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## Harlan Fellows Get White House Scoop

Members of the NYLS John Marshall Harlan Fellowship, a group of prestigious supporters of the Law School, were privy, at the invitation of the Dean, to an insider's briefing on the White House presented by Presidential Special Assistant, Professor Marshall Breger. As the President's liaison to the Jewish community and to academe, Professor Breger (on leave from New York Law School) spoke informally and off the record about the powers that be in Washington and discussed the strategy behind the Administration's Middle East policy.

The occasion for the briefing was an elegant dinner reception at the Law School, hosted by Dean Simon on May 21 in recognition of the New York Law School Harlan Fellows, whose level of commitment to the Law School and whose professional

successes translate into a showcase of New York Law School alumni. Commenting on the evening, Dean Simon said he was glad to be able to reciprocate some of the goodwill demonstrated by the Fellows, and to be given "the opportunity to bring them closer to the Law School."

The "Insiders Briefing" by Professor Breger focused on the nuts and bolts of White House policy, leaving the theoretical for other forums. Professor Breger's remarks were, on the one hand, political and representative of the Administration's line on issues, while on the other hand, spiced with personal insights and intellectual analysis.

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Dean James Simon is committed to the emergence of NYLS as a service-oriented legal education center. See Story on Page 2.

## Commencement '84

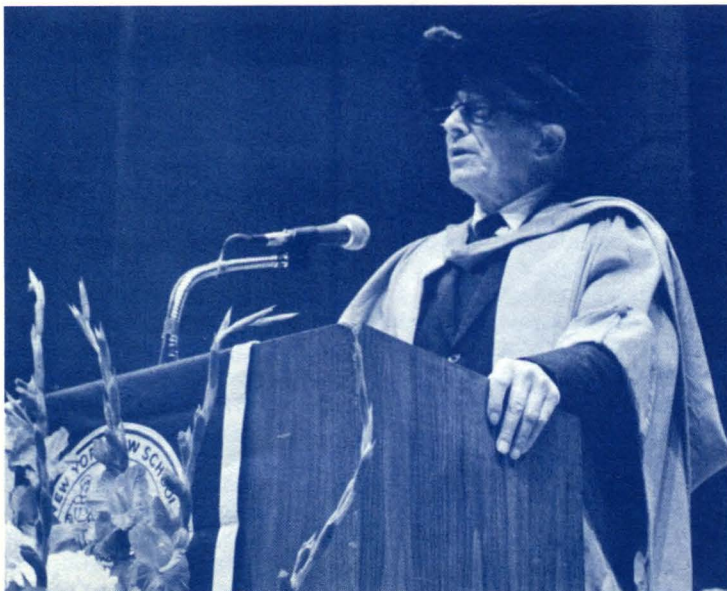
Extra tickets for the 1984 New York Law School Commencement were a coveted lot. On June tenth, 500 graduates and their guests filled Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall to capacity.

Embodying many of the aspects of good theatre, the 92nd Commencement was favored with an audience of fans, an outstanding cast of students and leading characters who play major roles in the national arena, including Geraldine Ferraro and Eugene Rostow. The denouement was provided by the introduction of the new Dean of the Law School, James F. Simon.

Upon announcing the unanimous approval of this appointment by the Board of Trustees, Chairman John V. Thornton praised the remarkable progress that has taken place at the Law School during James Simon's tenure as Acting Dean. Unlike others who understudy, however, James Simon had not sought out the Deanship, but rather the Board turned to him after a nationwide search for decanal candidates.

Professor Eugene Rostow prefaced his intriguing Commencement Remarks by congratulating the Law School community on the selection; "I am confident," he proclaimed, "that James Simon will lead the School to become an outstanding influence for progress through law, not only in New York, but throughout the nation and beyond."

Professor Rostow was one of four notable recipients of the degree of doctor of laws *honoris causa* at the 92nd Commencement; one of four individuals whose commitment to the public weal and whose contributions to the legal profession exemplify the highest objectives of legal education: (continued on page 8)



Professor Rostow tells tales of Don Quixote

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## Dean Simon on the Deanship: A Writ to Write



The office of the Dean of New York Law School is panelled in dark wood. Windows are shuttered and the cacophony of Church Street traffic is muffled, just as the light from the street comes only dimly into the room. The sense of the place is backward-looking to the earlier days of less accessible Deans and narrower views of legal education.

But the occupant of the room belies one's perception of the place.

Even sitting at the desk which takes up the center of the floor, but is significantly placed at an angle, he is constantly in motion. He rocks in the chair. His arms move to move papers, to punch telephone buttons, to push his sandy hair off his forehead, to emphasize a point. He thrusts himself to the door of his assistant to ask a question (the phone takes too much time), to the office door to usher a visitor in or out. His face is animated, his manner engaging, his style open, direct. He is reflective and his scholarship illustrates the connection between thought and action, a conflict embodied in fact in the demands now being made on his time, in which he must chart the course of this century-old School and still complete a contracted book dealing with the Supreme Court, and specifically the relationship between Justices Black and Frankfurter.

James F. Simon is the thirteenth Dean of New York Law School. Selected from the Faculty after an extensive national search Dean Simon displays an impressive range of interests and abilities manifested in a career begun in journalism with *Time*, and continued at Yale Law School as a constitutional scholar and through two award-winning volumes, *In His Own Image*, an analysis of the Nixon court, and *Independent Journey*, a critically acclaimed biography of Justice William O. Douglas.

**IN BRIEF** interviewed Dean Simon recently at the School. Excerpts from that discussion follow.

**IN BRIEF:** Dean Simon, what attracted you to accept the deanship of NYLS?

**Dean Simon:** What is most exciting is the idea of taking an educational institution with the great resources and potential of NYLS and trying to develop them in a way that will make it unique among the nation's law schools. You can compare the process to that of creating a book: you start out with the raw resources and the potential for a major contribution to (legal) literature; you work with it and piece it together; and when you're finished, you may have something much greater than the individual parts. I see being the dean of NYLS as a comparable creative venture.

To continue the analogy with NYLS: You can take the raw resources here—dedicated trustees, alumni, administrators and staff, talented and ambitious faculty, and intelligent and highly motivated students—and ask them to cooperate to create a uniquely excellent product.

You can feel the excitement here, and much of my energy will be devoted to making certain that excitement continues.

**IN BRIEF:** In view of the escalating debate between the advocates of clinical education and the theoretical proponents, what is your position on the role of today's law school?

**Dean Simon:** While it is necessary to know what the law is at any given time, it is even more important to know what the law should be. Thus my approach is eclectic in that it encourages curriculum innovation and faculty scholarship that harmonize the practical and the philosophical.

We should never lose sight of our mission to train practicing lawyers, but we have important work beyond that narrow goal. I see a student body that does not simply pass through law school with only one thing in mind—to get the degree and go out and open a law office—but rather, one that demands a stimulating education experience by which, they not only learn the skills of lawyering, but also at the same time, learn a great deal about the responsibilities of the profession in the community at large.

The students should be able to sample a variety of experiences that will teach them about functioning effectively as professionals in a progressive society. In their roles as student organization leaders, moot court advocates, writers on student publications, they should be testing themselves in terms of what they can offer to the community and their profession upon graduation.

Students must also think about the underlying public policy; the historical and contemporary reasons of why the law is the way it is.

I would hope that in addition to the practice of law, the experience at NYLS will enable our graduates to take leadership roles in a variety of contexts in their community (school boards, zoning boards, town councils). With their analytical skills and professional training, they will be able to bring insights and solutions to some problems that go far beyond the problems of individual clients they might see on a day-to-day basis.

**IN BRIEF:** In what immediate way will the curriculum reflect your educational objectives?

**Dean Simon:** I insist upon an open-minded agenda for the precise ingredients of legal education at NYLS. To some extent this School is a laboratory to explore the models that are going to be essential to legal education in the future. I don't think there is a single model for legal education; what we ought to be committed to is excellence in every educational context. I expect the School to offer an innovative clinical program, challenging courses in jurisprudence and a number of special programs which distinguish the Law School.

