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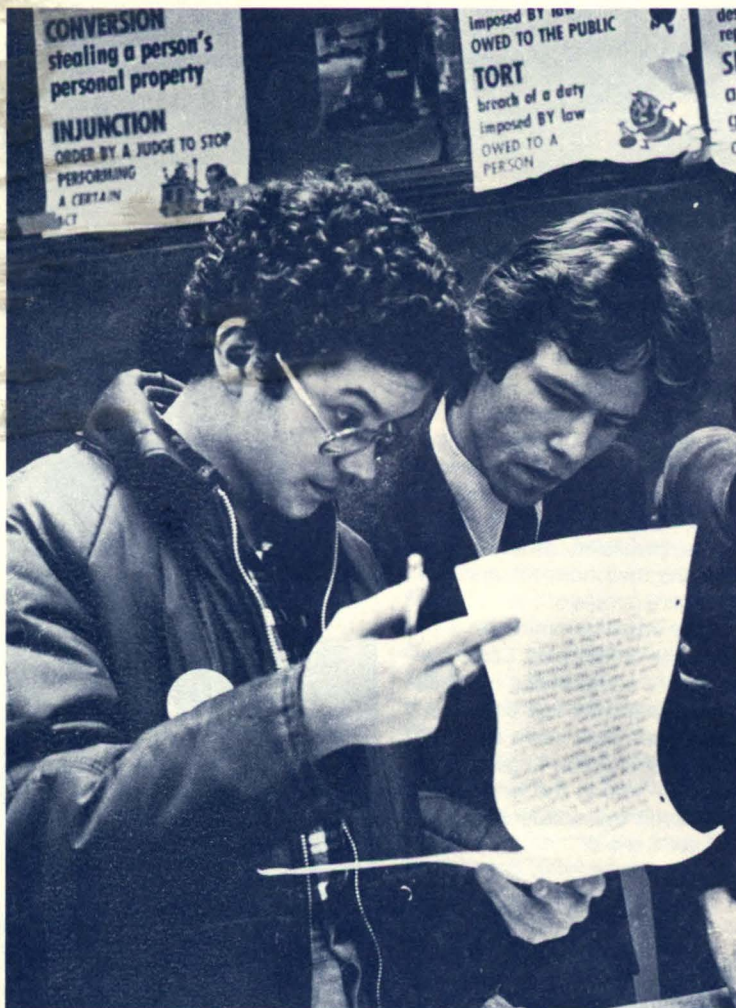
Students Polish Legal Skills In Clinics

There was the usual murmuring in the court room as the Family Court judges conferred about Jesse, a 15-year-old whose mother was seeking state assistance in controlling him. Since the death of his stepfather eight months earlier, Jesse has been missing school, hanging out with a disreputable crowd, and not helping his mother with the care of three younger children. Recently, Jesse was warned by police for possessing a small amount of marijuana and a large wad of one-dollar bills; and his mother fears he will soon be in prison unless he is helped.

Shouts of approval sound from around the court room when the judges announce their decision to place Jesse on a six-month probationary period supervised by a sympathetic high school counselor. Jesse will continue to live at home during his probation.

"Jesse," acted by Kenneth Rolls, a junior at Charles Evans Hughes High School in Manhattan, looks pleased with his courtroom performance. His classmates, who served as jurors, attorneys, court clerks and witnesses, also are satisfied with the outcome of their work. But looking most gratified are the "judges," Tony Brandmill '81 and Charles Ross '81, who teach a class on law to these students through New York Law School's clinical education program.

The mock trial in early April was conducted in the Max Reich Memorial Moot Court Room at NYLS. It highlighted a semester's work that has included a trip to a trial at the New York City Criminal Court, three weekly classroom lectures, and



Charles Ross '81 returns a homework assignment to a student at Charles Evans Hughes High School. He teaches law through the Street Law Clinic of New York Law School, a pilot program that has proven beneficial for the teenagers, their young teachers—and NYLS.

plenty of homework for the high school students and their teachers.

Working with social studies instructors who also teach law courses in the New York City schools, the NYLS students create lesson plans, assign and grade homework and organize the mock trial. More importantly, they learn to synthesize abstract legal concepts and express them simply and clearly—as they will

need to do as practicing attorneys.

This is the major aim of clinical education, the most innovative method to be introduced into legal education since the case method nearly 100 years ago. In the past decade, law schools across the country have introduced a smorgasbord of clinics that offer students opportunities to be directly involved with clients, courtroom pro-

ceedings, and other authentic situations.

At New York Law School, clinical education has grown in popularity over the past six years, and now, students can elect to assist in the preparation of briefs for criminal defendants; aid consumers; work at the Family Court; or teach law in high schools as part of the Street Law Clinic, a pilot program funded by the National Street Law Institute.

Supervising the diverse activities of the 24 students enrolled in these clinics is the director of the expanding civil clinic program, Professor Lisa H. Blitman, who joined the Law School faculty last year. Professors Michael Botein, Eugene Cerruti, who conducts the criminal clinics, and Douglas Scherer also direct programs. Professor Blitman is a staunch supporter of what the clinics do for law students.

"In addition to learning to explain legal concepts, to clients or high school students, they learn to think on their feet about complicated material," Professor Blitman comments. "It's no longer theoretical when they're dealing with material in a way that will affect someone's life."

She has observed that the clinical experience adds assurance to the students' style as they become confident of their ability to understand and explain the law. "They are developing a real presence, and that's invaluable," she says.

Toni Brandmill, who has cultivated a clear voice that will project to the back of a court room during her semester at Hughes, says that putting together speaking and presentation skills has been a great experience. She praises the Street Law Clinic for allowing her "to be in charge" of a situation—a novel experience for a second-year law student.

