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As we announced last year, the New York Law School community has been proudly celebrating our rich legacy throughout this past year as part of our 125th Anniversary. Our celebrations have been extraordinary, giving us opportunities to showcase the rich and diverse history of our institution's students, faculty, and alumni. As we celebrate our past, there is much to celebrate in our present achievements, and much to look forward to in our future.

This edition of *New York Law School Magazine* features one of our proudest moments that took place this past fall when we opened The Joe Plumeri Center for Social Justice and Economic Opportunity, thanks to the historic generosity of Joe and Susan Plumeri. We take a look at the diverse features of The Plumeri Center and how it will advance our already nationally recognized practical training programs, and we hear from the man who made this possible, Joe Plumeri '15 (LL.D.).

We also look at a new book from an alumnus and faculty member, Associate Librarian and Professor of Legal Research Michael Roffer '83. *The Law Book: From Hammurabi to the International Criminal Court, 250 Milestones in the History of Law*, examines nearly 4,000 years of global legal history. Making it even more remarkable is the extent to which NYLS faculty and alumni figured into many of these events within the last 125 years.

One of the qualities unique to NYLS is how many of our alumni are entrepreneurs. The entrepreneurial spirit has been in our DNA from our founding. We highlight the achievements of many in our community, while looking to our future with new initiatives such as the Innovation Center for Law and Technology and our growing relationship with the University of Rochester's Simon Business School, now located within our campus.

We also briefly summarize and share images from our Annual Gala in December 2015, honoring Joe Plumeri '15 (LL.D.) and Norman Radow '81. Held in a stunning location, the honorees and guests had an opportunity to celebrate our 125th Anniversary and help us build for our future.

We honor two of our most acclaimed faculty members who have recently been appointed to named professorships: Stephen J. Ellmann and David Chang. Professor Ellmann has been appointed as the Martin Professor of Law, and Professor Chang was appointed as the inaugural Theodore Dwight 125th Anniversary Professor of Law.

Professor David Schoenbrod honors his former student, the late Nicholas Wasicsko '87, one-time Mayor of Yonkers and the subject of the acclaimed HBO miniseries *Show Me a Hero*. While Wasicsko's life was tragically cut short, he left a powerful impact on his community and changed the course of his city.

We continue to build upon our extraordinary accomplishments over the last 125 years, by taking bold steps for our future. We look forward to keeping you apprised of exciting new developments in our community.

Anthony W. Crowell
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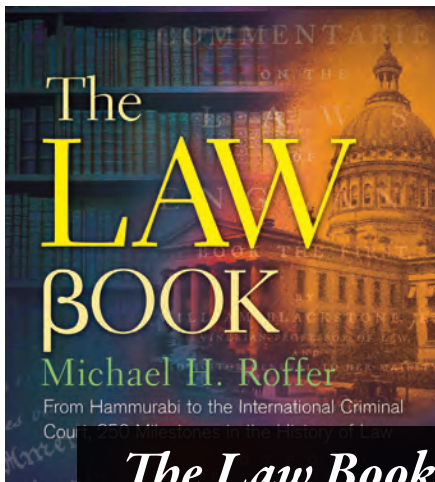
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A CELEBRATION OF MILESTONES

New York Law School has attained many milestones over its storied history. As the school celebrates its 125th Anniversary, it continues to mark milestones on its path forward. This past year alone, NYLS launched The Joe Plumeri Center for Social Justice and Economic Opportunity, forged a historic partnership with the Simon Business School of the University of Rochester, and introduced the new Innovation Center for Law and Technology.

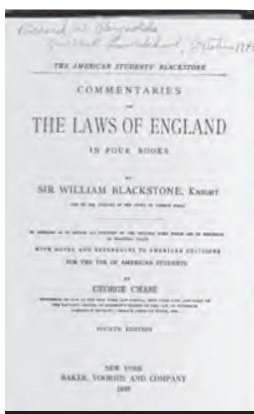
The timing of the 125th Anniversary celebration seems auspicious, considering the many other significant anniversaries (legal and otherwise) being celebrated during the 2015–16 year. It also marks the 800-year anniversary of the Magna Carta; the 250-year anniversary of the publication of *Blackstone's Commentaries*; the 250-year anniversary of the 1765 Stamp Act; the 150-year anniversary of Lee's surrender to Grant at Appomattox Court House; the 150-year anniversary of the New York City Fire Department; the 125-year anniversary of Carnegie Hall; the 125-year anniversary of the Evarts Act, creating the Federal Circuit Courts; the 125-year anniversary of the invention of basketball; the 100-year anniversary of the appointment of Louis D. Brandeis to the United States Supreme Court and the 125-year anniversary of his famous *Harvard Law Review* article, "The Right to Privacy," co-authored with Samuel Warren; the 50-year anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and the 25-year anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.



One additional milestone recently celebrated at the Law School was the release of *The Law Book: From Hammurabi to the International Criminal Court, 250 Milestones in the History of Law*, authored by Associate Librarian and Professor of Legal Research Michael Roffer '83. Covering nearly four thousand years of global legal history, the book highlights some of the most significant legal issues, cases, trials, and events that have profoundly changed our world. Fittingly, a number of milestones addressed in *The Law Book* bear direct connections to New York Law School through some of its many distinguished alumni and faculty. Some of those are included here.

