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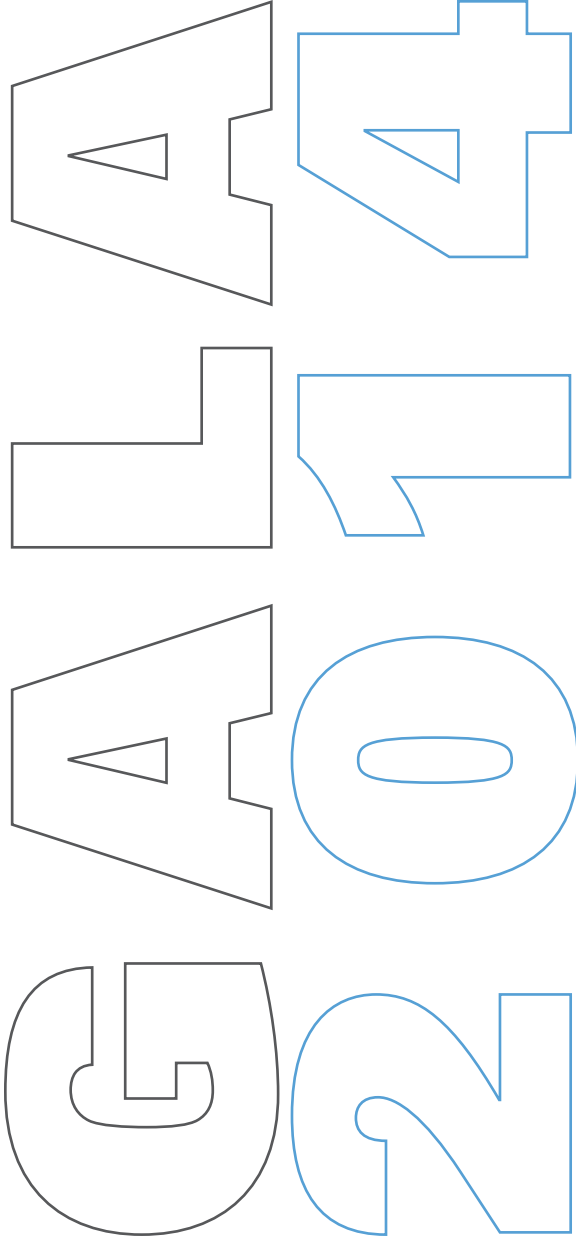
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Message from Anthony W. Crowell Dean and President, New York Law School



This year we are privileged to honor with the Groundbreaker Award an impressive group of distinguished alumni. They are Steven R. Harber '92 for legal entrepreneurship and innovation; the Held/Fleischner/Koncelik/Quigley/Whelan Family, a true New York Law School family legacy; and Meryl Fiedler Lieberman '81 for integrity and professionalism.

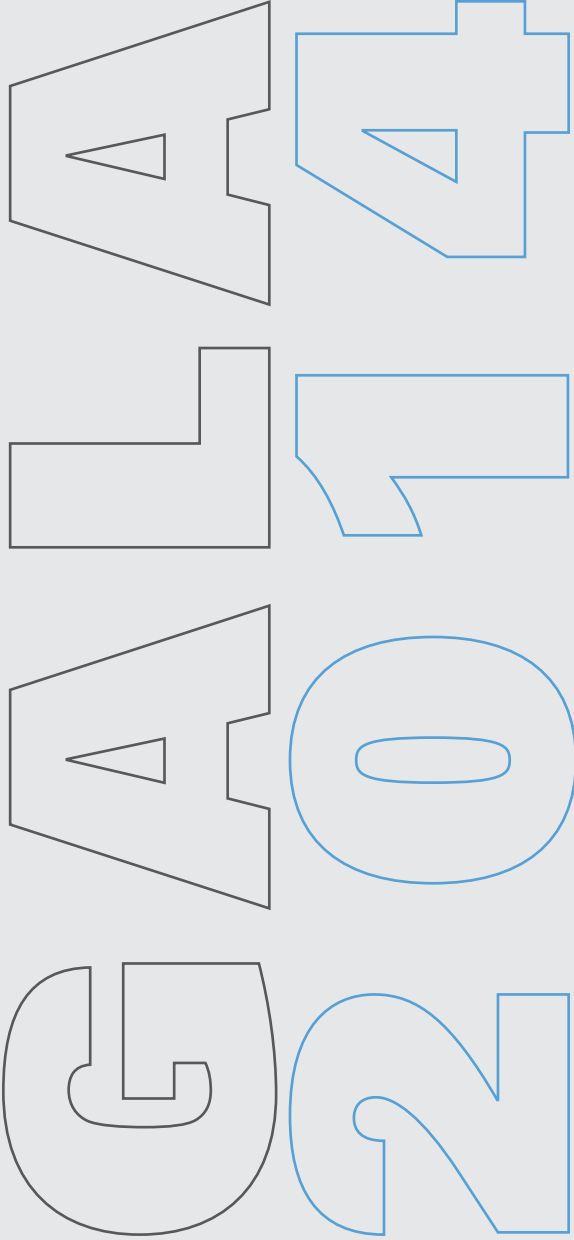
We take great pride in the engagement and support of our wonderful community, and this year's honorees truly embody that sense of loyalty and commitment. They have drawn on the values NYLS helped instill in them: leadership, an enterprising spirit, a sense of tradition, service to others, dedication to upholding the highest principles of the profession, and, of course, the drive to be the very best. Tonight, they are a source of inspiration for each of us, for our Law School, and for the profession globally.

