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NYLS ESTABLISHES LAWYERING SKILLS PROGRAM PROFESSOR GROSBERG NAMED DIRECTOR

New York Law School has established an innovative, new "Lawyering Skills Program" to teach students the practical aspects of lawyering, Dean James F. Simon announced. Dean Simon also announced that Professor Lawrence M. Grosberg will serve as the program's director.

Established in response to the changing needs of the legal community, the program will prepare students for the transition from the theoretical to the practical aspects of lawyering. A six member faculty committee chaired by Professor Donald P. Rothschild, researched major clinical programs nationwide and reviewed and evaluated the Law School's existing program before putting recommendations before the Law School's faculty.

The program will be phased-in over three to five years. In the 1991-92 school year, basic lawyering skills training will be required for first year students. In following years, programs will be added to the curriculum for second and third year students, new simulation courses added, and traditional classroom courses will incorporate more practical elements. In addition, the Law School will expand its existing live client clinics and its externship programs.

At the physical heart of the program will be the Dr. Samuel and Ethel LeFrak Moot Court Room (see next story) where students will be able to practice key elements of trial and appellate litigation. The moot court room and other facilities on the first two floors of 53 Worth Street will incorporate a state-of-the-art audio-visual system.

Professor Grosberg has been a member of the Law School faculty since 1983. He is formerly Director of the Law School's Housing Discrimination Clinic and is a specialist in housing and discrimination law, civil procedure and clinical teaching methodology. From 1978-83 he served on the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors of the New York Lawyers for Public Interest. He has been a consultant to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the New York City Commission on Human Rights and the Commission of California Bar Examiners.

LEFRAK MOOT COURT TO BE DEDICATED ON OCTOBER 17

The Dr. Samuel J. and Ethel LeFrak Moot Court, a major element of the Law School's Centennial Renovations and the centerpiece of the new Lawyering Skills Program, will be dedicated in a ceremony on October 17 at eleven o'clock. Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau will be the special guest speaker.

The state-of-the-art moot court facility was made possible by the generous contribution of Dr. LeFrak, Chairman of the LeFrak Organization, Inc., and a trustee of the Law School, and his wife Ethel.

The LeFrak Moot Court Room is at the heart of the Law School's new Lawyering Skills Program designed to teach students practical aspects of the law. The moot court room provides the opportunity for students to hone their advocacy skills in a realistic courtroom setting.

The Law School will also honor Professor Irving Mariash '24 for his lifetime contributions to the Law School by naming the judge's bench in his honor.

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THIRD ANNUAL STIEFEL SYMPOSIUM ON OCTOBER 18

The New York Law School Journal of International and Comparative Law will sponsor "Practicing Law and Doing Business in the Soviet Union," the third annual Ernst C. Stiefel Symposium on October 18.

Begun in 1988, the Stiefel Symposium brings together a distinguished panel to discuss timely and important topics of interest to attorneys practicing foreign and international law. This year's panel includes leading specialists in the Soviet legal system law from the academic and legal communities.

The panelists are: Hon. Richard N. Gardner, former U.S. Ambassador to Italy and Of Counsel, Coudert Brothers; Richard N. Dean, Resident Partner, Moscow Office, Coudert Brothers; John N. Hazard, Nash Professor Emeritus of Law, Columbia University School of Law; Andre Newburg, Partner, Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton, and Martin P. Levin, Counsel, Cowan, Liebowitz & Latman. Professor Virginia Ramadan will serve as moderator.

The symposium is made possible by the Ernst C. Stiefel Fund established at the Law School in 1987 by Dr. Ernst C. Stiefel, a longtime member of the faculty. Dr. Stiefel is an internationally recognized practitioner of international law and is currently of counsel to the New York-based firm of Coudert Brothers.

