service.	●
Strengthening experiential education by implementing 13 new clinics, including a clinical third-year, and providing opportunities for professional development and work experience.	●
Developing new degree and certificate programs in areas where more specialized legal education can be critical to success and will help differentiate the Law School in the market.	●
Setting and assessing student performance outcomes to ensure that teaching methods and programs are responsive to the learning goals and needs of students.	●



### CAREER SUCCESS

Requiring from every student, from day one, engagement and partnership with the Law School's faculty, administration, other students and student groups, and the alumni community.	●
Ensuring that our Admissions, Academic Affairs, Career Planning, Alumni Relations, and Pro Bono Initiatives offices work closely together to provide the right guidance and programming for day, evening, accelerated division, and graduate students, to develop their personal academic, career, and bar pass plans.	●
Forging alliances with trustees, other alumni and friends, adjunct faculty, and employers to ensure that our students and graduates have access to critical networks of firms, businesses, government agencies, nonprofits, and bar associations and other professional organizations, to create a reliable pipeline of job opportunities in traditional and nontraditional roles for J.D.s.	●
Expanding career development programs and launching new initiatives to ensure that students and alumni develop and display leadership and professionalism, and have the most advanced knowledge, skills, and mentoring needed to compete for and benefit from desirable externships, and summer and permanent employment opportunities.	●



### INTELLECTUAL LIFE

Committing New York Law School's resources to support the faculty's scholarly priorities.	●
Identifying and recommending opportunities for faculty to develop scholarship to advance societal goals in collaboration with the private, public, and nonprofit sectors in New York City and beyond.	●
Increasing student participation in research and scholarship to enhance student learning and intellectual growth.	●
Ensuring that there is adequate mentoring and other resources to help junior faculty realize their goals.	●
Promoting the expertise of the faculty in their respective fields to the media and scholarly conferences that will most benefit faculty members and the Law School.	●
Supporting faculty who wish to engage in the use of social media to reach mass audiences and have direct and immediate impact.	●
Developing proposals to take advantage of unique funding opportunities for faculty scholarship provided by foundations, individuals, corporations, nonprofits, and government.	●



### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Strengthening connections among alumni and the NYLS community as a whole.	●
Offering all students and alumni strategic connections to public interest, government, and other organizations for <i>pro bono</i> opportunities. Assisting students, full-time and part-time, in the fulfillment of their <i>pro bono</i> requirement.	●
Creating new strategic partnerships to elevate the status of the Law School and generate new financial support.	●
Expanding our Continuing Legal Education and Executive Education programming to provide lifelong learning opportunities to our graduates and others in the government, private-sector, and nonprofit arenas.	●



### OPERATIONS

Being highly sensitive to the costs of legal education and making every effort to stabilize tuition and expand the availability of meaningful scholarships to the student body.	●
Fostering institution building by developing well-informed, short- and long-term financial plans; using sophisticated data and econometrics, and predictive models; and focusing on disciplined and strategic investment.*	●
Continuing rigorous, timely, and accurate compliance with accreditation standards and other requirements affecting operations.	●
Scaling operations to meet changing demands while ensuring quality of service.	●
Ensuring that metrics, and a commitment to transparency and accountability, are infused into every aspect of the Law School's staffing, planning, programs, operations, and communications.	●
Creating new scorecards to report on key activities in support of our goals so that the NYLS community can monitor performance progress.	●
Promoting a culture of professionalism; ensuring awareness of the goals, mission, and objectives of the Law School; and fostering a continuous engagement in the operational and academic institutional goals—among staff and administration alike.	●

\*Our short- and long-term financial plans did not rely on econometric or predictive models.

KEY:

● IN PLANNING

● STARTED

● SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS MADE

● COMPLETED

# CAMPUS BUZZ

## LAUNCH OF THE NYLS WOMEN'S NETWORK

On March 5, New York Law School launched its Women's Network with a talk presented by television anchor, legal analyst, trial attorney, actor, and best-selling author Rikki Klieman. Ms. Klieman, joined by her spouse, New York City Police Commissioner William J. Bratton, delivered remarks to a large crowd gathered in the Law School's Events Center, discussing the difficulties of balancing relationships with her work as an attorney, her journey to law school, and her transition from attorney to a television legal analyst. The goal of the NYLS Women's Network is to foster development and leadership among alumni, students, faculty, and staff. In light of this objective, the Women's Network will provide opportunities for participants to meet, learn, share their experiences, and network.



From left to right: Dean Anthony W. Crowell, Rikki Klieman, and NYC Police Commissioner William J. Bratton

## INSTITUTE FOR IN-HOUSE COUNSEL HOLDS INAUGURAL EVENT

While many law schools provide experiential learning centers focused on traditional lawyering skills—oral arguments, drafting, and trial advocacy—NYLS is one of only a handful of law schools to offer a program specifically aimed at preparing the next generation of in-house counsel. On March 26, the Institute for In-House Counsel launched with an inaugural conference featuring several speakers and panels, including Bloomberg LP's Chief Legal and Compliance Officer, Richard K. DeScherer, who spoke about the necessity of training for organizations that employ in-house counsel. Moving forward, the Institute, under the direction of Distinguished Adjunct Professor Andrew R. Berman, will address emerging legal, economic, and business issues affecting companies from a variety of industries and sectors. It will also work to provide the legal community with practical advice on how to successfully navigate the in-house/outside counsel relationship, and to communicate effectively with company leadership.



Richard K. DeScherer of Bloomberg presents the Keynote Address.

## MAYOR DE BLASIO SPEAKS AT SEMINAR ON ETHICS IN CITY GOVERNMENT



Mayor Bill de Blasio presents the Keynote Address.



## TWO LAW REVIEW EVENTS: WOMEN IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION AND FATF SYMPOSIUM

*The New York Law School Law Review* hosted two successful events in spring 2014: a panel and networking reception dedicated to “Women in the Legal Profession” on March 17, and a full-day symposium titled “Combating Threats to the International Financial System: The Financial Action Task Force (FATF)” on April 25.

The Women in the Legal Profession panel included Professor Tamara C. Belinfanti; Lisa DelPizzo, Deputy Bureau Chief of the New York County District Attorney’s Office; Marilyn Flood, Counsel for the New York County Lawyers’ Association and Executive Director of the New York County Lawyers’ Association Foundation; Rhonda Joy McLean, Deputy General Counsel of Time, Inc.; and Gail Zweig, Counsel at Levi, Lubarsky & Feigenbaum LLP. They discussed the unique challenges facing women in both law school and in practice, the need for professional networking, and how to utilize mentor and sponsor relationships.



The members of the panel (l-r): Gail Zweig, Rhonda Joy McLean, Marilyn Flood, Lisa DelPizzo, and Professor Tamara C. Belinfanti

On, May 20, the Center for New York City Law, hosted the Twentieth Annual Seminar on Ethics in New York City Government. The seminar was co-sponsored by the Conflicts of Interest Board (COIB) and financially supported by the Department of Investigation. Over 400 participants, including many City government employees, attended the five-hour seminar. Ross Sandler, Director of the Center for New York City Law, opened the seminar by introducing the COIB Chair, Richard Briffault. Mr. Briffault welcomed Mayor Bill de Blasio to present the Keynote Address. Mayor de Blasio spoke about the importance of ethics in government and how those in public service need to always be mindful of ethical requirements and obligations. He said those in government have a dual job to not only do everyday work effectively and ethically, but to also dig deep to restore the public’s trust in government. Following the Mayor’s address, Dean Anthony W. Crowell welcomed guests. Dean Crowell also is a member of the COIB.

The FATF is an intergovernmental body established in response to international money laundering and terrorist financing. The FATF Symposium examined policy recommendations provided by FATF as well as their implementation at both state and federal levels and their direct impact on legal professionals in the corporate, financial, and trusts and estates fields. Panel I presented “An Introduction to the Financial Action Task Force. Nicholas Turner ’12, Compliance Management Associate at Citi served as the moderator. The panelists were: Saby Ghoshray, Regulatory Risk & Compliance Advisor, WorldCompliance, and President, Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies; Michael Rosen, Policy Advisor, United States Department of the Treasury; and Kevin L. Shepherd, Partner, Venable LLP. Panel II addressed “Federal and State Implementation of FATF Policies.” Professor Houman B. Shadab served as moderator, and the panelists were: Shima Baradaran, Associate Professor of Law, University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law; Jean-Paul Duvivier, Director, Financial Sector Advisory—Risk and Regulation, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP; and Laurel S. Terry, Professor of Law, Penn State—Dickinson School of Law. The topic for Panel III was “The FATF and Professional Ethics.” Professor William P. LaPiana served as moderator, and the panelists were: Nick Kazmerski, Counsel with the Enforcement Section, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Peter Margulies, Professor of Law, Roger Williams University School of Law; John P. Sahl, Professor of Law, Faculty Director of the Joseph G. Miller and William C. Becker Center for Professional Responsibility, University of Akron School of Law; and John A. Terrill II, Partner, Heckscher Teillon Terrill & Sager, PC.



Kevin L. Shepherd speaks during Panel I.





# Understanding *Curtiss-Wright*

**A**t the 2014 Commencement Exercises, Edward A. Purcell Jr., the Joseph Solomon Distinguished Professor of Law, received the Otto L. Walter Distinguished Writing Award for his article, “Understanding *Curtiss-Wright*,” published in *Law and History Review* (November 2013). This intriguing article examines a 1936 U.S. Supreme Court opinion remarkable at the time due to its endorsement of sweeping powers for the President in the conduct of foreign affairs. Members of the executive branch, as well as some judges and scholars, have cited the case, *U.S. v. Curtiss-Wright Export Corp.*, repeatedly in support of unchecked executive foreign affairs powers. Professor Purcell argues, however, that its

precedential authority is insignificant. He concludes that the case’s constitutional significance “lies not in doctrine but in the light the case casts on the nature of Supreme Court decisionmaking and the dynamics of separated national powers.”

At issue in the case was a joint congressional resolution authorizing the President to issue a proclamation making it unlawful to sell arms to either Paraguay or Bolivia, which were at war with each other. President Franklin D. Roosevelt made the proclamation, and the federal government subsequently prosecuted the Curtiss-Wright Corporation for violating it by selling 15 machine guns to Bolivia. But the trial court dismissed the indictment, deeming the resolution “an invalid delegation of legislative power.”

The Supreme Court heard the case on direct appeal and reversed. It could have

upheld the prosecution on the narrow basis the government argued for: that the resolution was a valid delegation of power by Congress. Instead, the high court declared, 7–1, that the federal government had exclusive powers over foreign relations, that these powers exist independent of the Constitution “as necessary concomitants of nationality,” and most controversially that the President held “plenary and exclusive” foreign affairs powers that he could exercise independent of Congress. The Court cited little authority for its assertions, and the authority it did cite was thin and dubious at best. Why the Court would make such sweeping assertions about foreign affairs powers, especially the claim that the executive held “plenary and exclusive power” in the area, has long puzzled scholars.

Professor Purcell said that he became interested in the case while working on a chapter in the 2012 book *International Law in the Supreme Court*. Examining the period 1901–45, he was struck by the fact that *Curtiss-Wright* was decided by

# Edward A. Purcell Jr. Examines a 1936 High Court Case Used as Authority for Independent Presidential Powers in Foreign Affairs.

By Ruth Singleton



the 7–1 vote, that the majority included both Justices Louis Brandeis and Benjamin N. Cardozo, and that Justice Harlan F. Stone—returning to the bench after a long illness—subsequently expressed his sharp disagreement with the Court’s opinion.

Professor Purcell noted that there were “rich sources available in this period,” particularly the private papers of several of the Justices and the collection of the Supreme Court’s Office of the Curator, which holds docket books of several of the Justices. By delving into these private letters and docket books, Professor Purcell gained crucial insights into the deliberations in the case. Even though “you never find exactly what you’re looking for,” he said, “you’re able to find enough.”

Based on this extensive archival research, Professor Purcell makes a compelling argument that Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes (a former NYLS special

lecturer), rather than the *Curtiss-Wright* opinion’s author, Justice George Sutherland, was the driving force behind the ruling. He not only shows how the Court’s opinion in *Curtiss-Wright* departs from Sutherland’s earlier and extensive writings on foreign affairs, but he also explains why Sutherland altered his views substantially to embrace the language of “plenary and exclusive” executive foreign affairs powers. Professor Purcell similarly explains why Brandeis, a determined opponent of unnecessary constitutional language and a skeptic about unchecked executive power, acceded to Hughes’s leadership on the issue. Professor Purcell argues most basically that the Chief Justice was able to convince all but one of his fellow Justices to sign on “for pragmatic reasons of foreign policy—to lend support to President Franklin Roosevelt’s efforts to limit congressional neutrality legislation and to pursue an anti-Nazi foreign policy.” Justice Hughes had served as Secretary of State under President Warren G. Harding, an experience that engendered a deep skepticism about the Senate’s role in foreign affairs and “confirmed his belief in strong and independent executive leadership in foreign affairs.”

