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New York Law School’s New Building Continues to Win Accolades!
SmithGroup, the architecture firm that designed the Law School’s new academic building, won an Award of Merit from the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Northern Virginia Chapter (June 2010) and a Gold Award from the International Interior Design Association (IIDA) Mid-Atlantic Chapter (April 2010) for the project.
Inspiration
By Richard A. Matasar

Law students’ aspirations are breathtakingly varied. They dream of becoming entrepreneurs, practicing on their own, or banding with others to form a small firm. They imagine being associates in big law firms or a life of public service in government or public interest law. They contemplate leveraging their legal education into a career in business. In short, the only limit to students’ aspirations is their imagination.

New York Law School is built on the principle that we must create pathways for our students to pursue their individual dreams. We speak often of the right program for each student. We develop new centers and courses to fulfill students’ ambitions. And we add new faculty members whose expertise aligns with students’ goals.

But whatever goals we set, we know that our futures are always unpredictable, that we change pathways frequently, and that serendipity plays a critical role in life. Sometimes being open to a new experience, stepping outside of our comfort zones, and adapting to change are more critical than developing specific game plans.

Our school’s approach combines a healthy respect for the traditions in legal education that have stood the test of time, with a dedication to pushing new ideas forward and never giving up on standards at the same time. The law school of today shares DNA with the law school of yesterday, but seeks to become tomorrow’s law school as well.

This issue of our magazine firmly connects to the best we have offered for decades. It highlights many of our great programs and profiles the extraordinary students, faculty, and alumni of our school. Such a strong core is critical to the pursuit of excellence. But we also feature examples of our innovative culture, such as the wonderful summer program in London that mixes traditional classroom activities with simulations of multinational practice and externship opportunities. That same culture led us to convene legal educators from around the world to discuss the future of legal education and to partner with Harvard Law School to co-host the Future Ed conferences.

Graduates of the Law School marvel at how much it has changed in the last 10 years—from our wonderful new building, to the imaginative new programs and centers, to the new master’s programs, to our use of technology and countless other initiatives. They recognize the connection to their own education, but are amazed at the School’s evolution and revolution. But it would be a mistake to believe that change just happens. It is the end of a pointed and directed process—a process that cannot occur without inspiration.

This issue of our magazine speaks to inspiration—how the commitment of a single person or entity can make an enormous difference to an institution. Our cover story highlights the incredible generosity of the Starr Foundation and its Chairman, Hank Greenberg ’50. They have made an incredible gift to support future generations of New York Law School students in achieving their goals and aspirations. They have provided a financial engine to fund countless dreams. I am inspired each day to make sure that their investment serves our students well. And I am confident that every graduate will be inspired to follow in their footsteps.
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By Mona Houck ’04

A gift of $20 million from the Starr Foundation for New York Law School’s Breaking New Ground capital campaign is, in itself, breaking new ground. The gift, which honors Maurice R. Greenberg ’50, the longtime chairman of the foundation, is the largest ever received by New York Law School and, indeed, among the top 20 gifts to any law school.

“A gift of that size gives us an enormous boost in providing the scholarship support our students will need in the years to come,” says Dean Richard A. Matasar, adding that directing the Starr Foundation grant toward scholarships for students will give the Law School flexibility in budgeting for other needs.

“By targeting our scholarship programs, we can help students take the jobs of their dreams,” he notes. “In the coming years, the cost of legal education will continue to be quite high. With this kind of support, we can begin to stabilize the costs to our students and provide them with the help they need in order to graduate with less debt than they otherwise would accumulate.”

Greenberg, who is also Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the global insurance and investment firm C. V. Starr & Co., Inc., and the former Chairman and Chief Executive of American International Group (AIG), the giant insurance firm, personally understands the need for scholarship assistance. He joined the Army at 17 and faced plenty of obstacles to obtaining his law degree. “I came back from World War II and had to finish high school, which I hadn’t finished before I enlisted in the Army,” he says. Beyond that, the tuition was out of reach. “If it hadn’t been for the G.I. Bill, I probably wouldn’t have been able to go to college or law school,” he says.

Greenberg hopes the Starr Foundation’s support will provide a similar lift. “There are many young people today who don’t have the wherewithal to go to school,” he says. “I would hope that our gift would help those who don’t have the means to do so.”

Dean Matasar notes the grant’s added benefit of recognizing an important alumnus. “It’s wonderful to be able to honor Mr. Greenberg, who has been one of our greatest graduates and also a tremendous leader for the Starr Foundation,” he says. “The Starr Foundation has always been a committed supporter of New York Law School, and this is just the latest way they’ve demonstrated their belief in what we do.”

As one of the largest private foundations in the country, the Starr Foundation makes grants in a number of areas, including education, medicine, public policy, and health care. As Chairman, Greenberg has had repeated opportunities to meet students who have benefited from scholarships financed by the foundation. “It’s interesting to see how they’ve done in their lives,” he says. “They’re motivated; they’re determined. And apart from being grateful for the education, they want to give something back themselves. It’s good to see.”

Greenberg remembers his own days at New York Law School fondly, though they
were not without some significant challenges. In the years after World War II, the atmosphere at the Law School was a bit different than it is today. “The School was essentially filled with ex-G.I.s when I attended,” he says. “I would say that the group that I went to school with was very, very serious. They were trying to make up for lost time.”

Many of these students, including Greenberg, were working as well as attending law school. “I did not have the kind of freedom to just study when I was going to law school, because I had to earn enough to live on,” he says. He recalls receiving a stipend of about $20 a week as part of his military benefits. “The G.I. Bill was terrific,” he says, “but it was pretty hard to live on.” Among his various jobs, Greenberg once worked at a law firm four days a week, doing research and earning $10 per week. “One summer I was running a bar and grill about 90 miles from New York,” he says. “I would drive in three nights a week at about 3 a.m. to attend classes the next day.”

Greenberg says one thing that stands out in his mind about his New York Law School education is the quality of his professors, many of whom were practicing lawyers who passed on useful insight from the field. “It was wonderful because you had some real professionals who were very good in their own area of the law,” he says, “which made it so much different than just talking to a professor who could tell you chapter and verse on the law from a book but had never practiced themselves.”

In particular, he recalls a civil procedure professor who made a lasting impression. “He was very practical,” Greenberg says. “Most of the students revered him. He was clear; he was not theoretical. He was an excellent professor.”

A wills and trusts professor who worked in state government was also influential. “He made a dull subject come to life,” Greenberg says.

Just as Greenberg appreciated the practicality of his own education, he endorses the approach the Law School is taking with its various academic centers and project-based learning courses. In this environment, students are encouraged to gain collaborative, hands-on experience and get exposure to real legal situations while they are still in school.

“I think it’s very good,” he says. “It’s very important that they understand not just theory, but the practicalities of what the real life of a lawyer is and how they will adapt to it once they get out of school. You can be a great learned student and know all the case law, but it’s important to understand how you’re going to apply it.

“It’s very nice to get a great education theoretically,” he adds, “but then some don’t know what to do in a courtroom.”

It is no accident that the approach to education Greenberg noticed at the Law School decades ago carries on today. “We’re building on a tradition,” Dean Matasar says. “New York Law School has always been a school that has delivered practical education to its students. We’ve also, for the last 20 years, built a tremendous research faculty, and what we’re able to do now is put the two things together.

“That really shows up in the idea of ‘Learn law. Take action,’ which is the School’s motto,” he adds. “That’s our shorthand way of saying that theory and practice belong together.”

It was not just the professors at New York Law School who had an impact on Greenberg’s life. “I made some very good friends,” he says. One friend, a man named John Murray ’49, was still in the military during his days at the Law School, stationed at the Army base in Brooklyn.
“About the time I graduated, in 1950, the Korean War broke out,” Greenberg says. “John Murray was sent almost immediately, and then I was recalled. I met him again in Korea, through pure serendipity.” The bonds formed in law school and in the Army were lasting. “We remained friends throughout our lives,” Greenberg says, adding that his friend stayed in the Army and retired as a major general.

Greenberg rose to the rank of captain and earned a Bronze Star. After leaving the military, he turned his practical legal education into a foundation for a successful business career. “The study of law is valuable whether you practice or not,” he says. “If you go into business, it’s a wonderful background. It certainly was valuable to me in my career.”

And what a career that has been. Greenberg joined C. V. Starr & Co., Inc. in 1960 as Vice President and became President and Chief Executive Officer of AIG in 1967. He retired as Chairman and Chief Executive of AIG in March 2005, having been largely responsible for transforming it into the largest insurance company in the world. He also has a long-standing interest in geopolitical issues and is an Honorary Vice Chairman and Director of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Outside of the office, Greenberg enjoys being active, particularly skiing and playing tennis. “I try to stay fit, exercising almost every day,” he says. “I think it’s important to be physically fit in order to stay mentally alert.”

What advice does one of New York Law School’s most successful graduates have for those just starting their careers?

“It’s not going to be a home run overnight,” he says. “Nothing is. You have to have the determination and the will to stick with what you decide to do. Don’t expect to be Clarence Darrow overnight. It’s going to take time.”

And, he cautions, “don’t just do it for the sake of money. I think that’s a terrible mistake many make.”

He suggests: “Pick an area you’re good at, and give something back. And if you do that well, success will come. Success doesn’t come first; you have to pay a price for it.”

As someone with a long history of giving back to the Law School, Greenberg encourages other graduates to do the same. “The School made a big difference in my life,” he says, adding that he believes others would say the same. “Every alumnus has benefited from the education they got at New York Law School. It’s only fitting that they do something for their alma mater, to help the next generation benefit as they did.

“You can’t just take; you have to give back, and there’s no better way of doing that.”

Dean Matasar would agree with that sentiment. “Any generosity comes back multiple times by inspiring others,” he says. And a gift like the one from the Starr Foundation will benefit the Law School even more than its impressive $20 million start, he believes, by inspiring other successful graduates, foundations, or even strangers to contribute as well. “They will see that we’re a place that’s worth investing in.

“Our goal,” Dean Matasar says, “is to take this gift and multiply it many times over.”
What Is the Future of Legal Education?
New York Law School and Harvard Lead the Conversation

By LaToya Jordan

With the rising cost of legal education and the drastic decrease in available legal jobs, lawyers and educators alike are questioning what the future holds for the legal profession. New York Law School has emerged as a leader in the discussion, investigating what law schools can do to better prepare students for a rapidly changing industry.

In April 2010, New York Law School partnered with Harvard Law School to launch “Future Ed: New Business Models for U.S. and Global Legal Education,” a yearlong contest of ideas for how to improve and modernize legal education. The project aims to bring members of the legal education community and the legal profession together to brainstorm alternatives to the current law school model and create action plans that will be implemented following the project’s conclusion. The first of three planned conferences was held at New York Law School on April 9–10, 2010. A second was held on October 15–16 at Harvard, and the final event, which will feature completed designs from participating working groups, will be held in April 2011 at New York Law School.

The Future Ed initiative comes in direct response to a report on legal education published in 2007 by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The report, titled “Educating Lawyers: Preparation for the Profession of Law,” criticized law schools for having two major limitations: “lack of attention to practice and inadequate concern with professional responsibility.” The foundation advised law schools to take a more integrated approach, combining legal theory with real-world experience so that students graduate better equipped for practice.

Professor Elizabeth Chambliss, the project’s co-leader at New York Law School, responded to the foundation’s call to action. She enlisted the partnership of former colleague David Wilkins, the Lester Kissel Professor of Law and Director of the Program on the Legal Profession at Harvard, where Professor Chambliss previously served as Research Director of the same program. In designing the Future Ed initiative, the professors decided that a partnership between two schools serving different markets would enhance the conversation needed to bring about change.

Professor Chambliss also sought help from her colleagues at New York Law School, where she is Co-director of the Center for Professional Values and Practice. Professor Dan Hunter, Director of the Law School’s Institute for Information Law & Policy, co-organized the conference series.

Professor Chambliss was also inspired to develop Future Ed after learning that a U.S.-style law school in China was seeking ABA accreditation. She realized that even though the U.S. model has come under criticism, it is going to be exported globally. She modeled the conference series after the “FutureFirm 1.0” competition, a contest created by Professor Bill Henderson of Indiana University Maurer School of Law in 2009, which had participants examine the big-firm model and look for ways to improve upon it.

The Future Ed project presents a new way to talk about law schools, says Professor Chambliss. “Previous conferences on legal education had focused primarily on the need for curricular changes—such as the need for clinical and/or experiential training, or better methods of assessment—without really examining, or...
challenging, the three-year, on-site, postgraduate educational model,” she says. “I was interested in putting that model on the table, and thinking specifically about the possibility and desirability of innovation.”

Professor Wilkins notes that analyzing legal education is a tradition at Harvard, dating back to former Dean Christopher Columbus Langdell, who pioneered the original case method of instruction more than a century ago. “In the last few years, we have once again restructured our curriculum, as well as a new problem solving workshop, which seeks to bring a new kind of case teaching to legal education by having students work in teams on in-depth, real-world cases designed to introduce them to the way that real lawyers encounter legal problems from the ground up,” Professor Wilkins says.

“We understand, however, that these changes are just the beginning of helping law schools to adapt to the changing realities of law practice in the twenty-first century,” he continues. “We are therefore very interested in hearing how leading scholars in the U.S. and around the world are confronting these challenges.”

Scholars got that opportunity at the kickoff conference in April, which was attended by 22 speakers and approximately 80 law school deans, professors, lawyers, consultants, and other business executives. Local and national media were also represented, with journalists from Above the Law, The American Lawyer, The National Law Journal, the New York Law Journal, and other publications covering the event.

The two-day conference began with a discussion of the problems with the current law school model. One problem consistently identified by panelists was the gap between theory and practice—that students need more opportunities during law school to practice being lawyers. Paul Lippe, CEO of Legal OnRamp, a Web site that allows attorneys to share information online, argued that engineering and medical schools have better business models than law schools in terms of practical preparation. Panelist Gillian Hadfield, Professor of Law and Economics at the University of Southern California, agreed with Lippe, offering the academic perspective: “We do not focus on how to do law, how to actually take a client’s problem, use those raw materials and come up with a strategy/solution and evaluate it.”

This lack of practical training leads to another problem raised by the panelists: young associates are not well-prepared for their jobs, forcing firms to pick up where law schools left off. Joseph B. Altonji, a consultant with Hildebrandt Baker Robbins, said that legal education is producing graduates “that cost too much to train.”
Chester Paul Beach, Associate General Counsel for United Technologies Corporation (UTC), agreed, sharing that UTC spends approximately $125 million in legal services each year, and that his priority is to reduce that cost company-wide. “We are actually trying to actively destroy the current [law firm] model,” he said. One way his company does this is by asking law firms to “unbundle” services, thereby not allowing first- and second-year associates to contribute billable hours on their projects. UTC would rather use its money to work with the experts at law firms, Beach said, than on bringing young associates up to speed on the skills they aren’t taught in law school.

After identifying the problems, panelists from law schools running innovative alternative programs provided a hopeful glimpse into what the future of legal education could look like. Presenters included the University of Dayton School of Law, which offers an accelerated J.D. that allows students to graduate in two or two-and-a-half years; and Concord Law School (a unit of Kaplan University), which offers a low-cost online J.D. program that appeals to students who want a career change, live in rural areas, or are returning to school later in life. Though Concord is not ABA-accredited, its graduates are eligible to sit for the bar exam in California. Other presenters discussed their schools’ experiential learning programs. Third-year students at Washington & Lee put their first two years of law school into action through practice simulations, practicum courses, and interactions with clients. And Northeastern University School of Law offers cooperative education, with 2Ls and 3Ls spending half of their time in class, and the other half as full-time legal professionals. This panel included the most robust Q&A session due to audience interest in how these programs outside the normal model are run.

The second day of the conference focused on developing action plans for the future. Participants split up into working groups centered on five topics: Accelerated Degrees, Big Firm Recruitment and Training, Distance Ed, Professional Collaboration, and The Future of Domestic and International Regulation. Each group created a list of action items to work on before the second session at Harvard in October 2010. Prior to the October event, working groups were developing written proposals outlining goals that would be attainable within a year. To view all the working groups and the action steps they have outlined so far, please visit http://futureed.tumblr.com/.

Dean Richard A. Matasar is the point person for the six-member Accelerated Degrees group, which includes deans and professors from law schools across the country. He says his group will “look at two-year J.D. programs as well as 3 + 3 connections to undergraduate schools—both of which are currently permitted under ABA regulations. We also will propose an experimental program that would allow college juniors to enroll at New York Law School without an undergraduate degree—our 2 + 3 concept.”

Dean Matasar believes Future Ed is an important conference, not only to law school educators, but to the legal profession as a whole. “The legal profession is changing rapidly. Firms are experimenting with different models of delivering their services, clients are demanding better service at lower prices, and the new economic realities of the practice are putting a premium on young lawyers who can deliver excellent service as soon as they are admitted to the bar,” he says. “At the same time, legal education is rapidly changing as well. Schools need to curtail costs and must get students ‘practice ready’ in order to maximize their ability to add value to their employers as soon as possible after graduation. Moreover, the dominance of American law schools and law firms will face significant challenges from non-U.S. firms and schools. To succeed in this competitive environment, schools and employers must continue to evolve and improve.”

New York Law School, along with Harvard Law School, is hard at work on collaboratively creating solutions to evolve and improve legal education, with the ultimate goal of advancing the entire legal industry. Stay tuned to the next issue of New York Law School Magazine for updates on the October conference.
For the first time in more than two decades, New York Law School sent students overseas during five weeks in May and June 2010 for special studies in international law at The College of Law of England and Wales—paving the way for a significant new role for New York Law School on the world stage of legal education and scholarship.

Nineteen students attended classes at the college’s Bloomsbury campus in London—home to the late Charles Dickens, William Butler Yeats, Charles Darwin, Virginia Woolf, and Bob Marley, and the very much alive Ricky Gervais. Students selected two of four available areas of law, with each course worth 2 credits: worldwide derivatives market regulation, global intellectual property law, European Union law, and cross-border real estate transactions.

As an extension of classroom work, some students in the financial services sections were assigned internships. Those in real estate law met with British solicitors, chartered surveyors (real estate advisors), and investment bankers in the course of a simulated legal team project overseen by Professors James Hagy and Gerald Korngold. [See spotlight on p.12.]

Professor Lloyd Bonfield, Associate Director of the Law School’s Center for International Law, believes that the program was so successful overall that he expects the number of student participants to double in 2011. And negotiations are underway to craft a formal alliance between New York Law School and The College of Law.

The Law School’s program was accredited by the American Bar Association and co-sponsored by the Center for International Law, the Center on Financial Services Law, and the Center for Real Estate Studies.

