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The National Jurist magazine ranked NYLS as one of the best schools for practical training in its March 2014 issue.

The NYLS Tax LL.M. Program was ranked second in the nation in the Best of The National Law Journal Readers Rankings.

Forbes magazine named two New York Law School alumni, Amie Stepanovich ’10 and Trevor Timm ’11, to its most recent 30 Under 30 list for law and policy. Both are actively involved in some of the most timely and controversial technology and civil liberties issues of the day.

Adjunct Professor Karen Artz Ash ’80 was listed as one of New York Magazine’s Women Leaders in the Law 2014.

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As we continue to implement the New York Law School Strategic Plan issued last summer, I am pleased to report some good news. First, our July 2013 New York bar exam passage rate jumped by 13.6 points to 83.4 percent, following four consecutive years of decline.

In addition, New York Law School moved up to the first tier in the U.S. News & World Report law school rankings, with a rank of 140 out of 146 law schools, above 47 institutions in the second tier that received no rank. New York Law School was not ranked last year. We received further positive news that we are among the top schools nationally that U.S. News ranked for Clinical Training, Part-time Law Programs, and diversity. We also received high marks and a key ranking for Practical Training by The National Jurist.

We continue to build on these achievements. Over the summer we will issue an update to the Strategic Plan, reporting on our progress and outcomes in a number of key areas.

This issue of New York Law School Magazine details the success of our bar prep programs, which were instrumental to the bar exam success of our graduates and a surging bar pass rate.

The issue also features three distinguished members of our alumni community who looked to New York City as a source of inspiration for their remarkable careers. They were honored at our annual gala in November, which raised $1 million for the Law School.

We take great pride in being New York’s law school. One of our alumni, James S. Oddo ’91, was elected as Staten Island Borough President last November with a landslide 70 percent of the votes. We profile Mr. Oddo, as he discusses his ambitious plans for his native borough.

Finally, we celebrate one of our prominent faculty members: Robert Blecker, whose recently published The Death of Punishment has garnered significant media attention and critical acclaim.

We welcome your continued participation in the Law School community as we head toward our 125th anniversary. With your support, we look forward to enhancing our status each year.
GALA 2013 Celebrates Three Groundbreaking Alumni

By Meghan Lalonde

Anthony W. Crowell
Dean and President
New York Law School

Maurice R. Greenberg ’50
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President
The Starr Foundation
Amid stunning views of lower Manhattan, New York Law School’s Gala 2013 honored with the Groundbreaker Award three distinguished members of the Law School community who looked to New York City as a source of inspiration. This year’s honorees were The Starr Foundation, led by Maurice R. Greenberg ’50; Jeffrey D. Knowles ’75; and Freddi Weintraub ’88.

More than 500 people attended the event at Three Sixty in TriBeCa, which offers panoramic views of the City and the Hudson River, on November 13, 2013. The Gala raised $1 million for the Law School.

During the cocktail hour, Board of Trustees Chairman Arthur N. Abbey introduced Student Bar Association President Jesse Kearney 3L, who thanked the honorees, alumni, faculty, and friends in the audience on behalf of his fellow students, telling them: “Your support of New York Law School has made so many opportunities possible for me and all of my classmates and so many others.”

During the main program, Mr. Abbey introduced Elizabeth D’Antonio ’13, who spoke about how mentoring programs at the Law School helped her transform from a student struggling in the bottom quarter of her class to a cum laude graduate now clerking for Magistrate Judge Joan Azezack ’79 of the Eastern District of New York, who also was among the guests. Ms. D’Antonio, who will begin as an Assistant District Attorney in the Manhattan DA’s office this summer, thanked the NYLS faculty, adding, “While I thank NYLS for a first-
rate education, I also owe a huge debt of gratitude to the network of alums and mentors I gained while in law school.”

Dean and President Anthony W. Crowell then introduced the honorees and presented brief video segments illustrating each honoree’s incredible work, talent, and dedication to the legal profession. (These videos are available at www.youtube.com/newyorklawschool.)

Since 1955, The Starr Foundation has provided charitable support for institutions and people across New York City. While Mr. Greenberg was building American International Group Inc. (AIG) into the largest insurance and financial services organizations in the world, he also served as Chairman of the Starr Foundation. The Starr Foundation was established in 1955 by Cornelius Vander Starr, an entrepreneur who founded C.V. Starr Co. and other companies, some of which were combined under the leadership of Mr. Greenberg, Mr. Starr’s successor, to become AIG. Under Mr. Greenberg’s leadership, The Starr Foundation’s assets have grown from a few million dollars after Mr. Starr’s death to more than $1.3 billion. Today, it is one of the largest private foundations in the United States, providing extraordinary charitable support for the people and institutions of New York City—and for New York Law School. The Foundation has supported programs at the Law School for 30 years, and in 2010 bestowed on the School $20 million, its largest gift ever.

In introducing Mr. Greenberg, Dean Crowell noted that “The Starr Foundation’s support of New York Law School is inspired by Hank Greenberg’s own experience attending the Law School under the G.I. Bill. With his law school education as a foundation, he went on to become a captain of industry, leading AIG to becoming the largest insurance company in the world and generating unprecedented value for shareholders. Tonight, we honor The Starr Foundation for its exceptional commitment to education and philanthropy; and Hank for his tremendous commitment to the Law School.”

Freddi Weintraub is a leading corporate immigration counsel to clients in a wide range of industries as a partner at Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen and Loewy, LLP. Ms. Weintraub has represented universities and teaching hospitals; financial investment and insurance firms; media and management consulting firms; fashion and cosmetic companies; fine arts organizations; and individual investors and entrepreneurs. She also represented a major international investment management firm that was tragically affected by the 9/11 attacks, securing benefits for families and foreign nationals under the USA Patriot Act, for which she received attention by the CBS Nightly News and CNN. Over the course of her career, Ms. Weintraub has been named as both a New York Super Lawyer (2006-2013) and a Best Lawyer in America (2008-2011, 2013). In 2010, she was also featured in the New York Law Journal’s Women Leaders in the Law.

In introducing Ms. Weintraub, Dean Crowell observed, “She pursued her dream of becoming a lawyer while working full-time as a paralegal and attending law school in the evening division. She has built a career helping other people pursue their dreams in New York, the city of immigrants.”

Jeffrey Knowles is a leading attorney in the advertising field and a partner at Venable LLP in Washington, D.C. He has also played a major role in expanding the firm with new offices in New York, Los Angeles, and San Francisco, and heads Venable’s Advertising, Marketing and New Media Practice Group—the largest advertising law practice in the United States. Under his leadership, Venable’s advertising practice now includes more than 70 attorneys and has earned recognition by U.S. News & World Report as well as Chambers USA as the top advertising practice in the nation. Mr. Knowles also chairs Venable’s Government Division and maintains his own practice, advising clients on a broad range of consumer protection issues, advertising compliance, business strategy, and dispute resolution.

Before presenting Mr. Knowles with the Groundbreaker Award, Dean Crowell said, “I am particularly grateful to him for his service to the Law School as Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He is both an extraordinary leader and a judicious guide. He is as thoughtful as he is visionary and a tremendous force for change and progress.”

During his remarks at the Gala, Dean Crowell made note of the Law School’s recent achievements. “This isn’t the same law school it was a year ago,” he said. “In the last year, we have made national news by introducing the country’s first two-year honors J.D. program; we doubled our clinical offerings to ensure that every student who wants a clinical experience can have one; we earned Presidential Honors for our pro bono work; we issued a bold strategic plan that we hear some of our competitors are scrambling to match; and yes, we came back on our bar pass rate too—after four straight years of decline, we increased the passage rate by 14 points to 83 percent in one year.” The audience responded with a huge round of applause, capping off a successful and enjoyable evening. *
GALA 2013

Photo Gallery

To view the full photo gallery for this event, please visit www.nyls.edu/Gala2013.
James S. Oddo ’91 is Making Superstorm Sandy Recovery His Top Priority As Staten Island Borough President

By Thomas Adcock

“Issue number one is—still—recovery from Sandy,” Oddo said of the second most disastrous superstorm in U.S. history, which killed 23 Staten Islanders, ripped through seawalls and berms on the South Shore, and tore homes from their foundations. “Our people are tired. They don’t want to hear any more words.”
Three weeks after assuming office on January 1, 2014, as Staten Island’s Borough President, the Honorable James S. Oddo ’91 came dressed for a bitter cold and snowy day in a sweater, corduroys, and ankle-high shoes. His high-ceilinged, oak-paneled office—big enough for a classroom—was filled with a passel of busy aides and interns.

At the start of the interview, never mind the storming weather, Oddo flashed a sunny smile. He bounded from the chair behind his immense desk, shook hands, and introduced himself as just plain “Jimmy,” the name he’s known since his short-pants days on the East Shore.

Without once glancing at his wristwatch—a rare courtesy among electeds—Oddo held forth on ambitious plans for his native borough, his personal philosophy, and how his education at New York Law School shaped a pragmatic theory of governance.

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Oddo ran, and was elected, on a platform that stressed Sandy recovery as well as protecting the borough’s homeowners from future superstorms. Discussing his vision for the future of Staten Island in a video on his campaign website, he said, “We have an opportunity, brought about by tragedy and real loss, to ensure we have a more sustainable community.” Oddo said he would press City officials “to make a main thrust of the rebuilding plan an acquisition-for-redevelopment program that provides owners the chance to sell their property for redevelopment while retaining a right to trade up to a new housing stock to be constructed.”

Oddo and his staff hope to replicate action taken by officials in New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina back in 2005. The Louisiana Land Trust program purchases storm-damaged properties and resells them.

Nearly 200 NYLS students reported being affected by the superstorm. Thirty-seven students, some of them Staten Islanders, suffered serious home damage or other situations requiring temporary housing.

On April 17, Mayor Bill de Blasio hosted a press conference on Sandy relief in the Midland Beach section of Staten Island, pledging to step up relief efforts. As reported in the New York Times, Oddo promised “to implore and to beg” the Mayor to oversee the recovery personally. “Forgive me for being defensive,” he said. “When you become an elected official on Staten Island, you don’t stop being a Staten Islander.”

As a 15-year veteran of the New York City Council—for eight of which he served as Republican Minority Leader—Oddo is known to be reliably respectful of opposing views. He believes this to be characteristic of “boat people,” those who take the Staten Island Ferry, as he and others from his borough were gently mocked as back in his Law School days.

“Republicans and Democrats on Staten Island work together. Maybe because we’re islanders, and it’s us against the world. Probably because we have to,” said Oddo. “But this is one borough where the two-party system is healthy. Republicans
and Democrats push each other, and bring out the best in each other."

Which is not to say that Oddo is purely ecumenical. He is, after all, a “beyond-devoted Mets fan,” according to an admiring article in the Staten Island Advance.

To be sure, he had partisan disagreements with his Democratic colleagues on the City Council. “But the best legacy I left was working across the aisle,” Oddo said. “Allowing issues to transcend political bickering—not letting ideology trump the issues.”

On relating to his counterpart, Christine Quinn, the former Democratic Council Speaker, Oddo said, “Now, here was a left-of-center gay woman from the Village, and an outer-borough conservative straight guy. These two should have been like ships passing in the night. But we realized that we’re both loud, we wear our hearts on our sleeves, and we’re both expressive.”

“Chris and I found a kinship. I think about human interactions [in politics], and what they ultimately mean to my home community,” Oddo said. “There are women alive today because of Chris Quinn.’’

Oddo explained that at one point Staten Island registered the city’s longest waiting period for diagnostic mammograms, the periodic test for breast cancer. Quinn became a staunch ally in his fight to close the gap with increased funding. “This happened,” he said, “because two people allowed themselves to become friends without thinking of their divisions.”

In 1989, Jimmy Oddo was a 23-year-old NYLS student with a self-described “really bad, really ugly” mullet. Orientation day evoked a not uncommon dread; the mullet-headed ferry commuter remembered thinking, “What have I gotten myself into?” The next two weeks—“intense” and “intended to break you early”—hardly dispelled his anxiety.

“But, I’m a competitive guy,” said Oddo, “which you have to be when you’re the youngest of four brothers.”

Oddo applied seat to chair and nose to textbooks to earn the Juris Doctor degree. Of his professors, Oddo said, “They teach you about issue spotting. That is huge. And they teach how to see both sides of an issue. If you’re arguing ‘A’ against ‘B,’ you have to know ‘B’ up and down. This is a wonderful trait. It forces you to give audience to the other side.”

He figured his J.D. degree would bolster chances for his joining the FBI. Even with an improved haircut, however, he did not become Agent Oddo. “I wasn’t ready,” he acknowledged. “I wasn’t mature enough.”

Moving on, Oddo set his sights on becoming a prosecutor. To that end, he landed an internship under the late William L. Murphy, the Republican District Attorney of Staten Island, later interning under former Staten Island Supreme Court Justice Charles Kuffner Jr., also a Republican. The legal employment market was a tough one in the early and mid-’90s; once again, Jimmy Oddo’s career prospects were thwarted.

But then came another opportunity. Stalwarts of the local Democratic Party, his parents, John and Margaret Oddo, had planted a lawn sign in the front yard of the family’s home on Old Town Road—for the opponent of then Republican City Councilman John Fusco. “That didn’t stop my mother from talking to Fusco at a Christmas party,” said Oddo. Not to mention supplying the councilman with his son’s résumé.