The Law Book Highlights

Columbia Professor Defects to Establish NYLS



An annotated page from 1948 NYLS student Richard Reynolds's copy of *Chase's Blackstone*.

NYLS's first Dean and Professor, George Chase, broke away with Theodore Dwight and other faculty from the Columbia College School of Law to found New York Law School in 1891. Among Chase's many accomplishments was his publication in 1876 of *The American Students' Blackstone: Commentaries on the Laws of England in Four Books*, an abridged version of *Blackstone's Commentaries*, used regularly as a text for teaching American law students. It was widely known as "*Chase's Blackstone*." The original *Blackstone's Commentaries*, of which former Librarian of Congress Daniel Boorstin wrote that, "in the history of American institutions,

no other book—except the Bible—has played so great a role," is now celebrating its 250th anniversary and is one of the topics covered in *The Law Book*. For many years, the Mendik Library has owned a 1938 reprint of *Chase's Blackstone*. In early 2015, the Yale Law Library sponsored an exhibition titled, *250 Years of Blackstone's Commentaries*. Among the objects comprising the exhibition was the first student edition of *Blackstone*, published in 1876, as well as a copy of the 1938 reprint. Yale's copy bears the 1948 annotations of a New York Law School student, Richard W. Reynolds. The accompanying image of an annotated page from the Yale copy appears in Yale's exhibition catalog.

Magna Carta of the Labor Movement



Robert F. Wagner, Class of 1900

A number of the other milestones covered in *The Law Book* relate to significant statutes enacted over the years. One of the Law School's most prominent alums, Robert F. Wagner, Class of 1900, is perhaps best known for the statute that bears his name—the Wagner Act. Officially titled the National Labor Relations Act, this cornerstone piece of New Deal legislation enacted in 1935 granted employees the right to unionize and bargain collectively, paving the way for decades of worker protections and earning the sobriquet "Magna Carta of the labor movement."

The Hellhound of Wall Street



Ferdinand Pecora

Although less well known, Ferdinand Pecora, who attended New York Law School between 1903 and 1905 (receiving an honorary degree in 1958), was instrumental in the congressional hearings that led to enactment of the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Serving as chief counsel to the Senate's Committee on Banking and Currency, Pecora came to be known as "the hellhound of Wall Street," exposing years of unsavory conduct and triggering the enactment of significant

financial regulations. Wall Street bankers—dubbed "banksters" by the media—were shamed and ridiculed when Pecora revealed that National City (known today as Citibank) knowingly offered unsound securities to the public and failed to disclose information relevant to investors' decisions. His performance created the political climate necessary for the Roosevelt administration to enact federal legislation regulating the banks. Pecora's conduct of the committee's hearings and the results he achieved had a profound and lasting impact on the regulation of Wall Street and government protection of investors. His work resonates still in Washington's efforts over the ensuing decades and into the 21st century to oversee and police the conduct of the financial services industry. Pecora went on to become one of the first SEC Commissioners, as well as a New York State Supreme Court Justice.

The Beginnings of the Federal War on Drugs



Francis Burton Harrison,
Class of 1897

Prior to the economic depression, the country and the world were facing another scourge in the form of opium. In 1913, Representative (and later Governor General of the Philippines) Francis Burton Harrison, Class of 1897, introduced legislation to address what he referred to as "an almost shameless traffic in these drugs," and the "accompanying moral and economic degradation." In 1914, Congress enacted the Harrison Act, which obliged those who imported, manufactured, sold, prescribed, or

dispensed opiates to register with a federal agency and comply with record-keeping requirements. Henceforth, opiates would be lawful for medical purposes only and would be subject to strict regulation (and taxation) from importation to dispensation. The Act's constitutionality was upheld in 1919, in a decision that deemed it unlawful for doctors to prescribe opiates for their addict patients. From that point forward, addicts no longer had any legal source of opiates; a thriving market for illicit drugs followed.

The Mecca of Prizefighting

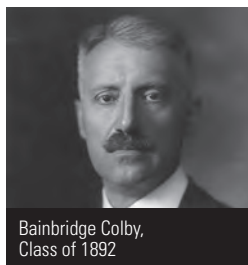


James J. Walker, Class of 1906, on the cover of Time magazine May 20, 1929

New York Law School alumni have also been responsible at the state level for milestone legislation that continues to shape today's world. Late-19th-century New York City was a major boxing venue, even though the sport was legally banned. Along with San Francisco, it was "the mecca of prizefighting." The sport's watershed moment came in 1920, when James J. Walker, Class of 1906, and then New York State Senate minority leader (and future New York City mayor), shepherded what became the Walker Act through the Legislature. The Act

implemented many rules that protected fighters but most importantly, it created a permanent regulatory body, the New York State Athletic Commission, to oversee the sport. That Commission continues to exist today. The Act immediately became the model for similar legislation across the country and helped make boxing a respectable sport.

