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New York Law School faculty are dedicated educators and renowned experts in their respective fields. Their scholarship and professional achievements advance the rule of law and legal educational excellence in New York, across the nation, and around the world. These items represent a sample of the activities of NYLS's full-time faculty.

Appointments, Awards, and Recognition

Associate Dean for Upper Level Writing **Heidi K. Brown** was appointed to the International Bar Association's International Advisory Board on Well-Being in Legal Education.

Dean and President **Anthony W. Crowell** has been named to *City & State New York's* 2024 "Trailblazers in Higher Education" list and to the 2024 "Above and Beyond: Pride" list.

Professor from Practice **Shahrokh Falati '08** has joined the Transactions Committee of the AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education.

With New York Law School named a new co-host for the *Journal of Legal Education* (JLE) published by the Association of American Law Schools (AALS), Dean of Faculty and the Rita and Joseph Solomon Professor of Wills, Trusts, and Estates **William P. LaPiana** and Wallace Stevens Professor **Kris Franklin** will lead the School's editorial team.

Associate Professor **Molly Guptill Manning** was invited to be a Writer-In-Residence at the historic Ernest and Mary Hemingway House in Ketchum, Idaho.

Joseph Solomon Distinguished Professor **Rebecca Roiphe** was appointed to the NYC Mayor's Advisory Committee on the Judiciary. She was also named a 2024 Trailblazer in Law by *City & State New York*.

Professor **Andrew Scherer** was presented a Tenant Power Award by the Right to Counsel NYC Coalition for his leadership and dedication to fighting for the Right to Counsel in New York City and beyond.

Books and Book Chapters

Ernst C. Stiefel Professor of Comparative Law **Ruti G. Teitel** co-authored "Transitional Justice and Human Rights," a chapter in *The Cambridge History of Latin American Law in Global Perspective* (Cambridge University Press 2024)

Associate Professor **Britney Wilson** was interviewed for "Hierarchies of Bodies and Mind: Disability and Race," a chapter in *Be A Revolution: How Everyday People Are Fighting Oppression and Changing the World—and How You Can, Too* (HarperOne 2024), and her commentary leads the chapter subsection "What Is Disability in Communities of Color?"

Law Review Articles and Publications

Wallace Stevens Professor **Kris Franklin** co-authored "Attentive Reading: A South African Example of Law in Context" in *Rutgers Journal of Law & Public Policy*.

Trustee Professor of Law **Gerald Korngold** authored "Repealing Single-Family Zoning is Not Enough: A Proposal For Removing Existing Parallel Private Covenants For Violating Public Policy" in the *Missouri Law Review*.

Dean of Faculty and the Rita and Joseph Solomon Professor of Wills, Trusts, and Estates **William P. LaPiana** authored "The Future of Wills in New York" in the *New York Law Journal*.

Professor **Richard D. Marsico** authored "A New Hope: Perez v. Sturgis Public Schools Opens the Courthouse Doors to Children with Disabilities" in the *Belmont Law Review*.

Professor of Law from Practice **Michael Pastor** authored "How Artificial Intelligence Can Be Properly Used by In-House Counsel" in the *New York Law Journal*.

Joseph Solomon Distinguished Professor **Rebecca Roiphe** authored "I Was an Attorney at the D.A.'s Office. This Is What the Trump Case Is Really About." in *The New York Times*.

Associate Professor **Britney Wilson** authored "Predisposed: Race, Disability, and Death Investigations," forthcoming in the *UCLA Law Review*.

News and Media

Professor **Kirk D. Burkhalter '04** appeared on local and national news outlets, including CBS, Fox, the *Texas Tribune*, and the *Washington Post* to discuss breaking news on policing, gun violence, and legal issues. He provided his expertise on topics including the recent grand jury investigating the police response to the Robb Elementary School shooting in Uvalde, Texas, and the trial charging the parents of the Oxford High School shooter in Michigan.

Professor **Anna G. Cominsky '05** was a featured expert on national and international news organizations, including BBC News, PBS, the CBC News Network Canada, *Mainichi*, one of Japan's largest newspapers, *Wall Street Journal*, and the *Washington Post*. She gave legal analysis and context on a number of breaking news topics such as updates on the New York trial against former President Trump.