VALINOTTI WINS FROESSEL MOOT COURT FINAL

A distinguished panel of jurists and a standing-room-only audience heard four student finalists present oral arguments in the 1990 Charles W. Froessel Moot Court Competition in the Froessel Reading Room on September 10. More than 140 students participated in the Froessel Competition, the Law School's premier intramural moot court event.

Third year student Jack V. Valinotti was selected as the overall winner from a field of finalists that also included William Kasten, William Thomas, and Ivonne Prieto. Mr. Valinotti and Albert Wallerman were judged Best Team and the Best Brief award went to Pina Vricella and Bradley Shaw. Juan Fajardo was named Best Individual Advocate.

On the bench to judge the finals were: Hon. Ellsworth Van Graafeiland, Senior Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; Hon. Joseph P. Sullivan of the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Department; Hon. Vincent Balletta, Jr. of the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Second Department; Hon. Warren Eginton of the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut; Hon. Stewart Hancock, New York State Court of Appeals; Hon. George C. Pratt of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; Hon. Leonard I. Garth of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and Hon. Israel Rubin of the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Department.

The students argued whether the prohibition of begging on a subway system was constitutional. The topic was timely in light of the recent ruling on New York City Transit Authority v. Young. The specifics of the case allowed the participants to consider the prohibition under the constitutional rights to speech and religion.

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NYLS LAW REVIEW NOW ON WESTLAW DATABASE

The New York Law School Law Review has joined the ranks of the nation's most prestigious scholarly legal publications on Westlaw. The database contains the full text of sixteen articles from volumes 31 through 33 (1986-88).

Anyone wishing to view the database in its entirety should choose its Westlaw code, NYLSLR, and then enter the query "cite(NYLSLR)". The articles may then be browsed using ordinary Westlaw commands, or a list of all articles in the database may be generated by entering the "list command.

Members of the Law School community who need assistance with Westlaw or who wish to arrange for training on the system should contact any member of the library reference staff.

DROP IN HOURS FOR THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

Stephen Goot, Director of Academic Affairs, and Ellen Sovern, Assistant Director of Academic Affairs, are available to discuss concerns or problems regarding student's academic program of study during the following hours:

Monday	11:00 - 1:00	Stephen Goot
Tuesday	2:00 - 4:00	Ellen Sovern
	6:00 - 8:00	Ellen Sovern
Wednesday	6:00 - 8:00	Stephen Goot
Thursday	2:00 - 4:00	Stephen Goot
Friday	11:00 - 1:00	Ellen Sovern

If the above times are not convenient please stop by the Academic Affairs Office to make an appointment.

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1990-91 VISITING PROFESSORS

The 1990-91 academic year has brought the following additions to the Law School faculty as Visiting Professors:

Daniel C. Knickerbocker, Jr. Professor of Law at Seton Hall University School of Law. He is a graduate of Syracuse University and Harvard Graduate Schools of Arts and Sciences and Business, and received his J.D. at Cornell Law School.

Edward A. Laing is former Ambassador to the United States, High Commissioner to Canada and Special Counsel from Belize. He is a graduate of the University of Cambridge and Columbia University Schools of Law. He has been a professor and directed the graduate program at Howard University.

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NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL FACULTY NEWS

Professor James Brook married Isabelle Katz Pinzler on September 2 in North Tarrytown, N.Y. She is the Director of the Women's Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union in New York. He will lecture on October 29 on "Credit and Loan Transactions Under the U.C.C." as part of the New York County Lawyers Association's Practical Legal Education program.

Professor David Chang's letter to the editor on an article on Justice William Brennan appeared in the September 10 & 17 issue of The New Republic.

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Professor Carlos Cuevas's article "Evolving Case Law Under Bankruptcy Code Section 365 (d)(4)" appeared in the September 7 New York Law Journal. He was appointed Chair of the Sub-Committee on Pre-Trial Publicity of the Committee on Professional Responsibility of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

Professor B. J. George was quoted in a syndicated article from Gannett News Services on a challenge to Michigan's mandatory life sentence for possession of large quantities of drugs.