**IN BRIEF:** How do your prescriptions for legal education translate into concrete plans for NYLS?

**Dean Simon:** I'm glad you asked that.

I propose a model of the very excellent undergraduate liberal arts institution—except, at the graduate level. As such, I am committed to leading the Law School to emerge as a service-oriented legal education center; a cohesive unit that serves the students and the faculty in a variety of ways, as well as making a unique contribution to the legal community.

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I see a faculty serving not only our students and the scholarly community, but taking on leadership roles at the bar and in the society at large. To do this there has to be a sense of institutional mission, a sense of program and cohesiveness.

We now have on board an extraordinarily talented faculty that is skillful in the classroom, increasingly productive as scholars, and accessible to the Law School community in general.

Another facet of the successful self-contained liberal arts college is their concentration on two or three areas in which they distinguish themselves.

There are several areas where New York Law School has been recognized and has demonstrated significant strength: international law, communications law, and a rich variety of clinics. We are particularly enthusiastic about the introduction this semester of our Federal Litigation Clinic.

**IN BRIEF:** In working towards the actualization of your blueprint for a service-oriented legal education center, what are the short-term goals of your deanship?

**Dean Simon:** I am excited about the Law School's future—but also realistic. You can't do everything at once. You can plan a great model on paper, but once you get people involved—with limitations of a human and financial nature—you can't do everything you want or move forward at the pace, ideally, that you would like to. It's clear that we have to think about our future needs in terms of facilities.

- Our library space, for example, is grossly inadequate—mainly because we have built up both the collection and the services for the library significantly in the last few years. We've outgrown the space that we've allotted to it. Being an ambitious faculty and school, there is a great desire to expand services to students and faculty and we simply can't do it with the existing plant.

- I think we have to improve student services. If we are to be the service-oriented legal institution that I envision, that means there ought to be very good research facilities in addition to other facilities that make academic life here interesting, challenging and gratifying.

- In order to move the school forward, our faculty must continue to distinguish itself, not just here in this building, but nationally; I think we do that by offering a variety of opportunities for the faculty—research grants, travel to professional meetings, seminars—the kinds of things that are going to stimulate a productive faculty.

- One of the goals as I see it, is to define very specifically, what our academic needs are going to be over the next two decades and to plan for our facilities accordingly. In thinking about our academic goals, we have to think about our curriculum and special programs. All of these have to be sorted out very carefully over the next year.



**IN BRIEF:** Prior to your appointment as dean, you earned laurels as a constitutional law scholar, journalist, award-winning author and teacher. Can you continue to meet your own professional aspirations and respond to the incessant demands of the deanship?

**Dean Simon:** Although I remain interested in the creation of the 26, no make that 36-hour day, I do see my writing coalescing with my vision for the Law School.

The faculty and trustees know that I feel that if I become confined to educational administration alone, I may lose a certain intellectual vitality, which I think is important to me and to the School. I'm not simply an administrator, although that is crucial, but I'm a scholar as well.

I am currently working on a study of the personal and professional relationship between U.S. Supreme Court Justices Hugo Black and Felix Frankfurter. While the book has not progressed as far as I anticipated since taking on the deanship, I am committed to its completion.

In my view, this is very much in the best interests of the Law School. My editor at Simon and Schuster views it as an important book, and I maintain that my attempting to write such a book while serving as dean, suggests the very serious purpose that we at New York Law School have in terms of scholarship and publications. Even the dean can try to squeeze out the time to work on a major book.

We are bringing a message to the legal community: here at New York Law School there is intellectual ferment.

We are all working full-time to create an exciting, innovative and productive environment in which we can all thrive and bring what we learn here to the community at large.





## Insider's View at Harlan Dinner

As Special Assistant to the President, Marshall Breger said he sometimes found himself at the White House discussing policy questions just before sundown on Fridays. Being an Orthodox Jew, he has left his wallet and briefcase at the White House before walking home to observe the sabbath. The 37-year-old Breger, former visiting fellow in legal policy at the Heritage Foundation and associate professor of Law at New York Law School, pointed out that while often dealing with the frustrating minutia of thrashing out a sticky policy issue, he is always aware that he is doing so "in the cockpit of the nation."

Of course, the work of a liaison to the President became all the more critical during an election year. Professor Breger asserts that it was his sense that in the Presidential election there would be a clear shift in the Jewish vote. "Although historically, since the Enlightenment," said Breger, "Jews have been liberal, both politically and culturally, the Jewish community is politically veering toward conservatism."

Since joining the Administration in January of 1984, Professor Breger has focused on Middle East policy, negotiating to establish free-trade with Israel, elevate the military relationship between the United States and Israel to one of strategic cooperation, and effect a consistency in approach toward Israel which ultimately will not be subject to the vicissitudes of "balancing the scales" between the two countries.

When questioned about some ambiguous elements of the Administration's Middle East decisions, Professor Breger replied: "You can look at a glass as being ninety percent full or ten percent empty; relations (with Israel) are stronger than they ever have been."

At the conclusion of the evening, Dean Simon likened Professor Breger's insider view of the White House to a seminar on the legislative process. The Dean noted that one can read about United States-Israel relations every day in the *Times*, "but to find out from someone in the White House how the President is thinking and acting on an issue is quite extraordinary."

Dean Simon's reaction was echoed by the Harlan Fellows in attendance who found Marshall Breger to be both intellectually provocative and personable. Commenting on the success of the Harlan Dinner, committee chairman Richard Flynn said the occasion was truly an outstanding evening of fine food, interesting talk and fellowship with the Dean and other committed New York Law School graduates.

Another Harlan Dinner is to be held May 16, at which time Gerald Crotty '76, general counsel to Governor Cuomo, has agreed to give the Harlan Fellows an insider's view of Albany. These briefings are, according to Dean Simon, "something you can't get from reading the newspapers, but you can from being a Harlan Fellow."

## *The John Marshall Harlan Fellowship*



The John Marshall Harlan Fellowship is an association of selected alumni and friends of the Law School joined together by an active and abiding interest in New York Law School. The Fellowship was established to recognize individuals whose substantial contributions of at least \$1,000 to the Heritage Fund help to alleviate the Law School's most pressing needs among which are strong faculty development and financial aid for deserving students.

Richard Flynn '57 (partner of the firm of Pryor, Cashman, Sherman & Flynn) who is chairman of the Fellowship Committee considers the Harlan Fellowship "to be both a primary resource for the School as well as a social and professional nexus for outstanding New York Law School alumni." As chairman, Mr. Flynn seeks to identify prospective Fellows.

The Harlan Fellowship honors the memory of one of New York Law School's most distinguished graduates John Marshall Harlan of the Class of 1924. A noted Justice of the Supreme Court, Justice Harlan was the grandson of United States Supreme Court Justice Harlan, and a graduate of Princeton and Oxford.

**Upcoming  
Harlan Dinner  
Will be held on May 16  
Guest Speaker:  
Gerald Crotty '76,  
General Counsel  
to Governor Cuomo**



## Class Action

1927

**Irvin Husin** has been elected a vice president of the NYLS Alumni Association.

1949

**Stanley Doyle, Jr.** has been elected vice president of the NYLS Alumni Association.

1950

**Hon. Harold Lieberman** was the keynote speaker at Memorial Day Services held at Cedar Park Cemetery, in Hudson City, N.Y.

1951

**Bernard Eiber** has been appointed chairperson of the Committee on Legal Education, of the Queens County Bar Association.

1953

**Joseph Irom**, of Irom & Wittels, was a panelist at the September 20, New York County Lawyers' Association Forum Panel, "More About Million Dollar Verdicts."

1955

**Hon. Ivan Warner**, NYLS Alumni Association Board Member, has been elected President of the Supreme Court Justices' Association of the City of New York.

1956

**Harry Mulhall** has retired as Special Agent with the FBI. Classmate Hon. Roger Miner, characterized Mr. Mulhall's "entire twenty-seven years of service as having been distinguished by extraordinary success and outstanding accomplishments."

1957

**Richard Flynn** has been elected president of the NYLS Alumni Association.

**Hon. Melvyn Tanenbaum**, Justice of the New York State Supreme Court, was elected Chairman of the American Bar Association National Conference of Special Court Judges. The Conference has 1035 members, and is part of the ABA Judicial Administration Division.