Steven R. Harber has demonstrated how a law degree from NYLS coupled with a background in technology can be a potent combination in the legal services industry. He co-founded two of that industry's leading companies: Palisades Advisors and DiscoverReady LLC. We are particularly grateful to him for his mentorship of NYLS students. He has taught them about entrepreneurship, and that there are many options outside the traditional career path. He has also given back to NYLS in another way, by endowing a scholarship in memory of Sylvia D. Garland '60, who was a mentor to him.

Tonight we also honor a family whose history with NYLS stretches back almost to the Law School's founding. Joseph Whelan attended NYLS in the early 1900s, launching a dynasty that now extends to nine additional members of the NYLS community: four grandchildren, two of their spouses, and three great grandchildren. Their loyalty to the Law School is truly inspiring. We are so pleased to honor Deborah Koncelik Held '76 and Michael R. Held '76, Jean Koncelik Fleischner '78 and Benjamin A. Fleischner '78, Lawrence J. Koncelik Jr. '79, Theresa Koncelik Quigley '82, Adam J. Fleischner '08, Helen T. Quigley '14, and Rodger T. Quigley '17.

Meryl Fiedler Lieberman '81 is a founding and co-managing partner of Traub Lieberman Straus & Shrewsbury LLP, which she helped grow from four lawyers in 1996 to nearly 100 today. She has excelled at a practice focusing on environmental, toxic tort, and insurance law, as both a counselor and litigator, and throughout her career has done great service to the profession. In particular, we honor her loyalty to the Law School. She has hired more than 10 NYLS students, and she regularly participates in our summer internship program.

Thank you to all our honorees. We are so proud to have you as members of our community. With our 125th anniversary a little over a year away, we are more committed than ever to preparing our students to follow in the footsteps of our honorees and change for the better every part of the world they touch.



PROGRAM

6:00 p.m.

Cocktail Reception

7:00 p.m.

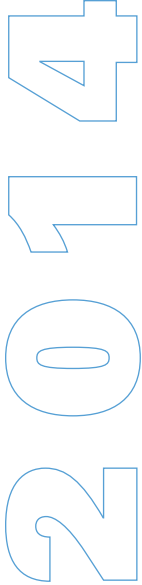
Dinner and Welcome

8:30 p.m.

Groundbreaker Awards Presentation

9:00 p.m.

Awards Presentation Concludes



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LEGAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION

Steven R. Harber '92

Managing Director, Lean Law Ventures



Steven R. Harber '92 is a pioneer in the legal services industry, having co-founded two of the industry's leading companies: DiscoverReady LLC, a trailblazer in electronic discovery, and Palisades Advisors, an innovative advisor to litigation support companies. Both businesses were started in downtown New York, within walking distance of the Law School. Mr. Harber is now Managing Director of Lean Law Ventures, which invests in companies that offer efficient and cost-saving legal services to corporate legal departments. Throughout his career, he has used his knowledge of

law, technology, and project management to take complex tasks and turn them into predictable fixed-cost services.