“Later, two people quit on [Fusco’s] staff,” said Oddo. “He’d kept the résumé, and I went [for an interview]. I think he saw a little bit of himself in me.”

Oddo began with constituent service work for Councilman Fusco, who eventually promoted him to chief of staff. Oddo later put his NYLS degree to use as legal counsel to the Council, Minority Leader, Republican City Councilman Tom Ognibene.

“A couple of years before that, nobody would hire me, but then—wow!—there I was, in my late 20s, in a room with Rudy Giuliani, the mayor of New York,” Oddo recollected. “I loved it.”

He added, “I never thought a kid from Old Town Road would be allowed to be in politics.”

In 1998, Fusco, pondering a run for Surrogate, asked Oddo if he might like to replace him on the Council. The answer was yes. Oddo ran in the next five cycles, winning handily as a Republican in a district where Democrats still hold a voting majority of better than 8,000. Last November, he took the borough presidency with a landslide 70 percent of the vote.

Oddo was officially sworn in to office in a low-key private ceremony—in contrast to gala installation fêtes of past years. On his return from Manhattan, where he had breakfast with newly sworn Mayor Bill de Blasio, Oddo hosted an open house at Staten Island’s Borough Hall, a French Renaissance brick and limestone building on Richmond Terrace designed in 1906 by the legendary architectural firm Carrère & Hastings.

Among the guests were newly elected Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer; Oddo’s mentor, John Fusco; and Bobby Digi, president of the North Shore Business Association.

Brewer, a Democrat who served with Oddo on the City Council, told reporters, “I’m very, very fond of Borough President Oddo. He’s a guy who really cares.”
Fusco was given an office at the opposite end of Oddo’s suite at Borough Hall, where the retired justice will serve as counsel to the younger man he launched into politics.

Digi gifted Oddo with a Liberian ceremonial mask he promised would “scare away” bad karma.

Oddo was the first in his family to register as a Republican. When asked why, he answers with two words: Ronald Reagan. Oddo was attracted by the former president’s optimism, and by conservative principles as then espoused by the party.

As a practical matter, Oddo recognizes that New York is a liberal Democratic town and that “the majority will rule.” The role of Republicans, then, is “to articulate a different perspective,” he said, “and to do so intelligently.”

As his advocacy training at NYLS taught him, an opponent’s argument requires a well-reasoned response. “You can’t just be howling like a banshee. If that’s a bad idea, what’s your good idea?” said Oddo. “You have to come prepared with facts and data, in a manner that gives your argument a chance to be heard.”

Still, he observed, New York has been known to elect Republican mayors.

Could Jimmy Oddo see himself as a new generation’s Republican mayor?

The answer, at least for the time being, was “No.” He’s focused on his home borough.

In addition to Sandy recovery efforts, two other goals are of principal importance to Oddo. The first is “exploiting the advantages of being an island,” as Oddo puts it. “We already know the shortcomings of being an island,” Oddo acknowledged. “We have high tolls, we’re addicted to cars because we don’t have mass transit. And we have huge infrastructure challenges due to irrational development and bad [zoning] decisions in going from a population of 200,000 to 500,000 [over the past 50 years].

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Last year, New York Law School’s pass rate for first-time July New York bar exam takers surged by 13.6 points to 83.4 percent. That gain was the largest among all of the law schools in the state, and it followed four consecutive years of decline.

Much of the credit for the rebound goes to programs that NYLS developed in 2012 and implemented in 2013. In 2012, Dean Anthony W. Crowell launched the Foundations for Success Task Force with the express purpose of improving the bar pass rate. Dean Crowell established the Task Force in order to analyze and prepare a focused, personalized “plan of attack” for each graduate taking the bar exam. In 2013, the School established a Jump Start program, which got 3Ls and 4L Evening students focused on the exam several months before Commencement. The School also added more classes of New York Law in National Perspectives, an offering in the regular curriculum, which covers much of the material required for the New York bar exam. These programs were among the featured initiatives mentioned in the Law School’s Strategic Plan issued last summer.

Quoted in the New York Law Journal, Dean Crowell said that the NYLS graduates “went in to the bar prep period feeling more confident and having less of a learning curve. We’re very pleased, and it’s a terrific step in the right direction.”

Jump Start is a bar exam prep course for students about to graduate, taught by instructors from commercial bar prep companies, such as Pieper and BarBri. In 2013, classes were held on five weekend days over the course of several weekends in March and April. Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Deborah N. Archer, along with other faculty members, oversaw the program, and Professor Kirk Burkhalter ’04 served as Bar Prep Coordinator. The aim was to familiarize students with the exam and its various sections, including the New York portion (consisting of essays and the Multistate Performance Test), and the multiple choice portion. The program also reviewed the substantive areas of law that are covered, including wills and trusts, evidence, contracts, New York practice, criminal law, and criminal procedure.
The Law School paid each student who attended all five sessions $500, which they could then apply to a summer bar review course. This added incentive was a key to the success of the program: 302 students, 54 percent of the class, participated.

“Jump Start offered our students early feedback on their performance on practice questions, allowing them an opportunity to focus on areas for improvement before starting formal bar prep,” said Associate Dean Archer. “After graduation, they were able to hit the ground running and make the most of their bar prep courses.”

In addition, said Professor Burkhalter “Students in the bottom third of class were paired with faculty mentors,” who offered individualized support.

Several members of the Class of 2013 praised the Jump Start program. Eberle Schultz ’13 said, “It helped to get me in the mind frame of bar preparation, and got me thinking about it earlier than I would have.” Now a law clerk in the New York Office of O’Melveny & Myers LLP, Schultz said the Jump Start program “identified some of the places where I might need work. One area was criminal procedure, where I had never taken a class.”

Samantha Delao ’13 said that the Jump Start program “sets you up with rigorous schedule in a full day of bar prep.” She noted that she didn’t have lawyers in her family and didn’t know what bar prep would be like. But, she said, when she took a commercial bar prep course last summer with the experience of Jump Start under her belt, “On the first essay I got graded I got a 7, unlike some people on law review at other schools,” who received much lower grades.

In addition, several members of the Class of 2013 said they benefited from taking New York Law in National Perspectives. Cortney Nadolney ’13 said, “I took the course with Professor Burkhalter. [Associate Dean Archer] insisted it would be worth my time. That it was! National Perspectives allowed students to come into bar prep with an understanding of the exam and what it took to pass the test. We knew how to study for it by learning the bar exam method. We were taught methods that worked for us and methods that did not work for us so we did not have to waste our time learning this once the summer began.”

Nadolney, an associate attorney at Colucci, Colucci, Marcus & Flavin, P.C. in Milton, Mass., added, “When I was studying with BarBri, this was not the first time I was learning this material. I knew exactly how to answer the question because Professor Burkhalter had taught us. He also demystified the exam. It was no longer this scary, overwhelming endeavor but something that could be accomplished with hard work. He inspired us to believe in ourselves.”

She also observed, “As part of my Perspectives course, we were required to attend the Jump Start program. I have to say it was the best thing for us. We were able to be exposed to material that we had not seen since first year. Most importantly, we saw what it would be like to wake up and sit through a four-hour course during the bar summer. We were presented material from both BarBri and Pieper which allowed us to choose which teaching method worked for us.”

Lailah Hanit Pepe ’13 said, “I greatly appreciated NYLS adding additional sections of New York Law in National Perspectives after learning the correlation between taking the class and past bar exam success. Professor Burkhalter prepared us for the intensity of the work ahead, while encouraging us to fully commit to our own success. I know that this class contributed to my bar exam passage by laying the foundation for the crucial multistate
subjects months before I began the two-month crunch time after graduation.”

But that wasn’t all. In addition to the bar prep initiatives, the Law School offered another popular first: a free lunch. On the two days of the New York bar exam in July, the Law School provided box lunches and a room in the Javits Center for members of the Class of 2013 to eat and unwind for a short time. Dean Crowell, Associate Dean Archer, and other administrators were there to give words of encouragement. Each boxed lunch contained a sandwich or wrap, snacks, fruit, water, coffee and tea, and ear plugs to help keep the exam-takers energized and focused. Exam takers were able to choose their “brain food” in advance, including kosher and vegetarian options. Turkey was the clear winner, leading with 50 percent of the students’ selections of sandwiches and wraps.

It was one less thing for them to worry about.

The Brooklyn Daily Eagle featured the free lunch program, and members of the Class of 2013 spoke exuberantly about it, mostly because it was indicative of the overall support the Law School offered them.

Petal Hwang ’13 said, “The encouragement and support from our professors and administration kept me going for the long haul. When studying for the bar, there is no time to waste and no use for early burn-out or throwing in the towel. I truly felt as if all of New York Law School rallied around us and pushed us toward success. Hwang, now an agency attorney intern at New York City’s Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (OATH), added, “Not having to worry about where to get lunch was great, but what was really amazing was being greeted by the deans and administration with words of encouragement, a hug or a smile in those low moments. It made me feel so cared for, and gave me the strength to keep my head up and power through. When I got my results in October I was thrilled to share the victory with NYLS. No other law school offered its students more support and more action-oriented programming before and during the bar exam.”

Other members of the Class of 2013 spoke with similar ebullience about the free lunch. Steven Interrante ’13 said, “Upon completion of the first half of the exam, we were greeted with smiles and familiar faces: Dean Crowell, Dean Prigal, Dean Eastus, current students, and others. Being able to discuss my post bar examination travel plans was a pleasant break from the mental marathon of the exam we were in the process of taking. My classmates and I were able to relax ever so slightly before beginning the second half of the New York Bar Exam thanks to the faculty and current students at New York Law School who donated their time.” Interrante is now an associate attorney at Breier Deutschmeister Urban Popper Law Group, a New York City real estate law boutique.

Schultz observed that while preparing for the exam over the summer, “I was getting more support and encouragement from the School than from any other part of my life. The School understood and acknowledged what we were going through.”

This year, the Jump Start program was held on March 29-30, April 6, and April 12-13, and 285 students, about 66 percent of the class, participated. Dean Crowell’s ultimate goal is to meet and exceed a first-time bar pass rate of 94 percent, which NYLS achieved in 2008. *

Help Support Jump Start and Bar Exam Lunches

The NYLS Alumni Association will once again pay for the lunches offered to recent graduates taking the bar exam in July. Please show your support for our recent graduates by making a donation.

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New York Law School’s new two-year J.D. Honors Program is set to begin in January 2015.

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NYLS Creates New Office of Diversity and Inclusion

In December 2013, Dean Anthony W. Crowell announced the newly created Office of Diversity and Inclusion. Paula Edgar, the Law School’s first Chief Diversity Officer, is developing a comprehensive diversity plan, which includes recruitment, retention, and support programs, as well as strategies to aid student professional development and intercultural competence. Ms. Edgar was recently selected as a recipient of Ms. JD’s “Women of Inspiration” Award for her long-standing commitment to diversity in the legal profession. She was previously Associate Director of Career Services at Seton Hall University School of Law. If you have diversity-related programming ideas or partnership opportunities, or if you would like to know more about diversity initiatives at NYLS, contact her at paula.edgar@nyls.edu or 212.431.2859.

Paula Edgar
“NEGOTIATION IS AN ACQUIRED SKILL. IT DOESN’T RESIDE IN PEOPLE AT BIRTH.”

That’s a point that Adjunct Professor F. Peter Phillips ’87 stresses frequently, whether addressing students in his Negotiation: Theory and Practice class or a boardroom full of distinguished lawyers who form the Advisory Committee of New York Law School’s new Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Skills Program.

Professor Phillips is the Director of the new Program, announced in November 2013, which emphasizes practical experience. The Program begins with introductory courses focusing on ADR generally, and the specific skills involved in negotiation, mediation, and arbitration. Students then choose from a selection of electives, which offer doctrinal and clinical opportunities in a variety of areas, ranging from the Dispute Resolution Team to a mediation clinic to an externship placement in an ADR-related organization. Students who complete the program will receive a Certificate in Alternative Dispute Resolution.

The new program is a natural outgrowth of the Law School’s existing curriculum, Professor Phillips said. He began to teach as an adjunct at NYLS in 2009 and was impressed by how many of the courses already focused on ADR: the program was already there, he said, with the notable exception of a course on negotiation. ADR is “a very sexy field,” he said. “A lot of students are drawn to it.” His goals for developing the Skills Program were twofold, he said: to have a program sufficiently distinct from those at other law schools and to set it up without having to raise money. He wanted the “offerings to be experiential within the meaning of clinics.”

He talked to Professors Lawrence Grosberg and Stephen Ellmann about his idea for the Program, and they were both “extraordinarily open and excited about it.” Dean Anthony W. Crowell and Associate Dean Deborah N. Archer were also very enthusiastic about the Program, he said.

There is also a community-oriented aspect to the ADR Skills Program, which aspires to NYLS hosting ADR-related speakers and conferences. “The name of the game is to get word out in the street,” he said, adding that, from an alumni point of view, there are lots of opportunities.

Professor Phillips was in his mid-30s when he enrolled at NYLS. He had studied at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London and was an actor on “All My Children” at the time he began his legal education. But attending NYLS proved to be a transformative experience, he said, and his interests “very abruptly changed.” He left the world of soap opera and devoted his energies to the law.

