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## **RICHARD MATASAR NAMED DEAN AT NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE JULY 2000**

Richard A. Matasar will become the 15th Dean of New York Law School, it has been announced by Arthur N. Abbey, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Matasar, the Levin, Mabie and Levin Professor of Law at the University of Florida Levin College of Law, served as the dean at Florida's oldest public law school (1996-99) and was also Dean of the Chicago-Kent College of Law (1991-96). He will succeed Harry H. Wellington as President and Dean of NYLS, effective July 1, 2000. Dean Wellington will step down as Dean but will retain his post as professor of law.

"Mr. Matasar will bring his far-ranging legal, academic and management abilities to this institution as we embark on new ventures for the future," said Mr. Abbey, an alumnus of New York Law School and senior partner of the NYC-based law firm, Abbey, Gardy & Squitieri "He follows the dynamic tenure of Harry Wellington who has enhanced the academic reputation of New York Law School. This is an exciting era for our school: The faculty is strong, our student body diverse, and the curriculum as relevant and comprehensive as it has ever been."

Mr. Matasar was attracted to New York Law School, one of the nation's oldest independent law schools, for a variety of reasons:

"Since 1891, New York Law School has dedicated itself to excellence in legal education. Its outstanding graduates, dedicated faculty, and energetic students are committed to improving our profession, searching for justice, and moving legal knowledge forward."

A nationally recognized scholar in civil procedure and federal jurisdiction, Mr. Matasar served as the University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law's ninth Dean. During his tenure at one of the ten largest law schools in the nation, he created and implemented the school's first comprehensive strategic plan.

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## **World AIDS Day remembered at NYLS**

When members of New York Law School's community enter the Shepard and Ruth K. Broad Student Center on Wed, Dec. 1, the usual colorful and intriguing art work will be noticeably absent. New York Law School's Civil Liberties Union members will have covered the current "Abstract by Nature" exhibit in recognition of "Day Without Art—World AIDS Day." The event commemorates how the loss of artists has affected the performing and visual arts and society.

Every day, over 16,000 people become newly infected with HIV worldwide. Thus, in support of World AIDS Day, the NYLS CLU will provide red ribbons, staff an AIDS information table, and sell \$1 "condom grams" to raise funds for the Gay Men's Health Crisis. Donations will also be accepted. Stop by the table for valuable AIDS information.

For further information, contact Mickey Ronan in the evening at 212- 925-1849, or via e-mail at [slickmik29@hotmail.com](mailto:slickmik29@hotmail.com).

## **Exam workshop on video**

A videotape of Prof. Elaine Mills recent exam skills workshop is available at the reference desk of the Mendik Library for overnight loan. The session covers outlining, studying, memorizing, and using good exam strategies, including time management. Special attention is given to careful reading of exam questions and organizing good analysis. Copies of the workshop materials, including the PowerPoint outline, are also available with the tape or separately.

## **Benno C. Schmidt, Jr. to speak**

The CityLaw Breakfast on Fri, Dec. 3 will feature Benno C. Schmidt, Jr, chairman, the Edison Project and vice chair, CUNY Board of Trustees, discussing "The Education Systems of New York City." The breakfast will be held from 8:15 to 9:30 am, Ernst Stiefel Reading Room.

The program is free, but reservations are required. Call 431-2115 or e-mail at [nycitylaw@nyls.edu](mailto:nycitylaw@nyls.edu).

**FROM THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR**

For more information on the following, visit the  
Office of the Registrar (2nd floor A Building) or call 431-2300.

**Grade posting and exam schedule information available on hotline and Intranet****FINAL EXAM NUMBERS**

Final exam numbers will be available in the Registrar's Office, Wed., Dec. 1, during regular office hours (Mon.-Thurs., 9 am-6:15 pm; Fri., 9 am-5 pm).

**REGISTRAR'S OFFICE EXAM PERIOD HOURS**

The Registrar's Office will open at 8:30 am daily during the exam period, Dec. 13-23.