Professor Karen Gross will speak this November on women debtors at a training conference for 5th and 9th Circuit bankruptcy judges sponsored by the federal Judicial Center in Las Vegas. She will speak on chapter 13 and dischargeability/discrimination at the 15th annual Stetson Law School Bankruptcy program. On November 8 she will give a luncheon speech on set-off and recoupment in Chapter 11 cases at the Chapter 11 subcommittee meeting of the ABA that is being held in conjunction with the National Bankruptcy Judges Conference in Chicago.

Professor Allen S. Hammond presented a paper entitled "First Amendment Rights of Broadband Service Providers and Consumers," on October 1 at the 18th Annual Telecommunications Policy and Research Conference, at Airlie House in Airlie, Va. He also participated in a second panel entitled, "The Broadband Network Mosaic," that same day.

Professor Arthur Leonard's letter to the editor on gay rabbis was published in the August 31 issue of The Jewish Week. He was interviewed on October 21 on the Financial News Network Evening News on the Justice Department's recommendation for an anti-discrimination policy concerning those infected with the AIDS virus. He was quoted in an article on unmarried members of domestic relationships receiving death benefits when one partner dies.

Professor Jethro Lieberman was quoted on the use of in house editors to improve legal writing in law firms in the September ABA Journal.

Professor Martin Minkowitz spoke on September 27 at the Annual Insurance Federation Breakfast on the "1990 Workers' Compensation Law." He will be a lecturer at the New York State Insurance Regulation on October 9-10 in Manhattan.

Professor Zuhayr Moghrabi appeared on WSVN-TV in Miami on August 8, 9, 10, 13 and 14 discussing the Middle East crisis. He has reviewed two books for Glanville Publishers: Law of Contract of India by Avtar Singh and Survey of Foreign Laws and Regulations Affecting International Franchising, an American Bar Association edited by Philip Zeidman.

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Professor Stephen A. Newman's article "A Tale of Two Cases: Reflections on Psychological and Institutional Influences on Child Custody Decisions" was published in 34 New York Law School Law Review 661.

Professor Michael Perlin led a day-long workshop sponsored by the Mississippi Protection and Advocacy System, the North Mississippi Retardation Center, and the Mississippi Bar Association on recent federal litigation affecting the rights of mentally disabled individuals in September. He has been named a member of the Board of Directors of the International Academy of Law and Mental Health, headquartered in Montreal. His article "Unpacking the Myths: The Symbolism Mythology of Insanity Defence Jurisprudence" has been published in 40 Case Wes. Res. L. Rev. 599 (1989-90). He will present "Power Imbalances in Therapeutic and Forensic Relationships" at a conference on Legal and Ethical Issues in Mental Health to be sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania's Department of Psychiatry in November.

Professor Stuart Schlesinger's article "An 'Event' and Proof of Repairs" appeared in the product liability column of the September 19 New York Law Journal.

Professor David Schoenbrod's speech on "Presidential Lawmaking Powers: Vetoes, Line Item Vetoes, Signing Statements, Executive Orders, and Delegations of Rule Making Authority" from the Federalist Society Symposium, "The Presidency and Congress: Constitutionality Separated and Shared Powers" was published in 68 Washington University Law Quarterly 533-536, Fall, 1990.

Professor E. Donald Shapiro will be visiting Cleveland State University School of Law this fall semester as the Joseph C. Hostetler - Baker & Hostetler Professor of Law teaching a course on Law & Medicine. His review of Smith and Meyer's Law, Behavior and Mental Health: Policy and Practice, entitled "A Practical Guide for Lawyers and Mental Health Professionals" appeared in the Journal of Law and Health, vol. 3, Iss. 2, 1988-89. His article on DNA will appear in the International Society of Barristers Quarterly vol. 24, no. 3. His article "DNA Data Banks: The Threat to Privacy" was published at the New York State Judicial Seminar, July, 1990.