After graduating, he joined the litigation department of Cahill Gordon & Reindel, later moving to Schulte Roth & Zabel. After 11 years as a litigator Professor Phillips became increasingly uncomfortable that traditional litigation was adding value to his clients. He jumped at the opportunity to work for the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (CPR Institute), a think tank where law firm and corporate lawyers study ways to obtain better client outcomes to disputes and to decrease costs of the dispute resolution process. For example, he said, in a dispute between a franchisor and a franchisee, the goal should be “to improve the relationship between the two and maximize their economic results rather than designate one side or the other the ‘winner.’” He now works through his
slow office, Business Management Conflict LLC, as an arbitrator and mediator.

On November 13, 2013, the Advisory Committee to the ADR Skills Program met for the first time, in the NYLS boardroom. Its members include Deborah Masucci '80, Chair of the International Mediation Institute; Hon. Elizabeth S. Stong of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of New York; James Tricarico '77, General Counsel of Edward Jones; and Eric Tuchmann '94, Corporate Secretary and General Counsel of the American Arbitration Association.

Dean Crowell opened by observing that the ADR Skills Program is another example of the Law School aligning itself with the changing legal marketplace, one of the goals of the NYLS Strategic Plan released last July. The School, he said, must “harness all that we have. That means bringing in practitioners and key speakers, and creating programs.”

Professor Phillips then outlined the proposed Program. He said that the role of the Advisory Committee is to help identify opportunities in the various markets in which committee members operate for the School and its students to become engaged; to indicate how the Program can have a real impact on the stakeholders of dispute management and resolution; and to help the Program avoid activities that are either redundant to those of other schools, irrelevant, or impractical. There followed a broad-ranging discussion focused on such topics as ways to optimize experiential learning in ADR and ways to change the culture of lawyering by putting the emphasis on a network of relationships that are in distress and need to be rectified.

That following Monday, November 18, Professor Phillips began his evening Negotiation class by reviewing videotapes of role-playing negotiation sessions that pairs of students had engaged in the previous week. The topic for the week was “difficult conversations.” Students took on the role of either the dean of students at a college or a fraternity president. The difficult conversation concerned whether the fraternity should be punished for the rape of a student by a fraternity pledge. After showing the class the video of one negotiation, he praised the student playing the dean of students for being upfront about her position and setting an agenda, and the student playing the frat president for acknowledging and affirming the dean’s position before setting forth his position. Professor Phillips observed that, from then on, the two started brainstorming together, and the rest of the negotiation was “all sliding easily.” He contrasted this negotiation with another, in which the two participants could “never get to a place of agreement even on the basic premise of the conversation.”

The ADR Skills Program is now up and running, with 16 elective courses in addition to the introductory required courses. In the spring semester, the Program hosted a March 5 discussion by Delaware Vice Chancellor Donald F. Parsons about recent trends before the Delaware Court of Chancery, including the Court’s mediation and arbitration programs, and a May 28 discussion by a group of in-house counsel about their experiences seeking nonjudicial resolution of disputes with companies in foreign jurisdictions.

“The goal,” said Professor Phillips, “is to have a distinctive curriculum in a very crowded field.”
“The speech he gave was a summons to the conscience of America. The speech he gave followed events in our country.”

Clarence B. Jones

Activists and attorneys from the civil rights era of a half-century past, along with New York Law School students and faculty aiming to carry forward their mission, met on campus on September 13, 2013, for a day-long symposium in remembrance of the “I Have a Dream” speech by the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The symposium was co-sponsored by the NYLS Racial Justice Project, the Justice Action Center, the New York Law School Law Review, and the American Civil Liberty Union’s Racial Justice Program.

Delivered on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., during a massive march on the nation’s capital in August 1963, the speech and the dream prompted the seminar’s opening question, posed by the symposium organizer, Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Deborah N. Archer: Fifty years later, she asked, “What can we say?”

“I think no one can deny that we’ve made progress,” said Dean Archer, who is also Director of the Racial Justice Project. “We can point to President Barack Obama…as an example of that progress. But in a year in which we saw a key piece of the Voting Rights Act struck down, at the same time that we see renewed efforts to disenfranchise communities of color...[and] we see increasing disparities in wealth but decreasing social mobility, we have to acknowledge we really have a long way to go before America’s promissory note is fulfilled.”

In mostly extemporaneous remarks, she and 13 other presenters elaborated on that theme in words that were by turns gloomy and optimistic—and often as fiery as Dr. King’s speech.
In his 1963 address, Dr. King cited optimism as the antidote for imperfection:

“America has given the Negro people a bad check, a check which has come back marked ‘insufficient funds.’ But we refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt. We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation. So we have come to cash this check—a check that will give us upon demand the riches of freedom and the security of justice. We have also come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of now.”

The man who drafted those lines—attorney Clarence B. Jones, today a scholar in residence and visiting professor at the Martin Luther King Jr. Research and Education Institute at Stanford University—opened his presentation by singing “Oh, Freedom,” the anthem of the 1960s civil rights movement performed by Joan Baez minutes before Dr. King’s iconic speech.

Professor Jones said today’s battles involve voter suppression efforts directed against blacks, educational disparity between white and black students, and continuing incidents of police brutality and racial profiling.

“All rights stem from voting rights,” he said. “If we fix that, you can get a police chief, school boards…. Don’t come out and demonstrate unless you are registered, prepared to vote.”

He dismissed state voter ID requirements as thinly veiled voter suppression efforts, observing, “The IRS can find you based on identity, so why is any identity you have insufficient?”

Professor Jones and the speakers who followed him agreed that while litigation advances civil rights, it is most effective when augmented by political action and the creation of a righteous public mood.

“We can point to significant progress,” said Debo P. Adegbile, senior counsel for the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary, “and we can also say there is much more progress to be made. Two things can be true at the same time.”

Mr. Adegbile expounded on his philosophy of civil rights litigation: “You cannot do this work unless you have faith that things can get better. I’m not naïve, but the fact is, there is more freedom and equality in this country and the world today than in all history. The strength of resistance is a product of the progress we’ve been making. Victories in court are not final victories, and defeats are not final defeats.”

Prior to his recent Senate appointment, Mr. Adegbile was director-counsel for the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund. As such, he argued before the U.S. Supreme Court in Shelby v. Holder in favor of retaining Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965—the so-called preclearance provision mandating that
states and municipalities with histories of race-based voter discrimination seek advance federal approval of proposed changes in local election procedures. He was unsuccessful. In a 5-4 vote last June, the high court struck down the coverage formula laid out in Section 4(b) of the act, essentially rendering Section 5 useless. The vote indicated a divide “along ideological lines [with] the two sides [drawing] sharply different lessons from the history of the civil rights movement,” according to a New York Times account.

“We all have a responsibility to engage, in good times and bad,” said Mr. Adegbile. “Which is why I come from losing a case [in the Supreme Court] to working on new law [in the Senate].”

He added, “The preamble to the Constitution states the national purpose: to ‘form a more perfect union.’ This is not a statement of the ideal, but a statement of aspiration.”

Two panelists—Edward Purcell Jr., the Joseph Solomon Distinguished Professor of Law at NYLS, and Professor Theodore Eisenberg of Cornell Law School—took issue with the Supreme Court’s recent civil rights rulings.

Professor Purcell said the court is “ideologically hostile to civil rights claims,” and expressed particular dismay with its longest serving current member, Justice Antonin Scalia, appointed by President Ronald Reagan in 1986.

Bradley’s remarks and to show a profound misunderstanding of the function and necessity of the Voting Rights Act, which is hardly a perpetuation of any “racial entitlement” but a limited method of ensuring that all American citizens are in fact freely and equally able to vote. In a discussion with law students shortly after the case came down, the Wall Street Journal reported that Justice Scalia essentially repeated his view, stating that the landmark legislation was an “embedded” form of “racial preferment.”

Professor Eisenberg criticized Justice Scalia, for his comments in 2009 during an oral argument before the court in which Troy Anthony Davis, a black inmate on Georgia’s death row, challenged his conviction in light of seven prosecution witnesses recanting their testimony. According to the transcript, Justice Scalia said, “This court has never held that the Constitution forbids the execution of a convicted defendant who has had a full and fair trial but is later able to convince a habeas court that he is ‘actually’ innocent.” Quite to the contrary, we have repeatedly left that question unresolved, while expressing considerable doubt that any claim based on ‘actual innocence’ is constitutionally cognizable.

Davis was executed by lethal injection in September 2011.

“I don’t think you can forecast that kind of extremism,” said Professor Eisenberg. “You would think if a judge got one thing right, it would be, ‘Of course you can’t execute innocent people.'”
Yale Law School Professor Stephen Bright, who since 1982 has fought against capital punishment and inhumane prison conditions, said criminal courts “look like slave ships, with African American [defendants] in chains and shackles, and uniforms—not even the dignity of regular clothes.”

Judges in state courts, he said, “care more about the next election than they do about the Constitution. You know that the judge isn’t going to read [your brief]. The important thing is to have the media read it.”

The unfinished business of civil rights, said Steven Shapiro, legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union, depends “not so much on legal doctrine as in restoring a sense of moral outrage.”

In March 1965, Mr. Adegbile noted, President Lyndon B. Johnson gave voice to the American public’s moral revulsion over police violence in Selma, Alabama. At that time, state troopers assaulted peaceful marchers, both white and black, as they attempted to cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge en route to Montgomery. Congressman John Lewis of Georgia was nearly clubbed to death that day, known to American history as “Bloody Sunday.”

In an address from the White House two weeks later, President Johnson voiced the signature civil rights rallying cry, “We shall overcome.”

“A lot of young people are unnerved by what happened,” he said.

“With a lawsuit in hand, a lawyer can change the world—in 10 years, maybe,” said Kim Keenan, general counsel of the NAACP. “But the courts are an uneven remedy. When people take to the streets, if there’s a bloody march, that’s when [the general public] realizes it’s a ‘real’ problem, not just ‘their’ problem.”

Speaking to the scores of NYLS students in the audience, she added, “Loving the law means challenging the law. I challenge you to do that.”

Dorothy E. Roberts of the University of Pennsylvania, where she holds appointments in the Law School as well as the Departments of Africana Studies and Sociology, spoke of the profound challenge presented by the 1967 case Loving v. Virginia, in which the Supreme Court invalidated state laws prohibiting interracial marriage. In the lead-up to the high court decision in Loving, Professor Roberts said, the litigation was considered “trivial.”

“But it struck at the bedrock of racial classification,” she said. “It was the capstone blow by the Supreme Court, toppling the final pillar of de jure racial segregation.”

Lauren Kay Robel, Provost and Executive Director of Indiana University Bloomington, also encouraged students to take up civil rights law: “The work is just as urgent now as it was in 1963.” Professor Robel, former Dean of Indiana’s Maurer School of Law and president of the Association of American Law Schools challenged the audience: “You must formulate new ways into legal theories to open up space for civil rights litigation.”

“I grew up watching people being beaten and cursed because they were black,” said keynote speaker Geoffrey Canada, who observed that these were the same people whom university admissions officers largely ignored five decades ago. Mr. Canada is president and chief executive of Harlem Children’s Zone, the nationally renowned agency that prepares youngsters for college.

“America today is not what it was,” he added, “but it’s also not what Dr. King wanted it to be.”

Nevertheless, the 61-year-old Canada spoke with wonder about attending a White House summit on education issues, two weeks prior to the seminar: “If you come from my generation, you look at it like, ‘Damn! We have a black president!’”

Reflecting on that day when the civil rights movement gathered steam that inspired the country’s better angels, NYLS Trustee Professor David Schoenbrod spoke of his being among the quarter-million people gathered on the National Mall at a time when racial injustice seemed to be what he called an “immovable object.”

But then Dr. King spoke of his dream: “[T]hat my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.”

Professor Jones said of that unscripted, electrifying moment, “As he began to speak ordinary words that I had heard him say before, ... it was as if some transcendental, cosmic force had come and taken over his body.... Dr. King spoke in a way I’d never heard him speak before.”

“Washington was much more of a Southern city [then] than it is today, with thousands and thousands of nearby bigots,” said Professor Schoenbrod. “But the day was pacific, and I felt in my heart that this irresistible force would overcome this immovable object.”

Reading again from the text Professor Jones prepared, Dr. King said, “Nineteen sixty-three is not an end, but a beginning.” *
When President Woodrow Wilson signed the Revenue Act of 1913 into law, the federal income tax was simple, efficient, and paid by only those with high incomes. It bears little resemblance to today’s federal income tax.

The United States now has “ridiculously complicated tax laws” that collect taxes in a “very unfair” manner, said Lee A. Sheppard, columnist and Contributing Editor for Tax Notes. The eminent tax journalist spoke at “The 100th Anniversary of the Revenue Act of 1913: Marking a Century of Income Tax Law in the United States,” a symposium co-sponsored by the Graduate Tax Program at New York Law School and the New York Law School Law Review.

Twenty experts in tax law spoke at the October 4, 2013, event held a century and a day after the enactment of the Revenue Act. They discussed why the federal income tax has changed so much over the last century, how the tax system has run into problems, and how tax law is trying to address current issues, including aggressive tax shelters.