Colby Proclaims Woman Suffrage



Bainbridge Colby,
Class of 1892

As New York was legalizing boxing, the rest of the country was finally embracing the right of women to vote. In June 1919, Congress approved the Nineteenth Amendment, granting women that right. A little more than a year later, the necessary number of states ratified the amendment. On August 27, 1920, *The New York Times* headlines announced, "Colby Proclaims Woman Suffrage." The "Colby" was Bainbridge Colby, a member of New York Law School's Class of 1892. Colby was the Secretary of State under President Wilson and in that capacity had just issued the proclamation announcing that the Nineteenth Amendment had become a part of the Constitution.



The Most Celebrated of all Torts Cases and the *Palsgraf* Players

On August 25, 1924, New York City's major newspapers reported an explosion that had taken place the preceding day at a Brooklyn train station. Coverage of the incident faded quickly, but one ensuing lawsuit garnered a unique place in legal history and, according to one of the law's foremost tort scholars, William L. Prosser, the reputation as "perhaps the most celebrated of all torts cases." New York Law School is inextricably tied to that case—*Palsgraf v. Long Island Railroad Co.*—through no fewer than six alumni.

When Helen Palsgraf commenced her lawsuit, she retained Matthew Wills Wood, Class of 1903. Wood had served as president of the senior class, graduated with honors, and was one of four students from his class to receive a graduation award—it was second prize of \$100. The third prize winner (of \$75) was his classmate and future Pulitzer Prize-winning poet, Wallace Stevens, Class of 1903. In 1908, Wood opened his own office at 80-82 William Street, down the block from where New York Law School would call home between 1947 and 1962.

The head of the Long Island Railroad’s legal department was Joseph F. Keany, Class of 1895. Because he viewed the likelihood of liability to Palsgraf as quite small, he selected a young lawyer, William McNamara, Class of 1923, an Evening Division graduate, to defend the case. He would handle the trial of the case as well as both appeals.

Wood retained an expert witness to testify to Palsgraf’s emotional injuries resulting from the explosion. The expert he retained—for a fee of \$125—was Dr. Graeme M. Hammond, Class of 1897 and an 1881 graduate of the NYU Medical College. Dr. Hammond was at the time one of the preeminent authorities in the field of neurology. Dr. Hammond’s most notable appearance as an expert came in 1907, when he testified for the defense in the first trial of Harry K. Thaw for the murder of Stanford White. That trial resulted in a hung jury. (At his second trial, Thaw was represented by Martin W. Littleton, Class of 1897, who won an acquittal on the grounds of insanity.)

In addition to the three lawyers and one expert witness, two New York Law School alumni served as judges in the *Palsgraf* proceedings. In the Appellate Division, which heard the Long Island Railroad’s unsuccessful appeal from the jury’s verdict in favor of Palsgraf, one of the three judges voting to affirm the award to Palsgraf was William F. Hagarty, Class of 1898. The second judge was New York Court of Appeals Judge John Francis O’Brien, Class of 1898. Judge O’Brien was the court’s newest member when *Palsgraf* was argued and was one of the three judges dissenting from the majority opinion overturning the verdict.



Matthew Wills Wood,
Class of 1903



Joseph F. Keany,
Class of 1895



Dr. Graeme M. Hammond,
Class of 1897



Martin W. Littleton,
Class of 1897



William F. Hagarty,
Class of 1898



Judge John Francis O'Brien,
Class of 1898

Morris Ernst, Class of 1912 - A Champion of Free Speech and Individual Privacy Rights



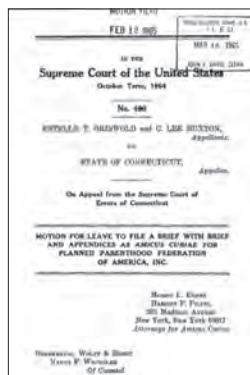
Morris Ernst, Class of 1912

One of the most significant obscenity cases of the 20th century arose out of James Joyce’s literary masterpiece *Ulysses*, which had been banned from importation into the United States as “obscene.” No one would publish it in the U.S. until 1932, when Random House offered to do so and fight the certain legal battle. Copies were mailed to New York, and customs officers duly seized them. The lead attorney for Random House was Morris Ernst, Class of 1912, and a member of New York Law School’s Evening Division. Ernst was a founder of the renowned firm Greenbaum, Wolff & Ernst and he was recognized as a major champion of free speech.

Ernst contested the seizure at a trial before Judge John M. Woolsey in Manhattan federal court in 1933, arguing that community standards change with time, and that *Ulysses* as a whole could no longer be viewed as obscene. Judge Woolsey agreed, and, in a much-lauded opinion, allowed *Ulysses* to be admitted into the United States. The Second Circuit Court of Appeals later affirmed Judge Woolsey’s decision. Ernst continued to achieve great successes in cases arising under the First Amendment and other constitutional provisions. In *Roth v. United States*, the Supreme Court addressed for the first time whether criminal obscenity laws could withstand constitutional scrutiny under the First Amendment. Ernst submitted an *amicus* brief on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union.