Now with an academic beachhead in London, Dean Richard A. Matasar says negotiations are “definitely going forward” to establish a similar partnership with the Faculty of Law at The Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Professor Bonfield concurs, suggesting that off-season study in Israel could run concurrently with the next London program in 2011.

“The law is obviously becoming global, and the reach of American law is increasing,” says Carol A. Buckler, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. “The largest American firms have offices abroad, and the large foreign firms have offices in the United States.”

Of the inaugural British program, she adds, “It’s another aspect of our school’s growing and blossoming, and coming into a new era.”

Dean Matasar believes it was “inevitable that we’d find the right program” for expanding New York Law School’s global presence, first to London—the equal of New York as a hub of world finance and international law.

Originally, he envisioned a joint venture program in foreign study with Tulane University Law School in New Orleans, where Professor Bonfield was Associate Dean for International Graduate Studies and International External Relations until 2008, when he joined the New York Law School faculty. For 20 of his 25 years in New Orleans, Professor Bonfield ran foreign study programs for Tulane in a number of locations, including Britain, Italy, and Finland. Language was never a problem for
classroom study, says Professor Bonfield, noting that English has achieved primacy as the *lingua franca* of global law and finance.

At his new post in New York, he says, “The Law School took advantage of my experience at Tulane, and decided on a first foray to London.” Professor Bonfield had directed the London program for Tulane during his first two years at New York Law School.

“We took further advantage of the expertise of the [New York Law School] faculty, and their associations, in putting together an innovative program,” says Professor Bonfield. “Students have a unique opportunity now to live and study in another legal culture, with activities calculated to introduce them to that culture, and to have much closer contact with faculty since classes are quite small.”

He adds, “For a school based in a major international city, New York Law School had a rather modest international footprint that needed enlarging. This program now uses the resources of the Law School to create a robust presence.”

In years past, international opportunities for New York Law School students came about casually with individual help from faculty members.

“Unless we had a real reason for a formal program, as an institution, our policy was that we wouldn’t do it,” says Dean Matasar. “It’s so expensive just going to school; the students don’t need the cost of a special program unless it has strong, long-lasting value.”

The dean is convinced that the London foray delivered requisite value. “Students can parlay their experience into externships back home in New York,” he says. “It’s important that students have a significant experience abroad. And what this program mainly does is address the problem that every law firm has, even the smallest firm in upstate New York, and that is the need to understand at least ground-level international law.”

Dean Matasar has but a single regret: “As for myself, I never took the time out as a student to study overseas because I was in a hurry.”

**SPOTLIGHT ON**

**Real Estate Transactions in a Global Marketplace**

Drawing on substantial know-how as an international real estate lawyer—and perhaps a bit, too, on his 40 years as a magician—Distinguished Adjunct Professor James Hagy whisked nine law students from New York to London last spring and changed their lives in five weeks flat.

During the first several sessions of his Real Estate Transactions in a Global Marketplace course, students attended lectures by Professor Hagy and guest speakers at The College of Law of England and Wales. Then they were tasked with a mission project and thrust into the ruckus of an unfamiliar city. The assignment: as a legal team, consult with British barristers, environmentalists, property agents, and construction engineers—and hop over to Paris to meet French lawyers, notaries, and an investment banker—in the cause of simulated transnational real estate negotiations on behalf of a fictional client.

The mock project was so chock-full of real-world complexities that, as Professor Hagy puts it, “Until the very end, the correct answer was, ‘I don’t know.’”
The client was “Bob,” an executive of an American food manufacturing company struggling through the acquisition of a family-owned British company with a lease on London headquarters soon to expire. There was no relocation plan in place. The company’s manufacturing plants throughout England included an outdated factory to be closed down and sold. To cut costs, the British family patriarch had to be eased out of a company-owned mansion in central London. Further, Bob was charged with expanding operations in Paris—and moving his family to a suitable new home abroad, where markets and laws and business practices were literally foreign to him.

Dean Buckler monitored student progress from back home at New York Law School.

“It was very intensive,” she says of the special course. “Students had to plunge into the law and legal surroundings in London. They had to think on their feet, the way lawyers do.”

While doing so, the student team had to act strategically and survive the glitches duly included in the design of Professor Hagy’s project simulation. For instance, the students scrambled to negotiate settlement of a lease violation complaint filed against their client when a group of rambunctious partiers gained access to the client’s leased headquarters after it had vacated the space; the revelers managed to trash the premises. Quick thinking, shrewd action, and dodging curveballs were tests of fire that a younger Professor Hagy faced for real in a long career at Jones Day, where he retired as Chair of the firm’s Worldwide Corporate Real Estate Services practice.

Professor Hagy’s course bedazzled both students and his co-teacher, New York Law School Professor Gerald Korngold.

“Jim created a sense of team with his students and had them take the lead in the questioning and discussion with top professionals,” Professor Korngold says. “Students learned how to handle issues of professional responsibility, how to relate to clients, and how best to serve clients. One of the lawyers remarked that Jim has given the students an experience that would put them on par with a third- or fourth-year associate at his firm.”

“The experience was an amazing preparation for real-life situations, and gives [us] an advantage over others who have never been in a simulation setting,” says Casey Cooper, a visiting student who was in the class.

Rachel Logan 3L echoes her classmate’s appreciation. “Meeting with professionals and seeing how willing they were to help gave me more confidence in approaching lawyers and other professionals in the future,” she says. “The experience has also given me a great platform for discussion to use in future interviews and networking functions.”

Professor Hagy was gratified that his basic lesson was enthusiastically received. In the team process, he says, “Everyone had something to say, and everything had validity. The energy level was high.”

Professor Korngold adds that students took their “learning adventure” as a practical taste of career truth. “Being a lawyer is not just doing an assigned task,” he explains, defining the truth, “but asking the right questions for briefing, and seeing the big picture so a client can make strategic decisions.”

A successful presentation by an attorney—and certainly that of a law professor—hinges on careful preparation. Professor Hagy likens this to the backstage discipline required by another one of his passions: magic.

As a teenage prestidigitator, Professor Hagy honed his performance skills to a professional level and thereby paid for his education. He suggests that lessons learned in the art of magic proved useful, if unusual, to his later legal training.

For instance, as a practicing attorney and now as a legal educator, Professor Hagy developed the habit of arriving 45 minutes early at whatever the professional venue. The purpose? To “check over everything twice,” he says, “and to make sure the audience has the best experience possible—that old magic training.”
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New York Law School has a growing list of student-run blogs that cover various topics of interest to the legal community. Check out the links below to get the latest news and become part of the conversation.

Case Clothesed
A project of the Institute for Information Law & Policy, www.caselothesed.com covers the intersection of fashion and law, keeping readers up-to-date on happenings of the fashion industry from a legal perspective.

Financial Law Updates
An initiative of the Center on Financial Services Law, www.finlawupdates.com is a comprehensive source for the latest developments in financial law collected from the continually updated feeds of policy makers and authoritative sources of news and analysis.

Just Families
A project of the Diane Abbey Law Center for Children and Families, www.justfamilies.org provides a forum for discussing cases, policies, and issues related to family law.

Legal As She Is Spoke
A project of the Program in Law and Journalism, www.lasisblog.com reports on the state of legal journalism and encourages conversation about the accuracy of reporting on law.

The Obiter Dictum
Starting with this issue, this section of the magazine will feature updates on gifts made to the Law School’s capital campaign and the personal stories behind them. Stay tuned to hear from our donors about why they gave and how their gifts are transforming the Law School.
Success from the Start:
The New Diane Abbey Law Center for Children and Families

By Mona Houck ’04

Call it a family affair. Arthur N. Abbey ’59, Chair of the New York Law School Board of Trustees, and his wife, Diane, have endowed the Law School’s newest academic center, the Diane Abbey Law Center for Children and Families. The Abbeys consider the gift a way to blend their personal interests, help students gain valuable experience, and make a difference for families in need.

“Children and families is a field in which I’ve been involved my entire life and career,” says Diane Abbey, who taught high school, worked with Planned Parenthood, and is on the board of New Alternatives for Children, an advocacy group for children with special health care needs. “This is a combination of Arthur’s interest in law and education and my interest in the welfare of children and families.”

Launched in 2009, the Center aims to encompass all areas of family law and to prepare students for work in the field. “The idea is that students are an ideal group of people whose learning and skills can be deployed to help people who lack familiarity with the legal system,” says Professor Carlin Meyer, the Center’s Director. “It’s the perfect symbiosis so long as we provide the appropriate supervision, so it is truly education and not just what students can volunteer for and do on their own.”

Arthur Abbey hopes the Center will inspire some students to pursue family law careers. “I believe that it is an underserved legal area with great needs, and we would like to encourage people at New York Law School to work in that area,” he says. “There are lots of counseling and hands-on opportunities for students to get a feeling of lawyering before they’re actually lawyers.

“I think there’s great satisfaction that they will have,” he adds, “and at the same time, I think that they will be contributing to a group of people who have great need.”

Students affiliated with the Center have already been getting a taste of the family lawyer’s life through such opportunities as working with the Safe Passage Immigration Project at the Justice Action Center; getting involved with an elder law clinic; organizing a program to aid families in establishing guardianship for relatives with special needs; and volunteering to help people navigate family court proceedings. The Center has held master classes on family law topics, hosted a lecture and writing contest that are to be annual events, helped present an annual adoption conference, and sponsored a summit on children with incarcerated parents. It has also established a clinical placement program for students to work on domestic violence issues and is planning a symposium on juvenile justice reform for spring 2011.

All that, and the Center is just getting started. Work got under way last year, but the 2010–11 academic year is the first in which students will be formally enrolled and committed to its requirements, which include a mix of coursework, externships, and capstone projects—like the Law School’s other academic centers.

The Center’s benefactors have eagerly watched its early accomplishments. “Carlin’s vision is enormous and very encompassing, and I think she’s doing an extraordinary
job,” says Diane Abbey, who is enjoying seeing the Center grow and is involved through volunteering and sharing ideas. “It is very exciting and a dream come true!”

The students are excited, too. Thomas McDonald, a third-year student in the Evening Division, says working with the Abbey Center has been “the most dynamic educational experience of law school so far.”

McDonald was part of a team of students who worked on the Guardianship Project last year. During the project, as part of a course Professor Meyer taught, the students addressed problems families face when a developmentally or mentally disabled relative reaches adulthood. Families often do not realize that once the child turns 18, they must establish legal guardianship to receive medical information and make decisions about continuing care.

Students were charged with organizing a program to help these families—a process that included everything from thinking through the required steps to establishing a relationship with a social services agency to actually working with clients and helping them through the complicated procedures. “The students had to do all of the groundwork, sort of like a small law office,” Professor Meyer says.

“It was really exciting and scary,” says Mary Herms, another third-year evening student. “We were constantly trying to anticipate every question or issue that might come up.”

McDonald and Herms emphasize the value of these kinds of projects. “It’s really exciting for a law student who has been sitting in doctrinal classes to be able to do this hands-on work for a real client,” says Herms. Plus, it has made her even more enthusiastic about pursuing a legal career. “It’s the No. 1 class that has made me realize that practicing law will be exciting and I can actually help people. It will be difficult but hopefully really rewarding.”

One benefit of the Guardianship Project, McDonald notes, was being treated as a professional. “Carlin was both my professor and my boss for two semesters,” he says. “She gave me a lot of freedom on how I approached the project and a lot of respect, but she was also rigorous and professionally demanding. The practical skills I learned combined with the legal knowledge made all the hard work worth it.”

This year’s class will carry on with the project, and similar opportunities will follow. Professor Meyer says she hopes student ideas will inspire future initiatives: “It’s our aim to use the capstones to develop more and more of those projects and spin some of them off as project-based learning courses.”

She also wants to involve alumni who work in family law, encouraging them to attend events, serve as mentors, or arrange internships.

That kind of involvement is a great idea, says one alum who has given much to the Law School over the years. “I continue to be appreciative and thankful for the education that I got,” says Arthur Abbey. “I’m grateful, and therefore I want to give back. I hope that other people will feel the same way.”

That doesn’t necessarily mean a gift of money, he emphasizes. “If by mentoring you can influence students to want to practice in this area, I think what comes out of that is very beneficial for the School.”

Some students are eager to start their practices. Herms says that being able to take action on real issues made her realize that “this could be a slice of the cake that I’m looking forward to having when I finish all this work.”

While the studying continues, it’s rewarding to have a professional head start through work at the Abbey Center.

“Students gain valuable skills, they gain legal knowledge, and they also help people,” McDonald says. “So to me, that was a success.”

Thomas McDonald 3L  Mary Herms 3L
Over bowls of steaming matzo ball soup and plates of fried chicken, noodle kugel, and lettuce and tomato salads, Ann Bussel and her brother Morris Broad used to sit at the dining room table and listen to the adult conversation. It was 1940s Miami, and their parents, the late Shepard Broad ’27 and Ruth Broad, discussed ideas, events, and politics with the stream of visitors who came for Shabbat dinner every Friday night. Those visitors ranged from World War II soldiers on leave to heads of state, such as Israel’s first Prime Minister, David Ben-Gurion, and major figures in business and the arts. It was an era of family dinners, and for the Broad children, it was a time to learn—from the conversation as well as their parents’ actions—about social responsibility.

“My parents taught us not just through words but through deeds,” Ann says. “They invited the soldiers because they felt these young people were serving our country with their lives. The least my parents felt they could do was serve them a home-cooked meal.”

From the simple act of sharing a dinner table, a family philosophy was born. Giving back became a way of life, and the Shepard Broad Foundation, administered by Ann, Morris, and Ann’s two children, has done just that, time and time again, to New York Law School. Their latest gifts include naming the Law School’s Shepard Broad Coffee Bar in the new building, as well as more than doubling the foundation’s existing scholarship fund for second-year Evening Division students. The foundation had already named the Law School’s Student Center in one of the older buildings and established the initial fund.

“He felt that whatever success he was given was on loan to him,” Morris says of his father, who was himself an Evening Division student at the Law School. “He said, ‘You’ll never find an armored car following a hearse.’ That was his way of saying you can’t take it with you, and what better thing can you do with your money than to thank the people and institutions that have helped you in your life?”

Naming the Shepard Broad Coffee Bar reflects Shepard’s deepest feelings about the nature of learning and community, his children say. Ann says that her father knew that people “don’t just learn in classrooms. They learn from each other outside the classroom as well. They connect and share over coffee, too.”

Morris concurs. After touring the new building and visiting the coffee bar with his wife, Anita, he says, “My father would have been absolutely thrilled to see the coffee shop. He always believed that great things can come from conversation. And what better place to converse and exchange ideas than a coffee bar?”

Born in 1906 in Pinsk, Russia, Shepard Broad was orphaned by the age of 10. An uncle in New York learned of Shepard’s plight and sent for him. The six-month journey brought him to Montreal instead of New York. The 13-year-old boy narrowly avoided deportation when Adolph Stark, the head of a Canadian organization that aided Jewish immigrants, intervened.

In New York, Shepard was placed in first grade because he couldn’t speak English. Just seven years later, in 1927, he graduated from New York Law School. While in law school, he worked during the day as a runner for a bank on Wall Street. After graduation, he began to practice law just as the Great Depression hit. Morris says his father devoted his thriving practice “to keeping people out of bankruptcy.”
A 1937 fishing trip with friends introduced Shepard to Florida, and he fell in love. By 1940, he, Ruth, and their two children had relocated—not without some trepidation on Ruth’s part.

“She said, ‘Why would you give up half a loaf for none at all?’” Morris recalls. “But my father convinced her that it would bring the family new opportunities, and they would not starve and freeze at the same time.”

Those opportunities included founding the law firm Broad and Cassel—today one of the largest and most prestigious law firms in Florida—in 1946, and creating the upscale community of Bay Harbor Islands, which Shepard developed by literally dredging the Biscayne Bay swamp. He also founded the American Savings & Loan Association of Florida, a public company listed on the New York Stock Exchange; it was sold in 1988 with $3 billion in assets. And in 1974, he established the Shepard Broad Law Center at Nova Southeastern University in Florida.

Shepard’s career was marked by magnificent success and great fortune. Ironically, making money was never the main goal, both his son and daughter agree. “He did things in order to create things,” Ann notes. “Money-making was only ancillary to his desire to create—whether that was the law firm or Bay Harbor Islands or whatever project he undertook.”

One important creation was “a controlled base of clients for Broad and Cassel,” says Morris. “It was important for him to have a client base whose loyalty and trust he had earned.”

The crowning achievement of Shepard Broad’s career was his instrumental role in the creation of the State of Israel. David Ben-Gurion, who later became Israel’s first prime minister, called on Shepard and 18 other Jewish leaders to assist in the relocation of displaced persons and to help secure the existence of Israel.

“My father’s assignment was to purchase and equip boats that would bring Holocaust survivors to what was then Palestine,” Morris says. It was an important humanitarian act, but one that Shepard rarely discussed, he notes.

The Law School has recognized Shepard Broad’s extraordinary life in multiple ways: in 1977, the 50th anniversary of his graduation, he was awarded the Dean’s Medal; in 1993, he received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. In 2003, the Law School awarded him the President’s Medal of Honor, its highest honor, posthumously. When Shepard died in November 2001 at the age of 95, former Dean Harry H. Wellington said, “He was the kind of graduate who adds luster to our school. He exemplified so much of what the Law School stands for.”

“He had a great love for the law and sense of gratitude to the Law School,” Morris says. “He wanted to be a useful citizen and a good person more than anything. He once said if he could make a deal with the Lord, he would want to know the day of his death, so that all his worldly possessions, which were on loan to him, could be given away beforehand.”
Creating a brighter future—rather than dwelling on a fractured past—was integral to the character of Otto L. Walter ’54, remembers Frank G. Helman, President of the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation. Disbarred in his German homeland by the Nazis, Dr. Walter rebuilt his legal career in the United States, and later made it his life’s legacy to promote German-American reconciliation.

New York Law School was key to Dr. Walter’s starting anew, and therefore, endowing a professorship in his name—the Otto L. Walter Distinguished Faculty Chair—“seemed the obvious thing to do,” Helman says. “The Law School held a very special place in his heart because its Evening Division program offered him an opportunity to work during the day and study law at night. It was an opportunity he could not have found elsewhere in the New York area, and he never forgot it.”

Dr. Walter made much of that opportunity, both in terms of his career as well as in what he gave back to the Law School as a professor, benefactor, and friend. He became one of the most accomplished alumni of New York Law School, an internationally known jurist, and a major voice in post–World War II reconciliation between the United States and Germany. He was a renowned authority on international and tax law, particularly on German-American law and taxation, and was instrumental in developing the Law School’s program in international law, teaching international taxation at the School for many years as an adjunct professor. The Law School awarded him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws in 1984 in recognition of his ongoing and numerous contributions to his field as a scholar and practitioner. It also established the annual Otto L. Walter Lecture in International Law in his honor, which regularly brings world-renowned speakers to the School.