**REGISTRAR'S HOTLINE**

Call the Registrar's Hotline (431-2301) for grade postings and exam schedules. For grade postings, press 6; for exam schedules press 7. The Hotline will indicate by 2 pm which grades will be posted at 4 pm daily. As new grades are posted, grades from the previous day are deleted. Exam grades will be posted after the last exam has been completed. Do not call the Registrar's Office; calls will be forwarded to the Hotline.

**GRADES AVAILABLE ON NYLS INTRANET**

Students may access final grades on the NYLS Intranet. □

**FROM THE OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE**

For more information on the following, visit the  
Office of Student Life (fifth floor, A Building) or call 431-2851.

**Faculty Tuesday Luncheon Series continues**

Prof. Jethro Leiberman will speak at the First Tuesday Luncheon Series, today, Nov. 30, 12:45 pm, Wellington Conference Center. RSVP: 431-2851. Seating is limited.

**Call for papers**

Suffolk University Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild and Suffolk University Law School invites all law students to submit academic papers for the 5th Annual Academic Convocation for Law Students. The "Law in a Changing Society" conference will be held on March 3-4, Suffolk Law School Boston, MA. Student authors, grouped by subject matter of papers, will present their work to a series of panels with a professor or practitioner serving as moderator. Six \$500 first prizes and six \$250 second-place prizes will be awarded. Deadline: December 31. □

**FROM THE OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES**

For more information on the following, visit the  
Office of Career Services (fifth floor, B Building) or call 431-2345.

**Special Career Services hours noted**

From Mon., Dec. 13 through Jan. 17, 2000, the Career Services Office hours will be 9 am-5 pm Monday-Friday. Appointments after 5 pm will be available upon request. Walk-in appointments will be held from 1-2 pm Monday-Thursday, except for the week of Christmas.

**The Legal Aid Society Civil Division Internship**

The Legal Aid Society's Civil Division in Manhattan seeks first- and second-year students for Spring 2000 volunteer internship positions. Applicants should have a strong desire to learn and an interest in public interest work. Submit a cover letter and résumé to the Career Services as soon as possible.

**Part-time positions available**

The Tort Division of the NYC Law Department, Office of the Corporation Counsel has part-time positions for day or evening students graduating in 2001. Students will work primarily on preparing cases in defense of the City in tort litigation. Part-time salary is \$14.19 per hour. Duties include: appearing in court under supervision, participating in discovery, participating in statutory hearings and performing legal research and writing. Appointees must be *bona fide* residents of NYC within 90 days of appointment. Good writing skills are required. Submit a résumé, one writing sample and a transcript to the Career Services.

**Minority Outreach Program**

In 1997, the AFL-CIO Lawyers Coordinating Committee (LCC), a network of 1,700 union-side attorneys representing AFL-CIO affiliated unions, launched the LCC Minority Outreach Program. The program encourages law students of color to apply for summer clerkships at union-side labor law firms and union legal departments. Now entering its third year, the Minority Outreach Program reflects the AFL-CIO's continued commitment to increasing the presence of minority attorneys in the labor movement. Through the program, qualified law students will be introduced to the practice of labor law and the labor movement community. To obtain a listing of LCC firms and legal departments, stop by the front desk in Career Services Office. Note: Students must contact directly firms or legal departments of interest.

**Peggy Browning Fund Summer Internship**

The Peggy Browning Fund will fund fifteen (15) summer internships (paying \$3,000 per student) in labor-related organizations throughout the country. The work stipends are for a ten (10) week employment period (unless otherwise indicated). To apply, submit applications to both the listed organizations and the Fund. Application requirements and forms are available in Career Services or on the website at <http://www.peggybrowningfund.org>. Deadline: Fri, Jan. 2, 2000.

*Did you know...*

The legal counsel for the National Hockey League is a  
New York Law School alumnus?  
His name is Jeffrey Lavitan '83.