An undercurrent in the discussion was how politically charged the tax law has been from its inception. In her opening remarks, Ann F. Thomas, Otto L. Walter Distinguished Professor of Law at NYLS, who organized the symposium, observed that the Revenue Act was the “first federal income tax enacted following the ratification of the 16th Amendment….I never miss a chance to tell people it was actually ratified….there are miscreants out there who go around telling people that’s not true….that the 16th Amendment was not ratified and that therefore every tax law from 1913 to the present is unconstitutional. I do urge you never to miss an opportunity to set the record straight….There’s a lot of wishful thinking in tax law.”

The opening speaker, Professor Edward Kleinbard, former Chief of Staff of Congress’ Joint Committee on Taxation and now at the University of Southern California Gould School of Law, noted that “progressive and income tax have always been joined at the hip in the United States.”

“The reason for the progressive nature of the income tax is as an antidote to inequality,” Kleinbard said. But by that measure, the U.S. income tax system has failed dramatically, he said. “The U.S. has the most progressive tax system in the world…and we don’t change bupkus….Sweden and other countries have very regressive systems but accomplish very progressive results.” One reason why
the U.S. federal income tax has made no dent in inequality is that tax collections are small relative to gross domestic product. “The United States is a very low tax country.... But the consequence of being a very low tax country is that we accomplish nothing by way of changing the social environment,” Kleinbard said. “It is the size of the [tax] system that drives the results...not the progressivity of the system.”

A larger tax bite would allow more government spending on low-income individuals—and that is how inequality is reduced, said Kleinbard. But instead of imposing large taxes and spending money on the poor, the U.S. government is doing the opposite. “Today we are getting less revenue than in the past and spending it in ways that are subsidizing the middle classes proportionately much more than was true a couple of decades ago,” Kleinbard said.

Another theme that emerged at the symposium: The federal income tax has problems raising revenue. “We have a substantial tax evasion problem in the United States,” said Professor Thomas, who directs the NYLS Graduate Tax Program.

The problem of tax evasion isn’t new, but back in 1913, the federal income tax used a simple and powerful method to ensure compliance. “One of the big features of the 1913 income tax...is that it was based on a very vigorous and broad system of collection at source—withholding. Indeed, it required withholding on virtually every kind of income that is regular and determinable: rents, royalties, interest, and of course wages and salaries,” Professor Thomas said, speaking at the symposium’s panel on withholding and information reporting. The other members of the panel were Ms. Sheppard of Tax Notes; Professor Alan I. Appel, Director of the NYLS International Tax Program; Professor Valeriya Avdeev of William Paterson University Business School; and Michael Hirschfeld, a partner at Dechert LLP and Chair of the ABA Section of Taxation. Withholding is the best way to ensure compliance, said Ms. Sheppard. “If you seriously want to collect, you withhold.”

However, many in Wall Street and the business community objected to the broad withholding required by the 1913 tax—largely because withholding was too effective. In particular, withholding made it extremely difficult for owners of bearer bonds to evade taxes, and that “was a big problem for the bearer bond industry,” Professor Thomas noted.

So Wall Street lobbied Congress hard, promoting a new idea “on a relentless and almost daily basis, which was we should repeal collection-at-source and instead try something called information reporting,” Professor Thomas said. “Instead of your employer withholding and paying your tax over to the government, they would just file a report” on your earnings.

The business community argued that information reporting was better than withholding "because it didn’t require any refunds or adjustments later on. And this argument, believe it or not, eventually carried the day," Professor Thomas said. “So this quite effective collection-at-source system was repealed” in 1917.

Today, withholding generally applies only to wages and salaries. The lack of withholding allows many people — especially those with capital gains and owners of partnerships and LLCs—to conceal income. Many large companies also benefit. “Some of the biggest multinationals, American ones, are paying zero pretty much anywhere in the world,” Ms. Sheppard said.

The result is a skewed tax system, Ms. Sheppard said. “We have told the wage earners of the country, ‘you are the schmucks who are paying taxes.’”

Some panelists suggested that tax lawyers are responsible for much of what is wrong with the federal income tax. They argued that the tax would be both simpler and obtain more revenue were it not for the aggressive anti-tax strategies concocted by clever attorneys.

Tax avoidance schemes have been around since the early days of the federal income tax, and so has the government’s
response. “Back in the ’20s, Congress kept amending the corporate tax provisions because aggressive taxpayers kept coming up with all these schemes,” said Michael L. Schler, a partner at Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, who spoke at the symposium’s panel on “Perspectives on the Practice of Tax Law.” Joining Schler on the panel were Elizabeth Kessenides, a principal at Berdon LLP; and Megan Brackney, a partner at Kostelanetz & Fink LLP who also chairs the Tax Committee of the New York County Lawyers’ Association. The panel was chaired by William P. LaPiana, NYLS’s Rita and Joseph Solomon Professor of Wills, Trusts, and Estates.

The government’s response to tax avoidance has been only partially effective. Whenever Congress and the IRS changed the rules, tax attorneys uncovered new loopholes in the law. “Each [new] rule adds its own ambiguity. There are more and more things to argue about. So you really don’t solve the problem just by writing more words,” Schler said.

Moreover, the frequent changes to tax rules have resulted in a Byzantine tax system. “The more you amend the [tax] code or the regulations, the more complicated and confusing things get,” Schler said.

Tax enforcers have had one notable success in recent years. The number of aggressive tax shelters has fallen significantly, thanks to government prosecutions, new tax rules, and judges who are increasingly viewing these shelters with disfavor, said Ms. Kessenides during that panel.

The proper tax treatment for debt—including ballooning student loan debt and home mortgages—is another contentious issue. That was the topic at a panel moderated by Professor Richard C.E. Beck, Founding Director of the NYLS Graduate Tax Program. On the panel were Professor Diane L. Fahey of NYLS; Professor Maria Pirrone of St. John’s University Business School; and Professor Dennis Ventry of the University of California, Davis School of Law.

In theory, the IRS is committed to hunting down tax evaders. The reality, however, has often been different, said NYLS Adjunct Professor Lawrence S. Feld, a solo law practitioner who formerly served as assistant U.S. attorney in the Southern District of New York. Instead of seeking to maximize tax collections, the IRS has spent much of its time and energy acting as just another law enforcement agency, targeting criminals whom the government could not otherwise prosecute. Joining Professor Feld on the dais during his luncheon talk was Professor Appel.

The IRS began its crime-busting activities in the late 1920s, when President Herbert Hoover ordered the IRS to go after the notorious gangster Al Capone. Professor Feld observed that “Capone was prosecuted not to deter people from cheating on their tax returns; he was prosecuted because President Herbert Hoover wanted him in jail, and J. Edgar Hoover and Elliot Ness really couldn’t find a way to do it...Unfortunately, his prosecution established the precedent that the [Internal Revenue] Service could be mobilized for a cause, albeit a worthy one, that was not directly related to the enforcement of the income tax laws. Since that time...the prosecution of racketeers, organized crime figures, narcotics traffickers has continued to be an important feature of criminal tax enforcement.”

U.S. tax policy in a global economy was the focus of a panel consisting of Peter H. Blessing, KPMG’s head of cross-border corporate transactions; Professor Reuven Avi-Yonah of University of Michigan Law School; Professor Diane Ring of Boston College Law School; Professor Fadi Shaheen of Rutgers School of Law-Newark; and Stephen Shay, former Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Tax Affairs, U.S. Treasury, now Professor of Practice at Harvard Law School.

Professor Shay also presented the closing keynote address. The scheduled closing speaker—Karen L. Hawkins, Direct of the Office of Professional Responsibility at the IRS—was not able to attend due to the government shut-down in effect at the time. *
On September 27, 2013, the Center for New York City Law hosted a CityLaw Breakfast conversation among former New York City Mayor David Dinkins, Dean Anthony W. Crowell, and Professor Ross Sandler, the Director of the Center. Mayor Dinkins had just published A Mayor’s Life: Governing New York’s Gorgeous Mosaic, and the discussion focused on his book.

In his opening remarks, Dean Crowell mentioned that during the time he served as counselor to Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, he oversaw the Department of Records and helped Mayor Dinkins complete his archives: “I learned a tremendous amount about his administration through that process.”

Leonard Riggio, the CEO of Barnes & Noble, introduced the former mayor, observing, “From my point of view, the mayor did not get his due for all the good he accomplishment, especially with respect to the historic reduction in crime. Crime under David Dinkins’ administration dropped faster than under Giuliani’s administration, which followed...For these reasons and more, many of his friends and family, including me, encouraged him to write this book.”

At the beginning of the discussion, Professor Sandler asked Mayor Dinkins about Alice Jackson Houston, who taught his freshman English course at Howard University and was an influential figure in his life.

“She taught us that it matters greatly how you use the King’s English,” said Mayor Dinkins. “It matters to me how one says things. It really does. I’m peculiar like that, I guess...The press would frequently make fun of me about my manner of speech, particularly saying ‘ought not.’ They hated that.”

Mayor Dinkins went on to speak about his decision to become a lawyer rather than a math major after finding math to be very difficult: “Meaning no disrespect to you barristers, but you don’t need to be too smart to be a lawyer.” The audience laughed. He then added, “I did not say that some lawyers are not smart.”

Turning to his term as mayor, Dinkins discussed his Safe Streets, Safe Cities initiative, which increased the number of police officers on foot patrol and resulted in a sharp downturn in the crime rate. He gave a lot of credit to his Deputy Mayor for Public Safety, Milton Mollen, who previously served as the Presiding Justice of New York’s Appellate Division, Second Department. “Without Milton Mollen, it wouldn’t have happened.”

The former mayor noted that when he entered office, “Crime was high, about 2,000 murders a year...Crime did in fact go down as early as 1991 and continued to go down.”

On a more mournful note, he spoke about the 1991 Crown Heights riot, which broke out when the motorcade of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, leader of the Chabad Lubavitch Hasidic sect, accidentally struck and killed 7-year-old Gavin Cato, the son of Guyanese immigrants. Anger among members of the black community against the Orthodox Jewish community led to violence, and an Orthodox Jewish man, Yankel Rosenbaum, was killed. Mayor Dinkins called the incident “painful, difficult to write about, but obviously very necessary.”

Finally, he spoke about the mayoral election, which at the time of the conversation was a few weeks away. He said he had supported Bill Thomas, who withdrew, averting a run-off, after garnering 26 percent in the Democratic primary. Mayor Dinkins noted that Bill de Blasio, who he was pretty sure would be the next mayor, once worked in his administration, as did de Blasio’s future wife, Chirlane McCray. “They met at City Hall.”

About Mr. de Blasio, who is indeed now mayor, he said, “I hope that he will surround himself with good people, people of conscience who really care about our city. He’s a good person, and I think he will do fine.”

Following the conversation, Professor Sandler presented the former mayor with Professor Emeritus James Simon’s book on Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Mayor Dinkins then signed copies of his own book.
Professor Robert Blecker is no stranger to controversy. The subject of an award-winning 2004 documentary, Robert Blecker Wants Me Dead, Blecker has long been an outspoken advocate for capital punishment. He has spent countless hours interviewing death row and other inmates, corrections officials, and murder victims’ families, culminating in the release of his newest book, The Death of Punishment: Searching for Justice Among the Worst of the Worst. In it, Blecker draws from those interviews to illustrate his belief that the criminal justice system has unjustly separated crime from punishment.

Blecker is a retributivist, espousing the punishment of criminals specifically in retribution for the harm they have inflicted. Among some of the many retributivist themes laced throughout the book, Blecker argues that there must be a moral component to defining crime and that its definition alone should not be the basis of sentencing: the crime must also be judged on a moral scale to determine which crimes are worse than others. Perhaps most importantly, Blecker believes, based on thousands of hours of observations and interviews inside prisons from Connecticut to Oklahoma, that often the worst criminals lead the best lives in prison.

Blecker’s primary argument is a simple one: the past counts. Victims should not be forgotten. And those criminals who commit the most vicious and callous crimes should be punished the most severely.

“This idea of retribution is a deep intuition that we’ve had culturally, since the ancient Greeks and the Old Testament—the voice of our brother’s blood cries out to us from the ground,” said Blecker during an interview in his office in January. “The contrasting attitude is, ‘Why cry over spilled blood?’

But ultimately, morally, for me there is a sort of ‘feel-certain’ belief that the past must count."

Critics, however, argue that our criminal justice system equates the severity and nature of the crime with units of time, and time alone is punishment enough.

But merely living life segregated from the general population of civilians for a period of time isn’t enough punishment for Blecker. Not when inmates are permitted to enjoy simple pleasures like television, candy, and sunshine. He argues that life on the inside resembles life on the outside so much that often living in prison really isn’t punishment at all.
“Both prisoners and wardens will tell you prison is like a little town—there’s a barbershop, post office, commissary, gym, ping pong tables, candy bars,” said Blecker. “There are pleasures to be had, games to be played, and friends to laugh and grieve with. It’s all together, too much like life outside.”

In fact, Blecker points out that within no Department of Corrections mission statement, be it state or federal, is any mention of the word “punishment.”

“It’s nobody’s job to punish in a Department of Corrections,” Blecker said. “If you ask corrections officers, they say it’s for the judges to determine the punishment. If you ask the judges, they’ll tell you it’s the corrections officers’ job to enforce their sentence.