Estelle Griswold



Amicus brief in *Griswold v. Connecticut* by Morris Ernst,
Class of 1912

Ernst was also author of an *amicus* brief in *Griswold v. Connecticut*, a case providing an important milestone in the development and articulation of the right of privacy and its range of applicability. Indeed, it paved the way for commonly understood privacy principles to extend to controversial areas of life, namely the regulation of access to birth control and contraception, and eventually to abortion. *Griswold*’s most important legacy is the precedent it set as the critical underpinning for the Supreme Court’s 1973 decision in *Roe v. Wade*—and other cases that would come later—where Justice Blackmun wrote: “the Court has recognized that a right of personal privacy, or a guarantee of certain areas or zones of privacy, does exist under the Constitution.”

The Trial of the Century



New Jersey Attorney General
David T. Wilentz, Class of 1917

New York Law School alumni also played leading roles in some of the nation's most celebrated trials. In what for many years was described as the trial of the century, New Jersey Attorney General David T. Wilentz, Class of 1917, led the prosecution of Bruno Richard Hauptman for the kidnapping and murder of Charles Lindbergh's infant son. Hauptman was apprehended and arrested in the Bronx and needed to be extradited to New Jersey for prosecution. One other NYLS alumnus was involved in the case as well.

The lawyer who represented Hauptman in the Bronx extradition proceeding was James M. Fawcett, Class of 1912, who went on to become a New York Supreme Court Justice in 1948.

Hauptman was convicted and executed, but *The Law Book* addresses one of the other consequences of that trial: the first concerted effort to prohibit photography—still and moving—in America's court rooms. A 1935 American Bar Association prohibition, Judicial Canon 35, was a direct result of the circus atmosphere that surrounded the Hauptman trial. Estimates had put the press coverage at seven hundred reporters and cameramen in daily attendance. The organized bar found the excessive coverage and incessant barrage of flashbulbs unseemly. In 1937, the ABA officially adopted Judicial Canon 35, barring photographic and broadcast coverage of state court proceedings, and in 1944, Congress implemented a similar ban in federal criminal cases. Today, all states regulate the use of cameras in certain courts, though with varying levels of restrictiveness.

The Red Scare

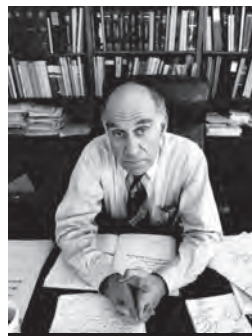


Lloyd Paul Stryker,
Class of 1906

When New York Law School reopened in 1947 (after having closed for six years as a result of the World War II draft and lower enrollment), the country was already enmeshed in a second Red Scare and the early stages of McCarthyism. *The Law Book* covers the 1948 trials of The Hollywood Ten (the story underlying the 2015 movie *Trumbo*) and the 1954 Communist Control Act. Sandwiched between those two entries were the two trials of Alger Hiss, who had been accused of being a Soviet spy and was eventually

convicted of perjury. Although neither trial is addressed in the book, two New York Law School alumni played vital roles. Lloyd Paul Stryker, Class of 1906, who the legendary Irving Younger referred to as "the preeminent criminal lawyer of his generation," represented Hiss at his first trial, which resulted in a hung jury. Judge Henry Warren Goddard, Class of 1901, presided over the retrial, where Hiss retained new counsel and was convicted. A portrait of Stryker hangs in the Mendik Library's Roger J. Miner '56 Reading Room.

The Watergate Investigation and Prosecution



Seymour Glanzer, Class of 1960

In the 1948 congressional hearings before the House Committee on Un-American Activities that resulted in Hiss's trial, one of the committee members who influenced the tenor and direction of the hearings was then-Congressman Richard Nixon. A quarter of a century later, President Nixon's role in the 1972 Watergate scandal was about to emerge. One of the three original Watergate prosecutors who participated in the grand jury investigation of the break-in of the Democratic National

Committee Office and the investigation of its cover-up was Seymour Glanzer, a member of the Class of 1960. Those investigations ultimately led to what *The Law Book* describes as one of the landmark decisions prompted by the Watergate break-in and President Nixon's refusal to turn over what became known as the Watergate tapes. The following is an abbreviated summary:

The 1972 burglary of the Democratic Party's Watergate offices led to the appointment of a special prosecutor to investigate. When President Nixon refused to turn over tapes of conversations recorded in his White House office, a new special prosecutor, Leon Jaworski, obtained a subpoena ordering him to do so. U.S. District Judge John Sirica denied President Nixon's motion to quash the subpoena, rejecting his claim of executive privilege. After President Nixon went to the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, Jaworski took the unusual step of seeking immediate Supreme Court review. Given the importance of the issue and a need for speedy resolution, the Supreme Court agreed to hear the appeal without the benefit of an intermediate appellate decision. Less than three weeks after arguments in the case, the Court unanimously affirmed Judge Sirica's decision... The Court rejected the President's argument that his claim of executive privilege was not reviewable by the judiciary, citing *Marbury v. Madison's* famous pronouncement that, "it is emphatically the province and duty of the judicial department to say what the law is." Reaching the merits of the case, the Court found, for the first time, "constitutional underpinning," for a claim of executive privilege but refused to define that privilege as absolute. Unless the President can identify specific dangers that can arise from disclosure of information claimed to be subject to the privilege, a prosecutor's particularized showing of need will overcome the

privilege. As a result, President Nixon was ordered to provide the tapes for the District Court's private inspection. President Nixon turned over the disputed tapes shortly after the Court's July 24, 1974 decision. Transcripts were made public on August 5. Three days later, President Nixon became the only sitting U.S. president to resign from office.