## FACULTY ACTIVITIES

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR DANIEL ALTERMAN**, the attorney representing the eight people arrested at a candlelight vigil for a slain gay college student last year, was quoted in *The New York Times*, *Daily News*, and *Newsday* newspapers in November. He discussed the lawsuit accusing NYC and the police department of constitutional rights violation.

**PROFESSOR MICHAEL BOTEIN**'s chapter on "Auctions and Lotteries in US Media" appeared in a recent study on "Allocating Frequencies for Broadcasting" published by the *Dutch Institute for Information Law*.

**PROFESSOR ANNETTE GORDON-REED**'s essay, "The Memories of a Few Negroes: Rescuing America's Future at Monticello" appears in *Sally Hemings and Thomas Jefferson: History, Memory and Civic Culture*. A collection of essays, the book focuses on the post-DNA Jeffersonian landscape. Prof. Gordon-Reed was on a panel at the conference of the Southern Historical Association discussing Jefferson and Hemings. Additionally, she spoke on "Southern Slave Law and the Legacy of Slavery," at the Mariners' Museum, Newport News, VA.

**PROFESSOR LAWRENCE GROSBERG** gave a talk on "Reform of the Bar Admission Process" at a conference of the Society of American Law Teachers on "Re-Examining the Bar Exam" in San Francisco in September. Last week, Prof. Grosberg and two Mediation Clinic students, Colette Foster-Franck and Stevie Griego appeared on a cable TV news program that profiled the Institute on Mediation and Conflict Resolution in the Bronx. The IMCR is a community dispute resolution center where clinic students are mediating cases.

**PROFESSOR KAREN GROSS** spoke on "Emerging Issues in Consumer Bankruptcy" at a Matthew Bender Program. Additionally, she was appointed an advisor to the Federal Judicial Center project on consumer debtors.

**PROFESSOR JEFFREY HAAS** recently published an article entitled "Tracking Stocks: What Directors Must Know" in the Nov./Dec. 1999 issue of *The Corporate Board*, on reserve in the library.

**PROFESSOR ART LEONARD** was quoted in a nationally syndicated *Detroit News* column concerning the Supreme Court's recent grant of *cert* in a pending family law case.

**PROFESSOR CARLIN MEYER** spoke at a conference on issues for women in the 21st century, particularly on an attempt to substitute rhetoric of intergeneration responsibility for that of personal responsibility. The topics discussed included child-care and eldercare responsibilities, as well as those of corporate and governmental entities toward future generations.

**PROFESSOR STEPHEN NEWMAN**'s article, "Uses of Metaphor in Legal Argument," was published in the *New York Law Journal*.

**PROFESSOR MICHAEL PERLIN** spoke in Rochester to state Supreme Court judges and court attorneys on Kendra's Law, NY's new outpatient commitment law, as part of the state Office of Court Administration's Legal Update program. His article "Half-Wracked Prejudice Leaped Forth: Sanism, Pretextuality, and Why and How Mental Disability Law Developed As it Did," has been published as the lead article in a mental disability *Contemporary Legal Issues*. He also presented two papers on recent developments in seclusion and restraint law to an international symposium on mental health rights in Valfield, Quebec. Additionally, as part of a workshop during Parents' Weekend at Wesleyan University (where his daughter is a freshman), he performed the clarinet part of a Beethoven duet with a member of the Wesleyan Chamber Ensemble.

**PROFESSOR NADINE STROSSEN** delivered the keynote Address, on Nov. 9, for the National Youth Leadership Forum on Law—a competitive program for high school students from around the country in Washington, DC. On Nov. 10, Prof. Strossen and 30 NYLS students attended oral arguments at the US Supreme Court in two important constitutional cases, involving issues of federalism, privacy, and free speech. On Nov. 12 and 13, Prof. Strossen delivered the keynote addresses at the annual banquets of the ACLU's Rhode Island and Florida affiliates, in Providence and Ft. Lauderdale, respectively.

**PROFESSOR RUTI TEITEL** was invited to be part of a select constitutional law discussion group at Georgetown University Law School on Dec 3. The discussion will focus on "constitutional canon." She contributed a chapter to a recently published book, *Deliberative Democracy and Human Rights* (Yale University Press).