1958

**Bernard Mendik**, one of New York's most active real estate investors and managers, has purchased 100 Church Street in a joint venture with the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States and the investment banking firm of Allen & Company. The price was \$116.5 million.

**Hon. Jules E. (Jed) Orenstein**

of Great Neck, was re-elected to a second term on the Nassau County District Court.

**Hon. Ernst Rosenberger** has been elected a vice president of the NYLS Alumni Association.

1959

**Mary Cerbone** has been re-elected secretary of the NYLS Alumni Association.

**Charlie Goldenberg**, president of Sylvan Lawrence Company, was profiled in *N.Y. City Business* on October 8. So far this year, Mr. Goldenberg has brokered some \$750 million in leases, representing 950,000 square feet of office rentals.

**T. Lawrence Tabak** has been re-elected vice president of the NYLS Alumni Association.

1960

**J. Bruce Llewellyn**, president of Fedco, Inc., was a panelist representing the business community at a NYCLA Forum, the topic of which was "State of the City."

**Anthony Papa** has been appointed Deputy Secretary of State. In her announcement of the appointment, Secretary of State Gail Shaffer said that Mr. Papa, "in serving as chief executive officer of the State Liquor Authority, brings to the Department of State, a background of administrative experience in state government. I am confident that his expertise will be of tremendous assistance in handling the various functions and jurisdictions of the Department of State in the New York City area."

**Leon Tarr** of Golden, Colorado has completed coursework at the Colorado School of Mines for a degree in mineral economics and a minor in petroleum geology.

1961

**Milton Berner** has become a member of the firm of Golenbock and Barell of New York City. Mr. Berner will be with the White Plains Office.

1962

**John Corbley** has left his position as member of the Governor's (Maryland) Cabinet and Secretary of Licensing and Regulation to become President of the Automobile Insurance Plans Service Office which is located in Providence, Rhode Island. AIPSO is a national insurance service organization, whose primary responsibility is as a ratemaker in 47 of the 53 jurisdictions in this county.

**Sanford Weinberg's** ninth article for *Discovery* was published in the July 27 edition. Entitled "A Forty Year Old Reminder," Mr. Weinberg's piece recounted attempts by a small group of high-ranking German officers (notably Count Klaus von Stauffenberg) to assassinate Adolf Hitler.

1963

**Congressman Mario Biaggi** has endowed a lectureship at New York Law School. The Mario Biaggi Lectureship was established in honor of Dean Emeritus Daniel Gutman, who encouraged the Congressman to attend the Law School while he worked as a police officer. The lecturer each year will be from the

(1963 continued)

**Richard LaPera** was elected to the Nassau County District Court.

1964

**Councilman Abe Gerges** spoke for the Mondale-Ferraro ticket against a Reagan-Bush Advocate at the Packer Collegiate Institute's Forum on Contemporary Issues held on October 3.

**Richard Lee Price**, Acting Justice, Supreme Court, Bronx County has been appointed Chair of the New York County Lawyers' Association's Special Committee on Law Related Education. Judge Price was a presenter at the New York State Bar Association's Law, Youth and Citizenship Conference at the Concord. His presentation of materials for elementary school children was a great success.

1965

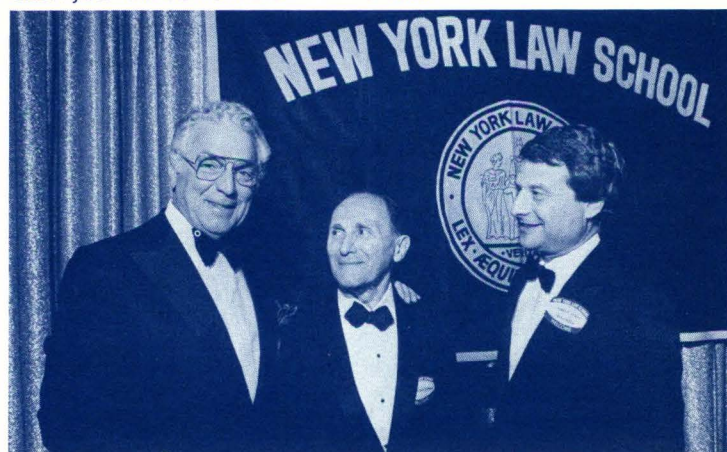
**Thomas D. Carver** has been named President of the Atlantic City Casino Hotel Association.

**Joseph Richard Guardino's** article "Top Heavy Pension and Profit Sharing Plans Post TEFRA" was published in the August issue of the *National Public Accountant*.

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legislative or executive branches of government.

Congressman Biaggi was re-elected to a ninth term in Washington, representing the 19th District which includes the Northeast Bronx and Southeast Yonkers. The Congressman overwhelmed his opponent, gaining 95% of the vote.



Congressman Mario Biaggi and Dean Simon flank Dean Emeritus Daniel Gutman.



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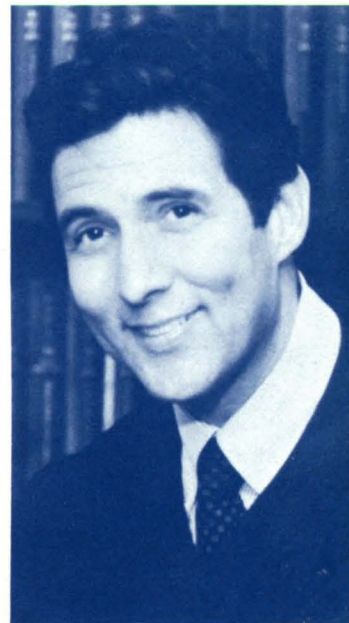
### About Judge Herbert J. Stern

Hon. Herbert J. Stern, United States District Judge for New Jersey, has built a national reputation as both a skilled trial lawyer and an expert teacher of trial techniques.

His reputation as an advocate was established when he tried significant cases against such notable attorneys as Edward Bennett Williams and Simon H. Rifkind. Formerly, he served as the United States Attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice and the New York County District Attorney's office.

A *New York Times* book review of Herbert Stern's *Judgement in Berlin* (Universe Books, 1984), a personal account of his experience with trying the case of three East Berliners accused of hijacking a Polish airliner to West Berlin, found the book to "present a revealing self-portrait of an intrepid Judge (Stern) facing extraordinary challenges."

Judge Stern has taught advocacy courses at Harvard, Yale, and Columbia Law Schools and for state bar associations in New York, New Jersey, Virginia, Wisconsin, Colorado, and California. He also serves as co-director of the University of Virginia Law School Trial Advocacy Institute.



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**Benjamin Civiletti,**  
Venable, Baetjer, Howard &  
Civiletti  
Former Attorney General of  
the United States

### NYLS Law Review will present a Symposium "Legal Education: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow".

**Friday, April 12**

*Moderated by Dean Simon, the symposium will address the significant and controversial issues facing the future of legal education and of the legal profession.*

*Panelists include legal scholars and administrators at the forefront of American Law Schools.*



## ... Class Action

**Vincent Nicolosi** was honored by the Lions Club of Bayside as its Distinguished Citizen of the Year for 1984.

**1967**

**Edith Balt** was one of the honorees at a Women Lawyers in Bergen County dinner.

**Daniel Vinnik** and Lee David Auerbach have formed the firm Vinnik and Auerbach with offices in White Plains.

**1968**

**Leona Beane**, Associate Professor at Baruch College spoke on the topic of "Operating the Corporation on a Day to Day Basis," on October 1 at the New York County Lawyers Association. She also spoke for the New York State Bar Association on a panel discussion on "Drafting Corporate Documents for the Closed Corporation" on October 12. Ms. Beane's book *The Essentials of Corporation Law* was published in 1984. A previous book written by the Professor, *The Essentials of Partnership Law* was recently cited as a major authority in a court decision involving a four million dollar medical malpractice partnership dispute heard before the Supreme Court, Queens County.

**1969**

**Donald Frank**, a former partner of Erdhein, Shalleck & Frank, and Herman Tarnow have formed the firm of Tarnow & Frank.