As for *Curtiss-Wright*’s lasting legacy, Professor Purcell said, “Everyone who wants expanded executive power cites it, but it’s of exceptionally uncertain

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worth—it’s utterly easy to distinguish.” He observes in the article that the case “presented no issue of unilateral executive action and no claim that individual constitutional rights were infringed. Thus, on truly critical and open constitutional issues, it quite literally has nothing to say.” But the case remains a noteworthy product of its time. And Professor Purcell offers a riveting glimpse into the dynamics and relationships among the Justices of nearly 80 years ago, a time when the Court was deeply polarized but still capable of forging an overwhelming majority in a time of international crises. •

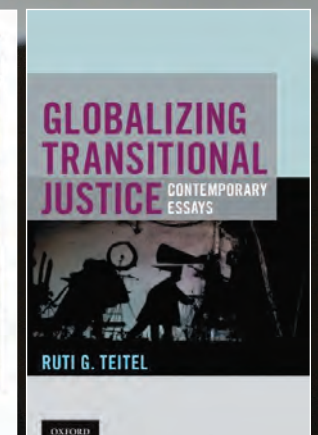
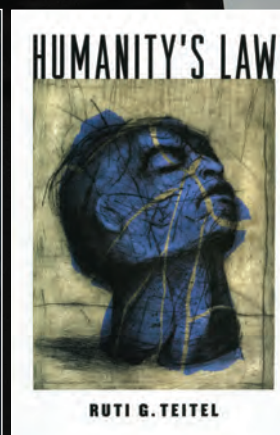


A portrait of Ruti G. Teitel, a woman with long, wavy, light brown hair and black-rimmed glasses. She is wearing a dark blazer over a dark top and a thin necklace. She is standing in front of a window with a grid pattern.

*Globalizing Transitional Justice*

**RUTI G. TEITEL EXPLORES THE EVOLUTION OF AN IDEA AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FIELD.**

By Ruth Singleton



**In 1991,** Professor Ruti G. Teitel coined the phrase “transitional justice” to describe a variety of legal approaches used to seek accountability for past human rights violations following a transition from authoritarian government to a constitution-based democracy. At the time, the Soviet Union had recently collapsed, and some Latin American countries had made the transition from oppressive regimes to democracy. Professor Teitel’s original insight was that “wherever the criminal justice response was compromised or otherwise limited, there were other ways to respond to the predecessor regime’s repressive rule.” Such alternatives include truth commissions, reparations, and political reforms. In *Transitional Justice*, published in 2000, she fleshed out her original insight into a broad, detailed, and persuasive analysis of a diversity of responses to injustice following political upheaval. *The American Journal of Comparative Law* called it “essential reading for all scholars as well as activists working in the field of transitional justice.”

In her latest book, *Globalizing Transitional Justice*, Professor Teitel addresses transitional justice as it has taken shape during the political conflicts of the past 15 years. She defines the present period as a “global phase of transitional justice,” characterized by movement “from exceptional transitional responses to a ‘steady-state’ justice”; from “a focus on state-centric obligations to a focus upon the

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far broader array of interest in non-state actors associated with globalization”; and from “advancing democratization and state-building” to “promoting and maintaining peace and human security.” In addition to a new introductory chapter and an epilogue, the book consists of 11 essays previously published in law journals and as chapters in other books. They are grouped into four parts: Overview, Roots, Narratives, and Conflict Transition and the Rule of Law.

The book begins with the legacy of the universal human rights ideal as epitomized by the Military Tribunal at Nuremberg following World War II. Professor Teitel observes that despite genocide and other atrocities perpetrated in Cambodia, Rwanda, Yugoslavia, and elsewhere, it took a full half-century after Nuremberg for another human rights tribunal to convene. Moreover, she points out, the universal human rights standard proved vulnerable during the Cold

War period, when rifts developed, for example, over the assertion of the equivalence of political and economic rights in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Yet Professor Teitel argues that, “despite the general record of failure of criminal accountability, and the Nuremberg Tribunal’s anomalous nature, the Tribunal’s impact has transcended its particular circumstances to contribute a guiding force for a war-driven Century.”

In an interview, Professor Teitel elaborated on that point: “One can see the symbol of the prior internationalist vision of accountability in the recent establishment of a permanent International Criminal Court, yet while there is arguably now a neutral site of judgment, of course, there remain important political considerations concerning the time and place of accountability, depending on the context.”

Other chapters address the trials of Saddam Hussein and Slobodan Milosevic, as well as civil action mechanisms, e.g. the use of the Alien Tort Statute as a means of addressing human rights claims from other countries in U.S. courts, among other topics.

Chapter 4, “Human Rights in Transition: Transitional Justice Genealogy,” gets to the heart of recent history. Here, Professor Teitel describes three phases of transitional justice in recent decades: a move from internationalism to a stage of local justice; a focus on restoration and reconciliation with less emphasis on punishment;

and the prevalence of more complex situations, often involving a reliance on supranational institutions, with transitional justice as a norm rather than an exception. As she describes it, “War in a time of peace, political fragmentation, weak states, small wars, and steady conflict all characterize contemporary political conditions.”

Certainly, political conditions in recent years exhibit those characteristics, as witnessed in the conflicts in North Africa and the Middle East. In the interview, Professor Teitel observed, “While one can see from the very start of the Arab spring the demand for transitional justice—e.g., in Egypt, Tunisia, Libya—nevertheless, often the realities of such justice seeking has been complex, as where due process remains unavailable, trials or other measures will not serve to promote rule of law in divided societies.” •



# FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

Professors **TAMARA C. BELINFANTI** and **HOUMAN B. SHADAB** became full Professors of Law with tenure in April 2014. Both are Co-Directors of the Center for Business and Financial Law.



Professor Belinfanti's scholarly interests include general corporate governance matters, executive compensation, the proxy advisory industry, shareholder activism, and law, culture and identity. She teaches Corporations, Contracts, and a Corporate Transactional Skills Seminar. Prior to joining academia, Professor Belinfanti was a corporate attorney at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, where she counseled domestic and international clients on general corporate and U.S. securities regulation matters, and was co-editor of the securities law treatise *U.S. Regulation of the International Securities and Derivatives Market* (Aspen, 2003).



Professor Shadab is an internationally recognized expert in financial law and regulation whose research focuses on hedge funds, derivatives, bitcoins, and securitization. He teaches Contracts, Corporations, Startups and Venture Capital, Commercial Law, and Financial Regulation. He also serves as the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Taxation and Regulation of Financial Institutions* and blogs at Lawbitrage. Professor Shadab has testified before Congress on the compensation of public company executives, reverse mortgage securitization, and on the role of hedge funds in the financial crisis at a hearing that included George Soros, John Paulson, and other leading figures from the hedge fund industry.

**JACOB SHERKOW** and **ARI EZRA WALDMAN** were appointed Associate Professors of Law in July 2014. Professor Waldman is the new Director of the Institute for Information Law and Policy (IILP), and Professor Sherkow will play a vital role in its continued growth.



Professor Sherkow was a Fellow in the Center for Law and the Biosciences at Stanford Law School. In 2010, he served as a law clerk to Judge Nicholas G. Garaufis of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York. Prior to entering academia, he was a patent litigator at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher in New York, where he litigated both pharmaceutical and high-tech patents. In 2011, Professor Sherkow, along with a team of attorneys, won the Frank Wheat Award for pro bono service. In addition to his legal training, he has several years of experience as a research scientist in molecular biology. He recently published "Preliminary Injunctions Post-Mayo and Myriad," in the *Stanford Law Review*. He teaches Intellectual Property, Patent Law, Patent Litigation and Property.



As an Adjunct Professor, Professor Waldman served as the IILP Associate Director. Before entering academia, he was an associate at Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP and Winston & Strawn LLP in New York, focusing his practice on copyright, trademark, and appellate litigation. He teaches Intellectual Property, Privacy, Internet Law, and Torts. His research and writing focuses on privacy, hate, and harassment on the Internet, online social networks, and the LGBT community. He is a frequent speaker on issues facing the LGBT community and often appears as an analyst on radio, television, and in print-based media. His articles have been published in several leading law reviews, including the *Hastings Law Journal*, the *University of Maryland Law Review*, and the *Temple Law Review*.

The following items represent a sampling of the recent activities of our full-time faculty.

# FULL-TIME FACULTY ACTIVITIES

Compiled by Melissa Pentangelo

**Alan I. Appel '76**



## Scholarly Presentations

Participated in the New York University School of Continuing and Professional Studies Summer Institute in Taxation. Discussed outbound and inbound investments as well as financing strategies and other structures that govern foreign investments in U.S. real estate, New York (July 2014).

Spoke at a webinar on Tax Planning for Foreign Investment in U.S. Real Estate, sponsored by Strafford Publications, providing accounting and tax professionals and counsel with a review of tax considerations for foreign investors in U.S. real estate (July 2014).

## Publications

Preventing End Runs Around the Dividend Withholding Regime: Treasury's Revised Regulations Under Section 871(m) and the New Delta Test, 27 JOURNAL OF TAXATION AND REGULATION OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS 21–26 (March/April 2014) (with G.J. Galvin).

## Media References and Appearances

Interviewed by Mimesis

Productions, Lee Pacchia '06's production company, regarding recent comments made by IRS Commissioner John Koskinen on the future of the agency's voluntary disclosure program for foreign accounts (June, July 2014).

**Deborah N. Archer**



## Scholarly Presentations

Keynote Speaker at White & Case's Black History Month Celebration on the topic of the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, New York (February 2014).

Panel moderator, "What's Next For Reproductive Rights: An Insider's Look at *Roe v. Wade* in 2014," hosted by Donna Lieberman, the Executive Director of the New York Civil Liberties Union, New York (January 2014).

## Publications

There is No Santa Claus: The Challenge of Teaching the Next Generation of Civil Rights Lawyers in a "Post-Racial" Society, COLUMBIA JOURNAL OF RACE AND LAW (February 2014).

Collective or Individual Benefits?: Measuring the Educational Benefits of Race-Conscious Admissions Programs,

HOWARD LAW JOURNAL (June 2014).

**Jodi S. Balsam**



## Awards and Recognition

Named to the Outreach Committee of the Association of American Law Schools' Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research (February 2014).

Named to the Executive Committee of the AALS's Section on Law and Sports (February 2014).

## Scholarly Presentations

Represented NYLS and the Legal Practice Program at the Ninth Annual Global Legal Skills Conference at the Collegio di Giurisprudenza at the Università degli Studi di Verona, Verona, Italy. Presented "Identifying and Enhancing Global Reading Comprehension Skills in the Twitter Generation of Law Students and Lawyers" (May 2014).

Presented "Negotiating Tactics in Sports Law," at the 2014 NYLS Sports Law Symposium, New York Law School (February 2014).

## Media References and Appearances

Sunday Mirror: Heading to Court, BLOOMBERG BNA (April 2014).

**Tamara C. Belinfanti**



## Scholarly Presentations

Presented, with Stacy-Ann Elvy, a Master Class, "Rwanda and New Governance," at Oxford University for the third annual "Advancing Good Governance in International Development" seminar, sponsored by Camfed (Campaign for Female Education), Oxford, and Linklaters, Oxford, England (June 2014).

Moderator, "Insider Trading 2.0: A New Initiative to Crack Down on Predatory Practices," hosted by the Center for Business and Financial Law and the Center for New York City Law, New York Law School (March 2014).

Presented "Shareholder Cultivation and New Governance," for the Section on Socio-Economics' panel titled "Corporate Theory and Regulation in the Aftermath of the Financial Crisis," at the Association of American Law Schools' Annual Meeting, New York. She also participated in the Association's reception for Teacher of the Year awardees and faculty emeriti (January 2014).

## Publications

Insider Trading 2.0 – Keeping Up With the Super Computer Arms Race, BUSINESS LAW PROF BLOG (March 2014).

"Everything Must Stay in Place"—President Business, The Lego Movie, BUSINESS LAW PROF BLOG (March 2014).

**Lenni B. Benson**



## Scholarly Presentations

Moderated an event titled "Preparing for Comprehensive Immigration Reform: Coalitions and Working with Law Schools," presented by New York Law School and the New York Immigration Coalition (January 2014).

## Projects

Organized a Safe Passage Project in CLE program on "Best Practices Before the Asylum Office" (February 2014).

## Media References and Appearances

Received widespread press coverage, in connection with the Safe Passage Project, in the NEW YORK LAW JOURNAL, THE NEW YORK TIMES, VOICE OF AMERICA NEWS, NEW YORK DAILY NEWS, and SALON. Also appeared on many major

news outlets, including CNN, Univision, Al Jazeera, CBS, ABC, and WNYC. (January–July 2014). Featured in videos produced by alumnus Lee Pacchia '06 and his production company, Mimesis Productions (March, August 2014).

### Testimonies and Legal Consultation

Invited to address a White House Briefing on expanding legal representation for child migrants. The meeting was hosted by the President's policy advisors, and the Vice President addressed the invitees and encouraged foundations, corporations, and law firms to work with nonprofit providers to help find legal representation so that the recently arriving children's claims could be addressed as soon as possible. Spoke about how a law school can build a model of pro bono training and mentorship and expand resources for immigrant children (August 2014).

Invited to attend a special interagency working group meeting of the Department of Justice and Department of Homeland Security held in Washington, D.C. The focus of the meeting was the increase in the apprehensions of unaccompanied minor children. Earlier that day, she met with the staff of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, as well as the head and staff of the Department of Justice's Office of Legal Access, about how to use the Safe Passage Project as a potential model for law schools seeking to expand access to legal representation for children facing removal (December 2013).

### Robert Blecker



#### Scholarly Presentations

Spoke at a debate with Adjunct John S. Baker Jr. sponsored by the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies on the topic of whether the Constitution should be ratified if the constitutional convention were held today (March 2014).