If you ask any employee in a Department of Corrections to justify what they do, it’s always spoken of in terms of safely segregating prisoners until they can be reintegrated back into society.”

Among the many problems he finds with the criminal justice and corrections systems, Blecker points to the rare but serious concern of preventing wrongful convictions. As Blecker details in his book, addressing this problem is equally as important as ensuring that vicious criminals do not enjoy lives of privilege in prison.

“True retributivists—as I am—are equally as concerned with over-punishing as we are with under-punishing,” said Blecker in a December interview with Irish talk radio station Newstalk FM.

While casual observers might initially mistake Blecker’s passion for justice as cold-blooded revenge, Blecker’s advocacy for victims and justice has intrigued many, earning him appearances on Fox Business, CNN/HLN, New York Public Radio, and Newstalk FM. He is also a frequent op-ed contributor for the Hartford Courant, the New York Daily News, and CNN.

Although many states across the country have increasingly sought to abolish capital punishment, Blecker is less concerned about the ultimate punishment that is administered, just as long as the punishment fits the crime.

Professor Laurence Tribe of Harvard Law School praised The Death of Punishment as “a truly remarkable and deeply moral book—an eloquent, unsparing, often counterintuitive, and sometimes painful meditation on why, whom, and how a decent society should decide to punish, and what those questions can teach us about universal truths of morality and justice.” So while Blecker may be in familiar territory with his controversial views on capital punishment, his expertise and knowledge of the reality of life in prison is a valuable insight that will challenge the beliefs of many readers. •
Four Professors Receive Honors

Professor Richard K. Sherwin and Professor Stephen J. Ellmann were named Fulbright recipients.

Professor Richard K. Sherwin, who received the honor to work on a new project called “The Moving Images of Law,” is the Fulbright Visiting Research Chair in Law and Literature at the Institute for the Public Life of Arts and Ideas at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, Canada in the 2013-14 academic year. Professor Stephen J. Ellmann received a Fulbright Specialist Award to work on comparative constitutional law and clinical legal education planning last summer at the University of Capetown Faculty of Law in South Africa.

Professor Sherwin, a faculty member of NYLS since 1988, is an expert in visual communication, specializing in the domain of visual persuasion in litigation and litigation public relations. He gained nationwide attention with his well-received book, When Law Goes Pop: The Vanishing Line between Law and Popular Culture (University of Chicago Press 2000, 2002). His most recent books, Visualizing Law in the Age of the Digital Baroque: Arabesques & Entanglements (Routledge 2011) and Law, Culture and Visual Studies, co-edited with Anne Wagner (Springer 2013), explore the interpenetration of law and the visual in history and in the current digital baroque era.

Professor Ellmann joined NYLS in 1992. He is an award-winning author on legal ethics and an expert in clinical legal education, constitutional law, and South African law. He pursues his deep interest in legal education through his work as Director of New York Law School’s Office of Clinical and Experiential Learning, one of the central offices of the school working on developing new curricular programs focused on preparing NYLS students for the challenges of the world of legal practice today. *

At the 2013 Annual Otto L. Walter Tax Policy Lecture in October, Dean Crowell officially appointed Ann F. Thomas as the inaugural Otto L. Walter Distinguished Professor of Tax Law. The endowed chair was funded by a generous donation from the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation Inc. Otto L. Walter ’54 was a renowned international jurist, specializing in U.S.-German tax treaties. Professor Thomas joined NYLS in 1995. She has been a tenured professor since 2001 and the Director of the Graduate Tax Program since 2003. At the event, held in the Ernst Stiefel Reading Room, Dean Crowell spoke about the life and work of Dr. Walter and Professor Thomas; Frank G. Helman, the Foundation’s President, offered remarks about Dr. Walter; and Professor Thomas gave a talk on “Tax Reform and Shared Prosperity.”

Also in October, Dean Crowell appointed Jethro K. Lieberman as the Martin Professor Law. In April, during Reunion and Alumni Weekend, he presented a lecture as part of his investiture. The professorship was created in memory of Lester Martin, a noted philanthropist. Now in his 29th year on the faculty, Professor Lieberman has served in many of the Law School’s central academic and administrative roles, including associate dean for academic affairs, director of the Writing Program, and vice president and now director of academic publishing. He has published more than 25 books; his Liberalism Undressed (2012) was praised in the New York Law Journal as a “masterwork, a brilliant, provocative and mature product of decades of thought about some of the most fundamental issues of our time or any time. *
FULL-TIME FACULTY ACTIVITIES

Compiled by Melissa Pentangelo

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

Alan L. Appel ’76

Appointments
Elected as a Council Director of the American Bar Association Section of Taxation (January 2014).

Scholarly Presentations

Deborah N. Archer

Awards and Recognition
Invited by the American Constitution Society to attend a convention on voting rights. Only 25 scholars from around the country were invited to participate. (December 2013).

Scholarly Presentations
Organized and spoke at “Remembering the Dream, Renewing the Dream,” a symposium celebrating the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s “I Have a Dream” speech and the March on Washington, New York Law School (September 2013).

Publications
Separate and Unequal: The Supreme Court, Affirmative Action and Ballot initiatives, The Huffington Post (October 2013).

Diversity Lives to See Another Day, The Huffington Post (June 2013).

Why Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act Still Matters, AMERICAN CONSTITUTION SOCIETY BLOG (February 2013).

Amicus brief; the Honorable Congressman John Lewis, in Support of Respondents and Intervenor-Respondents, Shelby County v. Holder; Supreme Court of the United States (January 2013) (with T. Belinfanti, A. Francois, E. Wood, and New York Law School’s Racial Justice Project).

Jodi S. Balsam

Awards and Recognition
Selected by the Legal Writing Institute and the Association of Legal Writing Directors to receive a 2013 LexisNexis Scholarship Grant for her forthcoming article, “Local Rulemaking as a Form of Resistance: When Federal Appellate Local Rules Challenge National Prerogatives” (April 2013).

Scholarly Presentations
Organizer and co-moderator (with Professor Heidi K. Brown) of keynote panel, “Reading Comprehension in the Age of Twitter: Teaching Law Students to Read for Meaning and Materiality,” for the Association of American Law Schools’ Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research at the AALS Annual Meeting, New York (January 2014).

Projects
Designed a course in Sports Contracts for the master’s degree program in sports business at the New York University School for Continuing and Professional Studies. Taught the 3-credit course in NYU’s summer session and trained faculty to teach it in future terms, New York (October 2013).

Melynda H. Barnhart

Scholarly Presentations
Roundtable panelist on the global future of same-sex marriage at the 92nd Annual Meeting of the American Branch of the International Law Association, hosted at Fordham University School of Law, New York (October 2013).

Media References and Appearances
Ask the Experts: If I Could Make One Change to the Tax Code, I Would... CARD HUB (July 2013).

Richard C.E. Beck

Media References and Appearances
Ask the Experts: If I Could Make One Change to the Tax Code, I Would... CARD HUB (July 2013).
Awards and Recognition
Selected as one of the “New Voices in Corporate Purpose” by the Aspen Institute Business & Society Program (January 2014).

Appointments
Named to a two-year term on the New York City Bar Association’s Securities Regulation Committee (October 2013).

Scholarly Presentations
Participated as an Aspen Scholar in the Ninth Annual Aspen Ideas Festival (June 2013).

Publications

Projects
As Chair of the New York City Bar Association Committee on Immigration and Nationality Law, sent letters to the Senate Judiciary Committee advocating for increase in appointed counsel and reduction in detention. Traveled to Washington, D.C., to meet with congressional offices (May 2013).

Testimonies and Legal Consultation
Appeared pro bono as an expert witness for a child who was subject to an international custody dispute. Cited in the case, Jakubik v. Schmirer (August 2013).

Publications
Chapter in Mezzanine Finance and Private Equity in Alternative Investments in Real Estate—Balancing Opportunity and Risk (Robert Kolks Series in Finance, John Wiley & Sons (2013)).

Scholarly Presentations
Panelist at annual conference sponsored by American College of Mortgage Attorneys (2013).

Scholarly Presentations
Panelist at annual conference sponsored by American College of Mortgage Attorneys in Jackson Hole, Wyoming (September 2013).

Publications
Chapter in Mezzanine Finance and Private Equity in Alternative Investments in Real Estate—Balancing Opportunity and Risk (Robert Kolks Series in Finance, John Wiley & Sons (2013)).

Scholarly Presentations
Spent 10 days at the University of Zurich as a visiting professor. Taught classes in the University’s legal history course and International LL.M. program, and gave a public lecture entitled “Politics and the U.S. Supreme Court: Lessons from the Affordable Health Care Case,” which was published in its law journal, Zurich, Switzerland (February 2013).

Paper, “Where to Find Women in Early Modern English Courts?,” was the lead one in a session titled “Court Order? Tracking Gender History through Legal Records” at the Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, New Orleans, Louisiana (January 2013).

Awards

Appointments
Member, International Senior Lawyers Project, New York, London, Paris (spring 2013)
Visiting Professor, Faculty of Law, Haifa University, Haifa, Israel, (May-June 2013).

Scholarly Presentations

Publications
Reasonably Ancillary Jurisdiction of the FCC: Cable and Broadband, 20 NYLS MEDIA LAW & POLICY 269 (2013).

Projects
Camille Broussard

Appointments
Re-elected to the Board of Directors of the Legal Information Preservation Alliance and will act as Treasurer (May 2013).

Publications

Heidi K. Brown

Awards and Recognition
Won a teaching grant from the Association of Legal Writing Directors, announced in ALWD Teaching Grant Winners Announced, LEGAL WRITING PROF BLOG (February 2013).

Appointments
Nominated to the Board of the Association of American Law Schools’ Section on Balance in Legal Education (February 2013).

Scholarly Presentations
Co-moderated a panel (with Professor Jodi S. Balsam), “Reading Comprehension in the Age of Twitter: Teaching Law Students to Read for Meaning and Materiality,” for the Association of American Law Schools’ Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research at the AALS Annual Meeting, New York (January 2014).

Presented “Researching with the Kardashians: Building an Engaging and Cumulative Legal Research Curriculum,” at the Southeast Regional Legal Writing Conference, Savannah, Georgia (April 2013).

Publications
The “Silent But Gifted” Law Student: Transforming Anxious Public Speakers Into Well-Rounded Advocates, JOURNAL OF THE LEGAL WRITING INSTITUTE VOLUME 18 (September 2013).

Carol A. Buckler

Publications
Alternatives for Scheduling the Bar, NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION JOURNAL (September 2013) (with M.C. Gallagher).

Media References and Appearances
Retired Judges Seek En Banc Over Scheindlin’s Removal, NEW YORK LAW JOURNAL (November 2013).

Lung-chu Chen

Scholarly Presentations
Presiding Chair, “The WTO International Economic and Trade Law Elite Training Camp” (the 8th Annual Session lasting one week organized by the Taiwan New Century Foundation in Taipei, Taiwan), Also gave a lecture entitled “Taiwan and the United Nations” (January 2013).

Publications

Media Appearances
The Treaty of Shimonsoki, Cairo Declaration, San Francisco Peace Treaty with Japan, THE LIBERTY TIMES (Taiwan) (December 2013).


Richard Chused

Scholarly Presentations
Speaker at conference on “Authorship in the Digital Age” at Parsons School of Design at the New School on the topic “Law and Culture of Appropriation Art.” Spoke in detail about appropriation art and copyright; other panelists included artists and computer programmers. New York (February 2014).


Awards and Recognition
Selected by CRAIN’S NEW YORK BUSINESS as one of its People to Watch in Higher Education (October 2013).

Anthony W. Crowell

Awards and Recognition
Honored by the Brooklyn Public Library at its 17th Annual Gala for his service as Board Chair for the past five years. (February 2014).

Scholarly Presentations
Participated in the 2014 Deans’ Workshop for ABA-Approved Law Schools, organized by the ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, Atlanta, Georgia (February 2014).


Media References and Appearances

Dean: Law Firms “Support” NYLS’s 2 Year Degree Program, video interview with Lee Pacchia ‘06, BLOOMBERG NEWS (September 2013).

NY Law School Latest to Offer 2-Year Program, CRAIN’S NEW YORK BUSINESS (September 2013). This news also appeared in TRIBECA CITIZEN and DOWNTOWN EXPRESS.


New York Law School Launches New Public
Service Scholarship Program, Brooklyn Daily Eagle (February 2013). This news also appeared in The National Law Journal and The Chief.


**Scholarly Presentations**

Presentation at the University of the Witwatersrand on legal ethics questions in cause lawyering, Johannesburg, South Africa (July 2013).


Co-leader of a small group at the Association of American Law Schools Clinical Section’s conference, Puerto Rico (April 2013).

**Projects**

Continues to chair the Clinical Theory Workshop and to co-chair the South Africa Reading Group, and with Professor Anne Goldstein, co-chairs the Pedagogy Discussion Group.

Co-chairs the Cost and Sustainability Working Group of the Alliance for Experiential Learning in Law.

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**Stacy-Ann Elvy**

**Appointments**

Executive Committee Member, Section on International Law and Section on International Human Rights, Association of American Law Schools.

**Media References and Appearances**

Her article, Towards a New Democratic Africa: The African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance, was listed on SSRN’s Top Ten download list for: PSN: Political Reform.