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Street Law Clinic

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For all the students enrolled in the Street Law Clinic, the teaching semester has held unexpected pleasures as well as gains in their legal poise. Charles Posner '81, working with ninth graders at Winthrop Junior High School in Brooklyn, finds his students pass along many insights. His fresh perspective on the law challenges him to come up with answers for questions that wouldn't arise in his own courses—but might come up with clients.

In a recent lesson about marriage, Mr. Posner displayed his own marriage certificate, asking students about the responsibilities it represents. By focusing on areas that are relevant to the students' lives, like marital and contract law and landlord-tenant relations, the program attempts to stress the importance of law to everyday life. Seeing students get excited about the way they are affected by law has been rewarding to the law students.

At a recent class meeting, the last question was lightly asked: "Toni, if I become a lawyer and you get arrested, can I represent you?" For the high school students to be phrasing questions as though they may well become lawyers is another benefit of the program.



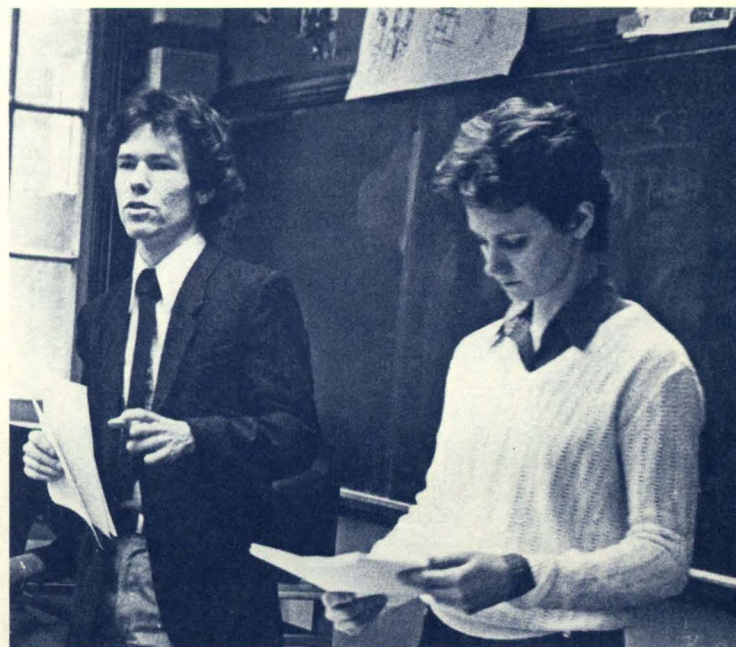
New York Law School student Michael Key '81, who attended Charles Evans Hughes High School, drops by a law class at the high school to encourage its members to prepare for college and to consider law school as well.

Credit for classroom photographs: David G. Greene

"It's a very impressive aspect of this clinic that high school students begin to see themselves as college and law school material," notes Cynthia Cohen '79, a founder and now the field supervisor of the Street Law Clinic. "Exposing them to law and the possibility of law school broadens their horizons and is a concrete example of the school's urban commitment."

"As the Street Law Clinic expands into some of the other 39 schools that offer law courses, the program may serve as a conduit into the Urban Legal Studies Program—and in the long run, it may recruit these students into the Law School!"

Credit: Leslie Teicholz



By teaching law to high school students, Toni Brandmill '81 and Charles Ross '81 are learning to interpret the law in clear, simple terms.



Professor Lisa H. Blitman, director of the Street Law Clinic, has observed students develop a "presence" and style during their teaching semesters.

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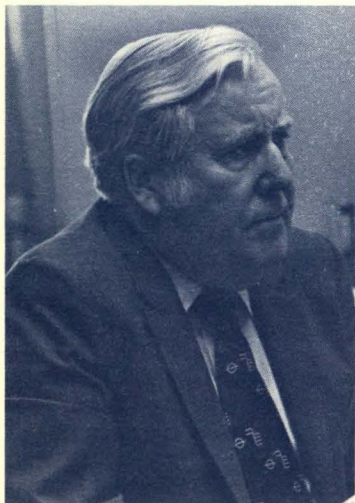
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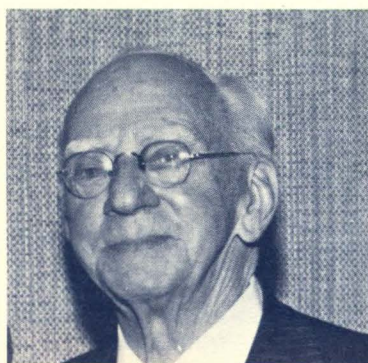
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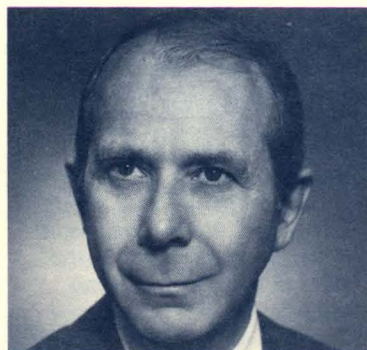
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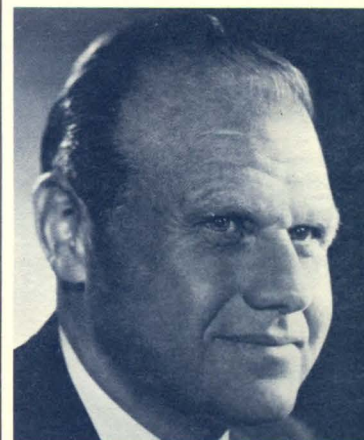
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Presently in his fourth term as President of the Alumni Association of New York Law School, **Hon. William Kapelman '40** has been a Supreme Court Justice since 1970 and Administrative Judge of the Bronx County Supreme Court, Criminal Division, since 1974. He served as a State Legislator for 12 years until he became the first Civil Court Judge in the City of New York in 1963. His son, Jeffrey C. Kapelman, graduated from the Law School in 1976. Randi G. Kapelman, Judge Kapelman's daughter-in-law, is a first-year student.