Dr. Walter studied law not once, but twice in his life. Like many Jewish intellectuals in Germany, he was prohibited from practicing his chosen profession by the Nazis in the years prior to the outbreak of World War II. After being disbarred due to Hitler’s anti-Jewish laws, he tenaciously recreated his life as an attorney in the United States.

Dr. Walter was born December 7, 1907, in Bavaria. His father, also an attorney, had achieved the rank of Royal Bavarian Notary, and young Otto was educated to follow in his footsteps. At the University of Munich, he studied civil and canon law, as well as economics. He earned the degree of Doctor of Laws cum laude from the University of Erlangen in 1930 and was admitted to the bar in 1932. Just a few months later, the Nazi government began passing various laws and decrees aimed at preventing Jews from working in several professions. Dr. Walter was personally impacted by the 1933 “Law Regarding Admission to the Legal Profession.” He found work as a law clerk for a few years, and then immigrated to New York City in 1936 with his parents. He became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1943. Arriving in New York City in the midst of the Great Depression, with limited English and no marketable job skills, Dr. Walter despaired of finding gainful employment, but was eventually hired as a bookkeeper. He earned a U.S. high school equivalency certificate and studied to become a certified public accountant. In 1940 he launched his own accounting firm and built a significant client base among...
German entrepreneurs with business interests in the United States. Recognizing that his clients needed legal advice as well as accounting services, he took up the study of law once more at New York Law School. There he left a distinguished record, making Law Review and graduating in 1954, a full 24 years after earning his first law degree. He was admitted to the New York bar the following year.

Embarking once again on a career in the law, Dr. Walter founded the law firm that eventually became Walter, Conston, Alexander & Green, P.C. Well-known for its specialized practice in transnational law, the firm later merged with Alston & Bird LLP. At the time of his death in 2003 at age 95, Dr. Walter was Senior Counsel at Alston & Bird.

After World War II, Dr. Walter was free to resume his original career path. Although he had no intention of returning to Germany, he joined the Munich law firm of Weiss, Walter, Fischer-Zernin, Rechtsanwaelte, and became one of the few attorneys admitted to practice in both Germany and the United States.

For the rest of his life, Dr. Walter worked relentlessly to improve relations between his native and adopted lands, especially in the area of international taxation. He served as an advisor to the German Ministry of Finance during the negotiation of the 1954 United States–German Income Tax Treaty and its 1965 amendment. He also advised the German government regarding the United States–German Estate, Inheritance, and Gift Tax Treaty of 1980. He was the co-author of a four-volume definitive work on the German-American Income Tax Treaty.

In recognition of his achievements, Germany awarded Dr. Walter the Grand Cross of the Order of Merit in 1980. Among his many other honors, he was named one of New York City’s “Ageless Achievers” by Mayor Rudolph Guiliani in 1999.

A Renaissance man, Dr. Walter had been schooled in the classics and was a font of information about the arts, music, and literature. Humanist and intellectual, he and his wife, Frances Doonan Walter, were also artists: While he was an accomplished pianist who performed in chamber music concerts, his wife was a talented watercolorist. Together they were philanthropists who established the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation, and during their lifetimes took a personal interest in the administration of gifts. Since their deaths in 2003, the foundation has sought to carry on their legacy of humanitarian work and charitable giving.

For Frank Helman, the foundation’s President, Otto Walter was first an employer, then a mentor, a colleague, and finally a friend. As a junior associate at Walter Conston, Helman’s first assignment was to help write updates of the four-volume treatise on the German-American Income Tax Treaty. “My earliest memory of Otto is that he was unfailingly courteous but very astute,” Helman says. “He wouldn’t take my first answer even if he thought it was the correct one.”

The transition from employer to mentor came when Dr. Walter offered to list Helman as a contributing author on a lengthy article, “Considerations in Planning German-American Estates,” which appeared in Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Rechtswissenschaft (Journal for Comparative Jurisprudence) in 1986.

In 1996, Helman left the law firm to set up his own practice and moved out of New York City, but continued to visit there frequently. Whenever he returned, he and Dr. Walter would have lunch and discuss politics, especially as they related to tax issues. “He and I had very different political opinions, but that never got in the way of our friendship,” Helman recalls.

Regarding the foundation’s gift of the named professorship, Helman says of his modest mentor, “He wouldn’t have acknowledged that he deserved it. He would have found something to complain about; his method—for himself and for others—was to praise with faint damns. But secretly, I suspect he would have been pleased.”
Dr. Lisa J. Chin ’96 Helps Build a Better Future for Students at New York Law School

By Mona Houck ’04

Dr. Lisa J. Chin ’96 has spent a lot of hours in a lot of libraries. In addition to her law degree, she has two master’s degrees and a doctorate. No wonder the library came to mind when she decided to give to New York Law School.

Her gifts will go toward an office in the Mendik Library and a scholarship named for her parents, Fun Kwong and Lai Shang Chin.

Dr. Chin says her donation was motivated by a desire to honor her parents and to support New York Law School’s resources. Her parents paid for her law school education in full, allowing her to complete her degree without accumulating the huge debts many graduates carry into their careers. “As a result of them being able to do that,” she says, “I didn’t face the financial stress that a lot of New York Law School students face. So I’ve been able to pursue a different career path.”

While attending New York Law School, Dr. Chin was simultaneously pursuing a master’s degree in public health and working at her graduate school’s library. She has also earned another master’s degree in bioethics and a doctorate in health education, and is now a postdoctoral research fellow at Columbia University’s HIV Center for Clinical and Behavioral Studies.

“I’ve always been somebody who’s been interested in research,” she explains. “And the librarians were always really helpful. This is a way to link into my interests and give something at the same time.”

Dr. Chin had this research-based career in mind when she started law school. “I knew early in my law school career that I was interested in an academic career rather than a traditional legal career,” she says.

But the path was not always smooth. “I didn’t do well during my first year of law school,” she says. A combination of factors led to her difficulty, and Dr. Chin is grateful that the Law School’s administrators were understanding, giving her an opportunity to continue her studies and become a successful student. Her decision to donate to the School followed in part from that appreciation, along with her hope that a scholarship will help future students focus on school more than stress.

Dr. Chin’s current research concentrates on ethics and policy issues concerning HIV/AIDS. She is working on a study examining informed consent among HIV vaccine trial participants. The work is a way of blending her interests in health and legal issues. “The law degree has been a springboard for me to pursue a career in bioethics,” she says.

Dr. Chin, who sits on the Law School’s Alumni Association board, encourages other graduates to get involved. “I’m hoping that alums will think about wanting to support the School,” she says. Active alumni can help by donating—whether time or money—and generally being involved.
In July 2010, New York Law School received a $550,000 gift from The Clearing Corporation Charitable Foundation. The grant is the first-ever of its kind given by the Chicago-based foundation to a law school. It will be used to endow scholarships for students enrolled full-time in the LL.M. in Financial Services Law program who seek to gain valuable work experience through a fellowship with a financial firm, clearinghouse, government agency, or exchange.

New York Law School launched its LL.M. in Financial Services Law program in fall 2009. Already successful, the program currently offers more than 50 courses involving all aspects of the laws, regulations, business, products, agreements, structure, and practices affecting global financial institutions, including several courses involving derivatives law and products. It is administered by a mix of full-time faculty members who teach doctrinal courses and foundational skills, and leading lawyers in the financial services bar who teach courses focusing on advanced knowledge and practice skills. The 24-credit program is designed to be completed by full-time students in one year, while part-time students may complete the degree over several semesters depending on their course load.

“We are so thankful to The Clearing Corporation Charitable Foundation for their support of our LL.M. students and our teaching philosophy. One of the hallmarks of our program is a focus on real-world practice skills to enable practitioners to enhance their academic knowledge and expertise,” said Professor Ronald H. Filler, Director of the Center on Financial Services Law and the LL.M. in Financial Services Law program. “As a Clearing Corporation Charitable Foundation scholarship recipient, each LL.M. student will receive a fellowship at a major financial institution, clearinghouse, exchange, or government agency. Students will thus gain valuable hands-on experience working 15–20 hours per week during the academic calendar year and will receive academic credits for their time in the workplace.”

“The financial services industry is undergoing major legal, regulatory, and business changes globally,” said David Johnson, a board member of the foundation. “We believe that New York Law School’s approach to legal education—a commitment to instilling academic knowledge paired with practical know-how—will result in producing effective leaders for the financial services field. We are pleased to support their efforts and look forward to the success of The Clearing Corporation Foundation Fellows.”

“We are very grateful to The Clearing Corporation Charitable Foundation for supporting our students. For some time, New York Law School has been setting a new standard for legal education with innovative programs that result in students graduating with a unique grounding in both theory and experience,” said Dean Richard A. Matasar. “In awarding its grant, The Clearing Corporation Charitable Foundation will further the transformation of New York Law School, evidencing a strong commitment to our educational approach with a major investment in the future of our students. We are so honored to have the support of such a forward-thinking charitable organization.”
It was with great pride that, on April 29, 2010, New York Law School recognized the names of alumni, friends, faculty, and staff who generously contributed to the *Breaking New Ground: Again* capital campaign from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009. Their names are inscribed for posterity on the Donor Walls located in the Law School’s new building at 185 West Broadway, and inspire all of us each and every day. We hope you will take a moment to view the names either in person at the Law School or on the capital campaign Web site at www.nyls.edu/breakingnewgroundagain.

Thank you to everyone who is building the future of New York Law School with your gifts, including 100 percent of our generous, committed faculty. Many people whose names are not here have made gifts since December 31, 2009, or are planning gifts now. The names of all of those who made, or will make, gifts or pledges over five years of $1,000 and above, during the period from January 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011, will be added to the Donor Walls this spring. We hope all of you who can will take your place on the Walls. Campaign naming opportunities are available to view at your convenience on the capital campaign Web site. For more information, please contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at 212.431.2800 or at alumni@nyls.edu.
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Since fall 2009, several students have joined the Center on Financial Services Law (CFSL) as associates. Each associate participates in one of three committees: the CLE/Speaker’s Forum, headed by Professor Ronald H. Filler; the CFSL Journal, headed by Professor David Glass; and the CFSL Web site, headed by Professor Houman B. Shadab. Committee members met throughout 2009–10 to plan their respective activities.

One such activity organized entirely by students—in particular, Jennifer Murphy 3L and Francisco McCarthy Vassallo 3L—was the Center’s first CLE event, titled “Enforcement and Reform in the Wake of the Financial Crisis,” held on April 15, 2010. More than 150 attorneys, industry professionals, professors, and students attended this event, chaired by Eric Corngold, a partner with Friedman Kaplan Seiler & Adelman LLP. It featured senior attorney representatives from the SEC’s Division of Enforcement, the New York Attorney General’s Office, the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office, and defense counsel. Speakers addressed enforcement and criminal actions recently taken, changes that have occurred since the financial crisis began, and how state and federal prosecutorial departments and federal government enforcement agencies work together and independently whenever an alleged financial law violation occurs. The lively debate and analysis were followed by questions from the audience.

With the passage of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, signed into law in July 2010, the CFSL intends to hold many CLE events in 2010–11 addressing this dramatic new legislation, its impact on the financial services industry, and the regulations that will follow.

The cartoon depiction of the prophet Muhammad by a Danish newspaper in 2005 and its aftermath revealed the continuing friction between the boundaries of religious tolerance and freedom of expression. On April 21, 2010, Dinah PoKempner, the General Counsel of Human Rights Watch, outlined the narratives that shape this ongoing international debate during a C.V. Starr Lecture sponsored by the Center for International Law.

Many adherents of Islam, arguing that mostly Western nations have ridiculed their beliefs and subjected their spiritual leaders to demeaning caricatures, have called on the United Nations to pass a resolution prohibiting “defamation of religion,” which they believe is a form of hate speech. But others respond that such opinions, however crude or uninformed, are protected under international principles of freedom of expression.

During her lecture, PoKempner noted the difficulty of the UN Human Rights Council’s current task of drafting guidelines to clarify the lines between protected expression and hate speech. Still, it is unlikely that the UN will strictly limit criticisms of certain religions, said PoKempner, who formulates Human Rights Watch’s position on international law and directs its international and domestic litigation. “It’s difficult to see the merit in protecting religion from cartoonists or hecklers when no other ideology or belief system, however controversial, is so privileged,” she said.
McMahon also addressed the health care debate and his decision to vote against the proposed plan for reform. He said he objected to the House-passed health care bill because it would reduce federal payments to New York City hospitals and would not do enough to contain costs. Speaking at a point in time before the bill passed, he expressed hope that the House and Senate could finalize a plan that addressed key issues affecting patients across America.

Finally, McMahon urged New Yorkers to raise their voices against the “populist anger” directed towards the financial services industry, noting the sizeable amount of jobs and tax revenue the industry has generated. Pointing out that the bad practices of a few do not represent the regular practices of thousands of employees working in the industry, he said: “As the rhetoric heats up across this nation, I think it’s very important that we in New York bring a different perspective to the battle.”
Justice Action Center

On March 5, 2010, the Justice Action Center hosted the Seventh Annual Adoption Policy Conference at New York Law School, in collaboration with the Center for Adoption Policy, the Child Advocacy Program at Harvard Law School, the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute, and the New York Law School Law Review. The conference, titled “Permanency for Children,” focused on the national and international policies promoting the preservation and reunification of families, as well as the creation of permanent families for parentless children.

The conference drew international attention, and guests crowded into the Law School’s Events Center to hear expert panelists discuss major issues relating to the status of the world’s nearly 143 million parentless children. Alongside New York Law School Professors Carlin Meyer and Lindsay Curcio, panelists included, among others, Elizabeth Bartholet, Director of the Child Advocacy Program at Harvard Law School; Professor Joan Hollinger of the U.C. Berkeley School of Law; Dr. Charles Nelson of Harvard Medical School; Whitney Reitz of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; and attorneys from the law firms of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP and Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP.

This year’s conference took the form of a symposium, with several academic contributions authored by the panelists to be published in a forthcoming volume of the New York Law School Law Review. The Eighth Annual Adoption Policy Conference will take place at New York Law School on Friday, March 4, 2011.

Conference attendees enjoy remarks from keynote speaker Dr. Charles Nelson, Professor of Pediatrics and Neuroscience at Harvard Medical School, regarding “Deficits, Intervention, and Recovery after Severe Social Neglect in Romanian Orphans.”

Conference presenters from Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom discuss their morning presentation on “Illegal Intercounty Adoption: Criminal Prosecution Under United States Federal Law.”
On April 6, 2010, the Law School welcomed Hon. Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, retired Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, as the keynote speaker for the sixth annual Sidney Shainwald Public Interest Lecture. Justice O’Connor delivered an inspiring speech about her efforts to revamp civics education in the United States.

After introductory remarks from Dean Richard A. Matasar, Sybil Shainwald ’76, and Kenneth R. Feinberg, Justice O’Connor began by describing the current state of civics education in the United States. “Civics has almost vanished from the public school system,” she said, reporting that only about half of U.S. states require students to complete a civics or government course before graduating from high school.

The result, she explained, is that most young Americans know little about their government and how it works. Justice O’Connor said that only one in seven Americans knows that John Roberts is Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, but “two-thirds can name at least one judge on American Idol.” What’s worse, only about one-third of Americans can list the three branches of government.

In schools where civics is taught, it’s not popular. Students repeatedly cite it as their least favorite subject. Justice O’Connor attributes this to outdated teaching techniques, noting that the nation’s best-selling civics textbook is a whopping 844 pages long.

“We need to bring civics education into the 21st century,” she said. Her approach is to bring civics to an area young people already know and love: digital technology. “Students spend more than 40 hours a week in front of a screen,” she said. “We can take a big step in the right direction if we . . . direct some of that enthusiasm for technology in getting students thinking, learning, and engaging in civic life.”

In 2009, Justice O’Connor partnered with education and technology experts at Georgetown University Law Center and Arizona State University to launch Our Courts (www.ourcourts.org), a Web site that uses fun, interactive games to teach students about civics. Games include “Do I Have a Right,” where students play the role of lawyers at a constitutional law firm; “Supreme Decision,” where students act as law clerks to a Supreme Court justice; and “Argument Wars,” where students debate famous Supreme Court cases. The site also provides lesson plans and other resources for teachers.

She asked the audience for help in reinvigorating civics teaching and learning in America. “Today’s young people are going to create tomorrow’s government, and by understanding how our government works, knowing its strengths and its weaknesses, and sharing ideas and solutions, they can make it a government that truly is by the people.”

Before the lecture, Justice O’Connor met with NYLS students at a special Q&A session. In her introductory remarks, Sybil Shainwald noted: “Justice O’Connor was not only a pioneer on the court but has been one all her life. . . . She is a model for all law students—women and men.”

The students asked the retired justice about her career on the court, her toughest decisions, and her advice for law students. When asked how they should approach today’s job market, Justice O’Connor reflected on her experiences after law school. Despite graduating third in her class from Stanford, she couldn’t get hired at a law firm because of her gender. She encouraged students to be creative and flexible in their job searches, and to network and volunteer.

The Sidney Shainwald Lecture series was established by New York Law School graduate and trustee Sybil Shainwald to honor her late husband, Sidney, an impassioned advocate for social justice. The event has always been an overwhelming success, and this year’s lecture garnered a great deal of media attention, with coverage by the Associated Press, the New York Law Journal, The New York Times, the Daily News, and Voice of America.
A group of students spent last year’s winter break working with Professor Jeffrey J. Haas on an amicus brief filed in a high-profile case before the New York State Supreme Court. Christine Garg 3L, Gregory Gong ’10, Jonathan Nowakowski ’10, Trina Obi 3L, and Christopher Schooler 3L wrote on behalf of former AIG Chairman Maurice R. Greenberg ’50 in a civil suit brought in 2005 by Eliot Spitzer, then New York’s Attorney General. Drawing on their meticulous research and Professor Haas’s extensive background in securities law, the team revealed holes in the Attorney General’s claims of securities fraud and made suggestions for how New York state securities laws should be reformed.

“Mr. Greenberg is one of our distinguished alums, and I thought, if we can provide assistance we’re going to try and do that,” says Professor Haas. “But my main concern was about the law and what the Attorney General was attempting to do with the law, particularly New York’s Martin Act.”

The Martin Act allows the Attorney General to hold executives liable for fraud even if they did not knowingly or intentionally commit fraud. Because the state is unique in imposing this strict liability standard, Obi explains, “New York is out of step with the rest of the country.” Another issue the team raised is the Attorney General’s definition of fraud under the Martin Act, which differs from the definition outlined in federal law. Without a uniform interpretation, they contend, states could potentially become “back door” regulators of disclosure, thereby undermining Congress’s intent to get states out of disclosure regulation when it passed the National Securities Markets Improvement Act of 1996.