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**Ronald H. Filler**

**Appointments**

Re-elected to the Executive Committee of the Futures Industry Association’s Law & Compliance Division; co-moderated the Opening Panel at its Annual Program in Baltimore, Maryland (April 2013); appointed Chair of the Special Committee to implement the recommendations suggested by the Berkeley Research Group on behalf of the National Futures Association, the derivatives industry’s self-regulatory organization (April 2013); delivered the Final Report to the full NFA Board of Directors in November 2013.

**Scholarly Presentations**

Presenter, "Emerging Technologies: Gamification in Legal Education" at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools conference, Palm Beach, Florida (August 2013).

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**Kris Franklin**

**Appointments**

Named to the National Board of Advisors for the Institute for Law Teaching and Learning (September 2013).

Elected an officer of the inaugural Executive Board of the Association for Academic Support Educators (June 2013).

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**Doni Gewirtzman**

**Awards and Recognition**

Recognized at the Association of American Law Schools’ Annual Conference for his 2012 Teacher of the Year award, New Orleans, Louisiana (January 2013).

**Scholarly Presentations**


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**Stephen J. Ellmann**

**Scholarly Presentations**


**Projects**

Central organizer of a national conference on academic support and teaching methods, presented by the by the Association for Academic Support Educators, Las Vegas, Nevada (June 2013).

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**David Epstein**

**Awards and Recognition**

Awarded a Certificate in Advocacy Teaching by the National Institute of Trial Advocacy after participating in the three-day teacher training program held at New York Law School (June 2013).

**Scholarly Presentations**

Presenter, “Building Trial Skills: Northeast,” presented by the National Institute of Trial Advocacy, Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York (August 2013).

Online presentation, “Preparing the IP License: Structure and Some Tips,” for the West Legal Ed Center (July 2013).

**Projects**

Faculty Advisor, NYLS Trial Competition Team (March 2013).

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**Kris Franklin**

**Appointments**

Named to the National Board of Advisors for the Institute for Law Teaching and Learning (September 2013).

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**Scholarly Presentations**

Panelist, “How Would the Dodd-Frank Act Have Impacted Lehman Brothers and AIG?”

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**Chicago Federal Reserve Bank, Chicago, Illinois (October 2013).**

**Publications**


**Projects**

Worked with NYLS students to finalize the FINRA Arbitration Project, which provides a brief description of every FINRA arbitration in the years 2011-2013, with prior and future years to follow soon. This information is now published on the NYLS website.

**Media References and Appearances**

Professor Ronald Filler Discusses CFTC, GMAC, Dodd-Frank, and Swaps Regulation with Bill Singer, Broke and Broker Blog (February 2013).

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**Stephen J. Ellmann**

**Scholarly Presentations**


**Projects**

Central organizer of a national conference on academic support and teaching methods, presented by the by the Association for Academic Support Educators, Las Vegas, Nevada (June 2013).
York Law School (January 2013).

Media References and Appearances

Constitutionalism received a positive review from Professor Stephen Wasby on Lawcourts, the listerv for the Law and Courts chapter of the American Political Science Association. Since its publication last year, the article has been cited in The California Law Review, The Columbia Law Review, The Ohio State Law Journal, and the Yale Law Journal Online, among other places (December 2013).

Service

Joined an amicus brief filed by a group of family law and constitutional law professors in support of the respondents in Hollingsworth v. Perry, the marriage equality challenge to California’s Proposition 8, Supreme Court of the United States (March 2013).

Anne Goldstein

Publications

In collaboration with members of the Legal Practice faculty, designed and compiled the second volume of a custom text course readings and resources specifically tailored to the Legal Practice curriculum, Legal Practice II Spring 2013 Building on the Fundamentals, New York Law School Legal Practice Program (Wolters Kluwer Law & Business).

Programs

Helped to organize one of the Legal Writing Institute’s annual “One Day Workshops,” which included legal writing and practice teachers from around the country. A number of NYLS Legal Practice faculty presented their work and participated in the conference, New York Law School (December 2012).

Scholarly Presentations

Spoke at Columbia Law School as part of a discussion about Guantánamo Bay that included Harold Koh of Yale and Hon. Judge Sterling Johnson Jr. of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York (November 2013).

Publications

The Umpire Changes the Rules, The Huffington Post (October 2013) (with E. Purcell).

Gerald Korngold

Scholarly Presentations

Presenter, “Conservation Easements and the Development of New Energies,” at a conference hosted by the Property and Environment Research Center (PERC), Bozeman, Montana (December 2013).

Addressed a delegation from the Chinese Ministry of Land Resources at New York University in a presentation titled “U.S. Real Estate Transactions” (November 2013).


Dan Hunter

Awards and Recognition

The Oxford Introductions to U.S.


Appointments

Joined Queensland University of Technology’s School of Law as professor of intellectual property and innovation (November 2013).

Publications


Projects

Launched a blawg, Law at the Margins, that focuses on the ways our legal institutions and laws draw lines that limit the rights and social justice aspirations of people and communities (May 2013).

Chamutoli Huq

Scholarly Presentations

Presenter, “Getting Your Scholarly Voice Heard” at the Northeast People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, St. John’s University, Queens, New York (December 2013).


Media References and Appearances


Mariana Hogan

Appointments

Appointed to the Task Force on Indigent Defense at New York County Lawyers’ Association (January 2014).

Projects

Faculty at National Institute for Trial Advocacy trial and deposition skills programs at Hogan Lovells, Davis Polk, Baker Botts, Kay Scholer, Covington & Burling, and Desmarais LLP (2013-2014).

Teaught the lawyers at the New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board direct and cross-examination (June 2013).

Service

Serves on the Indigent Defense Organization Oversight Committee at the Appellate Division First Department.

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Spoke at Columbia Law School as part of a discussion about Guantánamo Bay that included Harold Koh of Yale and Hon. Judge Sterling Johnson Jr. of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York (November 2013).

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Chamutoli Huq

Scholarly Presentations

Presenter, “Getting Your Scholarly Voice Heard” at the Northeast People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, St. John’s University, Queens, New York (December 2013).

Institute on Federal Taxation, New York (October 2013). Repeated the presentation with an emphasis on community property issues at the West Coast session of the Institute, San Francisco, California (November 2013).

Moderator/panelist for a New York City Bar Association, Labor & Employment Law Committee CLE program, “Supreme Court Roundup: Recent Developments in Labor and Employment Law Cases,” New York (September 2013).

Panelist on teaching LGBT law and on a plenary session panel about the Supreme Court’s same-sex marriage cases at the Lavender Law Conference organized by the National LGBT Bar Association, San Francisco, California (August 2013).

Jethro K. Lieberman

Scholarly Presentations

Speaker, “An Overview of Recent Supreme Court Decisions,” at a program sponsored by the NYLS chapter of the American Constitution Society (October 2013); panelist, “Same Sex Marriage on Trial,” at an event organized by the NYLS Chapter of the ACS, both at New York Law School (January 2013).

Scholarly Presentations
Discussed LIBERALISM UNDRESSED, at the “Books at the Bar” event at the New York City Bar Association, New York (March 2013).

Projects
The New York State Board of Regents approved his charter school application for the Charter High School for Law and Social Justice in the Bronx (December 2013).

Media References and Appearances

Richard D. Marsico

Carlin Meyer

Awards and Recognition
Appointed member, New York State Legislative Ethics Commission (2013).

Projects
Spent her sabbatical studying issues involving the influence of money in politics: Limits on Money in Politics: Where does the Media Fit? (2013).

Howard S. Meyers

Scholarly Presentations

Media References and Appearances
Interview, US: No Company is Too Big to Jail, CCTV (November 2013).
**Rudolph J. R. Peritz**

**Publications**


The Law and Economics of Progress: IP Rights and Competition Policy, chapter in INDIVIDUALISM AND COLLECTIVENESS IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW, Jan Rosén, ed. (London: Edward Elgar Pub., 2013) (selected papers from ATRIP Annual Conference, University of Stockholm 2011).

**Citations**


**Awards and Recognition**

Awarded the first Bruce Winick Award by the International Academy of Law and Mental Health, at its biennial Congress, held at the University of Amsterdam Law School, in recognition of his work in therapeutic jurisprudence and international human rights law, Amsterdam, the Netherlands (July 2013).

**Scholarly Presentations**

Presented “My Sense of Humanity Has Gone Down the Drain”: Stereotypes, Stigma and Sanism at the Human Rights Centre of Ghent University as part of a seminar titled “Stereotyping as a Human Rights Issue,” Ghent, Belgium (December 2013).


**Wendy A. Purcell Jr.**

**Publications**


**Scholarly Presentations**


**Appointments**

Invited to be a contributing editor at JOTWELL (www.jotwell.com), an online journal where legal academics review recent articles assessing the merits of scholarship within different subject areas (March 2013).

**Scholarly Presentations**

Presented paper, “Stratification: Proposals for Two Tiers of Law Schools in Historical Context,” at a Touro Law Center faculty workshop, Central Islip, New York (December 2013), and at the "Legal Ethics
Shmooze,” Fordham University, New York (June 2013).


**Publications**


**Media References and Appearances**


**Ross Sandler**

**Scholarly Presentations**

Organizer, CityLaw Breakfasts featuring Patrick Foye, Executive Director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, speaking on “Infrastructure and Public/Private Partnerships: ‘Bridging’ the Gap” (November 2013); Former Judge Judith S. Kaye, speaker on “Keeping Kids in School and Out of Court” (October 2013); former Mayor David Dinkins, speaking on “Governing New York’s Gorgeous Mosaic.” (September 2013); Christine C. Quinn, then-Speaker of the New York City Council, who gave a talk and answered questions (February 2013); and Seth W. Pinsky, President of the New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC), speaking on “Growing New York City’s Economy” (January 2013).

**Related References**

W. Pinsky, President of the New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC), speaking on “Growing New York City’s Economy” (January 2013).

**Panelist**

Panelist, the Federalist Society’s teleforum program on the REINS (Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny) Act (August 2013).

**Publications**

We Need Truth in Spending, *The Huffington Post* (December 2013).


Responsibility for War A La Carte, *The Huffington Post* (September 2013).

**Houman B. Shadab**

**Scholarly Presentations**


**Related References**


**Richard K. Sherwin**

**Scholarly Presentations**

Presenter, “Visual Literacy for Lawyers” and “Law as Performance,” Indiana University-Bloomington Maurer School of Law, Bloomington, Indiana (September 2013).

Plenary Speaker on law and visual semiotics at Jiao Tong University, Shanghai, and Zhejiang Sci-Tech University and Zhejiang Police College in Hangzhou, China (May-June 2013).


**Nadine Strossen**

**Scholarly Presentations**


Lecture, “The Surveillance Society and the Threat to Our Civil Liberties,” Distinguished Speaker Series, Lindenwood University, to honor

**Panelist**

Panelist, the Federalist Society’s teleforum program on the REINS (Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny) Act (August 2013).

**Publications**


Law’s Life on the Screen, in Sara Steinert-Borella’s and Caroline Wiedmer’s Intersections of Law and Culture (Palgrave Macmillan Socio-Legal Studies 2012).

**Related References**

Constitution Day, St. Charles, Missouri (September 2013).


Ann F. Thomas

Appointments
Appointed to the New York State Bar Association’s Law, Youth & Citizenship Committee (June 2013).

Scholarly Presentations
Presenter, “Empowering Students in the Classroom: Using Games to Promote Active Learning,” at the New England Consortium of Legal Writing Teachers’ Regional Conference, Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts (December 2013).


Scholarly Presentations

Moderator, “From Tax Reform to Fiscal Soundness” at the ABA Section of Taxation Fall Meeting, San Francisco, California (September 2013).

Ruti G. Teitel

Scholarly Presentations


Served on Host Committee of the American Society of International Law for its midyear meeting in Washington, D.C. (October 2013).


Erika L. Wood

Scholarly Presentations
Moderator, Careers in Labor & Employment Law, featuring NYLS alumni, sponsored by the Labor & Employment Law Society and the Unemployment Action Center (November 2013).

Gave a presentation on strategies and tactics for designing, building, and sustaining national and state coalitions to support public policy campaigns, New York University Law School’s Public Policy Clinic, New York (March 2013).


Marshall E. Tracht

Media References and Appearances
First Arena’s Solvency Questioned by U.S. Trustee, DEMOCRAT AND CHRONICLE (January 2013).

Michelle Zierler

Scholarly Presentations
Participated as a judge for an ABA JOURNAL panel on the greatest legal novel (August 2013).

Publications
In Cold Blood, By Truman Capote, ABA JOURNAL (August 2013).

Michelle Zierler

Media References and Appearances
NY Law School Professor Says Jana Winter Should Not Face Jail, FOX NEWS (April 2013).

A $64,000 Question, SLATE (March 2013).

Interview on Fuji-TV (March 2013).
The following items represent a sampling of the recent activities of our adjunct faculty.

### ADJUNCT FACULTY ACTIVITIES
Compiled by Melissa Pentangelo

#### Daniel S. Abraham '99
**Scholarly Presentations**

#### Karen Artz Ash ’80
**Awards and Recognition**
Selected by Managing INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY as one of the Top 250 Women in Intellectual Property (October 2013).