#### Publications

Punishment Needs to Be Punishment, *THE NEW YORK TIMES* (April 2014).

Excerpts from *THE DEATH OF PUNISHMENT* (Palgrave Macmillan Trade, November 2013) published in *THE NATIONAL POST* (January 2014).

#### Media References and Appearances

Received widespread press coverage, in connection with the death penalty and his book, *THE DEATH OF PUNISHMENT*, in the *WASHINGTON POST*, *NEW YORK LAW JOURNAL*, *DALLAS MORNING NEWS*, *KANSAS CITY STAR*, *THE ATLANTIC*, *RIA NOVOSTI*, *HANNIBAL COURIER-POST*, *WICKED LOCAL ROCKPORT*, *DONALDSONVILLE CHIEF*, and *SYDNEY MORNING HERALD*, among others. Was interviewed on NPR, CNN, *RUSSIAN RADIO*, *RADIO WEST*, and several BBC shows. Featured in videos produced by alumnus Lee Pacchia '06 and his production company, Mimesis

Productions (February–July 2014).

Participated in a live Google Plus Hangout to promote a CNN series, "Death Row Stories" (March 2014).

### Lloyd Bonfield



#### Projects

The Center for International Law, under his direction, sponsored a two-day academic conference in cooperation with two leading Italian law schools: the Università di Siena and the Università di Napoli Orientale at the latter's campus in Procida. The colloquium's topic was "Immigration and the Right to Nationality" ("Immigrazione e Diritto alla Cittadinanza"). At this academic conference, he presented a historical enquiry titled, "Give me your tired, your poor... better still send me your entrepreneurs: English immigration policy in the late 17th century" (July 2014).

### Michael Botein



#### Publications

Negotiated Rates for Broadband Telecom Capacity After Verizon, *LAW.COM* (May 2014).

Alternative and Affordable Legal Education: Head for the Hills, *LAW.COM* (April 2014).

FCC Passes on Seeking Supreme Court Review for Net Neutrality Rules, *LAW.COM* (February 2014).

### James Brook



#### Publications

Sixth edition of *SECURED TRANSACTIONS: EXAMPLES AND EXPLANATIONS* (Wolters Kluwer, 2014).

### Camille Broussard



#### Scholarly Presentations

Gave a presentation on NYLS's use of ARCHIVE-IT at the member meeting for the Legal Information Preservation Alliance, New York Law School (January 2014).

### Heidi K. Brown



#### Awards and Recognition

Received a 2014 Global

Legal Skills Award in recognition of her work with students to reduce extreme fear of public speaking and increase performance in classrooms, oral arguments, and client-centered legal skills activities, Ninth Annual Global Skills Legal Conference, Verona, Italy (May 2014).

For the second consecutive year, awarded a sponsorship grant by the New York State Bar Association to fund her five-part workshop to mentor 1L students suffering from extreme public speaking anxiety in advance of the Legal Practice Oral Argument Program (January 2014).

#### Appointments

Served as a member of the Board of the Committee on Balance in Legal Education for the Association of American Law Schools (2013–14).

#### Scholarly Presentations

Represented NYLS and the Legal Practice Program at the Ninth Annual Global Legal Skills Conference at the Collegio di Giurisprudenza at the Università degli Studi di Verona. Presented "Identifying and Enhancing Global Reading Comprehension Skills in the Twitter Generation of Law Students and Lawyers," Verona, Italy (May 2014).

Presented "Incorporating Civil Discovery Strategy and Theory Into an Upper-Level Memo and Brief-Writing Course: A Teaching Module" at the Southeast Regional Legal Writing Conference at Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, Florida. Also presented



her course design for an upper-level legal writing class she created for NYLS based on a 2013 Teaching Grant from the Association of Legal Writing Directors (April 2014).

#### David Chang



#### Awards and Recognition

Received the 2014 Teaching Award from the Class of 2014 (May 2014).

#### Bryan Choi



#### Scholarly Presentations

Led an Institute for Information Law and Policy event on “Defensive Patent Aggregators (Anti-Trolls),” New York Law School (April 2014).

Presented “For Whom the Data Tolls,” at the Intellectual Property Scholars Roundtable at Drake University Law School, Des Moines, Iowa (March 2014).

Participated in a panel on “Privacy and Innovation” at the Innovation Law Beyond IP Conference at Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut (March 2014).

#### Anthony W. Crowell



#### Scholarly Presentations

Interviewed NYLS Trustee James D. Zirin about his new book, *THE MOTHER COURT: TALES OF CASES THAT MATTERED IN AMERICA'S GREATEST TRIAL COURT*, Brooklyn Public Library's Central Branch, Brooklyn, New York (October 2014).

Led a delegation of faculty from NYLS at Oxford University for the third annual “Advancing Good Governance in International Development” seminar, sponsored by Camfed (Campaign for Female Education), Oxford, and Linklaters, Oxford, England (June 2014).

Moderated a panel, “Understanding the New York State Nonprofit Revitalization Act,” at St. Francis College as part of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce's Annual Nonprofit Summit, Brooklyn, New York (May 2014).

Attended the Bi-Annual Associate Deans' Conference at the University of Colorado at Boulder, speaking on a panel about collaboration and discussing the NYLS strategic planning and operational review processes, Boulder, Colorado (April 2014).

#### Projects

Joined New York Governor Andrew Cuomo at the State's first

New York Veterans and Families Summit. He and the Albany Law School Dean were appointed to lead a statewide consortium on law school veterans services. (March 2014).

Attended a meeting of all the law school deans in New York State, held in connection with the New York State Bar Association's Annual Meeting, hosted by Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman (February 2014).

#### Media References and Appearances

Q&A: Maya Wiley, *NEW YORK LAW JOURNAL* (May 2014).

Law School Leaders are Dividing into Two Camps: Stuck v. Serious, *ABA Journal* (May 2014)

Experiential Learning: Practice Makes Perfect, *NEW YORK LAW JOURNAL* (April 2014).

Lawyer Limelight: Dean Anthony Crowell, *LAWDRAGON* (April 2014).

#### Stephen J. Ellmann



#### Appointments

Named Chair-elect of the Association of American Law Schools' Section on Africa (January 2014).

#### Scholarly Presentations

Spoke as a panelist at a plenary session titled “Nelson Mandela, Law and the Quest for Equality,” at the Law and

Society Association's Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota (May 2014).

Presented a paper, “The Struggle for the Rule of Law in South Africa,” at a conference titled “Twenty Years Later: South Africa and the Post-Apartheid Condition,” at Emory University, sponsored by Emory's Institute of African Studies, Atlanta, Georgia (April 2014).

Presented “The In-House Clinic in the New Landscape of Experiential Education,” at the Association of American Law Schools' Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Chicago, Illinois (April 2014).

#### Media References and Appearances

Ellmann v. Leiter on the Proposed Clinical/Experiential Learning Requirement, *BRIAN LEITER'S LAW SCHOOL REPORTS* (January 2014).

#### Stacy-Ann Elvy



#### Scholarly Presentations

Presented, with Tamara Belinfanti, a Master Class, “Rwanda and New Governance,” at Oxford University for the third annual “Advancing Good Governance in International Development” seminar, sponsored by Camfed (Campaign for Female Education), Oxford, and Linklaters, Oxford, England (June 2014).

Presented a paper, “Postcolonial State Compliance with International Law: A Case Study of the Sexual Offences Statutes of Commonwealth Caribbean States,” as part of a panel on legal imperialism at the Annual Law & Society Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota (May 2014).

#### Testimonies and Legal Consultation

Selected by ABA-UNDP International Legal Resource Center to provide expert legal opinion on anti-discrimination legislation proposal for Jamaica to benefit the rights of vulnerable groups such as women and children (July 2014).

#### Citations

Cited by Leslie Claire Bailey in, Note: Out of Africa: Toward Regional Solutions for Internal Displacement, 39 *BROOKLYN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW* 353 (2014).

#### Ronald H. Filler



#### Appointments

Re-elected as a Public Director of the National Futures Association and elected for the first time to the Association's Executive Committee. The National Futures Association is the futures and derivatives industry's self-regulatory

organization, similar to the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) for securities firms. (March 2014)

### Scholarly Presentations

Moderated a panel on “International & Cross Border Payments,” at the American Conference Institute’s Derivatives Transactions Conference, Washington, D.C. (January 2014).

Delivered a lecture to the National Futures Association’s Compliance Department on how asset managers are regulated (January 2014).

### Publications

Treatise: REGULATION OF DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (SWAPS, OPTIONS AND FUTURES) (West Academic 2014) (with J. Markham).

### Media References and Appearances

Lame Duck Bernanke Presides at Final Meeting, THE STREET (January 2014).

### Kris Franklin



### Appointments

Voted 2014 Chair-elect of the Section on Teaching Methods at the Association of American Law Schools’ Annual Meeting (January 2014).

### Scholarly Presentations

Facilitated a four-hour workshop for 10 members of the Seton

Hall University School of Law faculty on lawyering pedagogy (with D. Gewirtzman), Newark, New Jersey (May 2014).

### Publications

Empathy and Reasoning in Context: Thinking about Anti-Gay Bullying, 23 TULANE JOURNAL OF LAW & SEXUALITY 61 (April 2014).

“Baton Bullying”: Understanding Multi-Aggressor Rotation in Anti-Harassment Cases, Vol. 70, Number 3 of the NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD REVIEW (February 2014).

### Projects

Conducted an afternoon-long training in alternative dispute resolution techniques for more than 60 administrators and attorneys in the Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) at the U.S. Department of Labor (March 2014).

### Doni Gewirtzman



### Scholarly Presentations

Facilitated a four-hour workshop for 10 members of the Seton Hall University School of Law faculty on lawyering pedagogy (with K. Franklin), Newark, New Jersey (May 2014).

Presented “Narrative Theory in the Classroom,” for the NYLS Initiative for Excellence in Law Teaching’s Pedagogy

Discussion Group, New York Law School (March 2014).

Delivered a talk titled “Law and Theater: The Craft of Law Teaching,” at LegalEd’s “Igniting Law Teaching” conference at American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C. (March 2014).

### Publications

The Seussian Dead Hand, Volume 58(3) of the NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL LAW REVIEW (April 2014).

### Media References and Appearances

His article, Lower Court Constitutionalism, published in AMERICAN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW (March 2012), received a positive review from Professor Stephen Wasby on LAW COURTS, the listserv for the Law and Courts chapter of the American Political Science Association. Since its publication last year, the article has been cited in the CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW, the COLUMBIA LAW REVIEW, the OHIO STATE LAW JOURNAL, and the YALE LAW JOURNAL ONLINE, among other places (January 2014).

### Mercer Givhan



### Appointments

Selected as a fellow with the International Legal Foundation in the West Bank. During the one-month fellowship,

he trained Palestinian public defenders and law students, spearheaded program assessment of a pilot criminal defense clinic at the University of Hebron, and assisted in efforts to create criminal defense clinical programs at Arab American University in Jenin and the Institute of Law at Birzeit University in Ramallah. These were the first criminal defense clinical programs in the West Bank (April 2014).

### Brandt Goldstein



### Scholarly Presentations

Speaker, “Storming the Court: Twenty Years After,” Howard University School of Law, Washington, D.C. The event consisted of a dialogue between Howard law students and the real-life cast of characters from his book, STORMING THE COURT: HOW A BAND OF YALE LAW STUDENTS SUED THE PRESIDENT—AND WON (Scribner, 2005) (January 2014).

### Publications

Fears and Tears: Halfpipe Bobsled and Other Olympic Sports NBC Would Love, HUFFINGTON POST (February 2014).

### Jeffrey J. Haas



### Appointments

Elected unanimously as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for American Independence Funds Trust and Trust II (February 2014).

### Scholarly Presentations

Participated as a panelist in BoardIQ’s March webcast, presented by THE FINANCIAL TIMES (March 2014).

### Kim Hawkins



### Scholarly Presentations

Presented “What Law Professors Need to Know about Visual Literacy,” at the inaugural LegalED conference titled “Igniting Law Teaching,” at American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C. (April 2014).

### Mariana Hogan



### Scholarly Presentations

Taught Fact Investigation to attorneys in the Social



Security Administration (May 2014).

Taught Deposition Skills to attorneys at Hogan Lovells; Covington & Burling LLP; and Baker Botts (Spring 2014).

#### Media References and Appearances

Featured in a video, "Summer Associate Programs Are Extended Interviews," produced by alumnus Lee Pacchia '06 and his production company, Mimesis Productions (June 2014).

Dan Hunter



#### Media References and Appearances

How Luxury Culture Will Shape the Law, *MANAGING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY* (May 2014).

How the Rules of Social Games Are Creeping Into the Real World, *KILLSCREENDAILY.COM* (May 2014).

Gerald Korngold



#### Scholarly Presentations

Participated in "Land and the City: The 9th Annual Land Policy Conference," presented by the Lincoln Institute, Cambridge, Massachusetts (June 2014).

#### Publications

Conservation Easements and the Development of New Energies: Fracking, Wind Turbines, and Solar Collection, 3 *LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY JOURNAL OF ENERGY LAW AND RESOURCES* 1 (forthcoming). The article will be published as part of a symposium issue (May 2014).

William P. LaPiana



#### Scholarly Presentations

Presenter, "New York's New Estate Tax," Richmond County Surrogate's Court Committee (May 2014).