As a CBS News legal analyst, Joseph Solomon Distinguished Professor **Rebecca Roiphe** regularly appeared on national television to analyze breaking legal and political news, including updates on the cases against former President Trump, the ethics hearing against District Attorney Fani Willis, and the corruption case against U.S. Senator Robert Menendez. She is a widely sought-after legal expert for her scholarship in criminal law, ethics, and legal history in addition to her experience as a former Manhattan prosecutor, and she has also been featured on and quoted by numerous other national outlets, including MSNBC, the *New York Times*, and *Wall Street Journal*.

Presentations

John Marshall Harlan II Professor **Penelope Andrews** was a panelist, along with Nobel Peace Laureate Malala Yousafzai and other advocates, on "A High-Level Panel Discussion on Gender Apartheid in Afghanistan."

Professor **Alan I. Appel '76** moderated a panel entitled "Shaken, Not Stirred: The Role of Agency in U.S. International Taxation" as part of the American Bar Association's Section of Taxation's May Tax Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Distinguished Chair in Immigration and Human Rights Law **Lenni B. Benson** was a guest lecturer at Barnard College, and she presented on a forthcoming paper about reforming immigration law at a Temple Law School conference.

Assistant Professor **Claudine Caracciolo** presented on the importance of teaching law school students practical skills through simulations at the 2024 Empire State Legal Writing Conference, hosted by Fordham Law School.

Professor **Anna G. Cominsky '05** presented at the New Jersey Association for Justice's Boardwalk Seminar 2024 during a panel titled: "Ethics and Professionalism for Criminal Attorneys." She also presented at The Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Conference on Clinical Legal Education during a session titled: "Navigating the Digital Frontier: AI in Law School Criminal Defense Clinics."

Dean and President **Anthony W. Crowell** delivered remarks at "Digital Spaces, Diverse Faces: Strengthening LGBTQ+

Communities and Mental Health in a Connected Age," organized by *City & State* and held at NYLS.

Wallace Stevens Professor of Law **Kris Franklin** and Distinguished Adjunct Professor of Law **Peter Phillips '87** were featured speakers at the 32nd World Forum of Mediation Centres in London, presenting on modern legal education and trends in training future problem-solvers.

Dean of Faculty and the Rita and Joseph Solomon Professor of Wills, Trusts, and Estates **William P. LaPiana** was the featured speaker at the May meeting of the Surrogate's Court Committee of the Nassau County Bar Association, where he discussed enacted and proposed New York legislation regarding trusts and estates.

Professor **Richard D. Marsico** presented on his paper, "Looking for FAPE in all the Wrong Places: The Ballad of Rowley and Endrew F." at the Oxford Education Research Symposium in England, and he hosted the "School Law Update" panel at PLI's 24th Annual School Law Institute.

Associate Professor **Justin Murray** was a panelist, discussing prosecutorial misconduct, wrongful convictions, and internal conviction integrity units at the NYU Zimroth Center's annual conference.

Joseph Solomon Distinguished Professor **Rebecca Roiphe** spoke on a panel entitled "Lawyers Duties to Constitutional Governance" at the annual conference for the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) in Washington D.C. She also spoke on a panel about U.S. Supreme Court ethics controversies, the role of bar discipline in the aftermath of the Trump presidency, and the risks and benefits of using courts to address unlawful conduct by political figures at the *Cardozo Law Review's* 2024 Symposium.

Professor **Andrew Scherer** presented on his forthcoming article for the *Fordham Urban Law Journal*, "The Abolitionist Movement for Civil Access to Justice," at the Law Journal's recent symposium.

As a member of the NYSBA Committee on Attorney Well-Being and Subcommittee on Law Education and Early Engagement, Dean for Advocacy and Co-Curricular Programs **Lynn Boepple Su** helped plan, and presented at, the Well-Being in Law School: Leadership Symposium, which brought together New York State law school leaders to discuss strategies and initiatives promoting student wellness. She also presented on mindfulness principles and lawyering at a grand jury training program for assistant district attorneys at the Manhattan District Attorney's Office.

At the 118th American Society of International Law (ASIL) Conference in Washington D.C., Ernst C. Stiefel Professor of Comparative Law **Ruti G. Teitel** was the keynote speaker for a program entitled "Is Transitional Justice Possible in the Midst of War?"

Assistant Professor **Elizabeth Valentin** was a featured speaker at the Philanthropic Planning Group of Greater New York's annual Planned Giving Day, presenting on New York Mental Hygiene Law Article 81 Adult Guardianships.

Assistant Professor **Amy Wallace** facilitated the Republic of Georgia's first Georgian Street Law Academy, enabling law schools across the region to share their experiences implementing public legal education clinics and collaborate on future projects.