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*In recognition of our 125th Anniversary,
we are proud to recognize Notable Alumni in various professional sectors.*

ALUMNI FOUNDERS/EARLY PARTNERS OF PROMINENT NEW YORK LAW FIRMS

Broad and Cassel

Shepard Broad (1927) was one of the two founding partners of Broad and Cassel, currently one of the largest Florida law firms with 170 attorneys in offices throughout the state.

There are NO alumni currently working at the firm.

Chadbourne & Parke

William M. Parke (1902) was a founder of Chadbourne, Parke, Whiteside & Wolff.

There are NO alumni currently working at the firm.

Emmet Marvin & Martin, LLP

Henry S. Hooker (1904) was a founding partner of Marvin, Hooker & Roosevelt, which merged with the firm Emmet & Parish – which was founded by Grenville T. Emmet (NYLS 1901) -- to become, what remains today as, Emmet, Marvin and Martin, LLP. Emmet himself practiced at the firm with FDR. Another alumnus, Joseph K. Savage (1908), also worked closely with FDR at the firm as an associate, and became a partner in 1928. Today, the firm has 51 attorneys.

Current NYLS Attorneys:

Brian, Obergfell, 1985, Partner

Tyler Kandel, 1995, Counsel

Thomas Pitta, 2001, Counsel

Edwin, Bassett, 1994, Associate

Melinda Rubenstein, 2012, Associate

Proskauer Rose LLP

Alfred L. Rose (1910) was Managing Partner, Proskauer, Rose, Goetz & Mendelsohn. (The firm had been founded in 1875 by his father, William R. Rose, originally as Rose & Putzel and then as Rose & Paskus).

The younger Rose joined the firm in 1911 and became a partner in 1919. He was described as “one of the four men who steered the firm to eminence in the first 60 years of the 20th century.”

Current NYLS Attorneys:

Perry Cacace, 1979, Partner

Jacob Friedman, 1975, Partner

Jeffrey Levitan, 1983, Partner

Kenneth Rubenstein, 1983, Partner

Gail S. Port, 1976
Counsel and Head, Environmental Group

Winnie Lee Fraser, 2005
Corporate Department Legal Director

Amy J. Williams, 1993
Special Real Estate Counsel

Associates:

Ilise S Alba, 1997

Jessica P Fisher, 2009

Erica Loomba, 2000

Corinne M Osborn, 2010

Natalie A Phillips, 2013

Jonathan M. Sharret, 2012

Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy

Albert G. Milbank (1898) was among the founding partners of what would become Milbank, Tweed, Hope & Webb (formed on March 1, 1931), as successor to the merged firms of Masten & Nichols (where Milbank had been) and Murray, Aldrich & Roberts. Milbank joined the firm in 1899, becoming a partner in 1902, and the active senior partner in the late 1920s; the firm eventually became known as Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy. Walter E. Hope (1903) was also among the founding partners of Milbank, having joined in 1902.

Current NYLS Attorneys:

Errol Taylor, 1987, Partner

Melissa Ferraro, 2011, Associate

Kaye, Scholer, Fierman, Hays, & Handler

Jacob Scholer (1910) was founding partner of Kaye & Scholer in 1917. He received the 'NYLS Distinguished Alumnus Award' in 1978.

In addition, Paul Curran, 1933-2008, a former federal prosecutor and long-time attorney at KS, received an honorary degree from NYLS.

Current NYLS Attorneys:

James Blank, 1992, Partner

Tatiana N. Alyonycheva, PhD , 2001, Counsel

Gillad Matiteyahu , 2013, Associate

Aaron Miner, 2007, Associate

Christine Kearney O'Connell , 2007, Associate

McCarter & English

Conover English (1902) was a founder of McCarter & English in 1906 along with Robert H. McCarter

Current NYLS Attorneys:

Michael Friscia, 1989, Partner

Zlatko "Zack" Hadzismajlovic, 2002, Special Counsel

Joseph F. Fields, 1986, Special Counsel

Associates:

Jeffrey Alfano, 2004

Vincent Cheng, 2003

Katelyn M. Gillece, 2005

Lisa Gora, 2012

Jessica J. Macarone, 2001

Albertina Webb, 1997

Ravin Patel, 2011

Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP

Randolph Everingham Paul (1913), was a name founder of the firm, which was originally 'Cohen, Cole, Weiss & Wharton', followed by 'Paul, Weiss, Wharton & Garrison' in 1946. In addition another founder, John Franklin Wharton, attended NYLS sometime between 1916 and the outbreak of World War I, which closed the school; he then graduated from Columbia Law School in 1920.

Current NYLS Attorneys:

Anita Zigman, 1984, Chief Legal Personnel Officer

Stephanie R. McCavitt, 1992 Counsel

Associates:

Alexander Stark, 2014

Matthew Block, 2013

Holly Vander Sluis, 2010

Evan Cappelli, 2012

David E. Weinfeld, 2014

David S. Lightstone, 2014

Jennifer Wang, 2014

Julia Milne, 2009

Ann Young, 2010

Senior Staff Attorneys:

Claudia Alaimo, 2005

Robert Hacker, 1994

Paul Dion, 2003

Silvio Peselli, 2005

Trey Elmer, 2000

Whitman Breed Abbott & Morgan

Henry H. Abbott (1895) and William C. Breed (1895) were the founders of Breed & Abbott in 1898, which became Breed, Abbott & Morgan in June 1903 when George W. Morgan joined the firm

In 1993 Whitman & Ransom merged with Breed Abbott & Morgan to form Whitman Breed Abbott & Morgan.