**1970**

1984 was a year of important transition for **Kenneth Zebrowski**, beginning with his taking office as a Rockland County Legislator and shortly followed by his election as the Vice Chairman of that body. In addition, upon his law partner, **Francis Nicolai's** election to a ten-year term as a Westchester County Court judge, their partnership under the name of Zebrowski and Nicolai was dissolved. Mr. Zebrowski continues the practices as the law office of Kenneth Zebrowski and has added a new associate attorney.

**Francis Apicella**, a former senior trial assistant with the Homocide Bureau of the Bronx

District Attorney's Office, has formed a law partnership under the firm name of Apicella, Bernstein and Milano. The firm is located at Lake Avenue in Tuckahoe, New York.

**1971**

**Stephen Gassman** was installed as treasurer of the Bar Association of Nassau County.

**1972**

**Joseph Charleman** has joined the firm of Rivera & Suarez. He was formerly the attorney in charge of the New York City Police Department pistol license hearing section.

**William R. Coleman**, formerly assistant corporation counsel, New York City Law Department and associate, Cullen and Dykman, is pleased to announce that he is now engaged in the practice of law with offices at Willow Street in Brooklyn, New York. His area of concentration is energy and real estate law.

**Audrey King** was a panelist in a symposium on "Woman in the Law Today," held at the NYLS on October 27. In addition to her consulting business, Ms. King is an adjunct professor at NYU where she teaches a course in management.

**Marvin Raskin** wrote an essay for the "Scarsdale Inquirer" based on his experiences in defense of Mrs. Hermania Albo (re the case of the Praca Day Care Center in the Bronx), which was published on November 29. Mr. Raskin is a former assistant district attorney in the Bronx, who is now in private practice with offices in Hartsdale and the Bronx.

**Hon. Carmen Cagnetta, Jr.** has been re-elected treasurer of the NYLS Alumni Association. Judge Cagnetta was appointed Judge of the New York City Family Court. Mr. Cagnetta had been Deputy Inspector General of the Fire Department. He was an Assistant District Attorney of Richmond County before joining the Fire Department in 1981. Family, friends, and NYCFD officials were on hand to witness the swearing-in of Mr. Cagnetta by Mayor Koch on August 1.

**1973**

**Linda Cassano** is one of three SEC administrative officers conducting proceedings regarding charges against the stock-brokerage company of Rooney Page and its president.

**Lorin Duckman**, a member of the Board of Directors of the NYLS Alumni Association has become a member of the law firm of Mordkofsky, Goldstein and Duckman. **Justin Levine '84** is associated with the firm. Mr. Duckman was moderator of a Practical Legal Education Panel sponsored by the Alumni Association on the topic of the "Future of the Supreme Court." Mr. Duckman also gave a presentation to members of the NYLS Trial Lawyers Association.

**William Kohlhepp, Jr.** has been named to the post of Municipal Court Judge, Hillsborough, N.J.

**I. Steven Krup** has resigned from the Immigration and Naturalization Service, United States Department of Justice, and has commenced private practice at Federal Building, Suite 120, Norfolk, Virginia 23510.

**Linda Nelson** announced the opening of new offices at 2315 Westwood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California; for the general practice of law and the transaction of business and real estate brokerage.

**1974**

**Patrick Alfieri** recently formed a new business (Lithographs Corporation-212-687-2676) specializing in design and production of litigation visual aids and demonstrative evidence.

**Lance Freed** was attorney for the plaintiff in an action that resulted in a \$6.9 million structured settlement. The action was brought on behalf of a teenage boy who was struck by a car while riding his bicycle on a Brooklyn sidewalk five years ago. Seventy-five percent liability was apportioned against the Phillip Morris Corp., the owner of one of the two cars that, after a street collision, jumped a curb and struck the then nine-year old boy.

**Steven Harris** married the former Ann Hawk of Miami, Florida. Mr. Harris is in private practice in Miami.

**George Heymann** has been appointed as chairperson of the Young Lawyers Committee of the Queens County Bar Association. Additionally, the officers and directors of the Brandeis Association have installed Mr. Heymann as the new president of the Association. Also he received the Distinguished Service Award, for his contributions to the Civil Trial Institute of St. John's University School of Law.

**Carol Kriesberg** was a panelist in an all day symposium on "Women in the Law Today," held by the Legal Association for Women of New York Law School on October 27.

**Joseph Leshen** has been sworn in to practice before the Pennsylvania Bar and has just passed the Florida Bar Exam.

**Stanley Rothstein** and his wife announce the birth of their son Zachary Adam, born on October 2. Mr. Rothstein is a trial attorney (enforcement) with the SEC.

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## Honoris Causa



(From left to right): Professor Otto Walter, Dean James Simon, Honorable Geraldine Ferraro, Professor Eugene Rostow and Judge A. Leon Higginbotham.

**Eugene V. Rostow—** Sterling Professor of Law and Public Affairs, Yale University Law School.

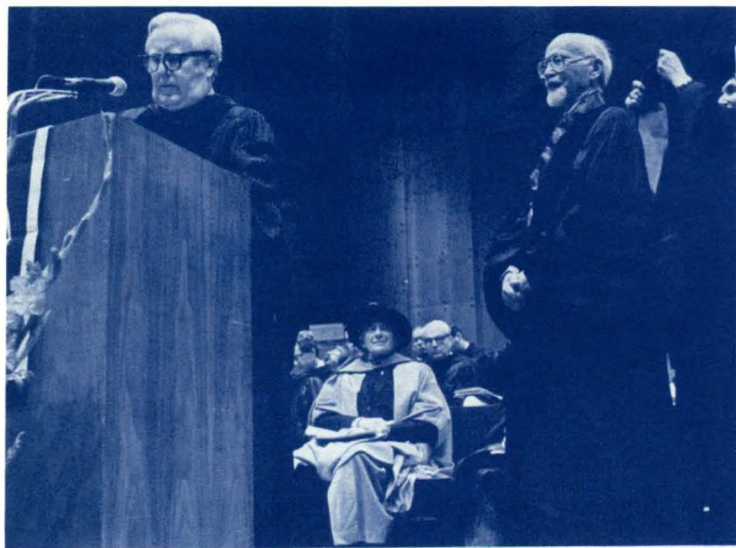
Professor Rostow's consummate skills as a statesman, scholar and legal educator coalesce to bridge academe and the global community. Whether as Dean and Professor at Yale Law School or director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, Professor Rostow has been dedicated to safeguarding individual creativity and dignity within a democratic and free society.

**Otto L. Walter '54—** Walter, Conston & Schurtman, NYLS Adjunct Professor.

Distinguished international lawyer and citizen of the world, Otto Walter emigrated to America from his native Germany and has served both countries with honor and distinction. A founding partner of the New York law firm of Walter, Conston & Schurtman, Otto Walter is supremely eminent in the fields of foreign and international tax law and generously shares his expertise with the students of New York Law School.



Geraldine Ferraro is hooded by Associate Dean Margaret Bearn. Vice Chairman Alexander Forger looks on.



Otto Walter '54 is hooded by Trustee Sylvia Garland '60 as Chairman John Thornton reads citation. Professor Rostow is at center.

**A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr.—** Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Esteemed Judge, renowned legal scholar and eloquent spokesman for social justice, the Honorable A. Leon Higginbotham is at once Solomonic jurist and champion of the oppressed. Throughout his distinguished and demanding career as a committed lawyer and dedicated public servant, his seminal contributions to scholarship reveal new insights in jurisprudential thought and social awareness.

**Geraldine A. Ferraro—** Former United States Congresswoman, first female Vice-Presidential candidate.

Elected to Congress in 1978, Geraldine Ferraro's reputation and influence in Congress flourished dramatically during her three terms in the House of Representatives. Geraldine Ferraro's exceptional political acumen and charismatic presence enabled her to become not only an exemplary representative of her constituents in the 9th Congressional district of New York, but placed her on center stage in the national political arena.