—Excerpted from Michael H. Roffer's *The Law Book: From Hammurabi to the International Criminal Court, 250 Milestones in the History of Law*, at 388 (2015).

The Son of Sam Murders



Mark J. Heller, Class of 1969

In 1978, alumnus Mark J. Heller '69 defended David Berkowitz, who had been charged with the series of bizarre "Son of Sam" murders that terrorized New York City between October 1976 and August 1977. Berkowitz pleaded guilty and was sentenced to multiple terms of life imprisonment. Another New York Law School alumnus, Judge Roger J. Miner '56, would later be involved in a constitutional challenge to the New York State law enacted to foreclose Berkowitz's—or any other criminal's—ability to profit from commercial exploitation of his story. *The Law Book* explores that law, New York's Son of Sam Law, which was enacted in 1977 in anticipation of the possibilities spawned by Berkowitz's gruesome crime spree. Judge Miner authored the Second Circuit's decision upholding the statute's constitutionality. After the Supreme Court reversed in 1991, New York amended the statute to conform with the Supreme Court's holding. That law remains in effect today and has served as a model for other states' laws.



Judge Roger J. Miner, Class of 1956

Tobacco Litigation



Marc Edell, Class of 1975

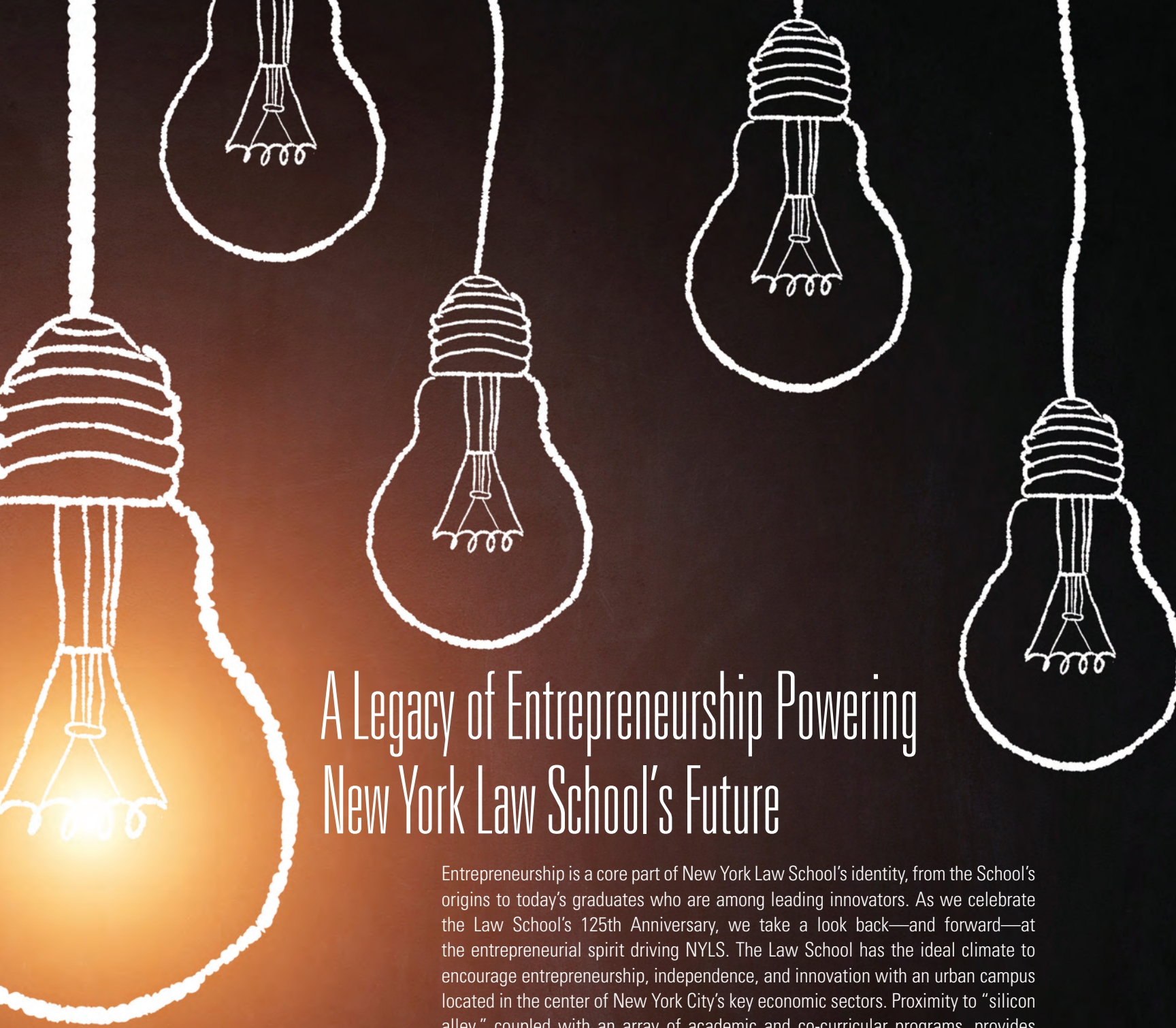
The last of *The Law Book* entries that find connections to New York Law School concerns the groundbreaking lawsuit brought by Rose Cipollone against Liggett Group, Inc., maker of Chesterfields and L&M cigarettes. Cipollone was represented by alumnus Marc Edell '75. Edell helped to change the legal landscape when a New Jersey federal court refused to dismiss Cipollone's lawsuit. Cipollone died in 1984, but four years later a jury found for her family based on the company's failure to warn smokers prior to 1966. The jury assessed Liggett's responsibility at 20 percent and awarded damages in the amount of \$400,000, making it the first time a plaintiff had ever sued a tobacco company successfully for smoking related injuries. In 1992, the U.S. Supreme Court provided the Cipollones with a mixed blessing. Although they retained valid claims against Liggett, they needed to be retried. But after almost 10 years of litigation, the family had had enough. They dropped the case rather than suffer another grueling ordeal.