The brief was the result of many hours spent researching, drafting, and revising. Students worked individually and as a team, tackling issues Professor Haas had found with the Attorney General’s pleadings. “It was such an intellectual exercise,” says Garg. “Not only working hard hours and doing writing and research, but the arguments we were making were really challenging.”

For the students and Professor Haas alike, the brief was their first. “None of us are litigators, so we didn’t know what to do,” says Garg. They credit the Mendik Library staff for pointing them in the right direction, and the team’s ability to learn along the way. There were some adventures, including the process of filing and serving the brief, which took them all over Manhattan—from the courthouse, to the Attorney General’s offices, to the prestigious law firms representing Greenberg.

One of the highlights was hearing the oral arguments presented on competing motions for summary judgment live in court. “We were at the top echelon, where I would aspire to be if I were a litigator,” says Obi, referring to renowned litigator David Boies, who represented Greenberg. They were also struck by the huge number of lawyers—and documents—involved. “There were boxes and boxes of files,” says Nowakowski. “When Mr. Greenberg’s attorneys needed something, a paralegal would dive into the boxes and come up with it immediately.”

Another high point was collaborating with Professor Haas. “He’s one of the best professors at New York Law School,” says Gong, adding that Professor Haas won a Class of 2010 Teaching Award at Commencement.

Professor Haas says the project gave his students valuable “on-the-job training.” And the students agree. “Watching how it all unfolds in court gave me a better appreciation of how important it is to make sure everything you do in structuring a deal is done correctly,” says Gong, Nowakowski adds, “Securities law is a quickly evolving area . . . so it was a good experience to see the intricacies of it and how things will be changed in the coming years.”

The team recently had the opportunity to meet Greenberg over dinner in Manhattan, where he thanked them for their help and congratulated them on their excellent work.
From the daily news to Hollywood’s legal dramas and reality TV programs, criminal law is prevalent in today’s mass media. How do these depictions of crime and criminals affect our legal system? And how do laws impact the ways that crime and criminals can be depicted in the media?

Legal and media experts tackled these questions at the symposium “Media and Criminal Law: Fact, Fiction, and Reality TV,” presented by the Program in Law and Journalism (PLJ) on March 12, 2010.

After a welcome from PLJ Director Michelle Zierler, the daylong conference began with anecdotes about realities in screenwriting from novelist and screenwriter David Klass, who had recently joined Law & Order as a writer and producer. Next, a panel on “Criminal Law in Fiction,” which included James Keneally (Kelley Drye & Warren), among other speakers, examined current reactions to the film 12 Angry Men and its impact on potential jurors, as well as the popular HBO show The Wire and its uncanny mirroring of real-life crime.

The panel “Trying a High-Profile Criminal Case” featured prominent criminal defense attorney and media analyst Mickey Sherman interviewing John Meringolo ’99, defense attorney during the most recent trial of John A. “Junior” Gotti, and Paul Peragine, “Juror Number 9” from the Gotti trial, who also happens to be an attorney. Drawing upon personal experience from this case and others, all three panelists discussed the ways the media often does not reflect the reality of the evidence being presented, but chooses instead to focus on headline-worthy material, accurate or not.

Over lunch, Howard Gordon, Writer and Executive Producer for Fox’s 24, delivered the keynote speech. He acknowledged that the series, which debuted after 9/11, struck a chord with an audience that wanted revenge, and he responded to widespread criticism that his show advocates torture. “Is there a responsibility for a writer of this kind of television show to present [content] realistically, or to understand the issues as complex as torture or the doctrine of necessity? Or are we just allowed to tell a story, which after all is really what we were paid to do?” The answer is not a simple one, but Gordon proved, in a moving and intelligent speech, that these are questions to which he has given much thought.

To wrap up the day, Professor Cameron Stracher moderated the panel “When Reality TV Captures Real Crime,” featuring Lee Levine (Levine Sullivan Koch & Schulz), Liz McNamara (Davis Wright Tremaine), and David Sternbach (A&E Television Networks). The panelists debated the countervailing values that keep them busy every day: the First Amendment freedoms of reality shows that film the efforts of police tracking criminals, the privacy rights of the suspects, and the rights of media entities not to turn over their footage to prosecutors. If not for the time constraints of some of the participants, the lively panel could easily have run for several more hours.

The day was exciting and offered students food for thought about truth and the law, in news and entertainment.
In today’s economy, law students and graduates need all the help they can get to distinguish themselves from the competition. The Office of Career Services provides many opportunities for alumni to share their knowledge and expertise with students and other graduates. Below are some ways you can help students reap the benefits of being part of the New York Law School community.

- **Become a mentor.**
  Offer valuable guidance to students interested in learning about your field.

- **Post a job or internship.**
  Recruit current students or graduates to join your team.

- **Have lunch with a group of students.**
  Return to the Law School to host students through the Lunch with a Lawyer program.

- **Participate in a career panel.**
  Share your experiences and career insights with students and other members of your field.

- **Join our speed networking receptions.**
  Meet students and other graduates at one of these fun and fast-paced events.

Alumni currently seeking a job have free access to our online job database. If you need log-in and password information for the job database, please contact us and we will be happy to assist you.

To find out more about these and other opportunities, please contact the Office of Career Services at career@nyls.edu or 212.431.2345.
PROFESSOR CHRISTINA SPIESL
Paints a Picture of the Future of Communication
A picture may be worth a thousand words, but how do we know the same thousand are being conveyed to all parties, and how do we talk about them in a way everyone can understand? With this in mind, consider being part of a jury faced with using a picture to determine the guilt or innocence of someone on trial.

As our culture and legal system rely more and more on the visual as a primary means of communication, it is becoming imperative to find a universal way to discuss images and pictures. Adjunct Professor Christina Spiesel’s latest book, Law on Display: The Digital Transformation of Legal Persuasion and Judgment (New York University Press, 2009), co-authored with Professor Neal Feigenson of Quinnipiac University School of Law, is the first to address the impact of this shift on the practice of law. The book examines advancements in visual technology, and how these advancements translate in the courtroom and affect legal decision-making.

“The visual is everywhere, yet we don’t have a vernacular for speaking about it,” Professor Spiesel says. The authors make a case for visual literacy among all participants in the legal system—lawyers, judges, and juries—to enable them to be more conscious of how they communicate with each other, how evidence is presented, and the overall case structure, as well as the effect of these factors on rulings and judgments.

Professor Spiesel explains that the very definition of the picture is changing with the introduction of new technologies. “Pictures are malleable and accessible to the general public, who are audiences and also participants. Nowadays, everyone can be a picture-maker with a camera or a click of a button on their cell phone.”

The book explores the evolution of the picture, from videotapes and still photos to digital technologies including computer animation, interactive multimedia, and programs like Photoshop that can alter an image’s message. The authors also look to the future of the legal system and the impact of law’s “going online” with the use of virtual courtrooms and cyber-juries. Throughout their comprehensive study, they use examples from trials to illustrate how the justice system has been influenced by the law going visual.

Professor Spiesel’s eclectic background as an artist, writer, professor, and technology expert put her in the perfect position to tackle these issues. Her interest in the subject dates back to 1996 when she had a “Bingo!” moment at a legal lecture for artists and art historians. She was struck by the law professor’s plea to the audience: “Help us; the law has gone visual and we don’t know what to do about it!” At that time, lawyers were starting to use more images to present evidence and strengthen their cases, but were struggling to understand how to control or predict their messaging.

Professor Spiesel accepted the challenge. Her first step was teaching a course at Yale Law School called Envisioning Law. She later partnered with Professor Feigenson at Quinnipiac and Professor Richard K. Sherwin at New York Law School to create the course Visual Persuasion in the Law, which she currently co-teaches at both schools.

Professor Spiesel drew on her course material in writing the book, but the final work provides a much deeper analysis of picture usage in the law and the impact of what she refers to as the law’s “visual turn”—a term art historians use to describe our society’s shift from text to pictures in communication.

In addition to teaching at Quinnipiac and New York Law School, Professor Spiesel is a Senior Research Scholar at Yale Law School and a Fellow of the Information Society Project. She is currently working on four articles, all relating to problems in visual culture and the law.
New York Law School Welcomes New Faculty Members, Announces Promotions

Full-Time Faculty Activities

Adjunct Faculty Activities

Professor Cathy Glaser Helps Bring the Story of a Legendary Nigerian Musician to Broadway
New York Law School Welcomes New Faculty Members, Announces Promotions

By LaToya Jordan

This year, New York Law School welcomes three new full-time faculty members to its renowned faculty of approximately 80 full-time professors. The new members include a visiting professor from Tulane Law School, and an alumnus and former staff member who has returned to New York Law School in a new role. The Law School also celebrates the promotions of two faculty members.

“Our new faculty members are arriving at an especially exciting time for the Law School,” says Stephen J. Ellmann, Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Collaborative Learning. “We’re in the process of charting the course of the School for many years to come. Our new faculty will help us plan, and they will also help us execute, as we initiate our new first-year skills course and continue to build our offerings across the curriculum. We are breaking new ground in education for our students, and these new colleagues will be among the groundbreakers.”
Susan J. Abraham, Professor of Law

Susan J. Abraham has been promoted to Professor of Law. She joined the Law School in 2003 and teaches Principles of Legal Analysis, Advanced Appellate Advocacy, Evidence, and Deposition Skills. She practiced law for 20 years as both a trial and appellate lawyer in New York and New Jersey. Her most recent position was with the law firm of Reitman Parsonnet, P.C., where she represented plaintiffs in employment matters and other civil litigation. She also worked as a supervising attorney at New York's Office of the Appellate Defender and at the New Jersey Public Defender's Office, and appeared numerous times before the New Jersey Supreme Court. Professor Abraham maintained a private practice for seven years, representing clients in disability discrimination, employment, criminal, pension, and other matters. She also served as a grader of both the constitutional and criminal law essays for the New Jersey Bar Exam. In the early 1990s, she taught English as a Second Language at the American Language Institute at New York University, and Expository Writing at Borough of Manhattan Community College. She is also a poet whose works have been published in Poetry, The Paris Review, Tikkun, and other literary journals, as well as an anthology of lawyer/poets and a number of legal publications.

Howard S. Meyers, Professor of Law

Howard S. Meyers, Associate Director of the Center on Business Law & Policy, has been promoted to Professor of Law. He joined the faculty as a visiting clinical professor in 2004 to teach in the Securities Arbitration Clinic. In addition to the Clinic, Professor Meyers teaches Accounting for Lawyers, Business Basics for Lawyers, Corporations, Corporate Crime: Challenges for the Practicing Attorney, and Financial Advocacy. Prior to working in education, Professor Meyers was a staff attorney for the Securities and Exchange Commission’s Division of Enforcement in New York City. In this role, he was responsible for investigating and litigating complex cases involving sales practice abuses committed by stockbrokers, fraudulent financing and Ponzi schemes, accounting fraud, and the sale of unregistered securities by various public companies. He was also previously a senior accountant at the international accounting firm of KPMG Peat Marwick, where he was responsible for auditing the financial statements of several Fortune 500 companies and regional broker-dealers. His publications include “Recovering Unpaid Bonus Payments in Turbulent Times,” published in the New York Law Journal (June 2008), and “Schedule D: Looking Behind the Numbers to Provide Better Client Service,” published in The Trusted Professional (February 2003). He has appeared as a guest commentator on CNBC, the BBC, and FOX News, and is quoted frequently in the financial press.

“This is an exciting time to be at New York Law School, with a state-of-the-art new building and all of the genuine enthusiasm that goes with it—new ideas and new programs, motivated students, and a fantastic faculty.”

“I enjoy teaching at New York Law School. It allows me to share my experience in both government and private practice, which enhances my ability to teach students how to think and act like attorneys.”
NEW FULL-TIME FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

Melynda H. Barnhart, Associate Professor of Law

Melynda H. Barnhart joins the faculty in the fall 2010 semester and will teach Legal Practice. Her areas of scholarship and teaching also include human trafficking, immigration and nationality law, criminal law, and administrative law. Prior to joining the Law School, she was an Abraham Freedman Fellow at the Beasley School of Law at Temple University, where she taught first-year Legal Research and Writing and a writing seminar on Crimes and Immigration. Professor Barnhart has worked as an advocate for many years; she has pressed for greater human rights protections for human trafficking victims before the U.S. Congress, the United Nations, and other local, national, and international fora. Before she entered academia, she served as the Director of Anti-Trafficking Initiatives for the International Rescue Committee, where she oversaw a national service program that assisted more than 200 trafficking survivors in rebuilding their lives. From 2003 to 2005, she developed and ran one of the first statewide comprehensive service programs for trafficked persons in the U.S., and trained thousands of attorneys, law enforcement personnel, governmental staff, and social workers on how to handle trafficking cases. Professor Barnhart’s article, “Sex and Slavery: An Analysis of State Human Trafficking Laws,” 16 William & Mary Journal of Women and the Law 83 (2009), addressed the growth of state legislative involvement in combating trafficking.

Kirk D. Burkhalter ’04, Associate Professor of Law

Kirk D. Burkhalter ’04 joins the faculty in the fall 2010 semester and will teach Legal Practice. Previously, he was the Visiting Assistant Professor of Academic Support at Hofstra Law School, where he taught Legal Methods. In addition, Professor Burkhalter helped Hofstra students adjust to the academic demands of law school and develop the skills to enable them to realize their full academic potential through workshops, seminars, and individual counseling. He also conducted workshops and seminars that focused on the analytical and organizational skills specific to preparation for the New York State Bar Examination. Professor Burkhalter was formerly the Associate Director of Academic Affairs and an adjunct professor at New York Law School, where he provided academic counseling and taught Principles of Legal Analysis. He has also taught at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Before working in academia, he was an associate in the Corporate Securities and Finance practice group at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP. Professor Burkhalter also served 20 years in the New York City Police Department (NYPD), retiring as a detective first grade. He spent the majority of his career with the NYPD conducting long-term investigations into organized criminal enterprises and domestic, ecological, and industrial terrorism.
Daniel A. Warshawsky, Associate Professor of Law

Daniel A. Warshawsky joins the Law School in the fall 2010 semester and will teach Legal Practice. Professor Warshawsky comes to the Law School after 15 years at the Office of the Appellate Defender (OAD), New York City’s second-oldest provider of appellate representation to indigent people convicted of felonies. As the Deputy Attorney-in-Charge of OAD, Professor Warshawsky helped structure and run the office and its training program while representing hundreds of clients on appeal in serious felony cases, including homicide cases. He has appeared before courts at all levels of the state court system, and has appeared before New York’s highest court, the Court of Appeals, numerous times. Professor Warshawsky trained and supervised scores of staff attorneys, volunteer associates from many of New York City’s largest firms, and students from New York University Law School in all aspects of criminal practice and appellate advocacy. Prior to joining OAD, Professor Warshawsky was an Assistant Deputy Public Defender in New Jersey at both the trial and appellate levels. Among his proudest achievements was the reversal of a capital conviction that he won in the New Jersey Supreme Court for a client who had been on New Jersey’s death row. Professor Warshawsky was also a graduate fellow and staff attorney at Georgetown University’s Institute for Public Representation.

Mark B. Wessman, Visiting Professor of Law

Mark B. Wessman joins the Law School for the fall 2010 semester and will teach Bankruptcy and Secured Transactions. He is currently a professor at Tulane University Law School, where he has worked since 1987. His principal teaching and research interests are in contracts, secured transactions, and related areas of commercial law. At Tulane, Professor Wessman has twice been the recipient of the Felix Frankfurter Award for Distinguished Teaching. He has also held visiting positions at both the University of North Carolina and University of South Carolina’s Schools of Law. Prior to working in academia, Professor Wessman practiced law in Atlanta with Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker, LLP, where he specialized in commercial litigation. Earlier, he was a law clerk for U.S. District Judge Mariana R. Pfaelzer in Los Angeles. He is co-author of Secured Transactions: Problems and Materials (West, 2003) (with Paul Barron).
Full-Time Faculty Activities
Compiled by Melissa Scalzo

The following items represent a sampling of the activities of our full-time faculty from the spring 2010 semester.

Deborah N. Archer
Appointments
Elected Deputy National Affiliate Affirmative Action Officer for the American Civil Liberties Union (June 2010).

Scholarly Presentations

Testimonies and Legal Consultation
Filed a class-action lawsuit, with the School’s Racial Justice Project, the American Civil Liberties Union, and the ACLU of Rhode Island, challenging the practices of the Rhode Island Truancy Court; and continues to litigate the case Boyer v. Jeremiah, with settlements reached in several of the towns involved (Spring 2010).

Richard C.E. Beck
Publications

Tamara C. Belinfanti
Publications

Lenni B. Benson
Appointments
Served as Chair of the Immigration and Nationality Committee of the American Association of Law Schools (2010).
Named a Fellow of the American Bar Association Foundation (2010).

Scholarly Presentations
Presented a continuing legal education program for the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office, Narcotic Bureau, on the impact of plea agreements on immigrants (February 2010).

Andrew R. Berman
Media References and Appearances
Cleaning Up the Mortgage Mess, Parade Magazine (May 2010).

Robert Blecker
Scholarly Presentations
Participated in debate and discussion of No Tomorrow, a documentary by Roger Weisberg, presented by the Lincoln Center Film Society, Walter Reade Theater, New York (June 2010).
Lectured on and screened Robert Blecker Wants Me Dead documentary at Touro Law Center, Central Islip, New York (March 2010).
Lectured on and screened Robert Blecker Wants Me Dead documentary at the University of Birmingham, England (February 2010).
Media References and Appearances
The Slow Death of the Death Penalty, CBS Sunday Morning, CBS News (June 2010).
Death Penalty: Pro and Con, discussion on RadioWest program, KUER-FM (June 2010).
Discussed the death penalty on The Diane Rehm Show, NPR (February 2010).

Projects
Conducted three public equity readings of his stage play, Joseph Warren, directed by James B. Nicola, New York Law School (April 2010).

Testimonies and Legal Consultation
Participated as the final witness in “The Death Penalty on Trial,” a mock trial of the U.S. death penalty presented by Amicus and presided over by Lord Woolf, former Lord Chief Justice of Britain, London (March 2010).

Elise C. Boddie
Awards and Recognition
Accepted the Black Law Students Association’s Distinguished Jurist Award on behalf of Hon. Robert Carter at the Seton Hall University School of Law’s Diversity Banquet, Newark, New Jersey (February 2010).

Scholarly Presentations
“Racial Territoriality,” presented at the Critical Race Theory course, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles (February 2010).