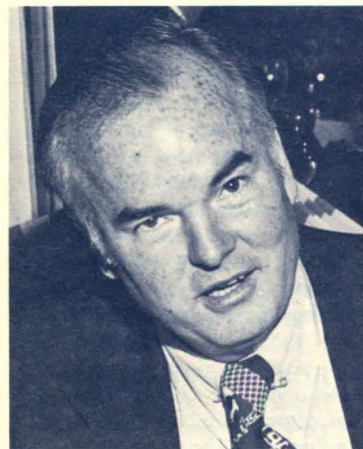
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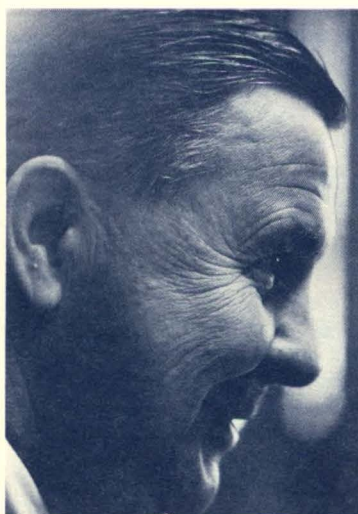
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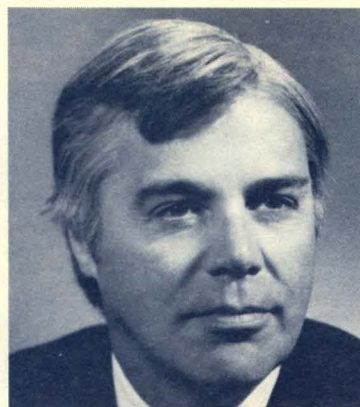
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Harry Ostrov '25 is a founder and past president of the Alumni Association of New York Law School (1965-69). A specialist in the field of real estate, he has received two of the School's highest honors in grateful recognition of his service to NYLS and the profession: the honorary Doctor of Laws degree and the Distinguished Alumnus Award. He is a former Grand Master of the Masons Lodge of New York State (1962-64), and serves as an Honorary Trustee of the Central Synagogue of Nassau County.



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Newsmakers

Two NYLS students are the authors of articles published in the winter issue of *Human Rights*. **Maureen O'Brien '80** wrote an article entitled "The Kudirka Affair—Bringing Sanity to the Laws of Asylum." **Ellyn Polansky '80** is the author of "Sexual Harrassment at the Workplace." The editorial board of *Human Rights* has announced that **Celestine T. Glenn '81**, **John H. Oliver '83**, and **Peter T. Reese '82** are the winners of the publication's most recent writing contest.

The team from New York Law School won second place honors at the annual Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition in early March. Coached by Professor Christine Chinkin, the NYLS team included **Michael Margello '80**, **Bob Conroy '81**, **David Fier '80**, **Mark Conrad '81**, and **Svetlana Petrov '81**. The winning team was from Brooklyn Law School, the host of this year's competition. The problem argued at the competition was patterned after the Russian satellite crash in Canada last summer, and raised various aspects of international law related to the operation of sensing satellites.

Rena Friedlander '81, research associate in the NYLS Communications Media Center, was the principal researcher for a 105-page study recently published and released to the New York City Board of Estimate. Ms. Friedlander, whose research began last June on the study, *The Process of Cable Television Franchising: A New York City Case Study*, joined Professor Michael Botein, director of the Center, at a news conference called by the Office of the New York City Council President following the report's release.

Profiles: Hon. Joan B. Carey '67

The Queens County police were startled one day in 1968 when a willowy blonde arrived at precinct headquarters to take a deposition. She quickly won their confidence, however, and soon became the first woman in New York City assigned to a homicide bureau, to prosecute a felony or to supervise a major bureau.

The mercurial career of Hon. Joan B. Carey '67 is all the more impressive because she was forced to be a trailblazer. At first, she found it difficult to persuade people of her interest in criminal law; within a few years, her energy and record spoke for her. On March 29th, she was sworn in as Administrative Judge of the Criminal Court of New York County, a demanding, often thankless position never before filled by a woman.

As Administrative Judge, she must weigh competing demands from all parts of the criminal court system, prosecutorial and defense, correctional and mediatory, administrative and pre-trial services. She will be forced to turn down some demands and to make controversial decisions. Public confidence in the criminal justice system and the atmosphere in the Criminal Court will be shaped by her decisions.

The Administrative Judge is responsible for scheduling and assigning about 25 judges, juggling their sick days and vacations with the needs of the court, and arranges programs for the judges' continuing legal education.

Judge Carey also handles a calendar part, disposing of about 60 cases a day. This requires the immense expenditure of energy that seems to fuel her. When the transit workers' strike slowed court activity citywide early in her term, she jogged to Center Street, and encouraged other judges to join her or ride bicycles.

Succeeding another New York Law School graduate, Hon. Milton L. Williams '63 (Profile on opposite page) as Administrative Judge, she has been on the bench only since June, 1978, when she was appointed to the Criminal Court. Many of her ideas on how to improve the court's operations were formed during her years as a Queens County prosecutor and Bureau Chief for Brooklyn and Staten



Hon. Joan B. Carey '67

Credit: David G. Greene

Island in the Office of the Special Prosecutor, investigating corruption in the judicial system.