From Tablets to Terabytes

The original subtitle that had been proposed for *The Law Book* was *From Tablets to Terabytes, 250 Milestones in the History of Law*. What that subtitle suggests about legal history is a constancy of law throughout the millennia displayed and recorded through evolving media. As a force in the world, law remains paramount—and that is true across cultures and leaders and systems. On a smaller scale, the same is true of New York Law School—it remains a vital force in legal education, leading the way today just as it did in 1891. •

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A Legacy of Entrepreneurship Powering New York Law School's Future

Entrepreneurship is a core part of New York Law School's identity, from the School's origins to today's graduates who are among leading innovators. As we celebrate the Law School's 125th Anniversary, we take a look back—and forward—at the entrepreneurial spirit driving NYLS. The Law School has the ideal climate to encourage entrepreneurship, independence, and innovation with an urban campus located in the center of New York City's key economic sectors. Proximity to "silicon alley," coupled with an array of academic and co-curricular programs, provides NYLS students an ideal foundation to pursue unique interests and professions.

The success of so many graduates in unique and unexpected roles is a testament to the myriad possibilities that an NYLS education can provide. In 1939, Chester Carlson graduated from NYLS and went on to invent the technology that would become the foundation for all photocopiers—the xerography photocopy process. He licensed his technology to the Haloid Company, which is now known as the Xerox Corporation. More than 30 years later, Richard LaMotta '75, similarly pursued a non-traditional path. In his case, he created a new variation of a sweet treat—delicious ice cream sandwiches. LaMotta's creation, the now famous Chipwich, would wind up selling in the millions after being acquired by Nestle.

The entrepreneurial spirit was borne with the Law School's founding in 1891, when George Chase, Theodore Dwight, and other members of Columbia College School of Law's faculty joined with students and envisioned a new law school where they could teach and learn law differently. Breaking away and forging an independent path demanded innovative thinking and determination—key ingredients that make successful entrepreneurs.

Since that time, that spirit has lived on in the Law School's community. In particular, the entrepreneurial spirit has flourished in the technology sector. Charles E. Phillips Jr. '93, a member of the NYLS Board of Trustees, has overseen two of the largest enterprise software companies in the world, first as President of Oracle, and currently as CEO of Infor. Steven R. Harber '92 launched a career as a legal technology innovator and serial entrepreneur after seeing the need for large-scale scanning services while doing document review as an associate. In 2015, he co-founded his latest company where he is also Managing Director, Apogee Legal, which is providing technology solutions to the legal, compliance and regulatory communities.

While these seasoned alumni have established themselves as leaders in the technology sector, students and recent graduates are similarly making impressive strides in the market. Shah Kader '15 founded The AltCareers Network, which provides licensed professionals with alternative career paths. The company has released two digital platforms, including one for lawyers called Lawlternate, to find nontraditional positions in companies within growing economic sectors such as technology startups—essentially an Indeed.com for J.D.-advantage positions. Somya Kaushik '13 is the Founder and CEO of Esq.Me, Inc., the first free legal marketplace for lawyers. The site allows users to exchange documents, earn money, and create a referral system to help other lawyers. She was inspired to create this platform after she worked with several law firms and solo practitioners and recognized that smaller law firms and solo practitioners needed better resources and channels for expanding their practice, connecting with other lawyers and managing client intake. James Anthony Wolff '15 is a 3D printing and space technologies entrepreneur. He is the youngest co-founder of Deep Space Industries, a commercial space company that recently received major NASA contracts for asteroid prospecting and harvesting and which is now based in NASA's Ames Research Center in Mountain View, California. Wolff is responsible for developing a proprietary 3D printing multi-metal technology, an in-space processing system, and a variety of spacecraft sub-systems and technologies having critical implications for industry and colonization in space. Wolff is also the CEO of D-Shape Enterprises, the world's largest concrete 3D printer specializing in residential and commercial architecture, government and military infrastructure, and space applications. D-Shape is currently engaged in 3D printing a bunker for the Italian Defense Agency, and it holds the first U.S. permit for 3D printed construction of a multimillion-dollar estate in upstate New York.