## **Counselor dates and deadline noted**

*Counselor* is published weekly when school is in session by the Office of Development and Public Affairs. The final issue of *Counselor* for the semester will be published Dec. 6. Students who wish to submit information for this issue should write to the Office of Student Life, 5th floor, A bldg. by 12 pm, Monday, Nov. 29. Faculty and staff should e-mail copy via [counselor@nyls.edu](mailto:counselor@nyls.edu) to Donna Spalter, assistant director of communications and public relations, by noon Tuesday, Nov. 30. Contact Ms. Spalter at 431-2187 with questions or to request an editorial schedule.

# CALENDAR

NOV. 30-DEC. 6

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His vision led to the development of several new research centers and an expanded international presence for the College. He anticipates that there will be changes at New York Law School:

"I am honored to follow Harry Wellington as Dean of this great law school. All of the building blocks are in place for moving the law school to the next level. I am dedicated to trying new things, pushing myself and my colleagues to experiment, take risk, and search for significant advances in legal knowledge. New York Law School is the future: a lean, agile institution that will embrace and adapt to whatever changes emerge in the next century." □

## Revised School closing policy

New York Law School has adopted the following policies if inclement weather forces class or examination cancellations. Also, remember that the latest information on closings is available on the NYLS hotline at 431-2111.

### CLOSING FOR THE ENTIRE DAY

As long as the NYC Public Schools remain open, so will NYLS. The Law School will close if the public schools close.

When the public schools announce a one- to two-hour delayed opening, NYLS will open at the normal time; there will be no delayed openings for classes or examinations. In case of extreme weather conditions, listen to 1010 WINS radio (1010 AM) to determine the status of the NYC Public Schools. If NYC public schools are closed for a holiday, listen to 1010 WINS to determine NYLS's status.

### Evening closing

If NYLS is closed for classes or exams during the day, it will automatically be closed in the evening. If NYLS is open for day classes or examinations but weather conditions worsen, a determination about holding evening classes will be made by 3 pm.

### WOR710 Website and Hot Line

You can also determine the status of NYLS by consulting the WOR710 Radio *website* at [www.WOR710.com](http://www.WOR710.com) or WOR hotline at 877-871-9208.

## Research Assistant wanted

Adjunct Prof. David Epstein seeks a research assistant. Applicants should be second- or third-year students. The position pays \$13 per hour. Interested students may bring resumes to room C-311.

## Con Law exam and PLA answers available

Copies of Prof. Jethro Lieberman's Con Law exams and answers to the questions for the PLA course are available for copying at the library reserve desk.

## TUESDAY, 11/30 □ FIRST TUESDAY LUNCHEON SERIES

Professor Jethro Lieberman  
12:45pm, Wellington Conference Center  
Seating is limited. RSVP: Student Life: 431-2851

## WEDNESDAY, 12/1 □ WORLD AIDS DAY

All Day, The Shepherd K. and Ruth Broad Student Center Sponsored by the NYLS Civil Liberties Union.

## □ MEDIA LAW & POLICY GENERAL MEETING

1-2pm, A500

## THURSDAY, 12/2 □ LEGAL ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN GENERAL MEETING

1-2 pm, B410

## FRIDAY, 12/3 □ CITYLAW BREAKFAST

featuring Benno C. Schmidt, Jr, chairman of the Edison Project, vice chair, CUNY Board of Trustees, discussing "The Education Systems of New York City." 8:15-9:30 am, Ernst Stiefel Reading Room. The program is free, but reservations are required. Call 431-2115 or e-mail at [nycitylaw@nyls.edu](mailto:nycitylaw@nyls.edu).

## FRIDAY, 12/3 □ STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

6-8 pm, the Wellington Conference Center

## UPCOMING EVENTS

## THURSDAY 12/9 □ LAST DAY OF CLASSES

## FRIDAY 12/10 □ READING PERIOD

## DECEMBER 13-23 □ FINAL EXAMINATIONS