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Carmen E. Gutwirth  
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MEMORIAL AWARDS**  
*For the Highest Grade in the  
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Mitchell George Williams  
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(Evening Division)  
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(Mid-Year Division)

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*For Excellence in Commercial Law*  
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**JOSEPH SOLOMON AWARD**  
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*For Excellence in Subjects Relating to  
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**PROFESSOR ALBERT KALTER AWARD**  
*For Excellence in Tax Law*  
Alan Robert Birnbaum

**GABRIEL GALEF AWARD**  
*For Excellence in International Law*  
Michael Miller

**ERNST C. STIEFEL AWARD**  
*For Excellence in Comparative,  
Common and Civil Law*  
James Hall Giannino

**JOHN J. TORMEY AWARD**  
*For Excellence in Wills, Trusts  
and Future Interests*  
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*For Excellence in Wills and Decedents Estates*  
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(Evening Division)  
Laureen C. Reddington  
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**PROFESSOR ROBERT R. ROSENTHAL  
AWARD**  
*For Excellence in New York Practice*  
Selinda A. Melnik

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*For Distinguished Service to the Profession*  
Kathleen G. Dussault

**NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS**  
*Presented by Hon. Eli Wager '54  
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**DR. MAX REICH AWARD**  
*For Excellence in Civil Trial Advocacy*  
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**PROFESSOR VINCENT LO LORDO  
AWARD**  
*For Excellence in Administration of  
Criminal Justice*  
Ruthann E. Kelly Geary

**PROFESSOR IVAN SOUBBOTITCH  
AWARD**  
*For Excellence in Poverty Law and  
Civil Rights*  
Linda Ann Goldman  
Jacques Catafago

**NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL  
LAW REVIEW AWARD**  
*For Outstanding Editorial Contribution*  
Lynne Iwanowski Constantini

**PROFESSOR LUNG-CHU CHEN AWARD**  
*For Excellence in the Field of  
Human Rights*  
William Peairs Gottlieb

**NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL  
JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL AND  
COMPARATIVE LAW**  
*For Outstanding Editorial Contribution*  
Karen Ford Edler  
Anita Jean Zigman

### HUMAN RIGHTS AWARDS

*For Outstanding Editorial Contribution*  
**HUMAN RIGHTS** is the official publication of  
the American Bar Association Section on  
Individual Rights and Responsibilities edited by  
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Maurine Netchin Grossman  
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### NATIONAL TEAM MOOT COURT AWARDS

*For Serving with Distinction*  
Thomas Aquinas Carr  
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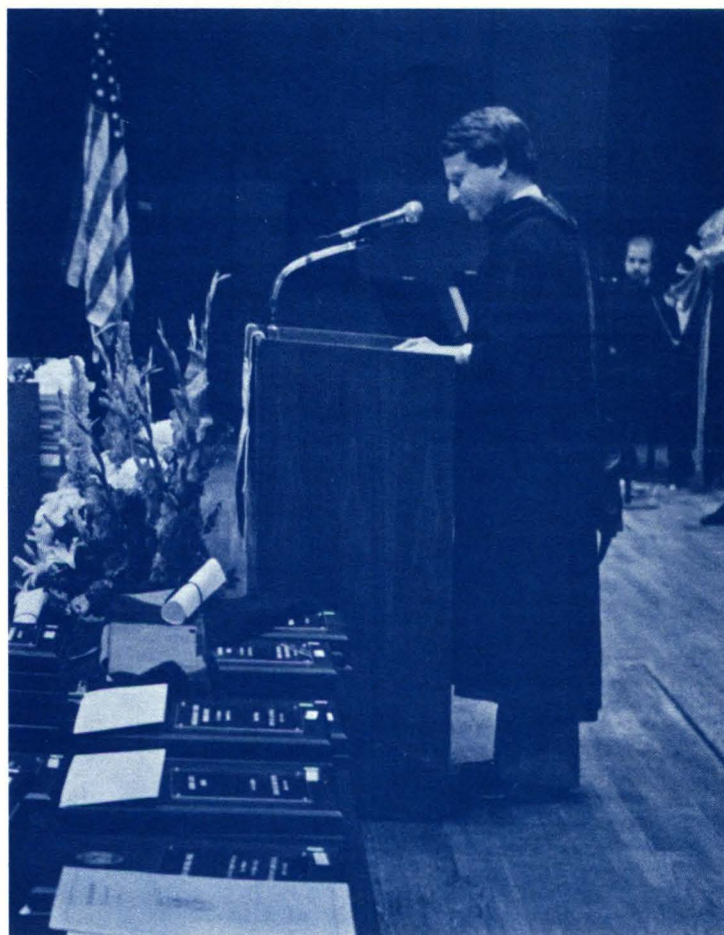
**FRANKLYN C. SETARO AWARD  
OF PHI DELTA PHI**  
*For School Spirit and Service*  
Thomas Aquinas Carr

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*In Recognition of Notable Services  
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**TO MEMBERS OF THE  
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# Commencement '84



*Kathleen Golden Dussault '84*

## "We Earned It"

While the honorary degree recipients are, for the time being the most accomplished alumni of the Class of 1984, the new graduates were unmistakably the show-stealers. A very special interlude was provided by Kathleen G. Dussault '84 whose rousing remarks, as she addressed her classmates, were both an occasion for laughter and for melancholy:

It is difficult to say who is the happiest today. It may be the faculty and administration because they no longer must answer our probing questions. Or it may be our families and friends because they no longer have to endure our anxiety attacks during final exams. But my vote goes to the graduates themselves because they have survived one of the most intense academic ordeals life has to offer—affectionately known as law school.

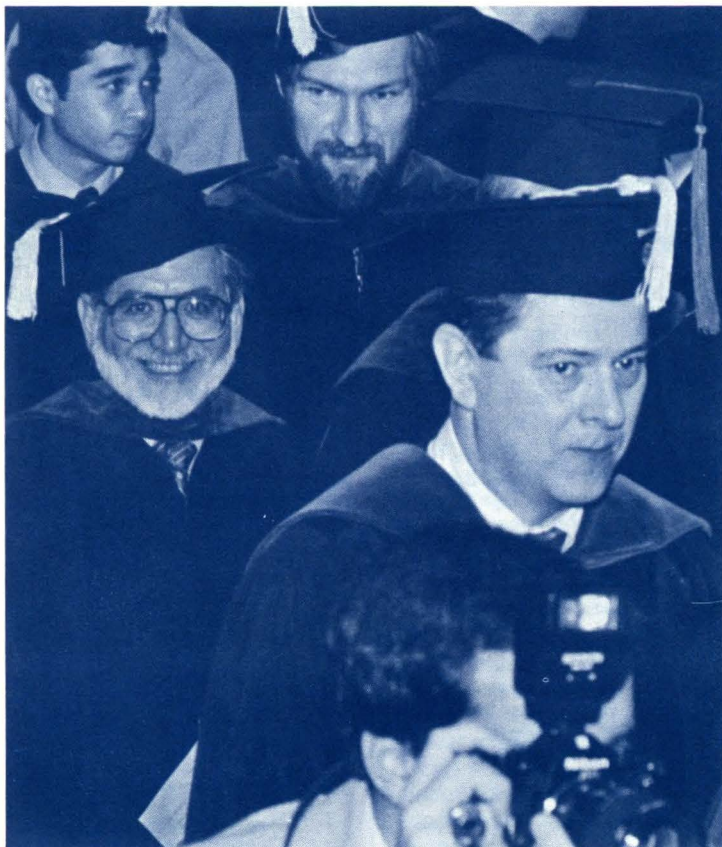
What has it meant to be a law student at NYLS? . . . The third year of Law School can be characterized as the year of the OUTLINE, because it was rare that a third-year student bought all their textbooks—or went to all their classes. We panicked about finding a job, took the MPRE and worried about the Bar Exam. We had class with Professor Silverman and learned that he is indeed a gent with style, verve and panache. We searched everywhere to find an Equity outline, but learned that "he who seeks equity, must do equity," including his own outline.

As the largest graduating class in the history of the Law School, there is much we can accomplish. We represent the future of the legal profession of this country. . .