Presenter, "Planning for Same-Sex Married Couples Living in a Non-Recognition State," 54th ICLE Estate Planning Institute (sponsored by the State Bar of Michigan) Acme, Michigan (May 2014).

#### Publications

The Geography of Marriage, *BLOOMBERG BNA* (January 2014).

Post-Mortem Planning, *Chapter 5 in NEW YORK UNIVERSITY 72ND INSTITUTE ON FEDERAL TAXATION* (LexisNexis, 2014).

#### Service

Continuing member of the Office of Court Administration's Surrogate's Court Advisory Committee.

Arthur S. Leonard



#### Publications

As contributing writer, published many articles in *GAY CITY NEWS* (Spring 2014).

#### Media References and Appearances

Gay Marriage Rulings Could Ripple Across the South, *TIME* magazine (February 2014).

Interviewed twice on *THE GIST: THE MICHAEL SIGNORILE SHOW*, on the topic of marriage equality in Utah and Virginia (January 2014).

Justices' Halt to Gay Marriage Leaves Utah Couples in Limbo, *THE NEW YORK TIMES* (January 2014).

The Growing Impact of the Supreme Court's Gay-Marriage Ruling, *THE NEW YORKER* (January 2014).

Jethro K. Lieberman



#### Publications

*FIGHT THE HYPO: FAKE ARGUMENTS, TROLLEYOLOGY, AND THE LIMITS OF HYPOTHETICALS*, a print edition of his Inaugural Martin Professor Lecture, delivered on April 26,

2014 (Tribeca Square Press, 2014).

#### Media References and Appearances

RIT's Cary Collection a Rochester Gem, *DEMOCRAT & CHRONICLE* (February 2014).

Howard S. Meyers



#### Publications

Replays Haven't Made Baseball Any Better—Letters to the Editor, *THE WALL STREET JOURNAL* (May 2014).

#### Media References and Appearances

Law School Clinic Wins Annuity Arbitration for Public Customer, *BROKE AND BROKER* (May 2014).

William R. Mills



#### Scholarly Presentations

Gave a presentation on the topic of tablets and mobile device management at Ark Group's "Best Practices & Management Strategies for Law Firm Library, Research & Information Services" conference, New York (February 2014).

Featured speaker, "Empowering Librarians with iPads and Other Mobile Devices," at the

Law Library Association of Greater New York's 75th Annual Education Conference, held at New York University School of Law, New York (January 2014).

#### Publications

Tablets and Mobile Device Management, *chapter in LAW LIBRARIANSHIP IN THE DIGITAL AGE* (E. Kroski, ed., Scarecrow Press, 2014).

Rudolph J.R. Peritz



#### Publications

Co-Editor, *TRIPS AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES: TOWARDS A NEW IP WORLD ORDER?* (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2014).

#### Media References and Appearances

Something to Read: Four New IP Titles, *THE IPKAT* (March 2014).

Michael L. Perlin



#### Appointments

Elected Co-Chair of the American Society of International Law's Disability Rights Interest Group (April 2014).

#### Publications

"You that Hide Behind Walls": The Relationship



between the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Convention Against Torture and the Treatment of Institutionalized Forensic Patients, *chapter in TORTURE AND ILL-TREATMENT IN HEALTH-CARE SETTINGS: REFLECTIONS ON THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON TORTURE'S 2013 THEMATIC REPORT 195* (American University Center on Humanitarian Law ed., 2013) (with M. Schriver).

“Wisdom Is Thrown into Jail”: Using Therapeutic Jurisprudence to Remediate the Criminalization of Persons with Mental Illness (The Criminalization of Mental Illness: Turning Patients into Inmates), 17 *MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY JOURNAL OF MEDICINE AND LAW* 291 (2013).

“Yonder Stands Your Orphan with His Gun”: The International Human Rights and Therapeutic Jurisprudence Implications of Juvenile Punishment Schemes (Juvenile Justice and Offending) 46 *TEXAS TECH LAW REVIEW* 301 (2013).

### Projects

At the request of the American Bar Association’s Center on Human Rights’ Justice Defenders Program, filed a declaration with the High Court of Kazakhstan in the case of *Zinaida Mukhortova v. Republic of Kazakhstan*, involving the involuntary psychiatric commitment of a newspaper reporter/attorney who was institutionalized because she (quoting from the

moving papers) “gave interviews to the media and started to write complaints to different bodies to ‘restore justice’” in Kazakhstan (2014).

### Edward A. Purcell Jr.



### Publications

Semi-Wonderful Town, Semi-Wonderful State: Bill Nelson’s New York, 89 *CHICAGO-KENT LAW REVIEW* 1085 (2014).

*National League of Cities: Judicial Decision-making and the Nature of Constitutional Federalism*, 91 *DENVER UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW ONLINE* 179 (2014).

### Projects

Advisory Board, Supreme Court Historical Society and Federal Judicial Center, for Peter Charles Hoffer, William James Hoffer, and N.E.H. Hull, *THE FEDERAL COURTS: AN ESSENTIAL HISTORY* (forthcoming, 2015).

Advisor, Federal Judicial Center, for Daniel S. Holt, ed., *DEBATES ON THE FEDERAL JUDICIARY: A DOCUMENTARY HISTORY, 1875–1939*, Vol. 2 (2013).

### Media References and Appearances

Opportunities for Law’s Intellectual History: The Baldy Center Conference, *LEGAL HISTORY BLOG* (February 2014).

### Sadiq Reza



### Publications

Due Process in Islamic Criminal Law, 46 *GEORGE WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL LAW REVIEW* 1 (2013).

### Citations

Cited in a D.C. Circuit opinion, *ACLU v. U.S. Dep’t of Justice*, is his 2005 article on withholding the names of criminal arrestees and suspects absent a finding of probable cause of guilt, on privacy grounds (May 2014).

### Rebecca Roiphe



### Media References and Appearances

Featured in a video produced by alumnus Lee Pacchia ’06 and his production company, Mimesis Productions on challenges facing law schools (May 2014).

Patton Boggs Firm Defends Role Reversal in Chevron Pollution Case, *REUTERS & THE GLOBE AND MAIL* (May 2014).

Law Firm Squire Sanders Suspends Merger Vote with Patton Boggs: Reports, *REUTERS* (May 2014).

Ecuadoreans Try to Block Patton Boggs Settlement

with Chevron, *REUTERS* (May 2014).

Terror Case Has Lawyer with Several Distinctions, *THE NEW YORK TIMES* (February 2014).

### Ross Sandler



### Media References and Appearances

De Blasio Needs to Find Carriage-Horse Compromise, *NEWSDAY* (April 2014).

### David Schoenbrod



### Publications

American Voters Deserve Credit for Civil-Rights Victories, Too, *NATIONAL JOURNAL* (July 2014).

A Small Step (Cough) for Clean Air, *THE HILL* (June 2014).

### Media References and Appearances

Schoenbrod: SCOTUS Ruling Helps EPA Deal with a “Stupid Statute,” *JD SUPRA* (May 2014).

Featured in videos produced by alumnus Lee Pacchia ’06 and his production company, Mimesis Productions on the Clean Air Act (February, May 2014).

### Houman B. Shadab



### Scholarly Presentations

Participated in a panel discussion, “Fraud-Free Aid 2014—Closing the Loop on Citizens’ Expectations,” at Oxford University for the third annual “Advancing Good Governance in International Development” seminar, sponsored by Camfed (Campaign for Female Education), Oxford, and Linklaters, Oxford, England (June 2014).

Moderator, “Insider Trading 2.0: A New Initiative to Crack Down on Predatory Practices,” hosted by the Center for Business and Financial Law and the Center for New York City Law, New York Law School (March 2014).

### Media References and Appearances

Should We Regulate Bitcoin?, *MARGINAL REVOLUTION* (April 2014).

Featured in videos produced by alumnus Lee Pacchia ’06 and his production company, Mimesis Productions, about the bitcoin economy, derivatives regulation, and start-up culture. (April, August 2014).

Silk Road Shows the Flaws of the Laws, *SIMPLE JUSTICE* (March 2014).

### Jacob S. Sherkow



#### Scholarly Presentations

Panelist at Stanford School of Medicine's Conversation on Personal Genomics, Stanford, California (June 2014).

#### Publications

Myriad Stands Alone, *NATURE BIOTECHNOLOGY* (July 2014).

Preliminary Injunctions Post-Mayo and Myriad, *STANFORD LAW REVIEW ONLINE* (May 2014).

#### Media References and Appearances

Elon Musk Opens Up Tesla Patents to Everyone, *L.A. TIMES* (June 2014).

The Mammoth Cometh, *THE NEW YORK TIMES* (February 2014).

### Richard K. Sherwin



#### Awards and Recognition

Received a Canada Fulbright award for spring 2014, and a fellowship award to serve as a Research Scholar at the Humanities Research Centre, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia. Gave a series of talks on law

and visual culture and presented as part of an international conference titled: "Law and the Visual—Transitions & Transformations" (July 2014).

#### Appointments

Visiting Fulbright Chair in Law and Literature at McGill's Institute for the Public Life of Art and Ideas (Spring 2014).

#### Scholarly Presentations

Presented a lecture on "Virtual and Actual Performance: Film, Theater, and Social Media," at the Institute for the Public Life of Arts and Ideas, McGill University (February 2014) and a paper on "Law in the Flesh," at an interdisciplinary roundtable at McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada (April 2014).

#### Publications

Law in the Flesh: Tracing Legitimation's Origin to *'The Act of Killing,'* *NO FOUNDATIONS: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY JOURNAL OF LAW AND JUSTICE* No. 11 (June 2014).

#### Media References and Appearances

Appeared as the lead commentator in Jeremiah Zagar's new documentary film, *Captivated: The Trials of Pamela Smart*. Smart's trial, the first to be televised gavel-to-gavel, told the story of a high school teacher (played by Nicole Kidman in *To Die For*) who seduced a student and convinced him to kill her husband. The case/film offers an excellent illustration of the complications

that ensue when mass media run with a story even before the real trial begins. (A docudrama about the Smart case played on TV just two days before jury selection) (August 2014).

### Nadine Strossen



#### Scholarly Presentations

Debater, Intelligence Squared Debate: "Individuals and Organizations Have a Constitutional Right to Unlimited Spending on Their Own Political Speech" (other debaters were First Amendment attorney Floyd Abrams, NYU Law School Professor Burt Neuborne, and Fordham Law School Professor Zephyr Teachout), live at National Constitution Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (broadcast over National Public Radio) (June 2014).

Debate, sponsored by the Federalist Society, New York City Lawyers Chapter, on "Construing the Constitution: Should it be Considered as Unchanging?" against Gerald Walpin, author of *THE SUPREME COURT VS. THE CONSTITUTION* (Significance Press, 2013). Moderated by the Honorable Loretta Preska, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, New York City (June 2014).

Spoke at opening Plenary Session, "Can They Do That? The NSA, Privacy and the Fourth Amendment Issues," Seventh Circuit Judicial Conference (co-panelists were Cindy Cohn, Legal Director of the Electronic Frontier Foundation, University of Chicago Law Professor Geoffrey Stone, and Berkeley Law Professor John Yoo), Chicago, Illinois (May 2014).

Spoke at opening Plenary Session of the Annual Federalist Society National Student Symposium in a debate about "Government Secrecy, Leaks and Whistleblowers." This was originally scheduled as a debate against Michael Mukasey, former U.S. Attorney General under President George W. Bush, but at the last minute, the debater was changed to Roger Pilon, Director of the Cato Institute's Constitutional Policy Center. Gainesville, Florida (March 2014).

Spoke at Century Association program about "Church and State in a Time of Politically Ambitious Christian Fundamentalism: Literary, Legal and Religious Perspectives." (Co-panelists were James Kowalski, Dean of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, and Fred Rich, author of a dystopian novel about "Religious Right" takeover of the U.S.) New York Law School (January 2014).

### Lynn Boepple Su



#### Appointments

Appointed Co-Chair of the Legal Writing Institute's Clinical Cooperation Committee (May 2014).

Appointed to serve on the Mock Trial and Publications Subcommittees for the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Law, Youth and Citizenship (April 2014).

Named to the Outreach Committee of the Association of American Law Schools' Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research (February 2014).

#### Scholarly Presentations

Represented NYLS and the Legal Practice Program at the Ninth Annual Global Legal Skills Conference held at the Collegio di Giurisprudenza at the Università degli Studi di Verona. Presented "Demystifying the American Law School Classroom for International L.L.M. Students: Oral Reporting on Legal Research," Verona, Italy (May 2014).

Presented "Using Live, Recorded Client Interviews to Teach Fact-Gathering and Narrative," at the Southeastern Regional Legal Writing Conference hosted by Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, Florida (April 2014).

**Ruti G. Teitel**



**Appointments**

Joined Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs as Adjunct Research Scholar (February 2014).

**Scholarly Presentations**

Contributed to a roundtable on the international rule of law hosted by Cambridge University Press. Her contribution can be found in the spring 2014 issue of *ETHICS & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS* (March 2014).

Speaker at the 2014 International Studies Association meeting, first at a roundtable discussion on “Intergenerational Global Ethics,” and next at a panel discussion titled, “Security in Transition: Are We Adapting to the Security Gap,” Toronto, Ontario, Canada (March 2014).

**Publications**

*GLOBALIZING TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE* (Oxford University Press, May 2014).