#### Adele Bernhard
**Publications**

#### R.B. Bernstein
**Awards and Recognition**

#### Scholarly Presentations

#### Laura Brevetti
**Media References and Appearances**
WWE Appoints New General Counsel to Company, TWNP Wrestling News (September 2013). This news also appeared in Ringside Report and Who’s Who Legal.

#### Pei Pei Cheng-de Castro ’00
**Scholarly Presentations**

#### Heather Cuocolo ’03
**Scholarly Presentation**

#### Judith Bresler ’74
**Publications**

#### Joanne Doroshow
**Scholarly Presentations**

#### Media References and Appearances
Group says Los Angeles county, city under siege from lawsuits, Los Angeles Daily News (April 2013).

#### Testimonies and Legal Consultation

#### Lucas A. Ferrara
**Media References and Appearances**

#### David Fish ’96
**Service**

Coached New York Law School’s Dispute Resolution Team in ABA Client Counseling Competition National Finals at Baylor Law School (March 2013).
Joseph M. Forgione
Appointments
Obtained a license from the New York State Department of State, Division of Licensing Services to conduct business as a licensed Private Investigator at the Gioconda Law Group PLLC (2013).

Scholarly Presentations

Media References and Appearances

Service
First Step/Young Luncheon Committee Member, Coalition for the Homeless, Inc. (January 2013).

Richard M. Horowitz
Appointments
Reappointed a New York State American Arbitration Association no-fault arbitrator for 14th year of service (2013).

Scholarly Presentations

Udi Ofer
Media References and Appearances
Israeli-born Attorney Takes Charge of ACLU; NEW JERSEY JEWISH NEWS (March 2013).

Steven E. Pegalis ’65
Scholarly Presentations

Media References and Appearances

Zvi Rosen
Awards and Recognition
His article, Reimagining Bleistein: Copyright for Advertisements in Historical Perspective, which appeared in Volume 59, Issue 2 of The Journal of the Copyright Society of the U.S.A., was chosen for the Charles B. Seton Award (August 2013).

Lawrence P. Schnapf ’84
Media References and Appearances
Bethpage Water District to Sue Northrop Grumman Over Contamination, NEWSDAY (November 2013).

Sonja Shield
Testimonies and Legal Consultation
Prevalied on motion to dismiss filed by the City of New York. Suit alleging violations of both New York State and City Human Rights Law had been filed on behalf of a transgender client who asserts she was discriminated against by New York City’s Human Resources Administration (HRA). In denying City’s motion to dismiss, state Supreme Court judge ruled that though facially neutral, policy regarding amending records had disparate impact on the transgender community. (December 2013).

Peter J. Strauss
Awards and Recognition
Elected as a fellow of American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (February 2014).

Publications
America’s Long-term Care Crisis, TRUSTS AND ESTATES MAGAZINE (June 2013).

Ari Ezra Waldman
Scholarly Presentations

Lis Wiehl
Media References and Appearances
Fox Legal Analyst Explores the Murder of Federal Prosecutor, BG DAILY NEWS (June 2013). Warren County Public Library Hosts Lis Wiehl and Steve Barry, WKNY (May 2013).
The Law School’s popular series of Career Connections events continued throughout 2013. Each gathering featured a diverse mix of some of our most distinguished alumni working in specific practice areas. The alumni speakers shared how the legal training they received at New York Law School prepared them for success in their careers, and offered students insights into how to build their own careers.

On March 6, 2013, Marc Lasry ’84, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and Co-Founder of Avenue Capital Group, spoke to the Law School community about his experience turning a family business into a multibillion-dollar hedge fund and his time as a fundraiser for the Democratic Party.

On November 5, 2013, the Law School highlighted alumni serving on the bench at a special Spotlight on Women in the Judiciary. Speakers included Hon. Susan Avery ’91, Kings County Housing Court; Hon. Julianne Capitola, Nassau County Family Court; Hon. Bernice Siegal ’85, Queens County Supreme Court; and Hon. Faviola Soto ’78, New York State Court of Claims.
ALUMNI RECEPTIONS

**JUNE 19, 2013: DEAN’S COUNCIL DINNER**
Members of the Dean’s Council came together for a special dinner in the Law School’s Fifth Floor Lounge and Terrace. Members were treated to cocktails and dinner while hearing important updates on Law School activities from Dean Crowell. The Dean’s Council recognizes generous alumni and friends who contribute $5,000 or more to the Annual Fund.

To view the full photo gallery for this event, please visit www.nyls.edu/DeansCouncilDinner2013.

**JUNE 25, 2013: JOHN MARSHALL HARLAN FELLOWSHIP COCKTAIL RECEPTION**
Members of the John Marshall Harlan Fellowship were hosted by New York Law School Board Member Charles Phillips ’93 at Infor, where he serves as President and Chief Executive Officer. The John Marshall Harlan Fellowship recognizes generous alumni and friends who contribute $1,000 or more to the Annual Fund.

To view the full photo gallery for this event, please visit www.nyls.edu/HarlanFellowship2013.

**JULY 10, 2013: HON. ROGER J. MINER ’56 READING ROOM DEDICATION**
Members of the Law School Community gathered for the dedication of the Hon. Roger J. Miner ’56 Reading Room. The dedication was attended by members of the Miner family, the Judge’s former clerks, and members of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. One of the highlights of the dedication was the reading of a letter written by New York State Senator and Judge Miner’s former law clerk Kristen Gillibrand. The room, which houses Judge Miner’s archives from his time on the Second Circuit, is located in the Mendik Library and open for all students and alumni. Judge Miner’s widow, Jackie Miner, who was a Guest of Honor at the Reading Room dedication last July, passed away in January. The NYLS community extends condolences to her family.

To view the full photo gallery for this event, please visit www.nyls.edu/MinerReadingRoom2013.

To learn more about becoming a member of the Dean’s Council or the John Marshall Harlan Fellowship, or to make a contribution to the Hon. Roger J. Miner ’56 Reading Room, contact Tara Tomlinson, Assistant Vice President of Development, at 212.431.2808 or tara.tomlinson@nyls.edu.
ALUMNI WEEKEND 2013
New York Law School welcomed back nearly 200 alumni at its annual Alumni Weekend held on Friday, April 12, and Saturday, April 13, 2013.

The weekend commenced Friday evening with the Dean’s Reunion Celebration at Gracie Mansion, where alumni from classes ending in ‘3’ and ‘8’ convened to reunite and reminisce with old friends and classmates and to hear from Dean Crowell.

On Saturday, alumni from all classes came to the Law School for an array of events including a free Ethics CLE course given by Professor Rebecca Roiphe; the Alumni Association Annual Meeting; the Dean’s State of the Law School Brunch, which honored Murray Koven ’38 on his 75th Reunion; and our annual all-alumni casino night and dinner held at the Russian Tea Room.
Lloyd Hull was profiled about his life in Greenwich, Connecticut, in “It’s All About Family at Hull House” in the Greenwich Citizen in November 2013. He is an attorney in Greenwich, where he has lived since 1958. (Greenwich Citizen).

Aaron Fodiman writes that he has received the 2013 History Maker award from the Dunedin, Florida, Historical Society in recognition of his contributions to the community over the past 30 years. He is the publisher and editor of the Tampa Bay Magazine and is the author of several books.

Arlene S. Moskowitz writes that she published an article with her husband, Joel A. Moskowitz, titled “Singing Is Good For Your Health and Souls” in Jewish World San Diego in December 2013.

Steven E. Pegalis was named to the 2014 edition of The Best Lawyers in America. He is a member of the NYLS Board of Trustees and a founding partner of Pegalis & Erickson LLC in Lake Success, New York. For the fourth consecutive year, the law firm was given the Tier One top ranking as a 2014 “Best Law Firm” by U.S. News – Best Lawyers (Best Lawyers in America).

Jeffrey L. Sapir writes that he celebrated his 34th year as Standing Chapter 13 Trustee for the Southern District of New York. He is the owner of the Law Office of Jeffrey L. Sapir in White Plains, New York.

Judy Sheindlin, along with two federal judges, presided at a naturalization ceremony at the Brooklyn Federal Courthouse in November 2013. “This is a first for me, and at my age, there aren’t many firsts anymore,” she said. She is a family court judge and star of the reality court room show Judge Judy. (New York Daily News)

Michael Weisser was featured in “Woodbridge Medical Marijuana Dispensary Opens” in The Woodbridge Patch in December 2013 about a medical marijuana dispensary he opened in Woodbridge, New Jersey. Weisser and his son, David, also run nonprofit medical marijuana dispensaries in Colorado.

William K. Weisenberg was the recipient of the 2013 American Bar Association Grassroots Advocacy Award in April 2013, the 2013 National Association of Bar Executives Bolton Award in August 2013, and the 2013 Ohio Center for Law Related Education Founders’ Award in September 2013. He is an assistant executive director for public affairs, government relations, and diversity initiatives for the Ohio State Bar Association.

Avram B. Segall writes that he spent the month of July 2013 teaching at Tianjin University in China as an invited instructor in

Sysco Corporation made headlines on December 9, 2013, when it announced that it was planning to buy rival food distributor US Foods from its majority shareholders—and New York Law School alumni were actively involved on both sides of the deal. Peter Puk ’07 and Brian Drozda ’08, both associates at Weil, Gotshal & Manges, were part of team that advised Goldman Sachs, which is providing committed bridge financing to Sysco for the deal. Steven Slutzky ’93, a corporate partner at Debevoise & Plimpton, along with two colleagues and a team from Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, advised US Foods in connection with the transaction. According to American Lawyer magazine, the deal, “worth $8.2 billion once assumed debt is factored in,... solidifies Sysco’s position as the world’s largest broadline food distributor and creates a combined company that expects to generate about $65 billion in annual revenues.”
the Montclair State University Teaching in English program. He has been an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science and Law at Montclair State University, in Montclair, New Jersey, for 34 years while maintaining a practice in Clifton, New Jersey.

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James P. Pagano writes that he is the Co-Chair of the Bankruptcy Committee at the New York County Lawyers’ Association and was on a panel of questioners at the association’s public hearing in December on the continuing impact of budget cuts on the administration of justice. He is the owner of James Pagano, Attorney at Law in New York.

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Sybil Shainwald authored an article in the fall 2013 issue of the William & Mary Journal of Women and the Law. The article is titled “Reproductive Injustice in the New Millennium.”

Herbert K. Sudfeld Jr. writes that he was elected to a three-year term (2012-2015) as Zone 9 Governor (representing Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery Counties) on the Board of Governors of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. In addition he serves as the Board’s liaison to the Legal Services to the Public Committee and the Collaborative Law Committee. He is a partner at Curtin & Heefner LLP with offices in Morrisville and Doylestown, Pennsylvania, where he practices in the areas of commercial real estate law, zoning and land development, and liquor licensing and enforcement law.

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Kathryn E. Freed was re-elected as a judge on the New York City Civil Court in Manhattan, 2nd Judicial District, in November 2013.

Robert J. McDonald was re-elected as a justice on the New York State Supreme Court, Queens County, 11th Judicial District, in November 2013.

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Stephen E. Erickson was named to the 2014 edition of The Best Lawyers in America in November 2013. He is a founding partner of Pegalis & Erickson LLC in Lake Success, New York. And for the fourth consecutive year, the law firm was ranked Tier One, the top ranking as a 2014 “Best Law Firm” by U.S. News – Best Lawyers.


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Cary B. Cheifetz was elected a Diplomate in the American College of Family Trial Lawyers in June 2013, a designation awarded to only 100 matrimonial lawyers in the United States. He is a partner at Ceconi & Cheifetz LLC in Summit, New Jersey.

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Kenneth Citarella was elected to serve as a member of the New York City Bar Association’s Professional Responsibility Committee for a three-year term beginning in September 2013. He was featured in New York Business Journal under “People on the Move” in September 2013. He is managing director at Guidepost Solutions LLC in New York.

Andrew Patel was quoted in “Bribe Pol’ Claims Bharara’s Pension Comments Will Prevent ‘Fair Trial’” in The New York Post in November 2013. He is a criminal defense attorney in Manhattan. (The New York Post)

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Telesforo Del Valle was appointed in July 2013 to a panel reviewing as many as 50 trial convictions involving a detective whose work may have sent innocent men to prison. He is a senior partner at Del Valle & Associates in New York. (The New York Times)

Scott H. Greenfield was quoted in “Global Finance: Goldman Ordered to Pay Legal Fees in Code-Theft Case,” in The Wall Street Journal in October 2013. He is a criminal defense lawyer in New York, practicing as Scott H. Greenfield, Attorney and Counselor at Law. He is also of counsel at Hull McGuire PC.

Fay S. Ng was featured in the New York Daily News, AM New York, and Reuters in June 2013, when she argued before the New York Supreme Court Appellate Division, First Department, in favor of Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg’s 16-ounce limit on the size of soda sold in specified venues. She is a senior counsel at the New York City Law Department in Manhattan.

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Robert E. O’Neill joined Freeh Group International Solutions LLC as managing director in the firm’s new Miami, Florida, office in April 2013. He was previously United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida.

Vincent Viola completed his purchase of the Florida Panthers professional hockey team in September 2013. His acquisition of the team was discussed in a number of publications, including Sports Illustrated, The Miami Herald, the Sun-Sentinel, Pantagraph.com, Gant Daily, and The Washington Post. In addition, his home was featured in “Upper East Side Mansion: Lavish on Every Level” in The New York Times in December 2013.