"I always have been interested in criminal law," she said. "It's a challenging, difficult area. You deal with dangerous, street-smart people. But whenever I think of an attorney, I think of a trial litigator, not a lawyer in an office or in research."

In her more than eight years with the District Attorney's office, she held many staff and supervisory positions. In 1973, interim District Attorney Michael F. Armstrong appointed Judge Carey to be Deputy Chief of the Homicide Bureau—the first time ever for a woman to be assigned to homicide. She was later appointed Deputy Chief of the Supreme Court Trial Bureau, and a few months later, became Chief of the Narcotics Bureau. Directing a staff of 15, she was the first woman to head a major bureau in a DA's office in the City of New York. She also was Chief of the Rackets and Investigation Bureau.

Judge Carey hopes to see more judges added to the Criminal Court to increase the number of parts for jury trials of misdemeanor cases. During Judge Williams' administration, she notes, the waiting time for a

jury part in the court was greatly reduced when the number of jury parts was increased from three to eight.

In addition to wanting to see more cases go to trial and fewer dispositions and plea bargains, Judge Carey wants to help foster "an atmosphere where people feel they can get a trial in a reasonable amount of time," she said.

She also wants to honor the preferences of judges as much as possible when placing them. If it were possible, Judge Carey, who is exuberant about her new post, would probably like to sneak into a court room occasionally as a prosecutor. She misses the "fun of making arguments—there's an amazing energy you feel when you are litigating."

The excitement of arguing a case was something she discovered as a high school debator in Park Slope, the Brooklyn neighborhood where she was born. She continued to debate at St. Joseph's College in Brooklyn while she prepared for a teaching career, although the idea of law school intrigued her.

After her graduation in 1961, Judge Carey was assigned to teach history to ninth graders in the Williamsburg district. Walk-

ing to work each morning, she passed New York Law School on Williams Street. "My interest in law was rekindled," she said. "One day as I walked by, I just went in and picked up an application."

A law student in the night division, Judge Carey was graduated in 1967 and applied for a position as an assistant District Attorney in Queens County. She was greeted with some skepticism, "but I made it clear to the prosecutor's office that I wanted to work in criminal law and to try cases," she said. She convinced her interviewers to hire the office's first woman—a novice at that—as easily as she later persuaded juries.

She refined her techniques as a prosecutor in more than 100 non-felony, non-jury cases in Queens Criminal Court. New York's two-tiered criminal court system handles misdemeanors in the lower Criminal Court, and sends unresolved cases and felonies to the Supreme Court.

Judge Carey vividly recalls the first time she prosecuted a felony, an attempted robbery at a supermarket. She spent two and a half days selecting the jury. "I took my time. It was so delightful to be at that point, and people were watching the first woman to try a serious felony," she remembers.

"I was satisfied with all the jurors except for #11, but since I'd spent more than two days I let myself be rushed. The jury deliberated for nine hours and came back with a conviction; later I learned that the decision had been 11-1 with #11 not wanting to convict. I should have gone with my gut feeling—and ever since, I have."

As a litigator, Judge Carey was often described as fair but combative. "There are more liberal disclosure laws now, but I always gave over a good part of my files to the defense and the grand jury," she said. "But once the jury was selected, well, I was pretty bombastic."

Even at her most bombastic, Judge Carey earned the admiration of her adversaries. Mayor Koch's panel to investigate candidates for judicial appointments relied heavily on references from adversaries. Judge Carey's courtroom opponents of many years were happy to recommend her.

Profiles: Hon. Milton L. Williams '63

He's known to colleagues as a curious combination of free spirit and human dynamo. Hon. Milton L. Williams '63 may cause a few eyebrows to climb when he appears for a formal group photograph wearing a bright red tie, but he has earned kudos from all quarters for his recent term as Administrative Judge of the Criminal Court of New York County.

Now an Acting Justice of the New York State Supreme Court, Judge Williams looks back on the position of Criminal Court supervising Judge as "two jobs." The Administrative Judge not only assigns judges and "soothes personalities," he or she also sits one of the toughest calendar parts.

In Manhattan's Criminal Court, the job is particularly grueling. Few Administrative Judges serve more than one year, although longer terms are common in other counties. Judge Williams had served in the position for a year and a half when he was appointed an Acting Justice in December. Hon. Joan B. Carey '67 (Profile on opposite page), Criminal Court of New York County Judge, filled in as Acting Administrative Judge until she was formally appointed to the rigorous job in March.

Among his contributions to the Criminal Court was a substantial reduction in the waiting period for a jury part to hear a misdemeanor. Under Judge Williams' administration, the number of jury parts was increased from three to eight. Judge Williams considers the timely disposition of justice a priority of the Supreme Court as well.

Judge Williams finds the work and the pace at the Supreme Court professionally satisfying, but admits he is frustrated by popular notions of what justice should be. Perhaps because the public regards the Administrative Judge as capable of shaping the criminal justice system, he is conscious of the public demand that courts right "wrongs" he feels are born of ghetto environments and inferior education.

"I'll do what I can," he said, "but I can't right those wrongs. After you shun people and refuse to hire them, you expect me to lock up the results. If I have to put someone away, of course

I will, but if a situation calls for having a little imagination and guts, I'll do that."

It was during Judge Williams' own childhood in a ghetto of East Harlem that he became interested in the law. "I wanted to know my legal rights," he explained. "But I didn't consider going to law school until I began talking to a law student from the University of Pennsylvania on board a destroyer in Korea."