Does Humanity Law Require (or Imply) a Progressive Theory of History? (And Other Questions for Martti Koskenniemi), *TEMPLE INTERNATIONAL & COMPARATIVE LAW JOURNAL* (with R. Howse) (April 2014).

**Ari Ezra Waldman**



**Awards and Recognition**

Received his Masters of Philosophy from Columbia University in anticipation of receiving a Ph.D. next year (May 2014).

**Scholarly Presentations**

Presented scholarly work on a panel at the New York City Law Department titled, “Against Bullying: A Panel Discussion on the Impacts of Bullying on the LGBT Community and in the Schools.” In attendance

were approximately 50 lawyers and many non-lawyers. In his remarks and in answering questions during and after the panel, he spoke about the work he is doing at NYLS, partnering with students and local nonprofits to address the problem of bullying and cyberbullying (July 2014).

Gave a lecture titled “Intellectual Property for Business Management,” to master’s degree students and faculty in New York University’s Graphic Communications Management and Technology program, and selected undergraduates majoring in business, marketing, and related fields (April 2014).

**Publications**

Presumptive Criminals: U.S. Criminal Law and HIV-Related Aggravated Assaults, in *HANDBOOK OF LGBT COMMUNITIES, CRIME, AND JUSTICE* (Dana Peterson and Vanessa R. Panfil, eds.) (February 2014).

**Projects**

Began serving as the Privacy Expert for ABOUT.COM, a ubiquitous news and reference website, to create and manage its content on privacy. Will work with several NYLS students to write short general-audience essays that explain complex legal concepts in an understandable and readable manner (March 2014).

**Erika L. Wood**



**Scholarly Presentations**

Delivered the keynote lecture at MetLife’s Law Day titled “American Democracy and the Rule of Law: Why Every Vote Matters,” (May 2014).

Invited to present “Borrowing from the Skills Classroom to Teach Doctrine,” at the inaugural LegalED conference titled “Igniting Law Teaching,” American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C. (April 2014).

**Citations**

Her 2009 publication, *RESTORING THE RIGHT TO VOTE* (Brennan Center for Justice), was quoted at length in a recent opinion by the Iowa Supreme Court. The opinion, *Chiodo v. Section 43.24 Panel*, No. 14-0553, 2014 WL 1464786 (Iowa April 15, 2014), limits the meaning of “infamous crime” under the Iowa constitution, thereby reducing the number of crimes that result in the loss of the right to vote in the state (April 2014).

**Michelle Zierler**



**Media References and Appearances**

Ask The Experts: The Economics of Oscar Season, *WALLET HUB* (February 2014). •

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The following items represent a sampling of the recent activities of our adjunct faculty.

# ADJUNCT FACULTY ACTIVITIES

Compiled by Melissa Pentangelo

## Karen Artz Ash '80

### Media References and Appearances

Women Leaders in the Law 2014, *NEW YORK MAGAZINE* (March 2014).

## John S. Baker Jr.

### Scholarly Presentations

Spoke at a debate with Professor Robert Blecker sponsored by the Federalist Society for Law & Public Policy Studies on the topic of whether the constitution should be ratified if the constitutional convention were held today (March 2014).

## Steven C. Bennett

### Appointments

Joined Park & Jensen LLP as partner in Manhattan (March 2014).

## Adele Bernhard

### Awards and Recognition

The Post-Conviction Innocence Clinic, which she directs, won exoneration for Tyrone Hicks, a Bronx man who served 10 years in prison after a conviction for rape. The students discovered untested scrapings from beneath the victim's fingernails contained DNA that did not belong to Hicks—proving he could not have committed the crime. The news was featured in the *NEW YORK POST* (May 2014).

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DNA Test Supports Motion for New Trial, Panel Says, *NEW YORK LAW JOURNAL* (March 2014).

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## Berwin Cohen '99

### Projects

Filed an *amicus brief* in the Wells Fargo Internal Revenue Code case then before the U.S. Supreme Court (March 2014).

## Heather Cucolo '03

### Scholarly Presentations

Panel chair, "Something's Happening/And You Don't Know What It Is': Why the Marginalization of Lawyers and the Law in AP-LS is Bad for AP-LS, Psychology, and the Law," at the American Psychology-Law Society annual meeting in New Orleans (March 2014).

Presented a paper, "Why Shaming Sex Offenders is Counterproductive and Antitherapeutic," at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in Philadelphia (February 2014) (with M. Perlin).

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Research Review II: Sexual Predator Controversies, *FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGIST* (February 2014).

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## Karolina A. Dehnhard '09

### Media References and Appearances

B.I.G. Livingston to Hold Meeting on "A Smart Woman Knows How to protect Her Ass(ets)," *THE ALTERNATIVE PRESS* (April 2014).

## Joanne Doroshov

### Scholarly Presentations

Facilitated a talkback discussion following a performance of "Lady from Limerick" at the Theater for the New City in the East Village (April 2014).

## Publications

The FDA's New Proposed Generic Drug Rule, *ACS BLOG* (February 2014).

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Crisis Handler Kenneth Feinberg Hired to Guide GM Through Maze of Lawsuits, *DETROIT FREE PRESS* (April 2014).

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Supreme Court of Florida decision, *Estate of Michelle Evette McCall v. United States* (March 2014).

## Lucas A. Ferrara

### Scholarly Presentations

Guest commentary, "Ending a Discriminatory Property-Tax Structure," *National Institute for Latino Policy* (April 2014).

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Fees Charged by Brokers, Condos and Co-ops, *THE NEW YORK TIMES* (May 2014).

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Tenant is Late on Rent and Unreachable..., *NY REAL ESTATE LAW BLOG* (April 2014).

## David L. Ferstendig

### Publications

Should Counsel for a Non-Party Deponent be a "Potted Plant"?, 2014 *N.Y.U. JOURNAL OF LEGISLATION & PUBLIC POLICY QUORUM* 52–62 (June, 2014) (with O. Chase).

LEXISNEXIS ANSWER GUIDE: *NEW YORK CIVIL LITIGATION*. 2014 ED. (LexisNexis).

WEINSTEIN, KORN & MILLER *NEW YORK CIVIL PRACTICE: CPLR*. 2D ED. (editor and release contributor) (LexisNexis, 2004) (Quarterly Releases).

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## Robert J. Firestone '90

### Publications

The Resident Income Tax Credit: Did Maryland Misapply the Commerce Clause? 72 *STATE TAX NOTES* 523–529 (June 2, 2014).

## Michael Kliegman

### Publications

Half-Baked: Attribute Carryovers in Slowly Liquidating Asset Reorganizations, 54 *TAX MANAGEMENT MEMORANDUM* 399–407 (October 2013) (with R. D. Smith).

Tax-Free Exchanges of Debt Instruments: Defining Securities Under Code Sec. 354, 14(10) *CORPORATE BUSINESS TAXATION MONTHLY* 35–40 (July 2013).

## Paul Bennett Marrow '69

### Publications

The "Circle of Assent" and the Mandatory Pre-Dispute Arbitration Clause: When the Unconscionable Contract Analysis Just Won't Do, *DISPUTE RESOLUTION JOURNAL* (with C. Penn) (March 2014).

### Citations

Squeezing Subjectivity from the Doctrine of Unconscionability, *CLEVELAND STATE LAW REVIEW* (2005) was quoted by the Pacific Legal Foundation in an *amicus brief* filed in the Supreme Court case *Sonic-Calabasas v. Moreno* (March 2014).

### Deborah McNamara

#### Publications

Legalities of the Runway, *Chapter 9 in AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION'S LEGAL GUIDE TO FASHION DESIGN* at 115–39 (D.H. Faux, ed. American Bar Association, September 2013).

### Dennis Parker

#### Media References and Appearances

Celebrating Brown, Confronting Its Challenging Legacy, *DIVERSE* (May 2014).

### Samantha C. Pownall '11

#### Publications

A, B, C, D, STPP: HOW SCHOOL DISCIPLINE FEEDS THE SCHOOL-TO-PRISON PIPELINE (New York Civil Liberties Union, October 2013).

### Sherry Ramsey '98

#### Publications

The Implications and Risks of Animal Cruelty, and How the Criminal Justice Community Can Help, *CONSIDER THE EVIDENCE* (United States Department of Justice—Office of Justice Programs Diagnostic Center, July 2013).

### Zvi S. Rosen

#### Publications

Discharging Fiduciary Debts, 87 *AMERICAN BANKRUPTCY LAW JOURNAL* 51–87 (2013). Winner of Otto L. Walter Distinguished Writing Award for Adjunct Faculty Article (May 2004).

### Mitchell Rubinstein

#### Citations

NYS Court of Appeals, *Palladino v. CNY Centro* (April 2014).

### Andrew Scherer

#### Publications

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### Peter J. Strauss

#### Appointments

Elected as a fellow of American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC) (February 2014).

#### Media References and Appearances

The Power of the Personal Story in Talking about Aging, *ELDER LAW PROF BLOG* (February 2014).

### Eva Talel

#### Publications

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### Lis Wiehl

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On May 19, New York Law School returned to Carnegie Hall, the site of its first graduation ceremony in 1892, for its 122nd Commencement Exercises. Steven Banks, a renowned public interest lawyer, and recently appointed New York City Commissioner, addressed the graduates. He also received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree in recognition of his long career in legal advocacy, including 33 years with The Legal Aid Society. In addition, the President's Medal went to Trustee Kathleen Grimm '80, Deputy Chancellor of Operations at the New York City Department of Education, in recognition of her leadership, service to the Law School, and outstanding accomplishments and influence in the fields of law and education. The Law School graduated 433 candidates for the Juris Doctor (J.D.) and 74 candidates for the Master of Laws (LL.M.). •







## REUNION AND ALUMNI WEEKEND 2014

APRIL 26-27, 2014

New York Law School welcomed back nearly 200 alumni at its annual Alumni Weekend held on Saturday April 26, and Sunday April 27, 2014. The weekend celebration began with the Dean's Cocktail Party at one of New York's most iconic locations, Battery Gardens, where we celebrated what makes New York Law School great—you! Photographers were on hand to commemorate the occasion with class photos.

Saturday's events kicked off with an overview of existing immigration law and a discussion of the proposals for reform, presented by Professor Lenni Benson and Sophie Raven '04, followed by the NYLS Alumni Association Annual Meeting, which featured the election of officers and directors for terms beginning July 1, 2014. Then, Professor Jethro K. Lieberman celebrated his appointment as Martin Professor of Law with a special lecture, followed by a Reunion Brunch in his honor.

The afternoon brought a choice of tours: the recently dedicated Honorable Roger J. Miner '56 Reading Room in the Mendik Library, which houses all of the judge's archives and memorabilia from his time on the bench; the impressive art collection generously donated by our alumni, including one of the world's largest collections of artist Emilio Sanchez's work, hosted by Linda Sosnowitz '73; and the National September 11 Memorial, led by Dean Crowell.

In the evening we celebrated Homecoming and the fifth anniversary of our state-of-the-art new building, enjoying the one-of-a-kind views of New York City from our fifth floor terrace, and gambling for great prizes at our annual casino night.





### SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT DINNER 2014

APRIL 7, 2014

Trustees, alumni, faculty, students and friends gathered at Tribeca's legendary Odeon for New York Law School's first annual Scholarship Benefit Dinner. Hosted by Marc Lasry '84, it was a wonderful evening celebrating New York Law School's tradition of giving back to help the next generation achieve academic and career success. Over \$400,000 in critical scholarship funds—far exceeding the minimum goal—was raised! We plan to make this an annual tradition that will grow in attendance and impact as we approach our 125th anniversary in 2016.



### SPOTLIGHT ON ENTREPRENEURSHIP LUNCHEON

APRIL 29, 2014

Students, faculty, and alumni gathered over lunch to network and attend a panel discussion on entrepreneurship at the Second Floor Events Center. The panel of distinguished alumni included NYLS Trustee Dr. Vincent Carbonelli '00, founder and president of United Reprographic Services; Christopher Coco '96, partner at Public House Investments, which operates over a dozen restaurants including Butterfield 8 in New York City and Public House at the Luxor Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas; and Bray Kelly '97, founder and managing director of JBK Capital, LLC. All three reminisced about their days at New York Law School and how valuable they found their legal education to be when starting up their own successful business enterprises.

### SCHOLARSHIP DONOR RECEPTION 2014

APRIL 30, 2014

Members of the Law School community mingled over cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in the Steifel Reading Room to celebrate our student scholars and the benefactors whose generosity is helping to make their Law School education possible. One of the highlights was the chance to hear donor Steven R. Harber '92 and his scholarship recipient describe their experiences from the perspectives of donor and scholar. If you would like to establish or make a contribution to a scholarship, please contact Tara Tomlinson, Assistant Vice President of Development, at 212.431.2808 or tara.tomlinson@nyls.edu.





## MEET ELIZABETH DAMBRIUNAS '85, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR ALUMNI ADVISING

Ms. Dambriunas answered a short Q&A on her work with alumni:

### Q What range of career services do you provide to alumni?

I provide a wide range of career counseling services, from résumé review and cover letter assistance to help with exploring and clarifying a practice area or career path, developing an effective job search strategy, establishing and expanding a professional network (including connecting with other alumni), and preparing and practicing for interviews.