Media References and Appearances

Testimonies and Legal Consultation
Filed an amicus curiae brief with Professor Deborah N. Archer and the Racial Justice Project in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in the case of Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin involving a challenge to UT Austin’s use of race in its admissions process (March 2010).

Lloyd Bonfield
Scholarly Presentations
Spoke about the recent U.S. Supreme Court opinion dealing with campaign finance reform at “Latest Challenges Facing the International Business Lawyer,” a conference presented by European Lawyers, London (June 2010).

Publications

Camille Broussard
Appointments
Chair, National Awards Committee for the American Association of Law Libraries (2010).

Scholarly Presentations
Elizabeth Chambliss

Scholarly Presentations


Media References and Appearances
Tight Job Market Could Drive Legal Ed Reform, Law360 (February 2010).

David Chang

Publications

Tai-Heng Cheng

Appointments
Elected member, Executive Council, American Society of International Law (2010).


Scholarly Presentations


“Making International Law Without Agreeing with What It Is,” presented at the University of Maryland School of Law, Baltimore (February 2010).


“Confidentiality and Privilege in Asia,” hosted by the American Bar Association Section of International Law and New York University School of Law, New York (2010).

Publications


Richard Chused

Scholarly Presentations
“The Landlord-Tenant Reform Movement: Causes and Accomplishments,” presented at the Inaugural Allan Axelrod Visiting Scholar Lecture at Rutgers School of Law, Newark, New Jersey (March 2010).

Publications

Stephen J. Ellmann

Publications

Ronald H. Filler

Appointments
Re-elected to the Executive Committee of the FIA (Futures Industry Association) Law & Compliance Division (2010).

Scholarly Presentations


Moderator, “Soup to Nuts,” opening panel at the 32nd Annual Conference on the Regulation of Futures, Derivatives, and OTC Products, presented by the Futures Industry Association Law and Compliance Division, National Harbor, Maryland (April 2010).


Publications

Testimonials and Legal Consultation
Served as a public representative in several NYMEX Business Conduct Committee hearings (2010).
Served as arbitrator on several Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and National Futures Association (NFA) arbitration panels (2010).

Doni Gewirtzman
Awards and Recognition
Received the Class of 2010 Teaching Award at New York Law School’s 2010 Commencement, New York (May 2010).

Publications
Reflections on Substance and Form in the Civil Rights Classroom, 54 SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY LAW JOURNAL 783 (Spring 2010).

James Grimmelmann
Scholarly Presentations

Publications
The Internet Is a Semicommons, 78 FORDHAM LAW REVIEW 2799 (May 2010).

Testimonials and Legal Consultation

Lawrence M. Grosberg
Scholarly Presentations
Conducted a two-day workshop on clinical education teaching methods for faculty at the University of Barcelona Faculty of Law, Barcelona, Spain (June 2010).

Karen Gross
Publications
Cheers and Cautions on Credit Cards, INSIDE HIGHER ED (February 19, 2010).

Jeffrey J. Haas
Awards and Recognition
Received the Class of 2010 Teaching Award at New York Law School’s 2010 Commencement, New York (May 2010).

Media References and Appearances
The 2011 Capital Gains Tax Rate Hike and Its Impact, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS TIMES (June 2010).

Seth D. Harris
Awards and Recognition
Honored with the Judge William B. Groat Alumni Award by the Cornell University School of Industrial and Labor Relations (ILR), New York (April 2010).
Mariana Hogan

**Media References and Appearances**


**Dan Hunter**

**Scholarly Presentations**


**Gerald Korngold**

**Publications**


**Molly Land**

**Scholarly Presentations**

Participated in a round table expert discussion with the U.S. Department of State on uses of new media in foreign assistance and diplomacy, Washington, D.C. (June 2010).


Panelist, “Perspectives on Access to Knowledge and Human Rights,” at the A2K4: Access to Knowledge & Human Rights conference hosted by the Information Society Project at Yale Law School (February 2010).

**William P. LaPiana**

**Scholarly Presentations**

Speaker, “Getting Started in Estate Planning,” a continuing legal education course presented by the American Bar Association Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section’s Community Outreach Committee (April 2010).

**Arthur S. Leonard**

**Appointments**


**Publications**


**Molly Land**

**Scholarly Presentations**


Supreme Court to Hear Fred Phelps Case, *Bay Windows* (March 2010).


**Richard D. Marsico**

**Scholarly Presentations**


York Can Rise to the Challenge,” St. John’s University School of Law, Queens, New York (March 2010).


Presented HMDAnalysis, a Web site developed with New York Law School staff and students that helps users understand home mortgage lending data, at the New York State Division of Human Rights’ Fair Housing Training (March 2010).

**Publications**


**Richard A. Matasar**

**Scholarly Presentations**


Panelist, “Plenary: Architectural Theory and Legal Education” at the 2010 Bricks, Bytes and Continuous Renovation: Law School Facilities conference, presented by the ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, Philadelphia (March 2010).

Panelist, “From Inputs to Outcomes: Federalism and Invocation of National Standards,” at the AALS Section for the Law School Dean’s deans-only workshop; and panelist, “Exploring the Options for the Future of Legal Education” co-sponsored by the Section for the Law School Dean and the Section on Continuing Legal Education, 2010 AALS Annual Meeting, New Orleans (January 2010).


**Beth Simone Noveck**

**Scholarly Presentations**

“Transparent Government,” presented as part of the Long Now Foundation’s monthly series Seminars about Long-Term Thinking, San Francisco (March 2010).

**Michael L. Perlin**

**Scholarly Presentations**

“The Defendant: Impact of Mental Disability in the Criminal Law Process,” presented at the American Academy of
Forensic Psychology’s annual training program, San Juan, Puerto Rico (June 2010).

“Creation of a Disability Rights Tribunal for Asia and the Pacific: Its Impact on China?” presented (with Y. Ikehara) to the European Chinese Legal Studies Association, Copenhagen, Denmark (June 2010).

“My Brain Is So Wired: Neuroimaging and Competency to Be Executed,” presented to the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine’s forensic psychiatry workshop series (April 2010) and Stanford Law School’s Center for Law and Biosciences (February 2010).


“The Sources of This Hidden Pain: Why a Class in Race, Gender, Class and Mental Disability,” presented at the Poverty Law Conference hosted by the Society of American Law Teachers, Golden Gate University School of Law, San Francisco (March 2010).


“Promoting Social Change in East Asia: The Movement to Create a Disability Rights Tribunal and the Promise of International Online Distance Learning,” presented (with Y. Ikehara) at the inaugural meeting of the East Asian Law and Society Association, University of Hong Kong (February 2010).

“Why We Should All Embrace Online Teaching,” presented to faculty at the University of San Diego (January 2010).

Publications


Media References and Appearances

Interviewed about the Online Mental Disability Law Program, international rights, and mental disability law by Professor Oren Asman from the University of Haifa, Israel, as part of his radio series Refu'etica, broadcast on Haifa Radio and the University’s academic channel (March 2010).

Testimonies and Legal Consultation

Participated in an amicus filing in the California Supreme Court, on behalf of the International Mental Disability Law Reform Project of the Justice Action Center, in the case of People v. Barrett, involving the right of persons with mental disabilities to jury trials prior to commitment (2010).

Edward A. Purcell Jr.

Scholarly Presentations


Sadiq Reza

Scholarly Presentations


Tanina Rostain

Scholarly Presentations

Presented a chapter of her book Confidence Games: Lawyers, Accountants, and the Tax Shelter Industry (MIT Press, forthcoming, with M.C. Regan) at the University of San Diego School of Law’s Faculty Colloquium/Tax Speaker Series (February 2010); the presentation was covered on Tax Justice Network (March 2010) and TaxProf Blog (February 2010).

Ross Sandler

Media References and Appearances


\textbf{David Schoenbrod}

\textbf{Scholarly Presentations}

Participated in a round table discussion on how to deal with climate change under the Clean Air Act at Duke University's Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions, Durham, North Carolina (March 2010).

\textbf{Publications}


\textbf{Houman B. Shadab}

\textbf{Scholarly Presentations}

Panel chair, "Current Topics in Market Regulation” conference, University of Notre Dame Mendoza College of Business, Notre Dame, Indiana (May 2010).


\textbf{Publications}

\textit{The Financial Crisis’ Unintended Consequence}, \textit{The Hill} (Op-Ed) (April 16, 2010).


\textbf{Richard K. Sherwin}

\textbf{Scholarly Presentations}

Workshop leader, Law and Humanities Graduate Summer Workshop, a three-day intensive course at McGill University, Montreal (May 2010).


“Legimatrix: Law, Ethics, and the Digital Neo-Baroque,” McGill University, Montreal, Canada (February 2010).

\textbf{James F. Simon}

\textbf{Media References and Appearances}


\textbf{Faith Stevelman}

\textbf{Awards and Recognition}


\textbf{Scholarly Presentations}


\textbf{Testimonies and Legal Consultation}

Testified before the House Financial Services Committee in June 2008 in favor of the Extractive Industries Transparency and Disclosure Act (the only corporate law professor to submit oral and written testimony to the record). The Act was enacted in the Dodd-Frank Bill (Summer 2010).

\textbf{Citations}

"Going Private at the Intersection of the Market and the Law," 62 \textit{The Business Lawyer} 775 (2007) was cited prominently and favorably by Vice Chancellor J. Travis Laster of the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware, in the In re CNX Gas Corporation opinion (May 2010).
Nadine Strossen

Awards and Recognition
Presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award of the National Forensic League (NFL) at its Speech & Debate National Tournament, Kansas City, Missouri. The NFL is an educational honor society that promotes speech and debate activities across the U.S. for high school students. Its national tournament is the world’s largest academic competition, which brings together more than 3,000 high school students from every state. The NFL lauded Professor Strossen as “a role model to youth and adults alike, nationally and worldwide, for her work in defending liberty.” (June 2010)

Presented with the Albert D. Chernin Award at the 2010 Plenum of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA), Dallas, Texas. The JCPA’s mission is “to serve as the representative voice of the organized American Jewish community.” The Chernin Award is presented annually to “an American Jew whose work best exemplifies the social justice imperatives of Judaism, Jewish history, and the protection of the Bill of Rights, particularly the First Amendment.” (February 2010)

Accepted an invitation to deliver the T.B. Davie Academic Freedom Lecture at the University of Cape Town (UCT) in South Africa. The annual lecture is named for T.B. Davie, who played a part in resisting the passage of apartheid laws. The school states: “To keep the ideals of academic freedom and human freedom in general alive in the minds of those teaching and studying at UCT, an eminent person is invited each year to reflect on the importance of the freedoms removed by government. Since the end of apartheid in 1994, the focus of the lecture has broadened, as new issues related to academic freedom have come to the fore in South Africa and globally.” (2010)

Ruti G. Teitel

Awards and Recognition

Appointments
Visiting Professor, Center for the Study of Global Governance, London School of Economics (2010).

Advisory Committee, Council Special Report on the Seven Year Review Conference for the International Criminal Court (Kampala, Uganda), Council on Foreign Relations (2010).


Scholarly Presentations


Publications


Donald H. Zeigler

Publications
Adjunct Faculty Activities
Compiled by Melissa Scalzo

The following items represent a sampling of the activities of our adjunct faculty from the spring 2010 semester.

John Barrie
Appointments
Elected Vice-Chair (Communications) of the American Bar Association Section of Taxation; he is a tax partner with Bryan Cave LLP (May 2010).

R.B. Bernstein
Awards and Recognition

As a finalist for the 2010 George Washington Book Prize, honored at the gala awards ceremony at Mount Vernon, Virginia (May 2010).

Scholarly Presentations

Media References and Appearances
Synthesizing the Scholarship, Reassessing the Founding (book review by Paul K. Longmore of The Founding Fathers Reconsidered), H-Law, H-Net Reviews (March 2010).

Emily Campbell
Scholarly Presentations

Lindsay A. Curcio
Scholarly Presentations
Panelist, “Using Non-Text Books to Teach” at the Immigration Law Teachers Workshop 2010, DePaul University College of Law, Chicago (May 2010).

Speaker at the New York Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association’s continuing legal education seminar on special immigrant juvenile status, New York (April 2010).


Michael Dalewitz ’04
Scholarly Presentations
Panelist, “Social Networks and Other Non-Traditional Technology: The New Face of Electronic Discovery,” at the Third E-Discovery for Financial Services Conference, presented by the International Quality & Productivity Center, New York (February 2010).

Publications

David Epstein
Scholarly Presentations
“Simulations in Contract Drafting,” presented at the “Transactional Education: What’s Next?” conference, hosted by the Center for Transactional Law and Practice at Emory University School of Law, Atlanta (June 2010).

“Guiding Research in Progress—Using Online Tools to Monitor and Direct Student Research Assignments,” presented at the First Annual Empire State Legal Writing Conference at Hofstra University School of Law, Hempstead, New York (May 2010).

Publications

David L. Glass
Appointments
Chair, New York State Bar Association’s Banking Law Committee (Business Law Section) for a three-year term (January 2010).

Publications
So You Think You Want to Buy a Bank? 73 ALBANY LAW REVIEW 447 (March 2010).

James Hagy
Projects
Taught a lecture- and simulation-based course in International Real Estate Transactions at Peking University School of Transnational Law, Shenzhen, China (Spring 2010).

Joanne Ingham
Publications

Michael Kliegman
Scholarly Presentations


Jay Kogan
Scholarly Presentations
“Characters and the Law,” presented at a joint meeting of the Intellectual Property Section of the Colorado Bar Association and the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Copyright Society of the USA, Denver (April 2010).

Kathryn LaFortune
Awards and Recognition
Received the Fern Holland Courageous Lawyer Award from the University of Tulsa College of Law Women’s Law Caucus, Tulsa, Oklahoma (April 2010).

Lawrence Lederman
Projects
In the Footsteps of Frederic Church: Photos by Larry Lederman, a photography exhibit at Olana, the home and studio of artist Frederic Church, Hudson, New York (June–October 2010).

Oscar Michelen ’85
Projects
Brought a team of four New York Law School students to debate an inmate debate team at Arthur Kill Correctional Facility in Staten Island (January 2010); The NEW YORK TIMES reported on the debate in the article “Resolved: Inmates Make Tough Debaters” (May 2010).

Media References and Appearances
A Former Top Aide to Paterson Languishes as an Inquiry Moves Slowly, The NEW YORK TIMES (June 2010).

Three Months Later, Mum’s the Word on Paterson Investigation, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL (June 2010).

F. Peter Phillips ’87
Appointments

Scholarly Presentations

Speaker, American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution’s 12th Annual Spring Conference, San Francisco (April 2010).

Publications

Recent Developments in Commercial Mediation in China, NEW YORK DISPUTE RESOLUTION LAWYER, Vol. 3, No. 1 at 67 (Spring 2010).

Mitchell Rubinstein
Scholarly Presentations
Moderator, “Education Law is ___,” panel discussion at St. John’s University School of Law, Queens, New York (March 2010).

Projects
Posts daily to Adjunct Law Professor blog at www.lawprofessors.typepad.com/adjunctprofs (2010).
Michael Ryan
Appointments
Member, New York State Bar Association’s Committee on Court Structure and Judicial Selection (2010).

Scholarly Presentations

David G. Samuels
Scholarly Presentations
“Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws—In Which State to Incorporate,” presented at the New York County Lawyers’ Association’s “How to Organize a Non-Profit Organization” CLE program, New York (April 2010).


Lawrence P. Schnapf ’84
Citations
Environmental Remediation Process Is Undergoing Sweeping Changes Mandated by New Brownfields Law, 76 New York Bar Journal 10 (2004), was cited in the New York State Court of Appeals’ opinion in In the Matter of Lighthouse Pointe Property Associates LLC v. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) in support of its opinion reversing a decision by the NYSDEC and ordering that a site be accepted into the Brownfield Cleanup Program (February 2010).

Richard J. Sobelsohn
Scholarly Presentations


Publications

The Real Estate Owner’s Perspective: Opportunities and Risks, chapter in Green Real Estate Summit 2010: What Attorneys, Developers, Regulators, Tenants & Lenders Need to Know (Course Handbook) (Practising Law Institute, 2010).

Christina Spiesel
Awards and Recognition

Scholarly Presentations

“IT’s All Pictures: Now What?” paper presented at the Law and Society Association’s annual meeting, Chicago (May 2010).

Discussed her book Law on Display: The Digital Transformation of Legal Persuasion and Judgement (NYU Press, 2009) with co-author Neal Feigenson at the University of New Haven’s Department of Computer Science and Engineering (March 2010), the Joseph Slika Center for Jewish Life at Yale University (April 2010), and the Danbury (Connecticut) Bar Association (May 2010).

Professor Cathy Glaser Helps Bring the Story of a Legendary Nigerian Musician to Broadway

By LaToya Jordan

Fela!, the Tony Award-winning musical about the celebrated Nigerian musician and political activist Fela Anikulapo-Kuti, has been captivating audiences with its passionate choreography, move-your-feet rhythms, and gripping story since it opened on Broadway in November 2009. One of the people responsible for bringing Fela’s story to the Great White Way is theater advocate and New York Law School Professor Cathy Glaser.

Professor Glaser and her husband Stephen Semlitz became co-producers of Fela! after being riveted by the show in its original format Off Broadway in 2008. “We were introduced to the amazing story of Fela Kuti and his music and figured that if it spoke to us, it would speak to others as well,” she says.

The story is set in the 1970s at “the Shrine,” Fela’s popular nightclub in Lagos, Nigeria. People flocked from all over Nigeria to experience his Afrobeat rhythms, a style of music Fela created by fusing African music with jazz and funk. Fela! audience members become Shrine-goers, participating in the call-and-response style of Afrobeat music. Fela’s character speaks to the audience directly, leads them in dance moves, and asks them to sing along. Through his music, the audience learns how Fela used lyrics to protest the corrupt Nigerian government and how he was beaten and arrested more than 200 times.

As co-producers, Professor Glaser and her husband helped raise money for the production and had input in marketing, theater design, and other creative areas. The couple also has a personal connection to the show; one of its creators (and lead producer), Stephen Hendel, is Semlitz’s friend and business partner at Hess Energy Trading Company, where both are managing directors.

Fela!, also conceived by Bill T. Jones and Jim Lewis, had a month-long Off Broadway run, and based on its success was revamped for Broadway. “It’s really interesting to be involved in a show, to see its evolution,” Professor Glaser says. “The show started Off Broadway and it was almost three hours long. It has changed quite a bit since then, but the music and the message are stronger than ever.”

The show received rave reviews as well as 11 Tony Award nominations, including one for Best Musical. It won three awards: Best Choreography, Best Costume Design, and Best Sound Design. Professor Glaser and her husband were excited to be nominated and to attend the star-studded award ceremony, along with their daughter, for the first time.