Serving in the Navy from 1951 to 1955, Judge Williams realized that he had the ability to do well in law. He passed a battery of tests with high marks and was admitted to Class A radio school. At first a petty officer and then a supervisor, Judge Williams was the "first black aboard our destroyer to serve as anything other than a steward's mate."

Judge Williams looked forward to going to college on the GI Bill of Rights, but when he began studies in economics at New York University he found the stipend too small for both tuition and the expenses of a married man. Having decided on a law career, he was determined to fi-

nance both college and law school. He was accepted at the Police Academy, and then into the ranks of the 48th Precinct. Judge Williams worked the 4 p.m. to midnight shift, and all his vacations were devoted to studying for final examinations.

He entered New York Law School and became a father at the age of 28. Carrying his law books under his police jacket, he studied in bowling alleys, Yankee Stadium—wherever he could. One Friday night, when the Yankees were in a hot pennant race with the Detroit Tigers, Judge Williams sat with his books in the first aid station. He looked up from his domestic relations homework occasionally to scan the crowd—and the game—and saw Professor Milton Silverman entering Gate 4. "Professor Silverman could not believe that I was doing his assignment instead of watching the game," Judge Williams laughed.

He finished seven years of school in just over five years, and quit the police force the week after his graduation from NYLS in 1963. His first job was

with the All State Insurance Company as a claims adjuster and supervisor, and when he was admitted to the Bar, as an attorney. He soon opened a private law office in the Bronx for the practice of civil and criminal law.

His unique background in police work and the law attracted the attention of Hon. Vincent Roderick, who was helping assemble the Knapp Commission to study police corruption in New York City. Judge Williams' commitment to the study resulted in his appointment to direct the McKay Commission on Attica after the violent prison riots there. From late 1971 until the following fall, he worked tirelessly on the Commission and whittled his private practice down to a weekend job.

"The Knapp and the McKay commissions afforded me a chance to undo some wrongs and examine some systems that had been closed for a long time," Judge Williams said. "They were also wonderful opportunities to work with strong, bright people." Surrounded by other dedicated reformers, his energy was boundless. Had the national Black Caucus been able to find funding for a study on the impact of the justice system on minorities in five major American cities, Judge Williams would have been project director, even if the position were unsalaried.

During the search for funding, Judge Williams continued his private practice and taught a class on criminal procedures to inmates and correctional officers at Rikers Island, one of his favorite experiences. "There is a peace and tranquility at Rikers because people there are honest. They have no need to wear masks. It was very challenging to me as a teacher," he said.

In 1973 he ran for City Council, and after a narrow defeat, was appointed Commissioner of the New York City Division of Veterans' Affairs. He served until March 1977, when he was appointed to the Criminal Court.

Judge Williams finds that the bench can absorb all his energy and commitment. But as a natural organizer and activist, he says he "still hears water on the other side of that mountain. I'm not afraid to climb it."



Hon. Milton L. Williams '63

Credit: David G. Greene



Hon. Robert F. Wagner III congratulates the team of Celeste Contrucci and Patricia DiMango of St. John's University School of Law, which placed second in the competition.

Teams from 37 Law Schools Compete at Wagner Moot Court

The fourth annual Robert F. Wagner National Labor Law Moot Court Competition brought 53 teams from 37 law schools to New York Law School for an exciting four-day competition that ended March 30th with a victory for the team from Rutgers University School of Law—Camden. Arguing before a bench composed of Hon. Leonard I. Garth, Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Hon. David N. Edelstein, Chief Judge, United States District Court, Southern District of New York, and Hon. John C. Truesdale, Member, National Labor Relations Board, the Rutgers team defeated its competition from St. John's University School of Law.

Nearly 140 labor lawyers and litigators judged the competition's preliminary rounds. Faculty from NYLS and other metropolitan law schools helped evaluate the briefs generated during the four days and assisted the committee in charge of the competition.

One of two teams from New York Law School advanced to the quarter-finals: John Kuntz '80, SBA President Vincent O'Hara '80, and Petro Stawnychy '81. The competition's problem involved the issue of whether interns, residents and clinical faculty at a teaching hospital are actually hospital employees and therefore

subject to and covered by the National Labor Relations Act.

Following the final argument, participants, their friends and spectators gathered in the Froessel Library. The winner was announced and other awards were handed out by Hon. Robert F. Wagner III, Deputy Mayor of New York and the grandson of Senator Robert F. Wagner, Class of 1900, who sponsored the National Labor Relations Act of 1935.

The Award for Best Brief went to a team from the University of Cincinnati College of Law. Best Oral Advocate was won by Geoffrey B. Schwartz of Florida State University College of Law. Also honored at the awards presentation was Professor Marshall Lippman '73, who, while a Dean at NYLS, inaugurated and administered the competition, and this year, aided in the preparation of the problem and the judging of briefs.

A special committee administered the Wagner Moot Court Competition, instead of the Moot Court Executive Board which chose and coached the two NYLS teams. The Wagner Committee of Gerald L. Grow '80, Shelley S. Kehl '80, Marc Z. Kramer '80, Thomas J. Lynch '80, Michael Margello '80, Sharon P. McGevna '80, and David S. Pollack '80, did a superb job organizing the competition.



Hon. John C. Truesdale, Hon. David N. Edelstein and Hon. Leonard I. Garth, judges of the final round, comment on the nuances of the competition's problem.



A happy advisor from Rutgers University School of Law-Camden is hugged by the winning team: Jane B. Cantor, Andrew B. Golkow and Patrick W. Liddle.



Credit: Linda Rogers

Faculty News

Professor Joseph T. Arenson was a panelist at the Women's Estate Planning Conference, a program presented on March 24th by the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York.