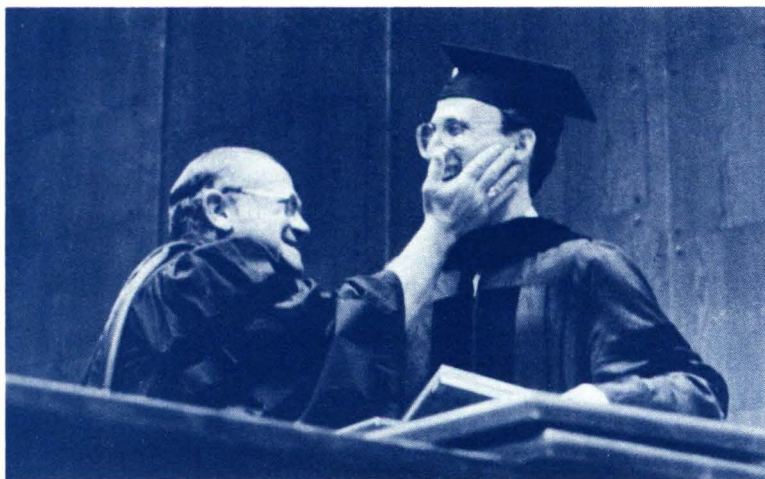
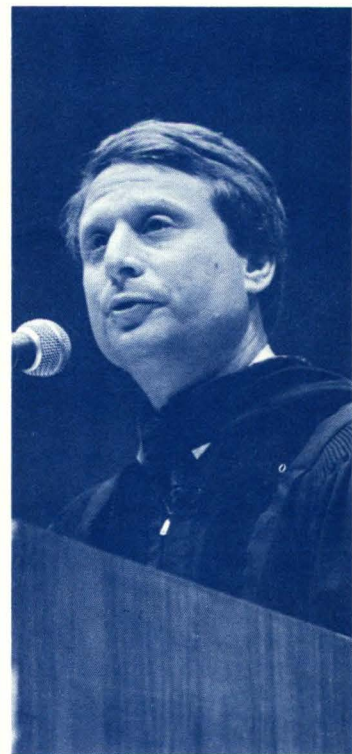
My fellow graduates, I wish you the best—because we have certainly earned it.



*Dr. Joseph Solomon '27 greets Professor Rostow*







*Trustee Eli Wager '54 congratulates his nephew Peter Schwartz '84.*

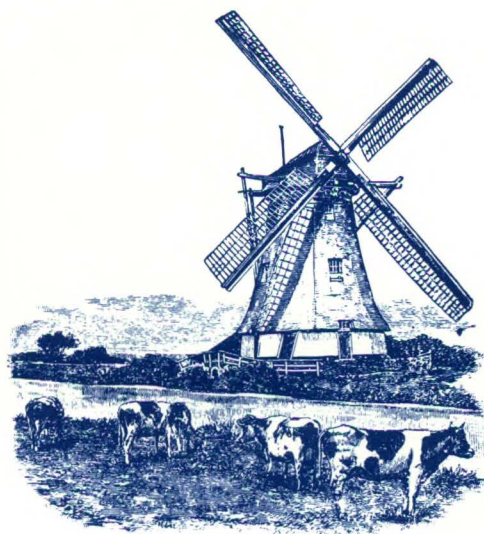
Having wished the graduates well and having cued the Recessional, Dean James Simon thanked Renee Grossman, Director of Alumni Affairs for overseeing a splendid and flawless Commencement. Consistent with the dramaturgical metaphor, Ms. Grossman was remarkably successful at "the fifth business"; working behind the scenes to ensure a grand finale.



# Commencement Address

## Don Quixote or Sancho Panza?

*The following remarks were excerpted from the address delivered by Eugene V. Rostow at the Commencement ceremonies of New York Law School on June 10, 1984. Receiving an honorary doctor of laws from the Law School, Professor Rostow, wearing the regal red cap of his Alma Mater, brought to mind the dashing figure of Miguel de Cervantes' Don Quixote after whose travails his speech was titled.*



by Eugene Rostow

I know of no law school which has inherited a more stirring past than yours. The legend of Theodore Dwight and the other founding fathers, who led their students into the wilderness because the Pharaohs of Columbia had embraced what they regarded as the Harvard heresy, is more than a colorful bit of parish history. It is an important moment in the chronicle of American legal education. It symbolizes the commitment of those devoted men to an abiding principle which has never been more critically needed than it is today; the conviction that law is crucial to the life of society, and that how it is studied, and therefore how lawyers conceive and carry out their duties, are causes for which serious men and women should fight and if necessary make great sacrifices. As Pitt once said, 'Where law ends, tyranny begins'. What is at stake in the endless struggle for a just system of law is the essence of our national dream, the dream of progress and liberty under law. It is not an easy struggle, in large battles and in small. To recall Churchill's remark, 'soldiers can only die once, but those who contend in the forum of public policy can die many times.' Sometimes, like Churchill himself, they have to be raised from the dead.

New York Law School has gone through the normal cycles of institutional life since it sprang fully armed from the brow of Columbia nearly a century ago. It has had periods of greatness, and periods of marking time. But it has taken the law seriously, as its founders did.

A strong young faculty is now in place, full of promise, ambition, and self-confidence. It has found itself as a collegiate body, a development indispensable to the fulfillment of its high aspirations for the future. Last June, the Faculty and the Board of Trustees paid me the compliment of inviting me to be Dean. I regret the stern orders of my doctors who decided six months later that the busy schedule of a Dean would be hazardous to my health. I shall always remain interested in the progress of the School, and grateful for its invitation.

But the Lord moves in mysterious ways His wonders to perform. For once, everything has turned out for the best after all in this best of all possible worlds. Dean Simon is a brilliant young scholar, whose books have already earned him a major place in the literature about the Supreme Court. And he is a teacher whose classes are a searching dialogue among equals, not a paper chase in the old fashioned autocratic style. He carried out the difficult role of Dean Pro Tem with magnanimity and grace. And the Law School community came to realize that he is not simply a good administrator but its natural leader at this stage of its history, ready to direct a fresh effort to fulfill the mission for the School proclaimed by its early Deans.

How should that mission be restated, in this period of explosive disagreement about every aspect of the law?

We live at a moment when the nay-sayers about our law and our law schools seem to be more numerous and more vociferous than ever. Jack Cade's view is always popular, at least until Jack Cade is arrested and put on trial for his life. Then he loses interest in hanging the lawyers. On the contrary, he wants to retain the best lawyer he can find to defend him.

But the law has other enemies than the simple minded followers of Jack Cade.

First, I should mention the true descendants of Sancho Panza, the lawyers who think of law as a business in the primitive sense, and act accordingly. I hope you will not follow their example. In making this point, I intend not disrespect for business, which as Brandeis wrote should also be a profession, and often is, but only that maximizing profits should not be the dominant policy goal of our work. Adam Smith's "unseen hand" is a wondrous social force, and I have spent a large part of my life praising it. But it is not a cure-all. Of course you will know many lawyers who care about nothing but money, or power, or climbing the greasy pole all the way to the top. And of course you will know crooks, too, and shysters, and other rascals, colorful or merely sordid as the case may be, and a good many incompetents as well. They are fewer than they used to be in the bad old days of the Robber Barons and Boss Tweed. But there are too many nonetheless. Treat them as they deserve.

But there is a second factor in the present uproar about the profession and the law schools which is entirely different in character, and much more troublesome: a recurrence of what can only be called nihilism in the strictest sense of that word. The revival of nihilism is decked out in the stylish apparel of the avant-garde, and it has established itself in some important places. Its dogmas attract followers from what we popularly call both the extreme right and the extreme left of the political spectrum.

Some of its sects claim Marx and Lenin as their prophets, or Edmund Burke, or Hayek, or even the Ayatollah Khomeini. Their leaders tell us that they are true children of the revolution—the ultimate nowadays in radical chic. Their call appeals to the romantic strain in our tradition. But the reality is far different. When the manifestoes of these revolutionary creeds are examined, they dissolve into miasma.