Of the awards and positive reviews, Professor Glaser says, “We’re really thrilled. It’s a wonderful feeling to be able to push the envelope and have people embrace that. . . . Broadway shows cost so much money these days; it’s easier to go the safe route and hire a movie or TV star and put them in something that everybody already knows and likes. I don’t think that’s how good art gets made. We’re interested in furthering the art form, pushing people to hear and think about new things in the theater.”

Professor Glaser and her husband are also involved with the Fela! CD and U.S. road show. Fela! is scheduled to open in London in November 2010 and will hopefully travel to Lagos, Nigeria, and other cities.

The couple has also participated in other theater productions. In 2001, they co-produced the musical tick, tick...BOOM, written by Jonathan Larson of Rent. They were also investors in the musical Legally Blonde.

When she’s not producing theater, Professor Glaser is busy co-directing the Writing Program and teaching legal writing at New York Law School. She is also the President of the Migraine Research Foundation, a nonprofit she founded with her husband to fund scientific research into causes and treatments of migraines.
New York Law School Recognizes Hon. Jonathan Lippman, Faculty, and Students at 118th Commencement

By LaToya Jordan

Commencement is the perfect time to recognize the amazing growth both the students and New York Law School have experienced over the past few years. During the 118th graduation exercises held on May 14, 2010 at Lincoln Center’s Avery Fisher Hall, the Law School celebrated the first graduates of two new programs: two candidates for the LL.M. in Financial Services Law and one candidate for the LL.M. in Real Estate. Joining those students on stage were the Law School’s 525 candidates for the Juris Doctor (J.D.), 30 candidates for the LL.M. in Taxation, and two candidates for the Master of Arts in Mental Disability Law Studies.

Some of the graduates participated in the “Shout-Out 2010” video, a new feature introduced at last year’s ceremony that offers students the opportunity to publicly thank family, friends, and professors for their support during law school. The video can be viewed on the Law School’s YouTube channel at: www.youtube.com/user/newyorklawschool.

This year’s commencement speaker was Hon. Jonathan Lippman, Chief Judge of the State of New York and Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals. He was appointed by Governor David A. Paterson in January 2009 and confirmed by the New York State Senate in February 2009. As Chief Judge of both the State of New York and the Court of Appeals, he presides over the state’s seven-member court of last resort and heads the state’s Unified Court System, overseeing an institution with a $2.7 billion budget, 3,600 state and locally paid judges, and more than 16,000 non-judicial employees in over 350 locations around the state.

Chief Judge Lippman received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws and spoke about the satisfaction and fulfillment his career in public service has brought him. He singled out the work done by the Justice Action Center at New York Law School for giving students the opportunity to assist the most vulnerable members of society while still in school.

Chief Judge Lippman also offered the graduates these words of encouragement: "The law and the legal profession have become so diverse; there are limitless advantages to a fulfilling career. To be sure, you have to make some very tough choices in the months and years ahead. . . . There will be forks in the road, and as that great philosopher Yogi Berra once said, 'When you come to a fork in the road, take it.' You have already taken two very important forks in the road in choosing your field of study and your law school. You've received great legal training at New York Law School, and your being here today means that so far, you are very much on the right track and have made wise decisions. From here on out, my advice is to just follow your heart and find your passion in law."
The commencement ceremony also featured awards presented to faculty and students, as well as remarks delivered by students Charlene A. Barker of the Day Division and Rachel L. Feld of the Evening Division. (For a full list of award recipients, see pages 59–61.)

In addressing her fellow graduates, Barker said, “In a few moments, we will all join the ranks of numerous NYLS grads. . . . These alumni have worked hard, dealt with setbacks, and in true New York Law School fashion, come out on top. Alumni such as Christina Storm ['77], Founder and Director of Lawyers Without Borders; Jim Holiber ['89], General Manager and Corporate Counselor of Green Depot; and Lev Ekster ['09], Founder of CupcakeStop. What these alumni have taught is that there are no limits to the opportunities available to us, and in fact, we can create our own opportunities . . . We have acquired an arsenal of practical skills and an extraordinary concept of diligence. Thus, we are prepared to continue the New York Law School story, make use of these skills, and reap the rewards.”

Feld spoke to her classmates about using their law degrees to bring about change in the world. “While we were evolving as a class of law students, the law, too, was evolving right before our very eyes,” she said. “I went into law school and thought the law was set in stone, but I soon learned that the law is constantly changing; we are living in a world where tomorrow may be a very different day than today. And I realized our value as future attorneys is tremendous. The world out there needs us, for the law is not set in stone forever. We will not only interpret and preserve the law, but we will be agents of change.”
Commencement Awards

Trustees’ Prize for the Highest Cumulative Grade Point Average
The Trustees’ Prize for the Highest Cumulative Grade Point Average was awarded to Erica E. Bonnett (Day Division) and Saliha Olgun (Evening Division).

Dean’s Award for Student Leadership
The Dean’s Award for Student Leadership was awarded to Katherine Ann Greenier and Hannah Victoria Faddis.

Alfred L. Rose Award for Excellence
The Alfred L. Rose Award for Excellence was awarded to Charlene A. Barker (Day Division) and Erin M. Byrnes (Evening Division).

Class of 2010 Teaching Award
The Class of 2010 Teaching Award was given to Professor Doni Gewirtzman and Professor Jeffrey J. Haas.

Otto L. Walter Distinguished Writing Awards

Faculty Awards

Student Awards
Peter Warren Beauchamp (Day Division) for the article, “Misinterpreted Justice: The Problematic Use of Islamic Legal Experts in American Trial Courts,” and Erin M. Byrnes (Evening Division) for the article, “Cohen v. JPMorgan Chase & Co.”
Additional Commencement Awards

American Law Institute-American Bar Association (ALI-ABA) Continuing Professional Education Scholarship and Leadership Award
Justin Victor Daly

Professor Joseph T. Arenson Award for Excellence in Wills and Decedents’ Estates
Lauren L. Esposito (Day Division)
Polina Mzhen (Day Division)
Sandrine Dehaeze (Evening Division)

Chief Justice Rose E. Bird Award for Motivation in Pursuing Public Interest Law
Katherine Ann Greenier

Professor Lung-chu Chen Award for Excellence in the Field of Human Rights
Matthew G. Goodro

HeLEN and Andrew DOKAS Memorial Award for Excellent Achievement
Veronica Cardenas
Svetlana Rovenskaya

Professor Stephen J. Ellmann Clinical Legal Education Prize
Matthew Joseph Connahan III

Elsberg Prize for Proficiency in the Law of Contracts—Evening Division
Salija Olgun

Faculty Award for Outstanding Service to the New York Law School Law Review
John W. McGowan
Sara Johanna Mirsky
Ann Young

Daniel Finkelman Writing Award
Brian A. Bonser for the article, “Rios v. Carrillo”

Ruben S. Fogel Commencement Award for Excellence in Constitutional History and Death Penalty (Established in Honor of Professor Robert Blecker)
Bert Roughton III

Alexander D. Forger Award for Distinguished Service to the Profession
Yevgeniya Grinberg

Sylvia D. Garland Award for Excellence in Subjects Relating to Civil Litigation
Christopher Balioni
Khara Gael Blaney Hanlon

Milton S. Gould Award for Proficiency in the Law of Contracts—Day Division
Edward R. Mullen Jr.
Andrew Joseph Rosenzweig

Professor Albert Kalter Award for Excellence in Tax Law
Sandrine Dehaeze

Professor James P. Kibbey Memorial Award for Excellence in Commercial Law
Scott Levine

D. George Levine Memorial Award for the Highest Grade in the Law of Real Property
Peter Scott Bartsch (Day Division)
Sarah Bolignesi (Evening Division)

Media Center Award for Outstanding Performance
Amie Stepanovich

Abraham “Avi” Mund Prize for Excellence in Information Technology and the Law
Evan Barquist

National Association of Women Lawyers Award
Karla S. Pettaway
New York Law School Law Review Award for Best Note
Jeremy M. Neil
Andrew King Nieh

New York Law School Law Review Award for Outstanding Editorial Contribution
Matthew Joseph Connahani III
Melissa Hulett
Jared I. Kagan
Jillian Kate Timmermans
Joshua W. Walters

New York Law School Moot Court Association Best Advocate Award
Jennifer Budoff

New York Law School Moot Court Award for Serving with Distinction
Thomas A. Boyle
Sandra B. DuBow
Dawn Francine Konigsberg
Kathleen Roberts

New York Law School National Moot Court Team
Jennifer Budoff
Hannah Victoria Faddis
Melissa Hulett
Erin Nicole Mackin

Order of Barristers
Thomas A. Boyle
Jennifer Budoff
Veronica Cardenas
Ashley Jolene Emerson
Hannah Victoria Faddis
Melissa Hulett
Dawn Francine Konigsberg
Erin Nicole Mackin
Benjamin J. Marzolf
Erik McKenna
Stephanie Michelle Michael

Honorary Order of the Barristers Award
Professor Susan J. Abraham

Professor Robert R. Rosenthal Award for Excellence in New York Practice
Erica E. Bonnett
Jessica M. Erickson
Blake Garrett Goldfarb
Jessica Elana Kasman
Scott Levine
Edward R. Mullen Jr.
Michelle C. Spiegel
Patricia C. Wik

Joseph Solomon Award for Excellent Character and Fitness
Peter Warren Beauchamp

Ernst C. Stiefel Writing Award for Excellence in Comparative, Common, and Civil Law
Peter Warren Beauchamp

Murray Stockman Memorial Award for the Highest Average in the Law of Evidence—Day Division
Sandra B. DuBow
Laura Graham
Jamie L. Kleidman
Olha Kolisnyk
Anna Michnik
Lacy Jade Redwine
Holly A. VanderSluis

Louis Susman Memorial Award for Excellence in the Study of the Law of Evidence—Evening Division
Saliha Olgun

Woodrow Wilson Award for Proficiency in Constitutional Law
Peter Warren Beauchamp (Day Division)
Kevin Daniel Clinton (Evening Division)
Hon. Jonathan Lippman, Chief Judge of the State of New York and Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, was born in New York City on May 19, 1945. He was appointed Chief Judge by Governor David A. Paterson in January 2009 and confirmed by the New York State Senate in February 2009. As Chief Judge of the State of New York and Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, he presides over the state’s seven-member court of last resort and heads the state’s Unified Court System, overseeing an institution with a $2.7 billion budget, 3,600 state and locally paid judges, and more than 16,000 non-judicial employees in over 350 locations around the state.

In May 2007, Governor Eliot Spitzer appointed him to serve as the Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, First Department, which has jurisdiction over appeals in New York and Bronx Counties. In that capacity, he also served on the Administrative Board of the Courts, the policy- and rule-making body of the New York State courts.

From January 1996 to May 2007, he served, by appointment of Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye, as the Chief Administrative Judge of all New York State courts. Chief Judge Lippman was the longest-tenured person to serve in that position and played a central role in many far-reaching reforms of New York’s Judiciary, including establishment of problem-solving community courts, drug courts, and domestic violence courts; creation of specialized commercial and matrimonial parts; opening of Family Court to the public; extensive reform of the jury system and elimination of mandatory jury sequestration; and new rules governing fiduciary appointments. He also is credited with many reforms of the legal profession, including mandatory continuing legal education; attorney-client fee dispute arbitration; written letters of engagement; standards of civility; and a statement of client’s rights posted in all law offices.

Chief Judge Lippman served as an Associate Justice of the Appellate Term, Ninth and Tenth Judicial Districts, from January 2006 to May 2007. In 2005, he was elected a justice of the Supreme Court for the Ninth Judicial District. In 1995, he was appointed a judge of the New York Court of Claims by Governor George Pataki and was subsequently reappointed to a full nine-year term on that court. He was appointed Deputy Chief Administrator for Management of the statewide court
system in 1989. Prior to that, he served as Chief Clerk and Executive Officer of the Supreme Court, New York County, Civil Term and Principal Court Attorney for the Law Department of that same court. He started his career in the court system as an entry-level court attorney.

He is currently a member of the Conference of Chief Justices (CCJ), and is the former President of the Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA), which consists of court leaders representing all 50 states and United States territories and is dedicated to the improvement of state court systems nationwide. He also served as Vice-Chair of the Board of the National Center for State Courts. He was formerly Chair of the New York State Court Facilities Capital Review Board, and served on the New York State Probation Commission.

Chief Judge Lippman lectures frequently in New York and around the country, has published many articles and essays, and has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including: the New York State Bar Association’s Commercial and Federal Litigation Section, Stanley H. Fuld Award; an Honorary Juris Doctor Degree from Albany Law School; the President’s Special Award, New York Women’s Bar Association; the NYSBA Criminal Justice Section Vincent E. Doyle Jr. Award for Outstanding Jurist; the 2008 William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence of the National Center for State Courts; the Cyrus R. Vance Tribute of the Fund for Modern Courts; the Chief Justice Harlan Fiske Stone Memorial Award of the Association of Trial Lawyers of the City of New York; the Cervantes Society Hispanic Heritage Recognition Award; and the Alphonso B. Deal Award of the Tribune Society.

Chief Judge Lippman resides in Manhattan and Rye Brook with his wife, Amy. They have two children. He is a product of the New York City public school system. He received his B.A. in 1965 from New York University, from which he graduated Phi Beta Kappa and cum laude, with a major in Government and International Relations. He received his J.D. from New York University School of Law in 1968, the same year he was admitted to the New York Bar.

For your outstanding accomplishments and influence in the field of law, New York Law School takes great pride in awarding you, Hon. Jonathan Lippman, the degree of doctor of laws, honoris causa, with all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities thereunto appertaining.
CONGRATS TO BUCKLE MY SHOE’S GRADUATING CLASS!

By Amelia Jonakait

A month after New York Law School held its 118th Commencement at Lincoln Center in May, the School celebrated another graduation; but not for a group of future lawyers—not yet. Instead, this event recognized a class bound for kindergarten. On June 11, New York Law School hosted its preschool neighbors, the Buckle My Shoe Nursery School, for their graduation ceremony in the Law School’s new building. Two classes—the Lions and Tigers—of 24 graduates, all festooned with traditional commencement mortarboards, marched down the aisles of the Law School’s auditorium and received their diplomas while their families looked on with pride.

Though this is the first graduation the Law School has hosted for Buckle My Shoe, it isn’t the first time the little scholars have visited the campus. For years, the preschoolers have stopped by to show off their costumes en route to their neighborhood Halloween parade. Linda Ensko, Founder and Director of Buckle My Shoe, says the Law School has always been a great neighbor. “To let us hold our unusually large graduation ceremony at [the Law School] was above and beyond. It made it even more special for the children and their families.”

During the ceremony, the children performed “If I Had a Hammer,” “The Dinosaur Song,” and “If All the Raindrops Were Lemon Drops and Lollipops.” The program also included a violin rendition of “Pomp and Circumstance” played by one of Buckle My Shoe’s teachers, Sherrien Badawy, and speeches by Ensko, Educational Director Diane Olt, and the teachers of the Lions and the Tigers, Tara Grobstein and Chloe Cohen. After the festivities, Associate Dean Harry Althaus presented each of the graduates with a New York Law School beach ball.
We are pleased to present a snapshot of some of the many alumni events that took place throughout the spring 2010 semester.
January 25, 2010: Financial Services Reception

Dean Richard A. Matasar and Professor Ronald H. Filler, Director of the Center on Financial Services Law, hosted the first annual reception for alumni and friends involved in the financial services industry and financial services law on January 25, 2010. Garry Lischin ’79, Managing Director and General Counsel, Pershing LLC, and David I. Futter ’84, Executive Director, Corporate Legal, UBS Investment Bank, co-hosted the reception, which attracted more than 125 alumni. The event provided a forum for alumni in the field and current students to network and become involved with the new Center on Financial Services Law.

January 26, 2010: Alumni Association Annual Meeting and New York State Bar Reception

On January 26, Dean Matasar and the New York Law School Alumni Association hosted the Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association in conjunction with the Law School’s New York State Bar Reception for Alumni and Friends. The events were held at the Hilton New York Hotel during the 2010 New York State Bar Association’s Annual Meeting. More than 100 alumni and friends were in attendance.
January 28, 2010: Harlan Fellowship Reception

Lawrence S. Huntington ’64 graciously hosted the private John Marshall Harlan Fellowship Reception in the famous Model Room at the New York Yacht Club on January 28, 2010. Donors who contribute $1,000 or more to the Law School’s Annual Fund are invited to attend this special cocktail reception, which takes place at a different home or club every year. To find out more about becoming a Harlan Fellow, please contact Seth Rosen ’99, Assistant Vice President of Development, at 212.431.2169 or seth.rosen@nyls.edu.

February 18, 2010: An Evening of Networking Honoring Judge Bernice D. Siegal ’85

On February 18, 2010, Cathy Hershcopf ’85 hosted an Evening of Networking for New York Law School Alumni and Friends at Cooley Godward Kronish LLP, where she is a partner. Approximately 130 guests were treated to great food and drinks and thoughtful remarks by the guest of honor, Judge Bernice D. Siegal ’85, New York State Supreme Court.

The Office of Development and Alumni Relations is always looking for new hosts and fresh locations. If you are interested in hosting a regional event, please contact Tara Regist-Tomlinson, Assistant Vice President of Alumni Relations, at 212.431.2808 or tara.regist-tomlinson@nyls.edu.
March 18, 2010: Mid-Year Graduates Reception

With family, friends, and Law School faculty and staff looking on, 22 J.D. graduates were honored at the annual Mid-Year Graduates Reception held in the School’s Events Center on March 18, 2010. Each graduate was called to the podium to receive a gift and make a few remarks. The graduates spoke about their warm feelings for New York Law School and their gratitude to their families and friends.

April 13, 2010: Annual Scholars/Donors Luncheon

On April 13, 2010, more than 100 student scholars, donors, trustees, and other members of the Law School community gathered in the Events Center for the Annual Scholars/Donors Luncheon. Each year, the luncheon provides an ideal venue for celebrating the generosity of donors and the talent of student scholarship recipients. It enables donors to personally connect with the recipients of their scholarships. This year’s featured speakers were Richard Lerner, son of Judge Alfred Lerner ‘51, and Tim O’Neal Lorah ‘96, both of whom established new scholarships this year in their parents’ names as part of the Breaking New Ground. Again. capital campaign.

To find out more about establishing a scholarship at New York Law School, please contact Suzanne Davidson, Associate Dean and Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations, at 212.431.2818 or suzanne.davidson@nyls.edu.
April 15, 2010: The Class of 2010 Cocktail Party

This year’s graduation party was held at Forum Bar in Manhattan on April 15, 2010. More than 600 students and their guests attended. The party included a DJ and an endless array of hors d’oeuvres. It was open to all members of the graduating class and their guests, free of charge, as it is every year.