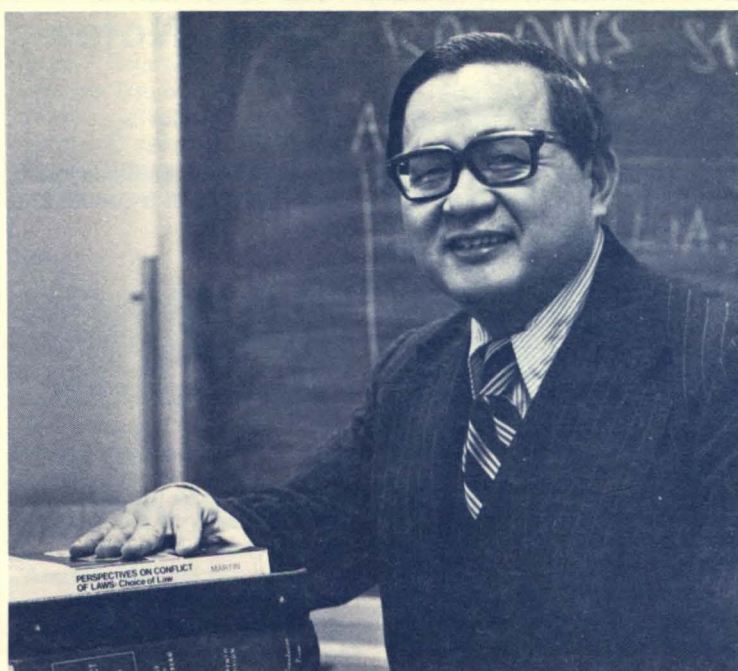
Dean Margaret S. Bearn and her husband, Dr. Alexander G. Bearn, Senior Vice-President of Medical and Scientific Affairs at Merck, Sharp, and Dohme International, spent a week at Colgate University in Hamilton, N.Y., as Woodrow Wilson Fellows. The Fellows program brings professionals to the campus to draw the connection between a liberal arts education at Colgate and the professional worlds. Dr. and Dean Bearn spoke in classes and met informally with students.

Professor Lisa Blitman and Richard Robbins '80 recently discussed landlord-tenant court cases on the WOR-TV program, "Straight Talk."

Professor Michael Botein, director of the NYLS Communications Media Center, recently released the Center's latest publication to the New York City Board of Estimate. The 105-page document, *The Process of Cable Television Franchising: A New York City Case Study*, was prepared independently for Council President Carol Bellamy by faculty and students of the Center. Professor Botein and Rena Friedlander '81, research associate, were participants at a press conference called by the Office of the Council President, which issued a press release urging all who take part in the franchising process to read the study's historical overview of the City's decisions regarding cable, before making further suggestions.

Professor Albert H. Garretson was honored by the Law Alumni Association of New York University for twenty-five years of faculty service at the Association's 1980 spring dinner.

Professor Sidney Kess was a panelist and moderator at the Women's Estate Planning Conference on March 24th, sponsored by the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York. Professor Kess, a Partner in the firm of Main, Hurdman & Cranstoun, is the Chairman of the U.J.A.'s Legacy Committee.



Professor Lung-chu Chen

Credit: David G. Greene

Professor David M. Rice, a consultant to the FCC's Network Inquiry Special Staff, is the author of a report recently released by the commission entitled "Direct Broadcast Satellites: Legal and Policy Options."

Professor W. Bernard Richland, now in private practice after serving as New York City Corporation Counsel, has written a book about based on his experiences defending the City Government against lawsuits. His book, *You Can Beat City Hall: Everything You Need to Know to Sue Your City, Town, County or Village—and Collect*, will be published in May by Rawson, Wade. According to Professor Richland, the book grew out of a series of lectures he gave as an adjunct professor of local government at New York Law School.

Professor Peter W. Schroth and **B.J. George** provide most of the comparative law in a symposium on judges in the latest issue of the Loyola Law Review. Professor Schroth's article is "Marbury and Simmenthal: Reflections on the Adoption of Decentralized Judicial Review by the Court of Justice of the European Community." Professor George, a former Trustee who will be joining the faculty in the fall, writes on "The Japanese Judicial System: Thirty Years of Transition."

Professor Sanford J. Schlesinger participated on a panel at the Women's Estate Planning Conference on March 24th, a program of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York.

Dean E. Donald Shapiro, who is on sabbatical leave for the 1979-80 academic year, will be the speaker at York College of Pennsylvania at its Commencement on May 17th, when he will be presented with an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. The LL.D. degree from York College will be the third honorary doctorate given to the York, Pa., native, who has been previously honored by Dickinson College and by New York Law School before he joined the School as Professor of Law and Dean. On April 29-30, Dean Shapiro will discuss the impact of litigation on the practice of medicine before a group of internists at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich., as the 1980 Marshall-Riecker Lecturer. Dean Shapiro also has been appointed the special officer in charge of hearings to obtain data for legislative and regulatory changes in the operations of apartment referral agents. The hearings began February 19th after Secretary of State Basil A. Paterson requested legislation to regulate the fees charged by agents.