Then in 2000 Winston & Strawn merged with the New York office of Whitman Breed Abbott & Morgan. There are 6 NYLS alumni currently at W&S.

The Greenwich office of Whitman Breed Abbott & Morgan remained separate, but is a much smaller firm, with 22 attorneys:

Dale Lois, 1990, Of Counsel, Whiteman Breed Abbot & Morgan (Greenwich, Conn.)

Wilentz Goldman & Spitzer

David T. Wilentz (1917) was a founder. His son, Robert Wilentz, also became a partner and, later, the Chief Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court; his daughter was Norma Hess (d. 2010), the wife of Leon Hess – and their daughter, Marlene Hess, is married to NYLS trustee, James Zirin. The firm currently has 109 attorneys.

Current NYLS Attorneys:

Fred Hopke, 1990, Partner

Darren Gelber, 1992, Partner

Michael Schaff, 1982, Partner

Firms founded by alumni – whose names were not retained in firm's name:

Davis Polk & Wardwell

Edwin S. Sunderland (1913) was a member of Davis, Polk, Wardwell, Sunderland & Keindl, today known as Davis, Polk & Wardwell

Current NYLS Attorneys:

Joshua Lubetsky, 2000, Litigation Services Manager

Hughes, Hubbard & Reed

Richard E. Dwight (1899) began his career at Carter, Hughes & Dwight which became Carter Hughes, Rounds & Schurman in 1903; he then became partner in Rounds & Schurman, later Rounds, Schurman & Dwight and then when Hughes entered firm after failed presidential bid it became Hughes, Rounds, Schurman & Dwight—which ultimately led to Hughes, Richards, Hubbard & Ewing (in 1937) and then Hughes, Hubbard, Blair & Reed and then Hughes, Hubbard & Reed. Dwight the left firm in 1937.

There are NO NYLS alumni currently at the firm.

Kelley Dye & Warren

Reid L. Carr (1903) was partner at Kelly, Dye, Warren, Clark, Carr, & Ellis, which eventually became Kelly, Dye & Warren.

Current NYLS Attorneys:

Caryn Fulton, 1997, Partner

Pamela Kaplan, 1983, Partner

Mark Konkel, 2000, Partner

Jennifer Raviele, 2008, Associate

Nancy Lopez, 2001, Discovery Attorney

Mendes & Mount

Oscar Dibble Duncan was a graduate of the United States Naval Academy, Class of 1897. He was a member of the staff of Admiral William T. Sampson in the Spanish-American War (1898). He served on the U.S.S. Texas the following year and thereafter, on the U.S.S. Gulgoa and the U.S.S. Frolic in the Philippines. He commanded the U.S.S. Gunboat Panay during the Philippine-American War (1899 – 1902). He was later assigned to work in the Department of Discipline and the Department of Astronomy and Navigation in the United States Naval Academy and placed in charge of experimental torpedo work at the United States Torpedo Station in Newport, Rhode Island.

After completing his military service, Mr. Duncan graduated from Columbia University in 1907 and New York Law School in 1908. During the First World War, he served his country as a civilian in the Judge Advocate General's Office in Washington D.C., and as advisor to the Board of Inspection and Survey and the Railroad Administration. From 1916 to 1944, he was counsel to the American Bureau of Shipping. He continued as Senior Partner at Duncan & Mount until his death in 1947. After that, the firm was known as Mendes & Mount.

There are NO NYLS alumni currently at the firm.

Stroock & Stroock & Lavan

In 1895 Paul M. Herzog (1894) became partners with Moses J. Stroock and M. Warley Platzek in Platzek, Stroock & Herzog, a predecessor to Stroock & Stroock & Lavan. (Herzog owned the Harlem Opera House, the Apollo Theatre, the Odeon Theatre, The Roosevelt Theatre, and the Douglas Theatre.)

Walter S. Dryfoos (1899) was also one of the first four partners of Platzek & Stroock, which became Stroock & Stroock & Lavan in 1924

Current NYLS Attorneys:

Ross Moskowitz, 1984, Partner / NYLS Trustee

Ernst Rosenberger, 1958, Of Counsel / NYLS Trustee

Joseph F. Miller, Special Counsel (Washington, DC)

Lucas Charleston, 2008 Associate

Jeffrey Daniel, 2007, Associate

Kenneth Thiel, 1981, Associate

Francis Murphy, 1952, Of Counsel (He is also NYLS Trustee Emeritus. He was an appellate justice until 1997 and once the highest-ranking state judge in Manhattan before joining the firm.)

James O'Gara, 1979, who was a litigation partner for 23 years, is now is counsel at the firm, mentoring the firm's attorneys in pro bono representation of the economically disadvantaged.