April 29, 2010: Inaugural Donor Wall Celebration Reception and Dean’s Council Dinner

On April 29, 2010, Dean Matasar and the New York Law School Board of Trustees hosted the Breaking New Ground. Again. Inaugural Donor Wall Celebration Reception as a special “thank you” for those who so generously committed themselves to the future of the Law School by making gifts of $1,000 or more since January 1, 2008. Approximately 80 guests attended the reception.

Immediately following the Donor Wall Reception on April 29, Dean Matasar hosted a private Dean’s Council Dinner in the Law School’s Events Center. Dean’s Council is the leadership group for alumni and friends who contribute $5,000 a year or more to the School. This was the second of two special events held for the Dean’s Council this year—the first was an evening at the theater with tickets to Let Me Down Easy and a reception with actress and playwright Anna Deavere Smith.

To find out more about becoming a member of Dean’s Council, please contact Suzanne Davidson, Associate Dean and Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations, at 212.431.2818 or suzanne.davidson@nyls.edu.
CAREER CONNECTIONS

In the first quarter of 2010, the Office of Development and Alumni Relations hosted a number of events designed to provide successful alumni with a platform to share stories of how their New York Law School training prepared them for success, and to share practical advice with the Law School community.

On February 17, the Law School featured alumni who specialize in complex litigation at a luncheon for students, faculty, and alumni. Guest speakers included Arthur N. Abbey ’59, Senior Partner at Abbey Spanier Rodd & Abrams, LLP and Chair of the New York Law School Board of Trustees; and Bruce A. Colbath ’85, Partner at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP.

A few weeks later on March 9, two outstanding public servants, Hon. Joel H. Slomsky ’70, United States District Court, Eastern Pennsylvania, and David A. Raskin ’94, U.S. Attorney’s Office, Southern District, returned to the Law School to talk about their illustrious careers as a federal judge and U.S. attorney, respectively.

On March 18, alumni from a wide range of fields spoke about their careers and about how much they attribute their achievements to the education they received at New York Law School. The speakers were James I. Charne ’79, a solo practitioner who has provided legal representation for clients in the computer software and video game industry; Daniel Gershburg ’06, a solo practitioner who specializes in bankruptcy and real estate law; Mark S. Goracy ’85, Vice President at ACE Overseas General, an insurance company; and David A. Wind ’91, President and Chief Executive Officer of Guaranteed Home Mortgage Company, Inc.

Then, on March 21, the Law School community was delighted to welcome back Evening Division graduates Vincent Alfieri ’80, Managing Partner, Bryan Cave LLP; James P. Seery Jr. ’90, Partner, Sidley Austin LLP; and Timothy H. Throckmorton ’89, Philanthropic Senior Services Business Segment Manager, Wells Fargo. The panelists spoke about their careers as well as Evening Division students’ fine art of juggling obligations at home, work, and law school.

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Alumni Weekend 2010
April 23–25, 2010

Last spring, the Law School hosted its first annual Alumni Weekend so that alumni from all classes—not just reunion classes—could celebrate together in the School’s new academic building. More than 300 alumni and friends attended the festivities.

On Friday night, reunion classes ending in “0” and “5” renewed old ties, caught up with their friends, and enjoyed steak and lobster at the Dean’s Reunion Cocktail Party and the Reunion Dinner Dance. Members of the Class of 1960 were met with a standing ovation when all returning members of their class, as well as other graduates who had already celebrated their 50th reunion, received a New York Law School pin commemorating their golden reunion.

On Saturday, alumni from all class years joined the reunion classes for the “Best of the Lower East Side” brunch, where Dean Richard A. Matasar provided an insider’s view of the state of the Law School. He discussed the impact of the School’s brand-new building and unveiled plans for the Law School’s future endeavors.

Next, Professor Annette Gordon-Reed—winner of the Pulitzer Prize, National Book Award, and other awards for her book *The Hemingses of Monticello: An American Family* (W. W. Norton, 2008)—presented a talk on “Writing the History of an Enslaved Family.” She discussed how law shapes our understanding of reality, and how that makes it difficult to accept realities about enslaved families. Her presentation was followed by a reading of a new play, *Joseph Warren: A True Patriot*, written by Professor Robert Blecker. The play explores the meaning of the American Revolution and the constitutional republic it has created for us today.

Saturday night provided guests with multiple opportunities to unwind and have fun. Attendees played blackjack, poker, roulette, and craps for great raffle prizes—including an iPad, tickets to one of the first games at the new Giants/Jets stadium, and tickets to a concert featuring artists such as Lady Gaga and Sting—and enjoyed cocktails, a buffet dinner, and dancing.

To close the weekend, media consultant Laurie H. Hutzler ’79 conducted a full-day workshop on Sunday called “Screenwriting for Lawyers.” She taught attendees how to turn their real-life experiences into powerful, entertaining fictional movies, books, or TV shows. The session was so overwhelmingly received that Hutzler will be back for Alumni Weekend again next year.
Save the Date for Alumni Weekend 2011:
Friday, April 29 to Sunday, May 1, 2011

The Office of Development and Alumni Relations is in need of a few good volunteers from reunion classes ending in “1” and “6.” If you are interested in promoting the weekend amongst your classmates, please contact Tara Regist-Tomlinson, Assistant Vice President of Alumni Relations, at 212.431.2808 or tara.regist-tomlinson@nyls.edu.
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Leon Gildin’s novel, *The Polski Affair* (Diamond River Books, 2009), won the 2010 International Book Award in the historical fiction category. The book gives a fictional account of the “guests” of the Hotel Polski during the Nazi occupation of Warsaw. It is also under contract for translation into Hebrew for sale in Israel. Gildin is an attorney based in Arizona who has represented writers, composers, and actors.

Arthur N. Abbey, Chair of the New York Law School Board of Trustees, was named one of the 500 Leading Lawyers in America by Lawdragon in May 2010. He is the Senior and Founding Partner of the law firm Abbey Spanier Rodd & Abrams, LLP in Manhattan.

Dolores Gerber Ochota writes from Floral Park, New York, that she is spending her retirement as a breeder and owner of thoroughbred horses currently racing at New York tracks.

Hans-Friedrich Holzapfel received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Saint Peter’s College in Jersey City, New Jersey, at its commencement exercises in May 2010. He is the CEO of 234 Moonachie Corporation in Fort Lee, New Jersey.

Hon. Abraham Gerges was featured in the article “Advocate of the People” in the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* on January 13, 2010. The article looks back at his successful career as he approaches retirement from the bench. Judge Gerges is a justice of the Kings County Supreme Court in Brooklyn, New York.

Hon. Ronald Zweibel was reappointed a judge of the New York State Court of Claims for the term 2010–19 by Governor David A. Paterson. He is also an acting Supreme Court justice in New York County.

David Hellman was voted “Best Attorney” by readers of *The Berkshire Eagle* in Massachusetts, as announced in the paper’s “The Best of the Berkshires: You Chose the Winners” article on June 24, 2010. He is a real estate lawyer for Hellman & Shearn in Great Barrington, Massachusetts.

Hon. John Brunetti has been reappointed a judge of the New York State Court of Claims by Governor David A. Paterson. He has served in this position since 1995, and is an acting Supreme Court justice in Onondaga County, New York.


Zygmunt “Zygi” Wilf received Fairleigh Dickinson University’s 2010 Pinnacle Award in June 2010. He earned his bachelor’s degree in economics at Fairleigh Dickinson in 1971. Wilf is the principal owner of the Minnesota Vikings Football Club, a partner at the Wilf Law Firm, and President of Garden Homes Real Estate Developers, based in Short Hills, New Jersey. He also serves on the Advisory Board of New York Law School’s Center for Real Estate Studies.

Susan Tipograph, an attorney practicing in Manhattan, has become the President of the New York City Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild.

Barry Goldstein co-edited the book *Domestic Violence Abuse and Child Custody: Legal Strategies and Policy Issues* (Civic Research Institute, 2010) with Dr. Mo Therese Hannah. Based in Teaneck, New Jersey, Goldstein is a speaker, consultant, and advocate for victims of domestic violence.

1979

Robert Cox III was elected Mayor of the Village of Saltaire in Fire Island, New York, in May 2010. (Newsday)

Michael Stanton was selected by the Family Law Section of the New Jersey State Bar Association (NJSBA) to receive the 2010 Saul A. Tischler Award in April 2010 for his contribution to family law practice. Stanton is a member of Norris McLaughlin & Marcus, P.A., based in Bridgewater, New Jersey, where his practice focuses on matrimonial and family law. He is a section/committee trustee for the NJSBA and has been a member since 1979. (Norris McLaughlin & Marcus)

1980

Hon. Vincent Del Giudice was featured in the article “Vincent of the Judiciary” in the Brooklyn Daily Eagle on March 10, 2010. The article highlights his career path from litigator to judge. He is a judge for the New York State Court of Claims and an acting justice for the Kings County Supreme Court in Brooklyn, New York. (Brooklyn Daily Eagle)

Andrew Franklin writes with updates from Nairobi, Kenya, where he is a financial management consultant. Franklin recently gave closing remarks at a national convention focused on ending the violence that followed Kenya’s 2007 elections. He also attended a two-day workshop and training session on corporate governance sponsored by Kenya’s Capital Markets Authority. In May 2010, Franklin and his wife Jo attended their son Jonathan’s graduation from the University of Miami with a B.S. in communications. Jonathan was the director of photography on two award-winning films in the university’s film festival.

1981

Justine Clark joined Carter Ledyard & Milburn LLP as a partner in April 2010. Based in the firm’s Wall Street office in Manhattan, she focuses on banking and structured finance. (Carter Ledyard & Milburn)

Robert Zito recently became parish deacon at Trinity Wall Street, an Episcopal church in Lower Manhattan. In April 2010, he was featured in the parish’s magazine, Trinity News, in an article titled “Wall Street’s Deacon,” discussing his role as both lawyer and deacon. Zito is a partner at Carter Ledyard & Milburn LLP in Manhattan.

1982

Brian Platton joined the New York office of Mintz Levin Cohn Ferris Glovsky and Popeo, P.C., in February 2010 as a member of the firm’s health law practice. He was formerly an equity partner at Epstein Becker & Green, P.C. (Mintz Levin)

Francine Semaya was elected to the board of directors of the Insurance Federation of New York, Inc. (IFNY) in March 2010. (IFNY)

1983

John Edelen was a guest speaker on the Collision Repair Executive Webcast (CREW), a webinar series focused on the collision industry, in February 2010. His presentation was titled “Recognizing Professional Development through Training: Building a Framework for the Future.” Edelen is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Inter-Industry Conference on Auto-Collision Repair (I-CAR) in Hoffman Estates, Illinois. (CREW)

Mitchell D. Kessler, a personal injury lawyer and author of the book May It Please the Court: A Lawyer’s War Stories (Bonneville Books, 2004), is now employed at Levine & Grossman in Mineola, New York.

Kenneth Lazaruk was recognized in the 2010 edition of Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business. He is a partner with Duane Morris LLP in Manhattan, where his practice focuses on construction litigation. (Duane Morris)

Hon. Mario Mattei was appointed a judge for the Criminal Court of the City of New York in Kings County by Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg in January 2010. (Brooklyn Daily Eagle)

David Rutman writes that his son Seth is a first-year student at New York Law School. David is the senior attorney in the traffic defense department at Glantz & Glantz, P.A. in Plantation, Florida.

Steven Tyrrell joined Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP as a litigation partner in the firm’s Washington, D.C., office in February 2010. His practice focuses on white-collar defense and investigations. Previously, Tyrrell was Chief of the U.S. Department of Justice’s Fraud Section. (Weil, Gotshal & Manges)

Gary Graifman was named one of the top attorneys in the state of New Jersey by Super Lawyers magazine in 2010. He is a partner at Kantrowitz, Goldhamer & Graifman P.C. in Montvale, New Jersey. (Super Lawyers)

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1984

Thomas Carr was appointed the City Attorney for Boulder, Colorado, by the Boulder City Council, effective July 1, 2010. Previously, he served as the City Attorney for Seattle, Washington, for eight years.

Sara DeLaney was featured in an article titled “Puppy Paradise” in Forbes on March 4, 2010. The article highlights DeLaney’s experience running Ciao Bow Wow, a dog day care business that she founded in 2008 and currently operates in Manhattan. (Forbes)

Mark Garscia was named one of California’s top 25 intellectual property portfolio managers by the Daily Journal in April 2010. He is a partner at Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP in Pasadena, where his practice focuses on intellectual property law. (Christie, Parker & Hale)

Jonathan Kimmel was appointed by Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg as Chairman of the New York City Rent Guidelines Board in February 2010. (NYC.gov)

Brian Lawlor was appointed the Commissioner of New York State’s Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR) and the CEO and President of “nyhomes” by Governor David A. Paterson in April 2010. “nyhomes” includes the state’s Housing Finance Agency (HFA) and the State of New York Mortgage Agency (SONYMA). (New York State Office of the Governor)

Michelle Schauer was nominated by Governor David A. Paterson to fill a vacancy in the Westchester County (New York) Family Court in June 2010. She is a court attorney referee in the Family Court of Westchester County. (New York State Office of the Governor)

1985

Jeffrey Beacham was named a partner at McGivney and Kluger, P.C. in the firm’s Florham Park, New Jersey, office. He chairs the firm’s life science department.


Michael McMahon was featured in an article in the Staten Island Advance titled “Staten Island Politicians and Their BFFs” on April 20, 2010. The article discusses the close friendships McMahon and other elected officials rely on to help them deal with the demands of the job. On February 5, 2010, he spoke at New York Law School’s City Law Breakfast about his efforts to provide adequate mental health care for veterans (see p.27 for details). McMahon is the U.S. Representative for the 13th Congressional District of New York, encompassing Staten Island and a portion of Brooklyn. (Staten Island Advance)

Nicholas Pellitta spoke about trial advocacy as a faculty member of the Fundamental Investigative Techniques for Assistant Prosecutors class, Criminal Trial Advocacy Skills Program, for the New Jersey Attorney General’s Advocacy Institute in January 2010. Pellitta is a member of Norris McLaughlin & Marcus, P.A. in Bridgewater, New Jersey, where he practices civil and commercial litigation. (Norris McLaughlin & Marcus)

1986

Blanche Lark Christerson was a speaker at the State Bar of Wisconsin’s “2010 Estate Planning Update” in June 2010. She is a managing director at Deutsche Bank Private Wealth Management in Manhattan. (State Bar of Wisconsin)

David Cohen was appointed Provost of Briarcliffe College in Bethpage, New York, in 2010. Before joining Briarcliffe, he was Vice President/Provost and Chief Academic Officer of Five Towns College in Dix Hills, New York. (Briarcliffe College)

Timothy McKeown recently became a member of the Legislative Committee for the New Jersey Chapter of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties. He is a member of Norris McLaughlin & Marcus, P.A. in Bridgewater, New Jersey, where he practices civil and commercial litigation. (Norris McLaughlin & Marcus)

1987

Laura Unger was named Special Advisor for Promontory Financial Group in Washington, D.C., in February 2010. She is a former commissioner and acting chairperson of the Securities and Exchange Commission. She currently serves as a board director for several companies, including Ambac Financial Group, Inc.; CA Technologies; and CIT Group, Inc. (Promontory Financial Group)

1988

Scott Cagan was named one of the top attorneys in the state of Florida by Super Lawyers magazine in May 2010. He is an employment and labor lawyer for GrayRobinson, P.A. in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. (Super Lawyers)
1989

Jo Ann Brighton spoke about real estate workout issues at the American Bankruptcy Institute's 28th Annual Spring Meeting on May 1, 2010 in National Harbor, Maryland. She also spoke at the American Conference Institute's Second National Forum on Commercial Loans: “Creditor Strategies for Maximizing Recoveries and Resolving Conflicts” on February 23, 2010 in Manhattan. Brighton is a partner at K&L Gates LLP in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Gary Schnitzer was featured in an article titled “Passion for Cycling Saves Bike-Shop Owner’s Life” in the Courier-News (Bridgewater, New Jersey) and Home News Tribune (East Brunswick, New Jersey) newspapers on April 17, 2010. The article describes how being an avid bicyclist and running his own bike shop has helped Schnitzer battle leukemia. He is the owner of Bike N Gear in Somerset, New Jersey. (Mycentraljersey.com)

Lori Odierno has joined William Morris Endeavor Entertainment in Manhattan as a business affairs executive. She reports that her colleagues include fellow business affairs executive Eric Zohn ‘92 and agents Jason Hodes ‘01 and Scott Wachs ‘97. Previously, Odierno worked in the legal affairs department of NBC Universal.

1990

Jay Goldberg recently opened Bergino Baseball Clubhouse, a baseball-related shop in Manhattan’s Greenwich Village. Goldberg is CEO of the business, which sells handmade baseballs, art, gifts, and other items.

1991

Marvin Frank was featured in the article “Toyota Shareholders Sue” on March 26, 2010 on Lawyersandssettlements.com, commenting on Toyota’s safety issues and its responsibility to shareholders. His firm has filed a class action complaint on behalf of a private investor, charging securities fraud. He is the Managing Partner at Murray, Frank & Sailer LLP in Manhattan. (Murray, Frank & Sailer)

Thomas Quaadman has been promoted by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce to Vice President of its Center for Capital Markets Competitiveness (CCMC). Previously, he was the Executive Director for Financial Reporting and Investor Opportunity at the CCMC, based in Washington, D.C. (U.S. Chamber of Commerce)

1992

Gayle Hyman has been promoted to Senior Vice President and General Counsel at Las Vegas Sands Corp. in Las Vegas. Previously, she served as the company’s Deputy General Counsel. (Las Vegas Sands Corp.)

Tara Goff Kamradt has joined Baker Hostetler’s Chicago office as a partner in the firm’s business group and a member of its health care industry team. Previously, she was a partner with Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP. (Baker Hostetler)

1993

Brian G. Becker recently opened his law firm, Becker & Associates, P.A., in Boca Raton, Florida, focusing on immigration law. Becker, who is fluent in Spanish, pens a weekly column on various immigration topics for El Sentinel newspaper. He also provides free consultations to members of Hispanic Unity of Florida, the largest nonprofit organization in Broward County dedicated to serving the Hispanic population.

Donald Vernon was featured in the South Florida Caribbean News in an article titled “NY Attorney Empowering Caribbean Nationals” on April 13, 2010. His radio show, “The Law and You,” which airs on WB Radio 93.5 FM, provides free legal consultation to members of New York’s Caribbean community. Vernon is the founder of Vernon & Associates, P.C. in Jamaica, New York, where he currently practices. (South Florida Caribbean News)

1994

Susan Henner was appointed Co-chair of the Westchester County (New York) Bar Association’s Immigration and Nationality Section for the 2010–11 year. She is an immigration attorney in White Plains, New York.