Treatise on Human Rights Well-Received

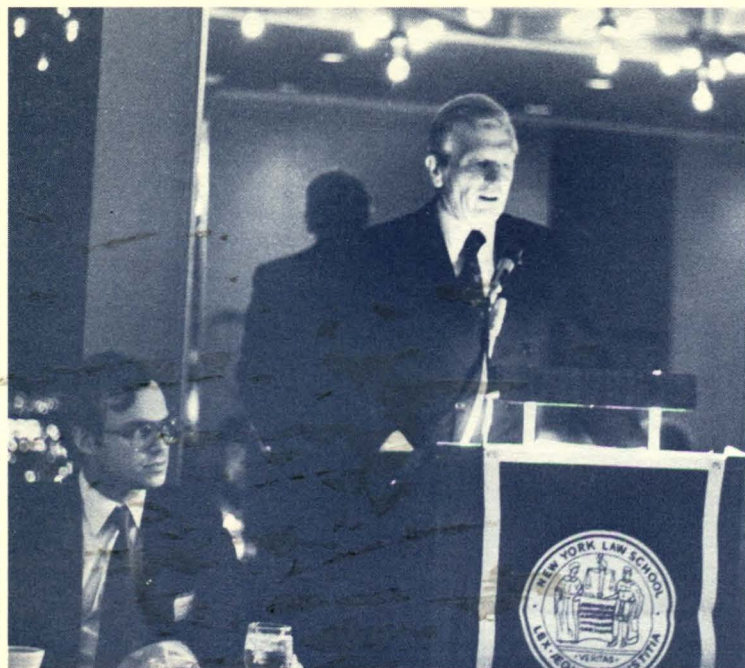
New York Law School professors Myers S. McDougal and Lung-chu Chen are receiving high praise for their timely book, *Human Rights and World Public Order: The Basic Policies of an International Law of Human Dignity*. The third co-author is the late Professor Harold D. Lasswell.

The book, slightly more than 1,000 pages in length, was published by the Yale University Press in February. Professor Richard A. Falk of Princeton University has called it "an immense work of scholarly excellence" and "the most important work on human rights in the international law literature."

In this comprehensive policy-oriented study, the authors recommend a conception of human rights in terms of the shaping and sharing of values, illustrating their approach by a detailed examination of important problems concerning "respect," which they believe to be the core value of all human rights. They offer a broad outline of the contemporary global process of authoritative decision and spotlight the emergence of a global bill of rights.

The authors explore the conditions affecting human rights in the world community and recommend intellectual procedures for relating fundamental policies about human rights to particular instances of choice. The professors conclude that if the appropriate predispositions can be created in effective elites, an international law of human dignity can be made a realistic goal.

Remember the Challenge Fund! All new gifts and increased gifts from alumni, up to and including \$1,000, will be matched by our Challenge Fund benefactor. Gifts must be received at the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs by June 30, 1980, to be eligible.



Former Mayor of New York John V. Lindsay advocates government decentralization at the Law Review dinner. Edward F. Westfield '80, left, is the 1979-80 Editor in Chief of the Law Review.

Review Hosts Annual Dinner

New York Law School Law Review friends and Editorial Board members past and present celebrated the Review's 25th year of publication at the Annual Alumni Dinner on March 12th in the Tower Suite of the Time-Life Building. Law Review alumni were welcomed by Edward F. Westfield '80, Editor in Chief, who thanked them for their continued support and interest.

Key speaker John V. Lindsay, former Mayor of New York, discussed the need to decentralize

government. More authority and discretion must remain in the hands of state and local governments, he said. "Neighborhood and individual actions often produce the most efficient, effective programs and services," he observed, "but they must be encouraged by local governments."

Steven Packard '81, Notes and Comments Editor, and Brian Quint '80, Topics Editor, were assisted by Ellen Newman, Business Manager, in organizing the successful dinner.

In Memoriam

1907

Daniel E. Kelley

1958

Thomas M. Harvey

Alumni Notes

1932

Howard J. Churchill has joined the firm of Jacobs & Jacobs, P.C.

1938

Richard S. Woodman is a Partner in the firm of Woodman & Getman in Waterville, N.Y., where he has been in practice since 1942.

1950

Abe S. Chouake has been elected treasurer of the Great Neck Lawyers Association.

Harold Lieberman has announced the relocation of his offices for the general practice of law in Hudson, N.Y.

1962

John J. Corbley, who has held positions in the government of the State of Maryland since 1973, recently accepted a position as a member of the Cabinet of the Governor of Maryland, Harry Hughes. He is the Secretary of the Department of Licensing and Regulation, reporting directly to the Governor and responsible for executive and general administration, public information, comprehensive planning and personnel administration. The Department is comprised of 35 constituent State agencies, such as Banking, Insurance, Racing, and Labor and Industry.

1965

Alan M. Grosman, a former Essex County, N.J., assistant prosecutor, has been appointed to the position of municipal prosecutor of Millburn. A member of the Short Hills firm of Grosman & Grosman, Mr. Grosman is chairman of the International Law Committee of the Essex County Bar Association, vice-chairman of the International Law and Organizations Section of the New Jersey State Bar Association, and the associate editor of the New Jersey Lawyer.

1967

Anthony J. Cavallaro has been appointed assistant treasurer and director of taxes of Inmont Corporation. Prior to assuming responsibilities in 1961 as manager of tax administration, he discharged a variety of duties in the company's tax department. He joined Inmont in 1946. Mr. Cavallaro and his wife reside in River Edge, N.J.

1968

Dr. Lorraine Miller has been elected to the Civil Court, Kings County, running first in a field of 19 candidates and with endorsements of three major parties. She was author of legislation creating the Housing Court of New York City, which was written as part of her doctoral thesis at NYLS. She has also been elected to the Board of Trustees of the Navy Yard Boys' Club and the Kingsbay YMCA.



With Maryland Governor Harry Hughes observing, John J. Corbley '62 signs in as the new Secretary of the Department of Licensing and Regulation at his installation ceremony.

1972

Barry Eisenberg has become a Partner in the firm of Lasser, Hochman, Marcus, Guryan & Kuskin, in West Orange, N.Y.

Richard J. Finamore has been elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Great Neck Lawyers Association.