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Brad L. Berman joined the New York office of Norton Rose Fulbright in October 2013 as shipping finance partner. He focuses his practice on maritime and corporate finance; offshore incorporation, including Marshall Islands and Liberian law; and private wealth planning.

Kenneth Rubenstein was elected president of the American Technion Society, New York Metropolitan Region, in October 2013. He is co-head of the Patent Law Group at Proskauer Rose LLP in New York.
John W. Schryber joined Reed Smith’s Washington, D.C., office as partner in the insurance recovery group in October 2013. He represents corporate policy holders against insurance companies.

1984

Mark Garscia was appointed to the Executive Committee of the Los Angeles County Bar Foundation in 2013. He is a partner at Christie Parker & Hale LLP in Pasadena, California.

Marc Lasry was featured in Forbes magazine’s “400 Richest Lawyers” list in September 2013. He was also featured in “Obama’s Library, Advisers’ Dream” in The New York Times in December 2013. He is the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and Co-Founder of Avenue Capital Group in New York.


Betty J. Williams was elected as a justice on the New York Supreme Court, Kings County, 2nd Judicial District, in November 2013.

1985

Thomas S. Brooks was named to the American Indian College Fund’s Board of Trustees in May 2013. He is Vice President of AT&T External and Legislative Affairs in New York.

Sean Campbell writes that he was a speaker at St. John’s University School of Law’s CLE Fall Weekend in October 2013 on the subject of “The Basics of Arbitrating Before the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority.” He practices in his own firm in Huntington, New York.

Bruce A. Colbath joined Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton as a partner in the firm’s Antitrust and Trade Regulation practice group in December 2013. He is based in the firm’s New York office.

Nicholas F. Pellitta was appointed Chairman of the Board of the Raritan Valley Community College Foundation in October 2013. He is a member of Norris McLaughlin & Marcus P.A. and based in its Bridgewater, New Jersey, office. (Norris McLaughlin & Marcus, P.A.)

Larry S. Schachner writes that he was elected to the New York State Supreme Court for the 12th Judicial District in Bronx County in November 2013.

1986


Heidi S. Minuskin was named partner at the Morristown, New Jersey, office of Coughlin Duffy LLP in August 2013. (New Jersey Law Journal)

Caryn B. Siebert writes that her company, Carl Warren & Company, in Santa Ana, California, won the 2013 National ESOP Company of the Year award in May 2013. She is the President and Chief Executive Officer.

1987

Bruce Czachor joined the New York office of Duane Morris as a partner in the Corporate Practice Group in May 2013.

1988

Paul L. Alpert was elected as a judge on the New York City Civil Court, Bronx County, in November 2013.

Scott Siller was elected as a Nassau County district court judge on November 2013 and took office in January 2014. (New York Law Journal, The Island Now)

1989

Jeffrey W. Berkman writes that he has published Due Diligence and the Business Transaction: Getting a Deal Done with Apress in late 2013. He is the founding principal of The Berkman Law Firm, with offices in Manhattan and Baldwin, New York.

Michael F. Sarney joined the Patent and Trademark Practices group of Moritt Hock & Hamroff. He joins the firm as of counsel in the New York office, concentrating in patent litigation, trademark prosecution and trademark litigation. (Moritt Hock & Hamroff)

1991

Marylee Jenkins has been reappointed by U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker for a further term of service to the Patent Public Advisory Committee for the United States Patent and Trademark Office in December 2013. She is partner and head of the New York Intellectual Property Group at Arent Fox LLP.

Alan Muraidek joined the White Plains, New York, office of Eckert Seamans Cherin and Mellott LLC as an associate in the litigation division in November 2013. He focuses his practice on a variety of commercial litigation disputes, including Federal Employers’ Liability Act matters and other railroad matters.

James S. Oddo was elected Staten Island Borough President by the widest margin of victory in the borough’s history. With 100 percent of the districts reporting, Oddo received 70 percent of the vote in November 2013. (Staten Island Advance) (See story, page 6.)

Thomas P. Quadman wrote “A New Vision For Proxy Advice? Best Practices And Core Principles For The Development, Dispensation, And Receipt Of Proxy Advice” in the April 2013 edition of Metropolitan Corporate Counsel. He is Vice President of the U.S. Chamber Center for Capital Markets Competitiveness.

1992

Henry Bunis was featured in “Like Father Like Son” in Tennis World in July 2013. Formerly a professional tennis player, he worked for JPMorgan and is now retired and getting back into tennis. (Tennis World)

Dan Mullin was the honored guest at the New York Law School Law Review's Year-End Reception in March 2013 celebrating the 2012-13 academic year. He is the Senior Vice President of Investigations for Major League Baseball.

Michael R. Dal Lago has joined the Naples, Florida, office of Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP as a partner in its Creditors’ Rights, Reorganization & Bankruptcy Area practice in March 2013. (Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP)

Jean-Claude Lanza was named counsel to Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP in New York in December 2013. He practices in the firm’s Corporate department, focusing on cross-border corporate finance.

Stefanie Martinez was appointed to the Papillion County Court, 2nd Judicial District, in Nebraska in December 2013. The news was featured in the Journal Democrat and the San Francisco Chronicle.

Kevin Ward was named commanding officer of Patrol Borough Queens South in July 2013, promoted from New York Police Department Assistant Chief. (Queens Chronicle)

Jonathan R. Miko writes that he was named Chief Executive Officer of Alacrity Renovation Services LLC in Eugene, Oregon, in June 2013. He previously held the title of Chief Operations Officer and General Counsel.

Elura Nanos and Michelle Sileo were featured in “Law School Friends Score a Reality TV Show” in the ABA Journal in May 2013 discussing their show Staten Island Law. They co-founded Lawyer Up, an educational company for law students. (ABA Journal)

Marc A. Bender was honored at The Young Jewish Professionals Finance and Hedge Fund Summit in New York as a Rising Star in May 2013. He is the Senior Managing Director and Global Head of Acceleration and Seeding at Cantor Fitzgerald.


Gabriel G. Matus writes that he became Senior Vice President and General Counsel of eMagin Corporation, based in Bellevue, Washington, in May 2013 and was designated Chief Ethics Officer in September 2013.

Thomas P. McDaid writes that he became the Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs and Human Resources for the Locus Valley Central School District in New York in August 2013.

Douglas Henderson Jr.'s book, Endeavor to Persevere: A Memoir on Jimmy Connors, Arthur Ashe, Tennis and Life, came out in paperback in April 2013. He is an employment specialist at a nonprofit agency.

Harris Kaufman was promoted from staff attorney to associate in the transactional real estate group at Kasowitz Benson Torres & Friedman LLP in Manhattan in October 2013.

Virginia Markovich joined Cozen O’Connor’s Subrogation & Recovery Department as partner in the New York office in November 2013.

John D. Rutenberg writes that he was named a Senior Market Manager of Commercial Banking for TD Bank, N.A. for northern coastal South Carolina in November 2013.
Jamie L. Nardiello Viola was promoted to principal in the New York office of Zetlin & De Chiara LLP in July 2013. She was named to the Engineering-News Record’s List of Top 20 under 40 Industry Professionals in February 2013.

2004

Marissa T. Jones Sheen joined the New York office of Goldberg Segalla LLP as an associate in April 2013. She is a member of the firm’s Global Insurance Services Practice. (Goldberg Segalla LLP)

2005

Rigodis Appling was quoted in “Unarmed Man Is Charged With Wounding Bystanders Shot by Police Near Times Square” in The New York Times in December 2013. She is an attorney with the Legal Aid Society in New York.

Adam Gana was named one of the Top 100 Trial Lawyers in the United States by the National Trial Lawyers Association in October 2013. He is a managing partner at Gana LLP in New York.

2006

Lee Pacchia conducted an interview, “Dean: Law Firms ‘Support’ NYLS’s 2 Year Degree Program” with Dean Anthony W. Crowell on Bloomberg Law in September 2013. In October 2013, he moderated a panel discussion at New York Law School, “From Law School to Practice,” on changing dynamics within the business of law, sector trends up and down, who’s getting hired today, and why. He is Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Mimesis Productions LLC.

2007

Joseph Carbon was promoted to associate attorney at the Greeley, Colorado, office of Personal Finance Co. in August 2013.

Jennifer Addonizio Rozen was named partner at Fishman and Mallon LLP in New York in December 2013.

2008

Maureen Grosdidier was quoted in “Animal Advocates Irked By Dog Abuser’s Light Sentence” in New York Daily News in December 2013. She is an assistant district attorney in the Bronx County District Attorney’s Office. (New York Daily News)

Johanna E. Miller writes that she was named advocacy director at the New York Civil Liberties Union in New York in October 2013. She also taught the Legislative Advocacy Clinic at NYLS in the Fall.

Erin Miner gave remarks at The New York Law School Law Review Alumni Network Second Annual Fall Reception in New York in October 2013. She is Vice President and Counsel at Credit Suisse in New York.

2009

Andrea Y. Lee was a featured speaker at the New York Travel Festival at the Bohemian National Hall in New York in April 2013. She travels to North Korea frequently and personally leads many of tours.

2010

Katherine A. Greenier was named director of the Reproductive Freedom Project of the American Civil Liberties Union of Virginia in August 2013. She was quoted in The New York Times article, “Virginia Abortion Clinic Rules Get Final Approval,” in April 2013. (The New York Times)

2011

Courtney Patterson was featured in “Planned Parenthood Director Aims to Show NJ Legislators Women’s Health Advocates Are Paying Attention,” a video interview with NJ Today in September 2013. She is the political field director for Planned Parenthood of New Jersey. (NJ Today)

David Pepper was featured as a presenter in November 2013 at a public meeting of the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, where he is an Advisor-Advisor.

Adam R. Seldon joined the Melville, New York, office of Littler Mendelson as an associate in May 2013.

Darren Shield was quoted in “Microsoft Office 2013 License Limits One Install Per Computer” in Digital Trends in February 2013. He is an associate at Powley & Gibson PC in New York. (Digital Trends)

Alana T. Sliwinski joined the New York office of Zetlin & De Chiara LLP as an associate in October 2013, focusing on the representation of corporations in complex litigation, including construction defects, real estate, environmental, and professional liability matters.

Trevor Timm was awarded the 2013 Hugh M. Hefner First Amendment Award in May 2013. He was featured in “Daily Report: Tech Giants Call for Curbs on Government Surveillance” in The New York Times in December.

He was also named to Forbes magazine’s 30 Under 30 list for law and policy in January 2014. He is the co-founder and executive director of the Freedom of the Press Foundation and activist and writer at the Electronic Frontier Foundation. (The New York Times, Forbes)
David M. Brown joined the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, office of Montgomery McCracken Walker & Rhoads LLP as an associate in the firm’s commercial litigation practice in September 2013. (Montgomery McCracken Walker & Rhoads LLP)

Mary G. Herms writes that she was named director of Investor Relations at Advantage Insurance Holdings Ltd. in London in October 2013.

David M. Brown

Nicholas W. Maiorano joined the Newburgh, New York, office of Finkelstein & Partners as an associate personal injury attorney in July 2013. (Finkelstein and Partners)

Jamie Sinclair presented a discussion about the New York Law School Law Review’s study and report on the participation rate of women and minorities as law review editors in November 2013. She is an associate at Goldstein, Rikon, Rikon and Houghton PC in New York.

Ramsen Youash joined the New York office of Jacoby & Meyers as a trial attorney in the firm’s Personal Injury Department in July 2013. The firm is an affiliate of Finkelstein & Partners.

Steven Cohen’s article, “Can Obamacare Improve Patient Safety? Tort Reform Hasn’t”, was published in Forbes in October 2013, and his “$130 Million Verdicts Don’t Raise Medical Costs” was published in Bloomberg Opinion in August 2013. He was also featured in The Wall Street Journal article “Steve Cohen: Minimum Wage for Interns? It Misses the Point” in January 2013.

Rob J. Rodgers was appointed an assistant district attorney in Queens in September 2013. (Queens Gazette)

Dmitriy Shakhnevich’s article, “The Nickel or Not?”, written with Charles A. Ross, was published in Ethisphere Magazine in November 2013. He is a law clerk at Charles A. Ross & Associates in New York. (Ethisphere Magazine)

Hanoch Sheps published “Update: Artist Resale Royalty Rights—Is a US Droit de Suite in our Future?” in It’s Art Law in December 2013. He is a clerk at Gene Shapiro Auctions LLC in New York. (It’s Art Law)

Gadi Zohar, a founding member of Krumholz & Zohar in Cranberry, New Jersey, hosted an open house in November 2013 at the firm. (My Central Jersey)

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New York Law School was recognized by U.S. News & World Report for its clinical programs, part-time evening division, and diversity.

The National Jurist magazine ranked NYLS as one of the best schools for practical training in its March 2014 issue.

The NYLS Tax LL.M. Program was ranked second in the nation in the Best of The National Law Journal Readers Rankings.

Forbes magazine named two New York Law School alumni, Amie Stepanovich ’10 and Trevor Timm ’11, to its most recent 30 Under 30 list for law and policy. Both are actively involved in some of the most timely and controversial technology and civil liberties issues of the day.

Adjunct Professor Karen Artz Ash ’80 was listed as one of New York Magazine’s Women Leaders in the Law 2014.

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