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# Commencement Address

As applied to the law, which is a citadel the revolutionaries know they must storm, their proclamations are not coherent and disciplined attempts to evaluate the law in the perspective of Marx, or Hayek, or any other philosopher's system. On the contrary, what the new generation of rebels is advocating turns out on analysis to be the ancient doctrine of destruction for its own sake. Burn down the temple of evil, they cry, and then we shall decide what better temple to erect in its place. We are all sometimes frustrated by the shortcomings of reason as a method for guiding the affairs of a world which is so often irrational. The reaction of the nihilists is on another plane. They reject reason altogether, and embrace irrationality in its most destructive form; the millenary doctrine of aggression. I believe that this is what you will find if you try seriously to read the gospels of the movement which calls itself "critical legal studies" and of comparable movements in philosophy, political science, and other social studies.

I find the title "critical legal studies" an arrogant exercise in semantics. All legal scholarship and all law teaching should be "critical" in the only possible philosophical sense of that term—critical in questioning premises; critical in examining evidence; and critical in fitting the evidence to all the possible hypotheses which can be advanced to explain the evidence, whether those hypotheses are fashionable or unfashionable, conventional or radical. In my view, the main object of legal education is to train lawyers who will have enough acuity to notice that the Emperor is naked, and enough moral courage to say so, in public. By that standard, the "critical legal studies" movement is not critical at all.

But the revival of nihilism is much more than the revival of defective philosophical theories. It is a true movement of revolt against the moral code of the United States and the other Western democracies. Earlier radical movements sought to reform American society by insisting that the law live up to its own promises. That is the essence of the measures our society has taken in recent years:



to stabilize employment, establish the welfare state, and fulfill the principles of equality reaffirmed by the post Civil War Amendments, and which we are in the process of achieving as a result of two generations of magnificent work by the courts, the Congress, and the people. It is the essence as well of the changes which have occurred in our foreign policy, where the United States has begun for the first time to take responsibility for its own security as an active participant in world politics. The new nihilists are not trying to perfect and improve the benign social and political revolution our constitutional system has achieved since 1932, to correct its errors, and to protect it against excesses. In the realm both of foreign and domestic policy, they are trying to destroy it root and branch.

This is hardly a time for despair about the future of western civilization, and of the culture and government of the United States, nor is it a time for despair about the future of our law and law schools, which have been in the vanguard of all that has been achieved during one of the most creative half-centuries of our life as people. It is a time of exhilarating challenge, calling for fresh thought and fresh solutions.

Many of the systems we have developed since the early thirties are creaking with arthritis or even more serious ailments. It will take ruthless and fundamental thought and courageous political leadership to solve the problems of inflation, or peace, and of crime, prisons, and the administration of justice, to name a few. These challenges demand our attention at every level of our work—in villages and towns, in the big cities, and in Washington. To meet those challenges will take lawyers trained at the highest and most demanding theoretical level—not apprentices taught by rote, and incapable of viewing the law as a system. What is in short supply now, and will be in short supply for years to come, are lawyers and law teachers who can recognize and perform their first duty—in Holmes' words, the

duty to weigh the considerations of social advantage which lie behind every legal rule and policy.

Members of the graduating class, I congratulate you on your achievements, and wish you well in our profession. I hope you have absorbed here a conviction—a touch of legal philosophy, if you will—that will turn out to be the best possible compass for your professional lives: the conviction, namely, that the business of the law is justice—the ideal of justice towards which our culture strives; and that your highest satisfaction as a lawyer in great cases and in small will be to help bring the law that is, the living law, the law at the end of a policeman's stick, closer to the aspirations for law which are imminent in our culture. As you struggle with the intricate procedures of the law, even of the Internal Revenue Code, it is easy to forget that the goal of these procedures is to fulfill social policies and to make great principles live. But it is so. That is what makes the career of law satisfying to those who follow the glorious example of Don Quixote. Reserve a place in your dreams for Don Quixote. You will never regret it. And you will never go astray.



## ... Class Action

1975

**Matthew Dyer** and his wife Nancy McBride Dyer are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Jonathan McBride Dyer, in Portland, Maine on May 21. Mr. Dyer has opened his own office for the general practice of law in Augusta, after having been Assistant Attorney General for the State of Maine since 1979.

**Alan Ehrlich** has become a member of the firm of Levy & Ehrlich, P.C., in Newark, New Jersey.

**Richard Wall** has been elected a senior vice president of National Westminster Bank USA.

1976

**Robin Goold** has joined Paramount Pictures where he will be coordinating the copyright protection of Paramount's intellectual property throughout the world.

**Steven Kleinman** has been appointed to the position of Senior Vice President, Marketing, National Benefit Life Insurance Company.

**Jerome Kowalski**, partner in the law firm of Finley, Kumble, Wagner, Heine, Underberg, Manley & Casey and a member of the firm's Hiring Committee, participated in an Interview Panel at NYLS on September 12.

**Anthony LaBella, Jr.** has been appointed an Administrative Law Judge for New York's Taxi and Limousine Commission

**Matthew Mari** has been named Chairman of the New York County Lawyers Association Committee on Penal and Correctional Reform. Mr. Mari was also recently appointed to the Association's Special Committee on Criminal Justice Legislation as well as to the New York Criminal Bar Association's Committees on Legislation and the Judiciary.

**Mark Offen** has become a member of the firm of Parker Chapin Flattau & Klimpl.

1977

**Dan O. Henry**, La Jolla, California has just organized the Planned Giving Roundtable of San Diego for some 50 fund raisers. Mr. Henry is currently chairman of the Planned Giving Committees for the University of San Diego and for the Boy Scout Council of San Diego County.

**Ilana Horowitz**, attorney at law, is pleased to announce the relocation of her office to: 310 Chagrin Plaza East, 23811 Chagrin Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio 44122.

**Leonard Kiczek** has been installed as the president for the Bayonne Rotary Club.



**Judith Reichler** has been appointed by Governor Cuomo to direct the newly created New York State Commission on Child Support. Ms. Reichler is the former director of litigation for Mid-Hudson Legal Services, Inc., which has its main office in Poughkeepsie. She is also president of the Mid-Hudson Women's Bar Association and a member of the board of directors of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York and the New York Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

**Bruce Torino** announces the relocation of his law firm to 100 Herricks Road, Mineola, New York.

1978

**Stephen G. Eisenberg** is the author of an article entitled "Policy Considerations of Unemployment Insurance to Strikers," which was published in the July, 1984, *New York State Bar Journal*.

**Susan Erda** was a panelist in a day-long symposium on "Women in the Law Today," held by the Legal Association for Women at New York Law School.

**Richard Koral** is now associated with the law firm of Levin & Weintraub & Cramos of Manhattan.

**Ruth Lipton** and **Lucille Rosenstock** are continuing the practice of law under the firm name of Lipton and Rosenstock at Blauvelt, New York, with Stanley B. Michelman, P.C. as consultant specializing in private placement adoption.

**Rita Stein**, attorney at law, is Instructor of Business Law at New York Institute of Technology. She has been appointed chairperson of the Lawyers Referral Service for the Nassau County Bar Association and, in that capacity, has been speaking on radio and TV. She has also lectured at and chaired seminars presented by the Nassau County Academy of Law for its members. Property Rights in Divorce, Automobile Accidents and Buying or Selling a Home; were three of the topics touched on in the recent newsletter, "Reports On The Law," produced by Ms. Stein and Cora Glasser.

**Scott A. Weiner** has recently resigned as the executive director of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, in order to assume the post of executive assistant to U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey.

**Sharon Wirkus** has joined the legal department of Cyclops Corporation, a diversified Fortune 500 corporation, headquartered in Pittsburgh.

1979

**Katherine M. Burns** has been elected first vice president of the Metropolitan Women's Bar Association.

**Dennis Cavanaugh** has been practicing law in Washington, DC since the end of 1982. His practice involves public and private international law, in particular, international trade regulations. Under the sponsorship of the German-American Lawyers Association of which he is a member. He gave a series of lectures in Germany last November on Patent and Trademark Infringement Actions before the U.S. International Trade Commission.