Other historic firms with NYLS roots:

Cadwalader

Francis Smyth (1893) became the tenth partner in Strong & Cadwalader in 1911; firm name changed to Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft in 2014.

Current NYLS Attorneys:

Holly Chamberlain, 1997, Partner (Charlotte)

Keith Harden, 2010, Associate

Marissa L. Morelle, 1999, Senior Attorney

Curtis Mallet-Prevost Colt & Mosle

Milo A. Borges (1928) was Partner at Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle, specializing in Latin American law.

Parker Chapin , Flatau & Klimpl (precursor to Troutman Sanders)

Albert Parker (1921) was a founder of Parker, Chapin, Flatau & Klimpl.

The 125-attorney Parker Chapin Flatau & Klimpl merged with Jenkins & Gilchrist to rebrand under the name Jenkins & Gilchrist Parker Chapin. In 2005, the Parker Chapin partners defected to open a New York office for the Atlanta firm Troutman Sanders. Altogether some 90 attorneys made the move, though the office remained in the same location, in the Chrysler Building. While Jenkins & Gilchrist Parker Chapin dissolved in 2007, the breakaway New York office of Troutman currently employs 9 NYLS alumni.

Simpson Thacher & Bartlett

Charles B. Eddy (1895) started in 1901 as an associate at Reed, Simpson, Thacher & Barnum (predecessor to today's Simpson Thacher & Bartlett), becoming a partner in 1905; Kelsey Courtland (1911) was associate at Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett, 1918-1922, and partner 1922-1954. Hamilton C. Rickaby (1903) joined Simpson Thacher & Bartlett in 1918, becoming partner in 1923

Current NYLS Associates:

Dana Bunting, 2012

Jennie Getsin, 2000

Jordan B. Tamchin, 2009

Sullivan & Cromwell

Henry Hill Pierce (1898), an evening student, joined Sullivan & Cromwell in 1907, becoming partner in 1909

Current NYLS Attorneys:

John Estes, 1995, Partner / Trustee

David Liebov, 1976, Managing Clerk

Dana Brodsky, 2012, Associates

Andrew Finn, 2008, Associates

Benjamin Hutten, 2011, Associates

Henry Hutten, 2011, Associates

Katherine Nixon, 2013, Associates

White & Case

In 2015 Leonard H. Smith (1897) became the sixth partner at White & Case.

Robert F. Little (1898) was one of the earliest associates, joining on January 1, 1905; he left firm in 1907 and returned in 1918, becoming partner in 1921.

Fitzhugh McGrew (1902) became the fourteenth partner on January 1, 1927.

Glover Johnson (1925), an evening student at NYLS, became the 21st partner in January 1936.

Joseph A. Bennett (1908) joined White & Case as an office boy in 1902, becoming a partner in January 1917; book celebrating the firm's 50th anniversary noted: "On March 1, 1902, the firm was fortunate in securing the services of Joseph A. Bennett, who reported for work in short trousers, at a salary of \$3 per week. While his duties at first were those of a general office boy, he very shortly became the bookkeeper and made the diary entries in the register. He has been with the firm continuously since 1902, having studied law while in the office and serving as Managing Clerk prior to his admission to the Bar in 1908. He became a member of the firm on January 1, 1917.

Arthur A. Palmer (1903) was one of the earliest associates at White & Case, joining January 1, 1905.

Current NYLS Attorney:

Daniel Latham, 1997, Partner

DEFUNCT FIRMS:

Greenbaum, Wolff & Ernst

Morris Ernst (1912 – Evening), was a founder of the firm in 1915. He worked closely with Franklin Roosevelt (as both Governor and President) and was recognized as a major champion of free speech. One of his most famous cases was his successful defense of the government's efforts to ban importation of James Joyce's allegedly obscene *Ulysses*; co-authored "Hold Your Tongue: Adventures in Libel and Slander" and "The Censor Marches On: Recent Milestones in the Administration of the Obscenity Law in the United States." He also represented Margaret Sanger in her efforts to legalize birth

control and the C.I.O. in a key First Amendment case against Mayor Frank Hague of Jersey City. Ernst died in 1976 and the 52-attorney firm ceased operations in 1982.

Coudert Brothers

Paul Fuller, Jr. (1900) joined Coudert Brothers in 1902; father was Paul Fuller, who was senior partner at Coudert; Paul Jr. became partner in 1906; Paul Senior married Leonie Coudert in March 1877; she was the only living daughter of Papa (Charles Coudert. Sr.); in 1857, Papa brought home a 10-year-old orphan, Paul Fuller, who became in all but name the fourth Coudert Brother; Paul Sr. then married his step-sister; their offspring was Paul Jr. The firm dissolved in 2016.

Dewey & LeBoeuf

Cameron F. MacRae (1937) was a founding partner of LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, which became Dewey & LeBoeuf. The firm dissolved in 2012.

Mudge Rose

Alfred E. Mudge (1905)—was a founding partner of Mudge, Rose, Guthrie & Alexander. The firm dissolved in 1995.