### Q What are some of the most frequently asked questions you get from alumni?

One of the most frequently asked questions is how to request an informational interview: An alum has the name of a fellow alum or an attorney he or she wants to meet, either for career advice or for a potential job opportunity, and doesn't know how to initiate that contact. I can help the alum craft the right message to put him or her in the best position for a positive response. Another question that comes up a lot is how to answer those unexpected or awkward interview questions, such as "What would you say is your biggest weakness?" We can help our alumni avoid the pitfalls of such a question, and show their strength and self-awareness by identifying a professional challenge and how they conquered it.

### Elizabeth Dambriunas '85

is the new Associate Director for Alumni Advising in the Office of Career Planning at NYLS. She provides counseling, programming, and resources to NYLS's recent graduates, assisting them in making the transition from law school to practice. Ms. Dambriunas has an extensive background in intellectual property and entertainment law and spent many years as in-house counsel for Warner Bros., Paramount Pictures, Nickelodeon, and Viacom before opening her own transactional practice. Prior to joining the NYLS Office of Career Planning, she served as an alumni mentor, IP mentor, faculty externship supervisor, and adjunct professor. She is also a member of the Career Advancement and Management Committee of the New York City Bar Association.

### Q Do you have any general words of advice for recent graduates in the job market?

First, make sure your documents are in top shape—your résumé, cover letter, even your e-mail—to request an informational interview. That way you're ready to move quickly when an opportunity arises. Second, make a list of all of your contacts and plan out how you will approach them for help with your job search. Third, don't spend all day on your laptop job searching—remember to get out there and talk with other lawyers. Fourth, identify professional associations through which you can gain even more contacts and experience. Finally and most importantly, make an appointment to see me, so that I can add my efforts to yours!

### Q Is there anything more you'd like alumni to know about what the Office of Career Planning can offer them?

We offer career counseling to all alumni, not just recent graduates. We have a great team of counselors here with a wealth of expertise and experience in many different practice areas. We also have a great network of alumni to turn to, and it's especially rewarding when we can connect graduates who are job searching with experienced alumni in their desired practice areas for any advice and help the alumni can provide. •



By Ruth Singleton

## PIERRE CIRIC '09 Makes Headlines as He Seeks to Recover an Impressionist Painting Stolen by the Nazis



When Pierre Ciric '09 was working in the finance department for pharmaceutical company Sanofi-Aventis and attending New York Law School as an evening student, he could scarcely envision that in a few short years he would be testifying before the Oklahoma Legislature about an impressionist painting stolen by the Nazi government in the 1940s. After all, he is not an impressionist art expert by any means. But a law degree from NYLS can lead to many unexpected opportunities.

Ciric represents Léone Meyer, a French woman whose adopted father, Raoul Meyer, was the owner of an extensive art collection, most notably a Camille Pissarro painting, “La Bergère rentrant des moutons” (“Shepherdess bringing in sheep”). The Nazi occupation forces in France confiscated Raoul Meyer’s art collection, including the 1886 Pissarro painting, in 1941. Unbeknownst to the Meyers, the painting entered the United States in 1956 through the David Findlay Galleries, which sold it to Aaron and Clara Weitzenhoffer. In 2000, Clara Weitzenhoffer included the painting in a bequest to the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art at the University of Oklahoma. And that is where the painting remains displayed today. University officials have refused to relinquish it, taking the position that there are unresolved questions about its history.

In May 2014, Ciric, along with his client’s son, Raphael Meyer, and art provenance research expert Marc Masurovsky, testified before the

Oklahoma House of Representatives’ Committee on Government Modernization and Accountability about the painting’s provenance. In his testimony, Ciric presented the specifics of how the painting had changed hands, including its theft by the Nazis on February 22, 1941, from a bank safe where Raoul Meyer had placed it. Their testimony received national press coverage, and in an interview, Ciric said he was “totally surprised by the publicity” the case has generated. He attributes it in part to the movie *The Monuments Men*, which came out in February 2014 and drew national attention to the systematic plunder of artworks from Jews by the Nazis in Europe.

On the day before their testimony, Raphael Meyer went to the museum to see the painting. Said Ciric, “It was very emotional for him—more than he expected as a second-generation family member.” Ciric explained that Raoul Meyer and his wife adopted Léone after World War II—as her birth family had died at Auschwitz.

Like his client, Ciric is French. He received an M.B.A. from a leading French business school and has been working in the United States for the past 25 years, most notably in the pharmaceutical industry. Ciric attributes his decision to go to law school to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, the statute enacted in 2002 in response to corporate and accounting fraud at Enron and other companies, which requires top management to individually certify the accuracy of financial information. “When Sarbanes-Oxley came in, I spent all my time with lawyers. That’s when I realized, I can do this.”

Ciric graduated *summa cum laude* from the Law School, where he was Notes Editor of the *New York Law School Law Review*. After working at the National Center for Law and Economic Justice and at the law firm of Proskauer Rose LLP, he decided to start his own firm, which focuses on commercial litigation services for businesses, nonprofit organizations, and individuals. Ciric came to represent Léone Meyer, through her son, Raphael. He observed that what is needed in such cases is not an art background, but strong investigative skills and a deep understanding of the client’s needs.

Ciric filed the lawsuit in May 2013 in the Southern District of New York. After the court ruled it to be an improper venue, he refiled the case in Oklahoma. He emphasizes that U.S. law differs from that of European countries, such as Switzerland, where a plaintiff must prove bad faith on the part of a purchaser in order to prevail. “Bad title is the issue in the U.S.,” he said. As he testified before the Oklahoma House of Representatives, “the original owner retains title to the stolen object. It does not matter if a subsequent purchaser did not know the object was previously stolen.” The Oklahoma legislature introduced a resolution demanding a return of the painting to Ms. Meyer, but that resolution is nonbinding.

Ciric said that recovering the painting is a personal quest for Léone Meyer, and her whole family is united behind it. “She lost her birth family to Auschwitz, and her adopted parents lost the art,” he said. “They don’t want money; they just want the painting returned.” •



Compiled by Melissa Pentangelo

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## ALUMNI SERVING IN THE DE BLASIO ADMINISTRATION

Since Bill de Blasio took office as Mayor of New York City at the beginning of 2014, a number of New York Law School alumni have joined his administration. In March, **Darren Bloch '04** left his position as Vice President for Public Affairs at NYLS to become Executive Director of the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City, and as Counsel to the Mayor's Office of Strategic Partnerships. He remains a very active part of the NYLS community and continues to serve as an adjunct professor and as a key member of the Alumni Association. In addition, **Kevin Ward '95** was in February named Chief of Staff to New York City Police Commissioner Bill Bratton, one of the highest-ranking officers of the NYPD. He was previously commanding officer of Patrol Borough Queens South with experience in Detective, Internal Affairs, and the Organized Crime Bureaus. Also serving the City is **Fernando A. Bohorquez '99**, who was nominated by Mayor de Blasio to the Conflicts of Interest Board in February 2014, and took a seat on the board in March. He is a partner at BakerHostetler in Manhattan who focuses his practice on commercial bankruptcy litigation, intellectual property disputes, and white-collar investigations.

# NOTES

## — 1950 —

**Maurice R. Greenberg** was ranked No. 1 in *Crain's New York Business'* list of "Most Connected New Yorkers," published in June 2014. He was also featured in *The New York Times* article, "C.V. Starr and Partner Buy Health Care Concern in a \$4.4 Billion Deal," in February 2014. He is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of C.V. Starr & Co. Inc. in Manhattan.

## — 1965 —

**Hon. Judith B. Sheindlin** was featured in *The New York Times* article, "Others Fade, but Judge Judy Is Forever: At 71, She Still Presides," in May 2014 and "Judge Judy' continues to rule in ratings" in *Entertainment Weekly* in February 2014. She is the creator

of a new court show, *Hot Bench*, which premiered in fall 2014. She is a family court judge and star of the reality courtroom show *Judge Judy*.

## — 1967 —

**Edward R. Zuccaro** was elected to the expanded board of directors for the Campaign for Vermont in January 2014. He is a shareholder at Zuccaro, Willis and Sipples, P.C. in Burlington, Vermont.

## — 1968 —

**James J. Nolan** published the second edition of his manual for the training of international interpreters, *Interpretation Techniques and Exercises*, in spring 2014. He is a senior United Nations linguist.

## — 1969 —

**Myron Shapiro** has been selected to serve on the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Committee's Professionalism Panels. The panels' members are charged with receiving, screening, and acting upon complaints of unprofessional conduct by attorneys practicing within the Circuit. He is a partner at Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell in Miami, where he has practiced civil litigation lawyer for more than 35 years, and has been lead counsel in more than 50 complex product liability trials.

## — 1973 —

**Hon. Joseph J. Maltese** was named Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, Second Department,

of the New York State Supreme Court by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo in January 2014. This news appeared in several media outlets, including *The Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, *New York Law Journal*, and the *Staten Island Advance*. He was also featured in "Island Out: Staten Island dad and daughter, Joseph and Julie Ann Maltese, earn simultaneous doctorates," in the *Staten Island Advance* in June 2014.

## — 1975 —



**Daniel G. McDermott**, a shareholder and the Co-Chair of the Maritime Litigation Practice Group in the Manhattan office of Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin, P.C.,



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has been named a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America (LCA). The LCA is a trial lawyer honorary society composed of less than one-half of 1 percent of American lawyers. Fellows are selected based upon excellence and accomplishment in litigation and superior ethical reputation. McDermott focuses his practice in the defense of marine construction projects around the New York City Metropolitan area. His clients include general contractors, vessel owners, municipalities, and various other agencies.

**James P. Pagano** writes that, on June 26, 2014, he became the 65th President of the Columbian Lawyers Association of Queens, an organization for attorneys of Italian heritage. He is the principal of James Pagano, Attorney of Law in Manhattan.

## ~ 1976 ~

**Michael A. Salberg** wrote a letter to the editor published in *The New York Times* on February 4, 2014, in response to “Why Israel Fears the Boycott.” He is Director of the International Affairs for the Anti-Defamation League in Manhattan.

## ~ 1977 ~

**Hon. William F. Mastro** was presented with the 49th Annual Rapallo Award by the Columbian Lawyers Association in April 2014. The news was featured in the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*. He is an Associate Justice of the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Second Department in Brooklyn, New York.



**Christina M. Storm** received the Connecticut Bar Association’s Citizen of the Law award in March 2014.

She is a partner at Byrne & Storm, P.C. in Hartford, Connecticut.

## ~ 1978 ~

**Marilyn Rae Baskin** was a winning co-plaintiff in *Baskin v. Bogan*, a marriage equality lawsuit filed by Lambda Legal in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana. On June 25, Judge Richard L. Young ruled that Indiana Code Section 31-11-1-1, which defines marriage as between one man and one woman and voids marriages between same-sex couples, was unconstitutional. On September 4, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit upheld the ruling, striking down marriage bans in Indiana and Wisconsin. On October 6, the U.S. Supreme Court denied a petition for review, allowing marriage equality to begin in Indiana.

**Michael J. Soltis** wrote several articles for *The National Law Review*: “Obesity, Like a Neon Green Mohawk Hairdo, Not an Impairment Under ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)” in February 2014; “Sixth Circuit Court Silences Horn in ADA Accommodation Case—Americans with Disabilities Act” and “Department of Justice (DOJ) Strikes Landmark Consent Decree in Web, Mobile Access Case” in March 2014; and “What is Your State’s Grade on Family Friendly

Employment Laws?” in July 2014. He is the office managing shareholder and litigation manager of the Stamford, Connecticut, office of Jackson Lewis P.C.

## ~ 1979 ~

**Hon. Joan M. Azrack** was nominated by President Obama to serve as a U.S. District Judge in the Eastern District of New York in September 2014. She has served as a U.S. Magistrate Judge in the Eastern District of New York since 1990, and she served as Chief Magistrate Judge from 2000 to 2005.

**Hon. Laura Safer Espinoza** was named a “2014 MAKER: Women Who Make Southwest Florida for 2014,” by WGPU Public Media in January 2014. She is Executive Director of the Fair Food Standard Council, which oversees the Fair Food Program, and she spoke at the Second Annual U.N. Forum on Business and Human Rights in Geneva, Switzerland, in December 2013. The Fair Food Program was also mentioned in, “Advocates for Workers Raise the Ire of Business,” in *The New York Times* in January 2014.

**Stephen P. Moyer** joined Grand View Hospital in Sellersville, Pennsylvania, as General Counsel in September 2013.

**Hon. Jonah Triebwasser** has been named the Chair of the New York State Bar Association’s Committee on Law, Youth & Citizenship. He is the Town and Village Justice of Red Hook in Dutchess County, New York.

## ~ 1980 ~

**Charles W. Chiampou** was named to the Board of Trustees of Niagara University in February 2014. He is a partner at Chiampou Travis Besaw & Kershner LLP in Amherst, New York.

**Justin Driscoll** was elected Executive Vice President and General Counsel of the New York Power Authority, the statewide public power utility headquartered in White Plains. Before joining the Power Authority, he was in private practice for more than 30 years, most recently as a partner in Brown & Weinraub PLLC in Manhattan.

**Kathleen Grimm** was honored with the President’s Medal at the 122nd New York Law School Commencement on May 21. She is a New York Law School Trustee and Deputy Chancellor of Operations at the New York City Department of Education.