**Susan Cohen DeStefano**

appeared as Popagena in the Opera Stage Production of The Magic Flute in September. She will make her solo recital debut in the Spring of 1985. Ms. DeStefano is an attorney with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

**Jamie Fishman's** color photograph exhibit, "Prints of the City," opened at Modernage Gallery on December 7.

**Francis Spilke Kaplan** has been installed as secretary of the Brooklyn Council of Women Lawyers.

**Carolyn Spiro and Greg Cannata '77** are the proud parents of Alison Beth, born March 4, 1982. At the time we went to press, Carolyn and Greg were expecting their second child in December. Mr. Cannata is an associate with Schneider, Kleinick & Weitz of New York City, and Ms. Carolyn Spiro is in private practice.

**Jonah Triebwasser** has been named Supreme Court reporter for the *Law Enforcement News*, a bi-weekly national newspaper.

1980

**Bruce Colfin** is president of Legalvision, Inc., where he is also producer and director of a unique educational videotape series. Mr. Colfin is also associate producer of "Blues Alive" released by RCA Videodisc.

**Dean Cycon** now lives on Cape Cod after two years with LeBoeuf, Lamb Leiby and MacRae of New York. His private practice is in maritime and environmental law. He has been representing treasure hunters and archaeologists in undersea explorations and has worked with Indian tribes in the U.S. and Canada. Mr. Cycon was recently elected Chairman of Cape Cod Coastal Zone Management Advisory Committee. He is currently a Research Fellow at the Marine Policy and Ocean Management Center.

**Kathleen Grimm** received an LL.M. (Tax) from New York University, May 1984.

**Raymond Pilch** has been promoted to managing attorney of the Rockland County, New York office of Jacoby and Meyers.



**Charles Radcliffe** and his wife **Sarah Jeffords '81**, proudly announce the birth of their son, Samuel, on November 21. Mr. Radcliffe has been promoted to vice president at Dean Whittier Reynolds, Inc., in the Corporate Finance Department, where he specializes in health care companies.

**1981**  
**Justine Clark** has been named assistant vice president of Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company.

**Edward Lopez** is pleased to announce the opening of the law offices of J. Edward Cardoso & Edward Lopez, located at 64-16 Roosevelt Avenue.

**Ellen Mandelbaum** is pleased to announce that she has formed a partnership for the practice of law with Phyllis J. Kessler in Manhattan under the firm name of Kessler and Mandelbaum.

**Maria Melchiori** has been installed as vice president of the Tri County Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, covering the counties of Orange, Ulster and Sullivan. She is associated with the Commercial Department at Rider, Drake, Sommers & Loeb, P.C. in Newburgh, New York.

**Lisa Savitt** is back in New York working as an associate in aviation law with the firm of Bigham, Englar, Jones and Houston.

**1982**  
**David Cohen's** review of Kenneth Dam's *Rules of the Game* was published in *Law Books in Review* XI, 1984.

**Donna Ferrara** will be joining the Legal Department of the Home Insurance Company in New York City.

**Steven Hornstein and Mary Libassi** happily announce their engagement.

**Richard K. Lewis** has opened his own law office where he will concentrate in the area of uncontested divorces. A three-page article concerning Mr. Lewis' practice appeared in August 6, 1984 edition of the *National Law Journal*.

**1983**  
**Iris Altchek** is pleased to announce the opening of her office for the practice of law at North Main Street, New City, New York.

**Edward Christensen** is clerk for Judge Boris Radoyevich in the Second Circuit Court.

**D. Scott Conchar** is married to Ferebe Bunker Watson.

**Claire Zimmerman Durst** has been appointed law clerk to Chief Judge Constance Baker Motley of the Southern District Court.

**Arthur Helfman** announces the opening of his office for the general practice of law in Manhattan. Apprentice journeyman, foreman and shop steward of Local 3 IBEW, he has offered free legal consultation to members of Local 3.

**Elizabeth Joslin** married Douglas Orr Logan, an editor of nautical books for Dodd, Mead and Company in New York.

**Simon Kogan** announced the opening of his office for the general practice of law at Wall Street in Manhattan.

**Sabrina Kogel** has been selected as a law clerk for the Honorable Serene M. Peretti, United States Magistrate, District of New Jersey.

**Carole Orzio Schryber** has accepted a position as an associate with the law firm of Carlin & Newton '73, located in Manhattan. The firm's practice emphasizes matrimonial litigation, personal injury and medical malpractice.

**Lawrence Sheehan** has been appointed to the staff of Bronx District Attorney Mario Merola's office.

**1984**  
**Ernest Burstein** was appointed to the position of assistant corporation counsel of the City of New York.

**John Cox** is assistant corporation counsel with the City of New York.

**Meryl Dewey** is a law clerk with the Division of Investment Management, Securities and

Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C.

**Karen Ford Edler** is law clerk for the Honorable Robert Hamer, Superior Court Judge, Bergen County, New Jersey.

**John Finnegan** was appointed as an assistant on the staff of District Attorney Robert Morgenthau.

**Brian Foley** is associated with the firm of Wilson, Elser, Edelman & Diller of New York City.

**Ruth Ann Geary**, Assistant District Attorney, Nassau County, presented a discussion for NYLS students on the best way to prepare for the district attorney interview.

**Paul Giappone** has been appointed as an assistant on the staff of Bronx District Attorney Mario Merola.

**Elizabeth Greenfield** is associated with Julien & Schlesinger of New York City.

**Eric Kaminoff** has been appointed as an assistant on the staff of Bronx District Attorney Mario Merola.

**Eric Kaplan** is in partnership under the firm name of Kaplan & Kaplan. The firm, located in Marlboro, New Jersey, is engaged in income tax and estate planning.

**Denise Lanchantin** has been appointed as assistant on the staff of Kings County District Attorney Elizabeth Holtzman.

**Thomas Leonard** has been appointed as an assistant on the staff of Bronx District Attorney Mario Merola.

**Elizabeth Lesser** has been appointed as an assistant on the staff of Kings County District Attorney Elizabeth Holtzman.

**Justin Levine** is associated with the firm of Mordofsky, Goldstein and Duckman '73.

**Andrew Lupu** married Susan Picker on August 12. He is an associate in the New York City law firm of Dunn and Zucker-man, P.C.

**Jose Antonio Muniz** married Jeanne French Cameron. Mr.

Muniz is with the firm of Mel Sachs in New York City.

**Donna Gareri Nebel** and her husband, Rick, became parents of a baby girl, Christina, on June 24.

**Elvin Nimrod** spoke on domestic sponsorships at an immigration seminar sponsored by the New York Regional Chapter of the Caribbean Action Lobby and the Mid-Brooklyn Health Association.

**Sylvia Ospina** is attending graduate school at the Institute of Air and Space Law, McGill University, Montreal.

**Marvin Pope** has been appointed as assistant on the staff of Kings County District Attorney Elizabeth Holtzman.

**James Sandnes** has been appointed as clerk to Judge Mary Johnson Lowe of the Southern District Court.

**Vincent Scala** has been appointed as an assistant on the staff of Bronx County District Attorney Mario Merola.

**Rudy Velez** has been appointed as an assistant on the staff of Bronx County District Attorney Mario Merola.

**Eugene Ward** is assistant general counsel, News World Communications, Inc.

**Marc Whiten** has been appointed as an assistant on the staff of Bronx District Attorney Mario Merola.

**Betty J. Williams** has been awarded the Abraham Markhoff Prize for the best paper in the area of worker's compensation by the New York State Worker's Compensation Bar Association.

**Jeffrey Wilson** has been promoted to assistant vice president-corporate division. He and his wife Cyrile had a son, David Jonathan, on March 28.

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## New York Law School Honors Supreme Court Justice Blackmun



(From left to right): Justice Harry Blackmun, Professor Wade McCree, Jr. (former U.S. Solicitor General and NYLS honorary degree recipient), Justice William Brennan and Dean James Simon.

Fellow Supreme Court Justices William Brennan and William Rehnquist joined Dean James Simon, Law School Faculty and students and other members of the legal community to honor Justice Harry Blackmun and Mrs. Blackmun at a reception hosted by Dean James Simon on January 5, at the Washington Hilton Hotel in conjunction with the School's participation in the American Association of Law School's Annual Meeting. Upon introducing the Associate Justice, Dean Simon said that a "Blackmun opinion characteristically reveals a tension between government integrity and individual rights. His opinions reflect the man; loyal to his country and its institutions, caring and sensitive to the needs of its individual citizens."