After graduating from Bucknell in 1985, Mr. Harber joined Kanematsu-Gosho and sold Japanese robots to the U.S. automotive industry, learning along the way a great deal about automation and efficiency. While attending NYLS, he worked as a paralegal at a small law firm, Anderson & Company, performing document review and bibliographic coding; after graduation, he continued this work as an associate. He soon came to see the inherent inefficiencies in the discovery process and traditional billing models that were standard in the legal profession. Anderson & Company specialized in reinsurance litigation, a very document-intensive field. In order to compete with larger firms, the firm developed IMAXS, a litigation support software package that automated the scanning, coding, review, and production process. The software and services became so popular that the firm spun out a separate company called Concordance Technologies Inc. Mr. Harber's sales experience made him the logical candidate to sell its services, and from there his career in legal technology was launched. In 1996, the firm sold the company to IKON Office Solutions Inc. At IKON, he was part of the team that launched the Virtual File Room, a web-based information management application used by large law firms and corporate legal departments for document-intensive litigation. In 1999, he joined Iguana Studios, an award-winning interactive design company, as its president.

In 2001, Mr. Harber co-founded the private equity firm Palisades Advisors, where he provided strategic sales and marketing advisory services to litigation support and consumer brand companies. In 2004, he and Jim Wagner founded DiscoverReady, which pioneered the concept of fixed-fee document review and helped many large corporations take control of their e-discovery spending and save millions of dollars. After selling DiscoverReady to The Dolan Company in 2009, they transformed it from a boutique document review specialist into one of the largest and well-respected players in the discovery field. Hundreds of jobs were created from both of these companies, and a number of employees have gone on to start their own companies or be leaders in the field. Now, as Managing Director of Lean Law Ventures, Mr. Harber is advising some of the largest corporate legal departments on how to become more efficient in conducting their discovery processes.

Mr. Harber is currently active at NYLS in helping to develop student awareness for the wide variety of opportunities that are available outside of the traditional law firm model. He is working on the development of the Legal Entrepreneurship and Innovation Program, which will teach law students how to advise start-ups, innovate by starting their own businesses, and transform the practice of law.

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A TRUE NYLS FAMILY LEGACY

The Held/Fleischner/Koncelik/Quigley/Whelan Family

New York Law School has been a huge part of this big family's history, almost since the School's founding. Joseph Whelan started what might be described as a family dynasty of NYLS-trained lawyers when he attended as a member of the Class of 1906. He and each of his descendants who received NYLS degrees were inspired by the School's diversity, energy, and worldliness. After NYLS, Joseph worked as a law clerk to Judge Benjamin Cardozo at the New York Court of Appeals. He and his brother later became partners in a general practice in downtown Manhattan. He and his wife, Margaret Burke

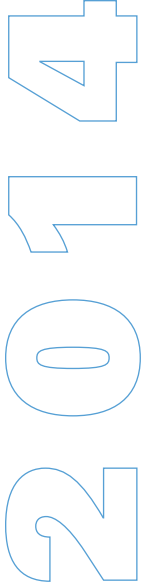
Whelan, also a lawyer, raised four children, one of whom, Doris, married Lawrence J. Koncelik. The Konceliks had 10 children, four of whom earned law degrees from NYLS. Ten family members are part of this legacy: Joseph, those four grandchildren, two of their spouses, and three of their children.

Deborah Koncelik Held '76 and Michael R. Held '76 have been together ever since their first meeting in Professor Joseph Koffler's Torts class, marrying in 1977; working in law, business, real estate, and art; and raising their four children in Oyster Bay Cove, New York. Michael ran the family stationery design and manufacturing company that his grandfather started in 1949, which continues to grow with his youngest son, Eric, at the helm. Twenty-five years ago, Deborah found her true calling was to be a painter, sculptor, and classical singer. Last December, she donated one of her paintings, *Ascending*, to the Law School; it now hangs in the Law School's main academic building. Michael and Deborah were honored in 2013 by Friends of the Bay in Oyster Bay for their environmental preservation activities.