Entrepreneurship is not limited to the technology sector. Finance, sports, hospitality, and other industries are well-represented by NYLS alumni: Marc Lastry '84 is Co-founder and CEO of Avenue Capital Group and Co-owner of the Milwaukee Bucks; Vince Viola '83 is Founder and Executive Chairman of Virtu Financial and owner of the Florida Panthers; Zygmunt "Zygi" Wilf '74 is a real estate entrepreneur and owner of the Minnesota Vikings; and Joe Plumeri '15 (LL.D.) is Vice Chairman and CEO of First Data, and owner of the New York Yankees' Double-A minor league team, the Trenton Thunder. Christopher Coco '96 is a restaurant and sports bar entrepreneur as partner at Public House Investments operating over a dozen restaurants including Butterfield 8 in New York City and Public House at the Luxor Hotel &

Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. Joseph Chung '3L runs a food truck operation in Austin, Texas. The diverse success and entrepreneurship of its alumni is also reflected in the NYLS Board of Trustees. Dr. Vincent A. Carbonell '00 is Founder and President of United Reprographic Services Inc., which provides photocopying and duplicating services for architects, engineers, construction firms, and government agencies; Gerald C. Crotty '76 is President and Co-founder of Weichert Enterprise LLC, a private equity investment firm; Lawrence N. Field '63 is Founder, Chairman, and CFO of NSB Associates Inc., a Southern California commercial real estate development and investment firm; Andrew Penson '84 is Founder and President of the real estate investment and development firm Argent Ventures LLC; Charles E. Phillips '93 is CEO of Infor; Norman J. Radow '81 is Founder and CEO of the RADCO Companies, an Atlanta-based apartment investment and redevelopment company; and Cynthia Senko Rosicki '86 is both Founding Partner of the law firm Rosicki, Rosicki & Associates and Co-founder of the award-winning Sparkling Pointe Vineyards and Winery on Long Island.

Given how crucial the entrepreneurial spirit is in today's economy, both in New York City and globally, Dean Anthony W. Crowell has positioned the Law School to undertake a set of bold initiatives to enable students to be prepared for the changing economy. One of those programs is the Innovation Center for Law and Technology. The Innovation Center serves as a forum for law students, distinguished legal practitioners, entrepreneurs, academics, and tech users to learn about, shape, lead, and benefit from the innovation economy and the growth of media, science, and technology in the digital age. Led by Professor Ari Ezra Waldman and Associate Professor Jacob S. Sherkow, the Innovation Center is the cornerstone of the Law School's efforts to be the training ground for lawyers in the fields of intellectual property, copyright, and technology law.

“The growth of existing technology, media, and applied sciences companies in New York, and the influx of new ones, provides a historic opportunity for NYLS to take a leadership role in helping New York City remain globally competitive,” said Dean Crowell. “The tech industry needs a rich and reliable pool of lawyers, entrepreneurs, and legal innovators who are well-trained in the legal, technical, and business aspects of high-growth industries of the future, from cloud computing to online social networking, from ‘big data’ to biopharmaceuticals. The Innovation Center for Law and Technology at NYLS will have a unique vantage point from which to leverage the law to spur innovation and growth.”

“We believe in *law powering innovation*,” Professor Waldman said. “And we plan to put that mantra into action. The Innovation Center will be a dynamic center for exciting research and community service at the intersection of law and technology. We will help drive the innovation economy by helping entrepreneurs bring their inventions to market while protecting their intellectual property.”

In addition to developing programming internally, NYLS is branching out into new and unique relationships to expand offerings and opportunities beyond traditional legal study to its students and alumni. Last summer, New York Law School launched an agreement partnership with the University of Rochester's Simon School of Business enabling the upstate school to establish a home base at NYLS, close to New York City's financial district, technology corridor, and civic center. By uniting institutions dedicated to business and legal education under one roof, NYLS is breaking the mold: these are the only co-located law and business schools in New York City. Never before

has there been a stronger need for law students to learn the fundamentals of business and finance, and NYLS is working with the Simon Business School to harness the synergies that exist between them and capitalize on NYLS's prime location, with direct access to Wall Street, the City's government offices, and the tech corridor.

When looking at the range of innovative programs and partnerships underway at New York Law School, it is readily apparent that entrepreneurship is as important as it has ever been. Not only are lawyers helping entrepreneurs, they are becoming entrepreneurs themselves.

Featured here are more extraordinary alumni accomplishments and successes.

Mark Lapidus '12

Head of Real Estate at WeWork



When he was in law school, Mark Lapidus came to a realization: "I realized that practice wasn't for me." He continued, "I can't sit in a room behind a desk and review documents all day."

So during his third year at New York Law School, Lapidus began a full-time job at a small, new company, WeWork, which provides shared office space and support for start-ups and other entrepreneurial workers. When Lapidus started WeWork it had four locations, but has now grown exponentially to include 66 locations in five countries. The company was recently valued at \$10 billion.

Lapidus is responsible for WeWork's global real estate portfolio. "I handle site selection in every market and oversee the lease negotiations between our counsel and the landlord's counsel," he said.