1973

Linda N. Cassano, a former litigation attorney with Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, participated on a "Legal Lifestyles" panel at NYLS on March 26th, discussing career opportunities in corporate law. Ms. Cassano was recently appointed Special Counsel to the Regional Counsel, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

1973

David J. Meiselman and **Paul J. Stella**, both graduates of the 1973 day class, have formed the firm of Meiselman, Farber, Stella & Moran, P.C. in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. The firm specializes in personal injury litigation, including medical and legal malpractice.

John J. Sciacca has been appointed a member of the Medical Malpractice Mediation Panel in Kings County by the Appellate Department. In this capacity, he reviews medical malpractice cases with a doctor and a judge to determine whether liability is present.

1974

Anthony DeSalvo, former assistant prosecutor for Hudson County, has entered private practice in Jersey City, N.J.

Alan G. Serrins was appointed General Counsel, New York City Commission on Human Rights, in May 1979.

1975

Frances Brown Salten reports that both of her attorney daughters are clerking on a circuit Court of Appeals: Phoebe for Hon. Harry Edwards on the Washington, D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals, and Cynthia for Hon. Thomas Meskill of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. Mrs. Salten, who clerked in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, has been told that this may be a first for women.

1976

John P. Marshall, an associate with the firm of Kelley, Drye & Warren, participated on a "Legal Lifestyles" panel at NYLS on March 26th, discussing career opportunities in corporate law.

1976

Laurence A. Schwartz recently joined the firm of Garlick, Cohn, Darrow & Hollander in Hollywood, Florida, practicing in the areas of commercial litigation and business law. He was previously associated with the Florida law firm of Houston, Faircloth, Cooper, Easthope & Kelly.

Alan Smilowitz has announced the relocation of his offices for the general practice of law in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Jerome J. Strelov has joined the firm of Marshall J. Gluck, P.C., as an associate.



At the Scholarship Dinner of the Black and Latino Law Student Association on March 16th, J. Bruce Llewellyn '60, President of the Overseas Private Investment Corp., spoke on the place of lawyers in the international economy.

1977

Steven E. Breitman, a Staff Attorney with the Department of Health, Education and Welfare—Office of Hearings and Appeals, transferred from the Newark, N.J., office to the Brooklyn, N.Y., office in April.

Vivienne Gilbert has been promoted within the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company to Corporate Home Office Consultant in Advanced Underwriting.

Martin M. Goldwyn, formerly with Weisman, Celler, Spett, Modlin & Wertheimer, has become associated with Gordon, Hurwitz, Butowsky, Baker, Weitzen & Shalov in Manhattan.

William J. LaSalle returned to NYLS on March 26th to participate in a "Legal Lifestyles" panel about career opportunities in corporate law. He is an attorney in the Office of the Senior Vice President and General Counsel at IBM in Boulder, Colorado.

Sherry J. Sandler is an editor in the area of Federal Practice with Matthew Bender & Co., Inc.

1978

Joram J. Aris is a law secretary for Hon. Peggy Bronheim, Acting New York State Supreme Court Justice.

Stephen G. Eisenberg is currently serving as Counsel to the Labor Committee of the New York State Assembly.

Christina Lusky is a law assistant for Hon. Norman Ryp, Acting New York State Supreme Court Justice.

Carl Maltzman, Mitchell Mund, and their company, Executive Video Services, will be featured in an article in the April issue of the trade magazine Videography. The article examines the video-taping of will executions.

1979

Thomas Comiskey is an associate in the offices of Robert N. Hochberg in Manhattan.

Steven M. Critelli has become affiliated with the offices of Arnold Cohen, P.C., in Mineola, N.Y.

William C. Mallery, Jr. was appointed Assistant District Attorney for Kings County, Office of Eugene Gold, in September 1979.

John T. Matthias has accepted a position as staff attorney with EXECUCOM Systems Corporation in Austin, Texas. EXECUCOM's business is Planning Technology, including computer software and financial model design. Mr. Matthias' responsibilities include contract administration and protection of intellectual property.

Joseph G. Nolan is an associate with the firm of Kirlin, Campbell & Keating in Manhattan.

Ken Roden has been appointed an Assistant District Attorney in Putnam County.

Laura Safer is a law assistant for Hon. Joseph A. Mazur, State Supreme Court Justice.

Michael Stanton has opened a private general practice in Somerville, N.J.

1980

Brian P. Lafferty has joined Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in the real estate division.

Richard Robbins and Professor Lisa Blitman recently appeared as guests on the WOR-TV program "Straight Talk," discussing landlord-tenant court cases.

Correction: New York State Supreme Court Justice Sybil Hart Kooper '57 entered New York Law School in 1954, not 1944 as reported in the January issue of "NLYS In Brief."

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Each year as part of the commencement celebration, New York Law School confers its highest degree on leaders who have made outstanding contributions to society. We have the honor to announce that at the 1980 ceremonies, we will present the Degree of Doctor of Law, Honoris Causa, to

these distinguished recipients: The Honorable Richard R. Baxter, Judge of the International Court of Justice, formerly Manley O. Hudson Professor of Law at the Law School of Harvard University; His Eminence Terence Cardinal Cooke, Archbishop of the Diocese of New York; The Honorable Richard N. Gardner, The American Ambassador to Italy; The Honorable Lewis F. Powell, Jr., Associate Justice, Supreme Court of the United States, and The Honorable Edward Allen Tamm, United States Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.



The Class of 1980 will participate in the traditional march at Commencement on June 1st.

Admission to the 1980 Commencement will be by ticket only. For information about ticket availabil-

ity, please call the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs (966-3500 extension 756).