## ~ 1981 ~

**Mark A. Conrad** was quoted in “Doubt Lingers Over NFL Settlement,” in *The New York Times* in January 2014. He was also quoted in *The New York Times* article, “New Guard of Owners Could Be Key in Sterling’s Fate,” and in *The Christian Science Monitor* in April 2014. He is director of sports business specialization at the Gabelli School of Business at Fordham University in Manhattan.

**E. Christopher Johnson Jr.** recently announced that he will be leaving the full-time faculty at Thomas M. Cooley Law School



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in order to focus his life's work on ending human trafficking, Johnson now works as the reporter and chief drafter of the American Bar Association's Business Conduct Standards to Eradicate Labor Human Rights Impacts in Hiring and Supply Chain Practices. He is also a member of the Michigan Attorney General's Commission on Human Trafficking, and the State of Michigan's Human Trafficking Task Force. Before he stepped down from his role as LL.M. Corporate Law and Finance Director at Cooley, he was actively involved in a number of access to justice and access to law school programs, including Cooley's high school and college pipeline programs.

### ~ 1982 ~

**Neil H. Kessner** was featured in the *Commercial Observer* article, "Adding Value with Neil Kessner," in February 2014. He is the Executive Vice President and General Counsel of SL Green Realty Corp. in Manhattan.

### ~ 1983 ~

**Andrew C. Kassner** has been elected the next Chairman and Chief Executive officer of Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, effective February 1, 2015. He is a well-known restructuring lawyer who has been at the firm for 28 years, and led its corporate restructuring practice group for almost 20 years. He has held several management positions with the firm, including a number of terms as a Managing Partner of the firm.

**Simon S. Kogan** joined the Cheyenne, Wyoming, office of Protek/Luxuriant Holdings as legal counsel in March 2014.

**Barbara C. Meili** was named among the 2014 "Top Dealmakers" by *Multichannel News* in the article, "Legal Eagles Make Tough Deals Fly," in April 2014. She is chair of the New York Entertainment and Media Practice in the Manhattan office of Greenberg Traurig, LLP.

**Vincent J. Viola** was featured in "New Owner Giving Panthers Some Hope," in the *Buffalo News* in January 2014. He was also featured in "Billionaire Panthers Owner Takes Control of Eastern Air Lines" in *The Next Miami* in July 2014. He is the Executive Chairman of Virtu Financial and owner of the Florida Panthers hockey team. (See also page 2.)

### ~ 1984 ~



**E. Drew Britcher** writes that he was included in *New Jersey Super Lawyers* for 2014. The news appeared in *Ridgewood-Glen Rock Patch* and *NJ.com*. He is a

founding partner at Britcher, Leone & Roth, LLC in Glen Rock, New Jersey.

**Eric Gurgold** wrote a chapter, "Strategies for Trusts and Estates in Florida," published in *Inside the Minds* by Thomson Reuters in April 2014. This news appeared in *Naple News* and the *Business Observer*. He is a stockholder at Henderson, Franklin, Starnes &

Holt, P.A. in Fort Myers, Florida, concentrating in estate planning and administration, elder law, probate litigation, title insurance claims related to probate issues, business law, and taxation.

**Marc Lasry** purchased the Milwaukee Bucks basketball team with Wesley Edens in April 2014. The news was covered in many media outlets including *The Wall Street Journal*, *NBA.com*, *The New York Times*, *ESPN*, *Bloomberg News*, *Bleacher Report*, *Journal Sentinel*, *The Modesto Bee*, *WSAW*, *Fox 6 Now*, *The American Lawyer*, and the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. He also hosted the "Give the Gift of Education," the first annual NYLS Scholarship Benefit Dinner in April 2014. (See also page 2.)

**Philip R. West** was elected Chairman of Steptoe & Johnson LLP, which has seven U.S. offices and three overseas offices, and assumed leadership of the firm in January 2014. The appointment was covered in various media outlets including *The Washington Post*, *The National Law Journal*, *Law360*, *Bloomberg Businessweek*, and *Politico*.

### ~ 1985 ~

**Andrew C. McCarthy** was featured in *The Washington Times* article, "'Impeach Obama' is topic of new book by former federal prosecutor," in May 2014. His new book, *Faithless Execution*, was published in June 2014 by Encounter Books. He is a senior fellow at the National Review Institute and the Foundation for Defense of Democracies in Manhattan.

**Nicholas F. Pellitta** received the 2013 Hunterdon County, New Jersey, Chamber of Commerce President's Award at the Annual Meeting and Dinner Dance in March 2014. He is a member of the Bridgewater, New Jersey, law firm of Norris McLaughlin & Marcus, P.A. In April 2014, the firm was selected as counsel for the Flemington Business Improvement District, and Pellitta will provide legal services and guidance to the Board of Directors.

**Pauline C. Reich** writes that she has been a professor at Waseda University School of Law in Tokyo, Japan, since 1995. She is general editor of *Cybercrime and Security* (Thomson Reuters/West), which is updated quarterly, and co-author/co-editor of *Law Policy and Technology: Cyberterrorism, Information Warfare and Internet Immobilization* (IGI Global, 2012). She is the founder and Director of the Asia-Pacific Cyberlaw, Cybercrime and Internet Security Research Institute in Tokyo, and speaks at law and IT conferences in Asia, the United States, and Europe. She has also been a consultant to the United Nations, and to information security and other companies.

### ~ 1986 ~

**Holly Gregory** joined the Manhattan office of Sidley Austin LLP as a partner in January 2014. She is co-head of the firm's global Corporate Governance and Executive Compensation practice.

**David N. Kelley** was a guest on MSNBC's *The Last Word with Lawrence O'Donnell* in June 2014, discussing with Ari Melber the

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prosecution of terror suspects in non-military federal courts. He is a partner at Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP in Manhattan, where he focuses on white-collar defense work.

**Daniel J. Oates** has been approved as the new Chief of Police with the Miami Beach Department in Florida. He was featured in the *Miami Herald* article, "Miami Beach May Hire Police Chief Who Oversaw Colorado Movie-Theater Shootings," in April 2014. The news also appeared in *The Denver Post*, *Fox 31 Denver*, and *Miami New Times*. He was previously the Aurora, Colorado, police chief.

## ~ 1987 ~

**Hon. Victoria B. Campbell** announced her intent to run for Orange County Family Court in February 2014. She is the Chief Executive Officer of Victoria P. Campbell, P.C. and a City Court Judge for the State of New York in Port Jervis, New York.

**Steven M. Klosk** was featured in the *Investor Business Daily* article, "Cambrex Keeps Its Pipeline of New Products Flowing," in March 2014. He is the Chief Executive Officer of Cambrex in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

## ~ 1988 ~

**Brian D. Graifman** was featured in the *New York Law Journal* in May 2014 for his participation in the New York County Lawyers' Association's 2014 Law Day Luncheon at Cipriani Wall Street.

He is a co-chair of the Association's Supreme Court committee and a partner at Borah, Goldstein, Altschuler, Nahins & Goidel, P.C. in New York City.

**Hon. Wayne R. Keeney** was appointed Family Support Magistrate by Connecticut Governor Dannel Malloy in March 2014. This news appeared in *The Hour*, *New Haven Register*, *Register Citizen*, *Greenwich Time*, *Stamford Plus Magazine*, *CT Post*, and *Patch.com*.

**Gilda P. Riccardi** was appointed to the Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Judicial Department's Committee on Character and Fitness in April 2014. The news was featured in the *Daily Freeman*. She is principal court attorney for the Honorable Anthony McGinty, acting Supreme Court Justice and Ulster County Family Court Judge of the Third Judicial District in Kingston, New York.

**Hon. Scott Siller** was featured in "Siller Dons Robes, Takes Seat as Direct Court Judge," in *The Island Now* in January 2014. He was inducted as Judge of the Nassau County District Court in January 2014.

## ~ 1989 ~

**Curtis F. Doebbler** wrote, "Coming to Ukraine: The Hypocrisy of the American Understanding of the International Law," in *Jurist* in March 2014. He is an international human rights lawyer at the Law Office of Dr. Curtis F. J. Doebbler in Washington, D.C.

**John J. Howley** writes that he was thrilled to go on stage at Carnegie Hall and present his son Thomas Howley '14 with a scroll representing his J.D. *cum laude* degree at NYLS's 122nd commencement exercises in May 2014. He is the principal attorney at the Law Offices of John Howley in Manhattan.

## ~ 1990 ~

**Alexander D. Widell** joined Moritt Hock & Hamroff LLP as a partner in the firm's Commercial Litigation practice group in its Garden City, New York, office in July 2014. He represents issuers, directors and officers, underwriters, certified public accountants, and other targets of litigation in federal securities cases and investigations brought by the Securities and Exchange Commission and private plaintiffs, and in shareholder class action and derivative litigation. He was most recently at Bickel & Brewer, where he was the senior ranking attorney responsible for the operations of the firm's New York City office.

## ~ 1991 ~

**Michael J. Bowe** was featured on *PBS Frontline* in January 2014, which focused on insider trading allegations at SAC Capital. He represented plaintiff Fairfax Financial Holdings, which sued SAC, and the program featured a video of his deposition of its CEO, Steve Cohen. Bowe was also mentioned in "Steven Cohen Appears Oblivious to Insider Trading Law," in *BloombergView*

in January 2014. He is a partner at Kasowitz Benson Torres & Friedman LLP in Manhattan.

## ~ 1992 ~

**Sean T. Prosser** joined Perkins Coie's San Diego office as a partner in the White Collar & Investigations practice in July 2014. A former enforcement attorney with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), he has extensive experience in SEC actions, shareholder class actions, and derivative and corporate control lawsuits. A litigator advising and defending clients facing regulatory enforcement investigations and proceedings, his private practice now includes representation of companies, chief executives, directors and officers, broker dealers, hedge funds, committees, accounting firms, and public officials. Prior to joining Perkins Coie, he was a partner at Morrison & Foerster in San Diego.



**Stewart Reifler** co-authored *The Compensation Committee Handbook 4th Edition*, released this year by John Wiley & Sons publishers. The

*Handbook* is a resource for compensation committees of both public and private companies, and has been used by many senior executives, boards of directors, and their compensation committees since the first edition appeared in 2001. He is head of the Executive Compensation practice group in the Manhattan office of Vedder Price P.C.

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### ~ 1993 ~

**Charles E. Phillips** was included in *Crain's New York Business'* list of "Most Connected New Yorkers," published in June 2014. He was also listed as one of *Savoy Magazine's* "Top 100 Most Influential Blacks in Corporate America," in March 2014. In June, he delivered the keynote speech at Cloud Expo in New York. He is Chief Executive Officer at Infor in New York and a New York Law School Trustee.

**Steven J. Slutzky** was selected by *The American Lawyer* as one of its "Dealmakers of the Year" and was featured in "Steven Slutzky, Debevoise," and "Can You Hear Me Now?" in the April 2014 issue. He is a partner at Debevoise & Plimpton LLP in Manhattan.

### ~ 1994 ~

**Connie J. Alimena** was promoted to Regional Vice President in the Manhattan office of Statewide Abstract Corp. in February 2014.

**Stacey E. Ziskin Gabay** was featured in two *Newsday* articles: one in January 2014 titled, "Gabila's Knishes: From Humble Beginnings to National Reach," and one in December 2013 titled, "Knish Shortage to Linger, Says Gabila's." She is Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and co-owner of Gabila's Knishes in Long Island.

**John Gallagher** is the author of *Black Ice: The Val James Story*, a biography of the first American-born black person to play in the National Hockey League. The

book is to be released in February 2015 by ECW Press of Toronto. He is a federal prosecutor in Philadelphia.

**Jason S. Haselkorn** became a candidate for Juno Beach Council, Seat 1, in March 2014. The news was covered in *Bloomberg Law* and *My Palm Beach Post*. He is a partner at Ciklin Lubitz Martens & O'Connell in West Palm Beach, Florida.

**Susan B. Henner's** article, "Vying for Visas," was published in the *Westchester County Business Journal* in February 2014. She is the principal attorney at Susan B. Henner, Attorney at Law, PLLC, which focuses on immigration law.

**Mojgan Lancman** was nominated by the Queens Democratic Party for a Queens Civil Court Judgeship, in May 2014. The news appeared in *Crain's New York Business* and the *Queens Chronicle*. She was elected in November. She previously served as a court referee in Queens Supreme Court. Before that, she was a principal law clerk under Queens Supreme Court Judge Roger Rosengarten.

### ~ 1995 ~

**James H. McQuade** joined the Manhattan office of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP as a partner in January 2014. He specializes in employment law.

### ~ 1996 ~

**Terri L. Adler** was featured in "Adler's an Action, Adventure Kinda Lawyer," in *Real Estate*

*Weekly* in March 2014. She is Chair of the Real Estate Practice Group at Duval & Stachenfeld LLP in Manhattan.

**Mary F. Breheney** was featured in "Legal Late Bloomers," in *Inside Counsel* magazine in July 2014. The article focused on how she attended NYLS in her late 30s and set up her elder law practice, Glenn & Breheney, PLLC, in Newburgh, New York, which serves the Hudson Valley.

**Christopher Coco** was a featured panelist at a "Spotlight on Entrepreneurship Luncheon," at New York Law School in April 2014. He is a partner at Public House Investments, which operates over a dozen restaurants across the country.

**Richard Malagiere** joined the Jackson, New Jersey, office of Gertner, Mandel & Peslak, LLC in February 2014 as of counsel in its Intellectual Property Practice Group.