Professor Richard Sherwin's article "Law, Violence, and Illiberal Belief" was published as the lead article in 78 Geo. L. J. 1785 (1990). His article "Rhetorical Pluralism and the Discourse Ideal: Countering Division of Employment v. Smith, A Parable of Pagans, Politics and Majoritarian Rule" is scheduled to appear this fall in 43 Nw. U. L. Rev. (1990).

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Professor Richard Siegler's article "Windshield Stickers; Insects; Default" appeared in the "Cooperatives and Condominiums" column of the September 5 New York Law Journal.

Dean James F. Simon was interviewed on all three television networks, ABC radio network and WOR radio on Justice William Brennan's resignation from the Supreme Court. He was quoted in a widely syndicated Associated Press story on Supreme Court justices and their terms. An excerpt from his book The Antagonists, appeared in the Fall issue of Constitution Magazine. He has been appointed to the Committee for the Second Century of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. He was quoted on the state of first amendment rights in an article on "Banned Book Week" in the September 23 Rockland County Journal-News.

Professor Laura M. Stein was married on August 26 to Dr. Jeffrey Robert Winkler in Melville, N.Y.

Professor Nadine Strossen appeared on ABC's "Good Morning America" on June 15 and on the NBC and ABC "Evening News" on June 14 commenting on the Supreme Court's drunk driving roadblock decision. She was quoted on the First Amendment issues of colleges adopting anti-harassment policies in the September 4 Wall Street Journal. She was described as a candidate to be the next president of the ACLU in an nationally syndicated article on First Amendment issues in the September 1 Washington Post. She was also quoted on free speech issues in the September 18 Village Voice. On September 14 she was the keynote speaker at the annual dinner of the Maine Civil Liberties Union in Portland. On September 15, she delivered the keynote address at the 25th anniversary banquet of the North Carolina Civil Liberties Union in Chapel Hill. She was interviewed on National Public Radio and "Newsweek on Air" about the Souter confirmation hearings. On September 20, she addressed the University of Virginia Student Legal Forum in Charlottesville. She has also been invited to debate U.S. Solicitor General Kenneth Starr concerning free speech issues at Northwestern University.

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| Monday | Criminal Law Society Symposium |
| 29th | Faculty Dining Room - 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday | Student Bar Association Halloween Party |
| 31st | Student Lounge - 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. |

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Thursday
4th Media Law Project symposium on "X-rating"
Faculty Dining Room - 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Friday
5th Career Services NALP/BLSA Minority Law Student Recruitment
Conference in Newark, N.J.

Thursday
11th Urban Law Society panel discussion on "Development in
New York City: Power to the Planning Commission"
Student Lounge - 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday
13th Phi Alpha Delta Regional Conference
Faculty Dining Room - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Monday
15th Asian American Law Students Association sponsoring a
screening of "Unfinished Business"
Faculty Dining Room - 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday
16th Communications Media Center sponsoring "Negligent
Dissemination of Computer Viruses: Liability to Injured
Parties"
Faculty Dining Room - 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday
17th Dedication of the Dr. Samuel J. & Ethel LeFrak Moot
Court - Manhattan D.A. Robert Morgenthau will be guest
speaker - 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

 Career Services Reception for Public Interest Employers
Faculty Dining Room - 5:30

Thursday
18th Third Annual Ernst Stiefel Symposium "Practicing Law and
Doing Business in the Soviet Union"
Froessel Reading Room - 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

 Latino Law Students Society sponsoring a panel discussion
on Puerto Rican statehood.
Faculty Dining Room - 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Monday
22nd Jewish Law Students Association sponsoring a forum on the
Congressional race in the 17th district in Lower Manhattan.
Faculty Dining Room - 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday
24th Real Estate Law Students Association panel on contemporary
real estate law issues.
Faculty Dining Room - 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday
27th Black Law Students Association is sponsoring a skills
workshop for minorities.
Room A301 - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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