Edward Okeke has been appointed Chair of the Recruitment Committee of the World Bank’s Legal Vice Presidency for the fiscal year 2010–11. He is Senior Counsel with the International Administration Practice Group at the World Bank in Washington, D.C.

Jonathan Rosenbloom has joined the faculty of Drake University Law School in Des Moines, Iowa. His prior teaching experience includes positions at Stetson University College of Law and New York Law School. (Drake University Law School)

Seth Rosen has been appointed a member of the American Bar Association’s Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, on the Law School Development Committee, for a two-year term starting in September 2010. He is New York Law School’s Assistant Vice President of Development.

Bradley Schuber has joined Anderson & Kriger as an associate attorney in the firm’s San Diego office, where he handles complex civil litigation for construction defect–related matters. (Anderson & Kriger)

Mia Bauer was featured in a Web and video segment on Forbes.com titled “From Law Books to Cook Books” in May 2010. The piece detailed her transition from attorney to co-founder of Crumbs Bake Shop, a bakery she started with her husband in New York City that now has 26 locations across the United States. (Forbes)

Gavin I. Handwerker is a principal of Nissenbaum Law Group, LLC in Union, New Jersey, and heads the firm’s commercial litigation department. He is a member of the Westfield, New Jersey, Board of Health and was recently appointed by the mayor of Westfield as the township’s Public Defender. Handwerker is the author of the article “The Option of Distraint,” published in the New Jersey Law Journal on June 7, 2010.

Michele Grant and Elura Nanos run an educational consulting company called Lawyer Up (started as Morange LLC), which was named a finalist in the Make Mine a Million $ Business Competition in February 2010. The competition is sponsored by Count Me In for Women’s Economic Independence, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping women grow their small businesses into “million dollar enterprises.” Lawyer Up offers tutoring and test prep workshops to help students through all stages of their legal education. (Staten Island Advance)

Douglas Singleton wrote an article titled “Ethnic Cleansing” and Genocidal Intent: A Failure of Judicial Interpretation?” published in April 2010 in the Genocide Studies and Prevention journal produced by the University of Toronto Press. He is an associate at Dughé & Hewit, P.C. in Cranford, New Jersey, where he specializes in medical malpractice defense.
Michelle Datiles is the new Program Manager of the Foundation for Social and Cultural Advancement in Washington, D.C. The nonprofit organization supports social and economic advancement of girls and women across the world, with a special focus on emerging democracies in Eastern and Central Europe, and on African nations.

Donna Gerstle is the Director of the CUNY College of Staten Island’s (CSI) Center for Environmental Science, Deputy Chair of CSI’s Master of Science in Environmental Science program, and Principal Investigator and Director of the Staten Island Breast Cancer Research Initiative. (CSI Today)

Shikha Gupta has been named the Reference Librarian and Library Webmaster at Touro Law Center’s Gould Law Library in Central Islip, New York. (Touro Law Center)

Daniel Gershburg was featured in an article in New York Lawyer titled “Tales From the Front Lines of Small Firm Practice,” published on June 4, 2010. He is a solo practitioner focused on real estate and bankruptcy law with offices in Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Newark, New Jersey. (New York Lawyer)

Randi Meyers joined TechAmerica in spring 2010 as Director and Counsel, Federal Government Affairs, based in Washington, D.C. Previously, she worked in the office of Rep. John Shadegg (R-Ariz.) as legislative counsel and lead staffer on the Energy and Commerce Committee’s Communications, Technology, and Internet Subcommittee. (TechAmerica)

Allyson Cannistra was featured in the article “Seven Factors Behind Landing an In-House Law Job,” published in The Legal Intelligencer on March 25, 2010. The article describes her career path and how she went from interning at T-Systems North America to becoming Counsel, the title she currently holds in the company’s Manhattan office. (The Legal Intelligencer)

Samantha Fredrickson is playing a lead role in a lawsuit filed in May 2010 by the New York Civil Liberties Union (NYCLU) on behalf of two Long Island organizations that protect the rights of Latino day laborers. The lawsuit argues that an Oyster Bay, New York, town ordinance violates the free speech and equal rights of Latino immigrants. Fredrickson is the Director of the Nassau County Chapter of the NYCLU. (NYCLU)

Joonho Lee has been promoted to Vice President in the program management office of the Technology Services Group of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Previously, he was an assistant vice president in the Automation and System Services Group. (Federal Reserve Bank of New York)

Thomas Liou has been promoted to General Manager of Comrise Technology, Inc., an IT staffing and consulting organization in Hazlet, New Jersey. (Comrise Technology)

Diana Choy-Shan joined the firm Genser Dubow Genser & Cona LLP in Melville, New York, as an associate focusing on elder law. (Seiden Communications)

Lev Ekster was featured in an article on Inc.com titled “Building a Cupcake Empire” on May 24, 2010. The article describes how CupcakeStop, the bakery business he founded in 2009, has expanded to include two storefronts (in Manhattan and Montclair, New Jersey), two cupcake trucks, and a delivery service. (Inc.com)

Dr. Salvatore Pizzuro was appointed by then-Governor Jon Corzine to the New Jersey Council on Access and Mobility within the state’s Department of Human Services in January 2010. A graduate of New York Law School’s Online Mental Disability Law Program, Dr. Pizzuro is a disability policy specialist, learning consultant, transition specialist, and parent/family advocate. (The Leader)
Alan Salke ’60 is not, repeat not, in the movie business. At least not anymore. Although he still holds the title of Vice Chairman at Sidney Kimmel Entertainment, a Beverly Hills-based film production company, he is emphatic that he hasn’t been actively involved in the business for the last several years. That doesn’t mean he doesn’t enjoy listing the notable film projects he was involved in: United 93 (2006), Alpha Dog (2006), Kite Runner (2007), Death at a Funeral (2007), Talk to Me (2007), Synecdoche, New York (2008), to name a few.

“Film producer” is just one highlight of Sallke’s extremely varied career. His association with filmmaker Sidney Kimmel goes back to the mid-1960s, when both men worked for Villager Industries, a Philadelphia-based apparel manufacturer. “I was president of the holding company, and Sidney ran operations on the production side,” says Salke. “Even back then, he was a very creative guy.”

Salke never planned to work in the entertainment industry. His early career path was pretty conventional. From Villager Industries, he became Executive Vice President of Bankers Securities Corporation, a Swiss-controlled holding company that owned hotels and real estate. But by the mid-1970s, he was ready for a change. He moved to Arizona and did consulting work in the banking industry.

Then he was invited to a dinner party in Beverly Hills, where he sat next to Joe Smith, then-President of Warner Brothers Records. As they got acquainted, Salke mentioned that he was looking for a new opportunity. Smith suggested, “Why don’t you become a business manager?” Salke had no idea what a business manager was. “They didn’t have them back east,” he says. But in California, performing artists needed business managers to look after their finances. So Salke opened an office in Beverly Hills, and within two years he had 30 employees and a client list that included Lionel Richie and the members of Fleetwood Mac.

One of his clients, Suzanne de Passe, an executive at Motown Records, began steering recording artists his way, such as the Commodores, Smokey Robinson, Marvin Gaye, and Diana Ross. Eventually, Salke joined Motown as Business Manager and Vice Chairman, and became close to legendary Motown founder Berry Gordy.

Through Gordy, Salke befriended brothers Nelson Bunker Hunt and William Herbert Hunt, scions of the Hunt family of Texas oil tycoons. The Hunts were interested in getting into the entertainment industry, and they asked Salke to join them in setting up a film production company. Sherwood Productions—named after the street Salke lived on—was responsible for blockbuster films including Mr. Mom (1983) and WarGames (1983). Then Kimmel came back into the picture: Now chief executive of the $5 billion Jones Apparel Group, Kimmel had an itch to make movies, and sent Salke’s company the script for a film called Blame It on Rio (1984).

After Sherwood Productions completed that project, Salke, discontented, resigned from the company. He and Kimmel subsequently co-produced 9½ Weeks (1986), then went their separate ways again to pursue business interests outside the entertainment industry. But about 15 years later, the two reunited at Sidney Kimmel Entertainment, which Salke describes as one of Hollywood’s largest independent film production companies.

“We did 15 films over the course of five or six years,” says Salke. Then he once again decided he needed to get out of the industry. “About 2007, things began to change dramatically,” he says. “The DVD market evaporated, and pay TV completely changed the nature of the business.”

These days, Salke’s energies are going into an investment fund he started called Novo Media, of which he is Chairman. He speaks proudly of his children; his oldest son, Albert, is a veteran TV producer who was just named President of Fox21, the cable/unscripted production arm of 20th Century Fox TV.

Reminiscing about New York Law School, Salke singles out for praise two professors who are probably not primarily known for teaching there: William Kunstler, the radical civil rights lawyer—“he was a wonderful speaker; I was crazy about him”—and Roy Cohn, whom he also remembers fondly.

He is grateful for his legal education, which he credits for “90 percent” of his career accomplishments. “It was a must,” he says. “It was invaluable in terms of knowing what to do, what not to do, protecting my clients, opening up many of the opportunities I had.”
Admissions/Alumni Prospective Student Program Being Launched

The Office of Admissions and Financial Aid is creating a new program that will enable alumni to involve themselves with the Law School by aiding our student recruitment efforts.

Many prospective students are influenced in their law school choice by their acquaintance with attorneys. We seek to increase the visibility of New York Law School and encourage applications from potential law students who view our alumni as role models. In addition to being role models, our alumni are credible and knowledgeable representatives of the Law School. We would like to expand this influence and provide a systematic way in which alumni, particularly our young alumni, can be of service to the Law School generally and our admission efforts specifically.

Our program will work in two ways:

- Alumni will contact potential applicants they know or whom the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid has identified and gauge their interest.
- Alumni will follow up and interview applicants whom the Law School views as strong candidates for admission.

We plan to develop the Admissions/Alumni partnership over time and will begin with a relatively small group outside the New York area. We have selected the Los Angeles metropolitan area as the pilot area where this project will grow.

If you are interested in participating, kindly respond on the Alumni & Friends page of the Law School’s Web site at http://alumni.nyls.edu, where you will find a short application. Upon submission, we will send you additional, specific information about the program as well as an Alumni Handbook. We will follow up with you during fall recruitment season, and hopefully, as schedules permit, meet with applicants during our recruitment travels to the West Coast.

If you have questions or prefer personal contact, please contact Katherine Rooney, Associate Director of Admissions and Financial Aid, who is spearheading this new venture, at katherine.rooney@nyls.edu or 212.431.2861.
CLASS OF 1951
Francis J. Carroll – February 13, 2010
John T. O’Brien – January 6, 2010

CLASS OF 1960
J. Bruce Llewellyn – April 7, 2010
John H. Wynne – May 13, 2010

CLASS OF 1970
Patrick A. Barry – August 5, 2010

CLASS OF 1975
Cecile F. Grossman – April 21, 2010
Richard LaMotta – May 11, 2010

CLASS OF 1976
Marianne Greene Kory – June 5, 2010

CLASS OF 1978
Michael Zapantis – June 16, 2010

CLASS OF 1979
Carolyn Spiro Cannata – May 28, 2010

CLASS OF 1983
Patricia A. Duffy – June 4, 2010

CLASS OF 2010
John Lehnert – September 21, 2010
The New York Law School community mourns the passing of one of its most distinguished alumni, J. Bruce Llewellyn, Class of 1960. A former trustee of New York Law School, Llewellyn was an outstanding entrepreneur, public servant, activist, and philanthropist. He was Chairman and CEO of the Philadelphia Coca-Cola Bottling Company and founder of the original chapter of “100 Black Men.”

Llewellyn served in the United States Army during World War II, rising to the rank of first lieutenant. Born in Harlem, he earned a bachelor’s degree from City College, a J.D. from New York Law School, an M.B.A. from Columbia University, and a degree in public administration from New York University. During the 1960s, Llewellyn dedicated himself to government and public service. He advanced from the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office to become Regional Director of the U.S. Small Business Administration, and served as Deputy Commissioner of Housing for the City of New York.

In 1969, Llewellyn bought Fedco Foods Corporation, a supermarket chain in the Bronx. By 1984, it had become the nation’s largest minority-owned retail business. He went on to purchase the Philadelphia Coca-Cola Bottling Company, and then acquired the Wilmington, Delaware, Coca-Cola bottling operations. He was also the principal stockholder and Chairman of the ABC network affiliate in Buffalo, New York, and served as Chairman of Garden State Cablevision. President Jimmy Carter appointed Llewellyn President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation in 1977, and he served as Ambassador at Large until 1981. Later, President Bill Clinton appointed him Chairman of the U.S. Small Business Administration Advisory Council.

Among Llewellyn’s relatives are two distinguished alumni of New York Law School: his uncle Hon. James S. Watson, Class of 1913, the first African American admitted to membership in the American Bar Association; and his cousin Barbara M. Watson, Class of 1962, who was the U.S. Ambassador to Malaysia and the first African American and first female Assistant Secretary of State.

In recognition of his extraordinary leadership and service to the cause of human rights, New York Law School presented Llewellyn with the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1979 and the President’s Medal of Honor in 2004. He has also been honored by the Law School’s Black Law Students Association. New York Law School is proud to claim him as one of our most illustrious alumni. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife, Shahara Ahmad-Llewellyn, and his family.
Patrick A. Barry ’70, an accomplished attorney in South Florida, passed away on August 5, 2010 at age 71. Barry was born and raised in Jersey City, New Jersey, where he graduated from Saint Peter’s Preparatory School and Saint Peter’s College. He served in the U.S. Army, rising to the rank of first lieutenant. After graduating from New York Law School in 1970, Barry was admitted to the bar in New York and Florida, where he then launched a long and successful career as a trial lawyer. His career highlights include serving as City Prosecutor of Coral Springs, as President of the Broward County Chapter of the Federal Bar, and as an active member of the Bankruptcy and Creditors Rights Committee of the Florida Bar. In 2005, he retired from Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A. Barry remained a dedicated supporter of New York Law School throughout his career. The Law School extends condolences to his wife, Charlotte, his four children, and his three granddaughters.

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Carolyn Spiro Cannata ’79 died at her home in Dobbs Ferry, New York, on May 28, 2010, after a three-year battle with brain cancer. She was 60 years old. Cannata was born and raised in the Bronx. She attended City College of New York and Teachers College, Columbia University, where she earned a master’s degree in guidance counseling. She taught social studies and worked as a guidance counselor at John F. Kennedy High School in the Bronx. In the 1970s, Cannata decided to study law at New York Law School, where she met her husband, Gregory Cannata ’77. She started her legal career in private practice, and then went on to serve as an attorney in the Bronx County Family Court for 25 years. In that role, she defended indigent parents against abuse and neglect proceedings brought by the city’s Administration for Children’s Services, and served as a law guardian for children whose parents had been accused of abuse or neglect. The Law School extends condolences to her husband, Gregory, their two children, and their entire family.

Richard LaMotta ’75, creator of the popular Chipwich ice cream sandwich and founder of myStudentBiz, passed away on May 11, 2010. He was 67. LaMotta was an innovative businessman who gained success in a number of industries. He invented the Chipwich in 1978 and served as President and CEO of Chipwich Inc. until he sold the company in 2002. LaMotta shared his business expertise with young people as the Founder, Chairman, and CEO of myStudentBiz, a mentoring program that helps students finance their education by putting them into business for themselves. His most recent venture, the MD System, is an all-natural pain relief system focused on joint and muscle health. LaMotta attended New York Law School as an evening student, and remained a generous supporter of the School as an alumnus. The Law School extends condolences to his wife, Elaine, his three children, and his granddaughter.
Harper Sibley, Class of 1909
President of U.S. Chamber of Commerce During New Deal Era
As a freshman at Harvard University, Fletcher Harper Sibley—known as Harper Sibley—might have encountered a senior named Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Years later, with the country mired in the Great Depression, the two men would face off on a different campus, confronting each other on opposite sides of the New Deal—Roosevelt championing it as President of the United States, and Sibley vehemently opposing it as President of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Sibley was born into a prominent family in New York City. His grandfather, Hiram Sibley, was an industrialist and entrepreneur who helped create and served as president of the Western Union Telegraph Company. After graduating from Harvard in 1907, Harper Sibley attended New York Law School, receiving his law degree in 1909 and gaining admittance to the bar in 1910. In 1912 he moved to Rochester, New York, joining and ultimately succeeding his father in running the family’s varied businesses, which included land development, railroads, coal, timber, and the seed business. His main interest, however, was agriculture, and he managed vast farm and ranch holdings in California, Illinois, New York, and Canada.

The same year Sibley moved to Rochester, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce was established to promote business cooperation and economic growth in the United States. Over the years, it became the not-quite-official voice of the American business community.

During the early 1930s, the Chamber initially supported Roosevelt and the New Deal, particularly the initiatives of the National Industrial Recovery Act of 1933 and the National Recovery Administration. But in 1935, the year Sibley became head of the Chamber, New Deal policy shifted leftward, and relations between the Chamber and the White House soured. Under Sibley, the Chamber became decidedly anti-Roosevelt and openly opposed the National Labor Relations Act, the Social Security Act, and other New Deal reforms.

In a piece he authored in *The New York Times* in February 1936 titled “Government’s Function: The Business View,” Sibley argued on behalf of the industrialists and criticized Roosevelt’s administration for its interventionist policies:

“Economists have made much of the fact that government has stepped out of the field of administration into the field of business management. The destinies of business are accordingly shaped not only by the natural succession of events but in increasing measure by political decree. . . . This adds to the uncertainties which business faces, makes long-range planning more difficult, halts investment and retards the industrial momentum. An indeterminate or vague public policy, coupled with governmental experimenting in the economic field, intensifies the retarding influences . . . ”

A few months later, the Chamber passed a formal vote of censure against Roosevelt and the New Deal.

In later years, Sibley served on the Chamber’s senior council, and in 1944 was chairman of its committee on postwar problems. He used this position to publicly urge the formation of an international commission to draft a world peace plan, based on the principles of the four-power Moscow Declaration.

He held prominent leadership positions in many service organizations, including Chairman of the International Young Men’s Christian Association (YMCA); Treasurer of the Federal Council of Churches; President of the United Service Organizations (USO); and President of Church World Service.

Sibley died in 1959 at age 74. But his influence is still felt at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; in December 2008, at possibly the lowest point of the “Great Recession,” its president quoted Sibley’s response in 1936 to the question of what it would take to right America’s economy: “It can be met only by hard, cooperative work and the exercise of that most valuable attribute, still deep rooted in the American people—common sense.”

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