**Lance Topol** joined Norcom Mortgage as a wholesale account executive in its Glen Cove, New York, office in January 2014.

### ~ 1997 ~

**Ann Schofield Baker** has joined Perkins Coie LLP's New York office as a partner in the firm's Commercial Litigation practice focusing on intellectual property and other complex commercial matters. She was most recently the head of McKool Smith's national trademark and copyright litigation practice.

**Thomas D. Croci** was featured in "Tom Croci, Islip Town Supervisor,

Returns from Deployment in Afghanistan," in *Newsday* in June 2014. A commander in the U.S. Navy, he was deployed in Afghanistan last July, 16 months into his first term as Town Supervisor of Islip, New York.

**Bray B. Kelly** was a featured panelist at a "Spotlight on Entrepreneurship Luncheon" at New York Law School in April 2014. He is founder and Managing Director at JBK Capital, LLC, a private equity and advisory firm in Manhattan.

**Reginald A. Long Sr.** spoke at both undergraduate and graduate commencement ceremonies of California University of Pennsylvania in May 2014. He is a partner in the law firm of Love and Long, LLP which has offices in Newark, New Jersey, and Philadelphia.

**Jennifer A. McCool** has been named Chief Legal Officer of Related Companies in Manhattan. This news appeared in *Real Estate Weekly* in May 2014. She oversees Related's corporate and deal-based legal activities nationally and the companies' day-to-day compliance initiatives.

**Michael V. Solomita** joined the Manhattan office of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP as a partner in the firm's Intellectual Property practice group in May 2014. The news appeared on *Street Insider* and *Bloomberg Law*.

### ~ 1998 ~

**Adrian G. Looney** was interviewed by *The Metropolitan Corporate Counsel* in "Pfizer: A



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Focus on Intellectual Property,” in February 2014. He is assistant general counsel at Pfizer Inc. in Manhattan.

**Dawn R. Shanahan** was nominated to the Newark, New Jersey, Workers’ Compensation Court by New Jersey Governor Chris Christie in March 2014. The news was featured in the *New Jersey Law Journal*.

## ~ 1999 ~

**Theresa de Leon** has joined the board of directors of Jazz House Kids, a nationally recognized arts organization. She is a Senior Vice President at PNC Wealth Management. The news appeared in *The Jersey Journal* in June 2014.

**Peter T. Sallata** was featured in the *Press of Atlantic City* article, “Brief Case: Manager Adds Business to Stone Harbor Hotel,” in March 2014. He is the corporate sales manager at The Reeds at Shelter Haven in Stone Harbor, New Jersey.

## ~ 2000 ~

**Dr. Vincent A. Carbonell** was featured in a “Spotlight on Entrepreneurship Luncheon” at New York Law School in May 2014. He is a New York Law School Trustee and President of United Reprographics in New York.

**Adelaide Riggi** was promoted to the membership at Norris McLaughlin & Marcus P.A. in Bridgewater, New Jersey, in January 2014. She practices divorce and family law. Riggi co-chaired the Somerset County Mock Trial

Competition in February 2014 and was named a Trustee of the Somerset County Bar Foundation in March 2014. In July 2014, she was named to the *New Jersey Law Journal’s* “New Leaders of the Bar” list. This special recognition is for lawyers under the age of 40 who are emblematic of the next wave of leadership of the New Jersey bar based on their career achievements thus far. Only 50 lawyers were selected for this honor.

**Jeffrey H. Ruzal** published an article co-written with Barry Guryan, “Pending Coverall Case in the First Circuit Could Have a Major Impact on Franchising in Massachusetts,” in *Blue Maumau* in July 2014. He is senior counsel in the Labor and Employment practice in the Manhattan office of Epstein, Becker & Greene P.C.

## ~ 2001 ~

**Seunghwan Kim** was appointed Assistant Comptroller for Law and Adjustment by New York City Comptroller Scott M. Stringer in May 2014.

**Allison L. Luskoff** joined the Manhattan office of First Nationwide Title Agency as senior underwriting counsel in March 2014. The news was featured in *New York Real Estate Journal*.

**Thomas Prol** joined the Sparta, New Jersey, office of Laddey, Clark & Ryan LLP as a partner in its Environmental and Government Affairs group in March 2014. He was sworn in as First Vice President of the New Jersey State Bar Association in May 2014, and is the first openly gay officer in the NJSBA’s history.



**Preethi Sekharan** was recently sworn in as the new President of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers, Martin County Chapter.

She leads the Association in 2014–15. She is an attorney in Gunster’s Stuart, Florida, office and focuses her practice on commercial litigation, including intellectual property and trade secret disputes, probate and trust litigation, as well as noncompete, contract, and commercial landlord/tenant disputes.

**Vladimir Shuster** joined the Astana, Kazakhstan, office of Reed Smith as a partner in January 2014. He advises clients on corporate and commercial transactions including cross-border M&A and private equity, representing multinational state and local Kazakhstan companies in a wide range of investment and finance matters.

## ~ 2003 ~



**Michelle Almeida**, an associate at Iseman, Cunningham, Riester & Hyde LLP, has been named a rising star in health care law by *Super Lawyers*, a rating service

of lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The selection process includes independent research, peer

nominations, and peer evaluations. To be eligible for inclusion in “Rising Stars,” a candidate must be 40 years old or younger or in practice fewer than 10 years.

**Dawn M. Aponte** was featured in the *Miami Herald* article, “Miami Dolphins Executive Dawn Aponte is the Woman in the Middle,” in January 2014. She is the Vice President of Football Administration for the Miami Dolphins.

**Lennie A. Bersh** was promoted to of counsel at the Florham Park, New Jersey, office of Greenberg Traurig LLP in February 2014. He focuses his practice on intellectual property and technology.

**Regina P. Martorana** joined the Florham Park, New Jersey, office of Bressler, Amery & Ross P.C. as partner in January 2014.

## ~ 2004 ~

**Anthony Zurica** writes that he has opened a new division of his law firm, The Law Office of Anthony Zurica, which will specialize in adoption law. He has become an active member in the adoption community throughout New York and is a volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocate for Children (CASA) in Westchester County. His new website is [www.nycadoptionlawyer.com](http://www.nycadoptionlawyer.com).

## ~ 2005 ~

**Justin S. Coffey** writes that he was elected shareholder at Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart P.C. in Atlanta, Georgia, in January 2014.

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**Stacie Truesdell Michaels** was recently promoted to Vice President and Associate General Counsel of Wynn Las Vegas.

**Jeffrey D. Mullen** was featured in a *CBS News* video, "Dynamics, Inc. Fights Credit Card Fraud with Hidden Electronic Credit," in April 2014. He is the Chief Executive Officer of Dynamics Inc. in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**Will & Emery LLP** in January 2014. He works in the firm's Chicago office and practices in the corporate advisory group focusing on private equity and M&A transactions.

**Alanna Iacono** was appointed associate attorney at Jacobowitz & Gubits LLP in Walden, New York, in January 2014. The news appeared in *The Daily Freeman* and the *Poughkeepsie Journal*.

**Michael J. Zussman** joined the Manhattan office of Cowan DeBaets Abrahams & Sheppard LLP as of counsel in May 2014.

### ~ 2006 ~



**Michael J. Forino** joined the Hackensack, New Jersey, office of Archer & Greiner, P.C. in May 2014 as an associate and member of the Commercial Litigation Practice Group.

### ~ 2008 ~

**Ken C. Biberaj** writes that in March 2014 he joined the Board of Directors of the Lincoln Square Neighborhood Center and took a leadership role with a local Upper West Side political club, the Ansonia Independent Democrats. He continues to promote The Russian Tea Room with a more active role on the real estate side of the business.

**Rory S. Clark** writes that his article, "The Ins and Outs of a Successful Estate Sale," co-authored with Mary Croly, was published in the *Real Estate Weekly* Opinion Section in February 2014. He is a licensed associate real estate broker at Halstead Property, LLC in Manhattan.

**George Esposito** has joined Pepper Hamilton LLP as an associate in the Manhattan office. Previously, he was at Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP.

**Joonho J. Lee** was promoted to Senior Vice President and Group

### ~ 2007 ~

**Elijah J. Hammans** writes that he was elected partner at McDermott

Information Officer for the Financial Institution Supervisory Group at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in February 2014.

**Michael F. O'Connell** writes that he was appointed an assistant attorney general in the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia in May 2014. His practice focuses on personnel matters, the defense of employment discrimination claims, and the review of contracts, draft legislation, and regulations.

**Heather A. Schiavone** joined Penino & Moynihan, LLP in 2013. She continues to focus her practice on general insurance defense litigation and medical malpractice defense.

### ~ 2009 ~

**Maryam B. Biazar** was featured in the *Santa Rosa Press Democrat* article, "Santa Rosa Grad Serves Aboard USS Reagan," in April 2014. She is a lieutenant in the Navy and serves as a judge advocate general aboard the San Diego-based U.S.S. Ronald Reagan.

**Julia M. Greenberg** joined the Manhattan elder law firm Lamson & Cutner, P.C. as a partner in January 2014.

**Cecilia V. Perez-Matos** joined the Boca Raton, Florida, office of The Berman Law Group in February 2014. She specializes in probate and estate litigation and fiduciary administration.

**Salvatore Pizzuro** wrote "The Christie Watch...and How He Will Move to the Right," in *New Jersey Newsroom* in January 2014. He

is a disability policy specialist in New Jersey and holds an M.A. in Disability Law from NYLS.

**Brian A. Seidenberg** has joined GrayRobinson's real estate group in its Fort Lauderdale, Florida, office as an associate attorney. He practices in the area of real estate, focusing on complex commercial transactions, land use, and development matters.

### ~ 2010 ~

**Remington Gregg** wrote an article, "The LGBT Community's Struggle for Equality is Inspired and Legally Grounded in the Civil Rights Act of 1964," for the American Constitution Society's blog in July 2014. He is legislative counsel for the Human Rights Campaign.

**Daniel S. Makoski** joined the Annandale, New Jersey, office of Gebhardt & Kiefer, P.C. in May 2014. His primary areas of concentration are tax planning, tax controversy, transactional business matters, and wills, trusts, and estate planning.

**Luz M. Restrepo** was a presenter at the Safe Passage Project CLE on "Best Practices Before the Asylum Office," in February 2014. She is an asylum officer in Newark, New Jersey.

**Amie L. Stepanovich** joined the Washington D.C., office of Access Now in February 2014 as Senior Policy Counsel and launched her first project, [www.encryptallthethings.net](http://www.encryptallthethings.net). She spoke to the NYLS Dean's Leadership Council in spring 2014.



# — 2011 —

**Alexander F. Spilberg** joined Zetlin & De Chiara LLP as an associate in July 2014. He focuses on the representation of corporations in complex litigation, including contract and commercial disputes, real estate transaction and construction disputes, and employment discrimination and wage claims in state court.

**Claire R. Thomas** has conducted a series of training sessions on immigration law for law firms and nonprofit organizations in connection with her work as staff attorney at the Safe Passage Project. She was a presenter at the Safe Passage Project CLE course, “Best Practices Before the Asylum Office,” in February and several subsequent CLE courses.

**Trevor Timm** was featured in “Inside Edward Snowden’s Life as a Robot” in *Wired* magazine in June 2014. He was also quoted in “Snowden Joins Board of Press Group Funded by Daniel Ellsberg,” in *The New York Times* in January 2014. He is Executive Director at Freedom of the Press Foundation and an activist and writer for the Electronic Frontier Foundation in San Francisco, California.

**Ian M. Turetsky** writes that he published “‘Daimler’ and US Jurisdiction Over Foreign Corporations,” in *Corporate Counsel* with Jennifer L. Achilles in March 2014. He is an associate at Reed Smith LLP in Manhattan.

# — 2012 —

**Christopher G. Binns** was named an assistant district attorney in the Bronx District Attorney’s Office in January 2014. The news was featured in the *New York Law Journal*.

**Melissa K. Flores** writes that she joined the Somerville,

Massachusetts, office of ActBlue as in-house counsel in February 2014.

**Seena J. Ghaznavi** was mentioned in *The New Yorker* article, “Man and Machine,” in February 2014. He is a freelance producer at Bernstein Global Wealth Management in Manhattan.

**Elliot S. Solop** writes that he was named the “2014 Young Lawyer of the Year” by the Middlesex County Bar Association in New Jersey. He is an associate at Ansell, Grimm & Aaron, P.C. in Ocean, New Jersey, where he devotes his practice to matrimonial and family law.

# — 2013 —

**Gloria M. Chacon** has been selected as an Immigrant Justice Corps fellow beginning as of September 2014. The news appeared in the *New York Law Journal* in May 2014.

**Chaitanya (Shaq) Katikala** was named the first fellow of the Network Advertising Initiative in February 2014. The news was covered by *Bloomberg Law*.

**Somya Kaushik** writes that her company, Esq.Me, has launched a live product and hosted a launch party in May 2014. She is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the company.

**Jacob Sirotkin** and **Douglas Varacalli** founded a law firm, Sirotkin/Varacalli LLP, in July. Their Manhattan-based firm focuses on intellectual property law, litigation, and corporate law. It features a 99 percent paperless office and a case management system allowing clients to see the progress of their case.

**Brandon H. Weinstein** joined Rawle & Henderson, LLP as an associate in the firm’s Manhattan office in July 2014. He focuses his practice in the areas of civil litigation and workers’ compensation. •

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