Jean Koncelik Fleischner '78 and Benjamin A. Fleischner '78 met the first week of law school and were married after their second year. Jean built a career at CNA Insurance, ultimately managing a department of 50 people as a Vice President. In 2013, she became Senior Vice President at Axis Capital. Ben has since 1982 been a partner at White, Fleischner & Fino LLP, which now has 47 attorneys. He has successfully represented insurers in coverage cases in state and federal court. Jean and Ben raised their four children in Holmdel, New Jersey. Their son Adam J. Fleischner '08 began work at CNA in 2003 and continued there while attending NYLS, graduating *magna cum laude* from the Evening Division. He now is Assistant Vice President at Berkshire Hathaway. He and his wife, Laura Fleischner, had their first child in August.

Lawrence J. Koncelik Jr. '79 is a solo practitioner with a focus on trust and estate litigation. Larry has been awarded numerous patents, including one for a remotely controlled uninterruptible pilot override that he invented shortly after 9/11. It has been tested in aircraft by Honeywell Corporation.

Since graduating as an Articles Editor on the *Law Review*, Theresa Koncelik Quigley '82 has focused on residential real estate transactions. She was a partner at the Long Island real estate firm of Farrell Fritz, P.C. Earlier this year, she became General Counsel and Executive Managing Director at Saunders & Associates, a top-performing real estate brokerage company. Her daughter Helen T. Quigley '14 graduated *magna cum laude* in May and was the recipient of the Ernst C. Stiefel Writing Award and the Faculty Award for Outstanding Service to the *Law Review*, where she was Managing Editor. She is an associate at Venable LLP. Theresa's son Rodger T. Quigley began his law school career at NYLS this fall as a Dean's Scholar, and will graduate in 2017.



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Meryl Fiedler Lieberman '81

Co-Managing Partner, Traub Lieberman Straus & Shrewsbury LLP



A founding and co-managing partner of Traub Lieberman Straus & Shrewsbury LLP, Meryl Fiedler Lieberman helped grow the firm from four lawyers at its inception in 1996 to nearly 100 lawyers today, with offices in five states, and a liaison office in London. Her practice concentrates in environmental and toxic tort coverage litigation; complex insurance coverage disputes; and counseling involving products liability, premises liability, intellectual property and advertising injury, employment liability and discrimination, directors and officers liability, property damage and first-party

coverage, general liability, and insurance policy drafting. She has litigated through appeal many major declaratory judgment and rescission actions nationwide.

Ms. Lieberman has been selected to *New York Super Lawyers* every year since 2007 and was one of the top 25 lawyers named in Westchester County for many years. She serves on the firm's Management and Finance Committees.

Ms. Lieberman was one of only 50 students nationwide accepted into the pilot class of Urban Legal Studies, a six-year B.A./J.D. joint-degree program with City College of New York and New York Law School. She earned her B.A., *magna cum laude*, in 1978 and her J.D., *magna cum laude*, in 1981 at the age of 23, and served as Research Editor of the *Law Review*. She was the recipient of the Murray Stockman Memorial Award for the highest average in Evidence.

Always grateful to New York Law School's Office of Career Planning for its assistance in securing her meaningful employment upon her graduation, Ms. Lieberman has hired more than 10 NYLS students, five of whom are currently partners in the firm. She also has participated in the law school's summer internship program for the last six years, hiring three to four second-year students per year, and is committed to mentoring NYLS students upon their graduation.

Ms. Lieberman was a member of a special advisory panel to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. She participated in a focus group of drafting guidelines for the insurability of housing containing lead-based paint issued by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), a standards-setting organization. She is a member of the Association of Professional Insurance Women, the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel, the Defense Research Institute, and the Justice Brandeis Westchester Law Society. She is a sustaining fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

Ms. Lieberman is on the faculty for the graduate program of the Litigation Management College, sponsored by the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel, teaching complex insurance coverage to insurance professionals. She also is a frequent lecturer at national and international conferences and an author on many topics concerning insurance coverage.

Ms. Lieberman serves on the Northeast Board of Directors of the Diabetes Research Institute Foundation. The firm is a supporter of Wounded Warriors, the Special Olympics, the Diabetes Research Institute Foundation, The Boys and Girls Club of Westchester, and the Sharing Shelf of Westchester. She and her husband, Dr. Howard Gould, live in New York City and Westhampton Beach.

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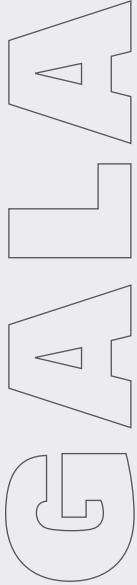
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