The education he received at New York Law School "was priceless," Lapidus adds. "It really changes the way you attack a problem and come up with a solution. For me, the education was much more important than the practice of law."

Jeffrey Mullen '05

Founder and CEO of Dynamics Inc.



When Jeffrey Mullen began studying computer science at Carnegie Mellon, he expected to become an engineer. Instead, he joined a law firm. He worked as a patent agent, writing patent applications and working on patent office actions.

At night, he attended law school. "What's so cool about New York Law School is you learn everything, from tax law to IP to torts to litigation," Mullen said.

Soon after becoming an attorney, he thought it would be cool to start his own tech company.

He founded Dynamics Inc., a start-up that provides better, more secure credit cards. "Every time you swipe the card, the number on the card and its magnetic stripe changes," he explained. Mullen patented his technology and overall has 150 patents for a variety of inventions.

David A. Napp '86

CEO of Carefree RV Resorts



After four years at a large and respected law firm, David Napp left the law and, in 1990, started his first real estate business. "I made some real money for the first time in my life," he said.

Napp began his second real estate business in 1996. A 93 percent stake in it sold, in 2004, for a reported \$69 million.

Napp's current venture, Carefree RV Resorts, started with three RV parks in 2005. It now owns one hundred RV parks and senior manufactured home communities, with a projected 2015 revenue of \$150 million.

Napp's education at New York Law School and his experience practicing law have played a big part in his success. "It helps me to analyze fact patterns as they arise, focus on relevant matters, and put aside all the noise," Napp said. "It helps me to run my business every day."

Nancy Lee '97

President of myregistry.com



Nancy Lee started her first business by accident. She was 27, working at a TV production company in Japan, when friends called her back to the United States to film their projects. "Soon," Lee said, "I had too much work for one person." In response, she founded a company.

The company earned more than \$1 million in its first year. But there were problems. "I was constantly dealing with contracts, waivers, unions—I was over my head in many aspects," Lee said.

So Lee went to New York Law School. "It was a way to break my own glass ceiling," she said. "It taught me what questions to ask in a business negotiation, what needed to be on paper, and helped me to understand that not all problems are big problems."

She later gave back to the Law School by serving on its Board of Trustees (under the name Nancy Lee Berkowitz). She also established the Robert M. Giller Scholarship, in honor of her late husband.

After graduating, Lee sold her U.S. production company and returned to Japan. She started a cable channel whose core audience was women—something unheard of in that country. "At first, cable companies wouldn't carry the channel, because they said women don't watch cable TV," Lee explained. But after she convinced one big cable system to carry She-TV, the ratings quickly convinced the doubters otherwise.

Lee's next move was to her current job: President of myregistry.com. The gift registry company enables users to create one centralized registry for their desired gifts—even if the gifts are from many different stores. "My responsibility is to grow our business, our revenue, our partnerships," Lee said.

Lee expects to remain at myregistry.com for a while, but she anticipates her work—and her company—will change. "You have to keep readjusting, understanding where the market is," she said. "You have to embrace change."

Brian Schrader '98

Founder and President of Business Intelligence Associates, Inc.



Brian Schrader bought his first computer when he was 8 years old, using money from his newspaper route. He's been a technophile ever since. But for him to discover how to really profit from his tech knowledge, Schrader had to practice law.

Inspiration struck when "I was dealing with e-discovery, receiving huge volumes of data on firms related to illegal securities trading," Schrader recalled, and then realized there had to be a better way to gather, organize, and sift through the massive amounts of data provided by e-discovery.

He contacted a friend from New York Law School, Alon Israely '00, and the two self-described "geeky techies" went into business for themselves, forming Business Intelligence Associates. Providing a variety of computer forensics and e-discovery services, the company now has 80 employees and four offices.

New York Law School played a big part in making him a successful entrepreneur. "A lot of the professors in my corporations and securities law courses had real business backgrounds, and their entrepreneurial spirit came through. Having professors that come from that kind of world—with experience in starting companies, running companies, and handling IPOs—really made a difference," said Schrader.

Schrader has given back, particularly to the Moot Court Association, of which he was a member. Last December, he generously matched dollar-for-dollar all donations in support of the Association. And at the Commencement Exercises in May, he was one of two recipients of the Honorary Order of the Barristers Award.

Starting his own business allowed Schrader to combine two of his interests: computers and law. But that's not why he became an entrepreneur. "I did that for the same reason as most entrepreneurs: some deep drive that makes you want to create new solutions to problems that you see. And the easiest way to do that is to create your own company," Schrader said.

Dean Cycon '80

Founder and Owner of Dean's Beans Organic Coffee Company



Dean Cycon is a committed social activist. But, he said, after starting a law firm to help Native American tribes, "I found I didn't have the constitution for being a lawyer. Much of my work was [legitimizing] the very system I was seeking to change," Cycon said.

So he switched gears, founding a nonprofit to stop deforestation and help native people in Brazil. Unfortunately, "I noticed that nothing was changing, that charity wasn't social change," Cycon said.

He tried something else. "I wondered what would happen if a company were to pay a fair price to local farmers and become involved in improving social and environmental conditions," he said. Thus Dean's Beans was born.

The company earns \$4 million annually by selling a variety of fair trade organic products. It has received many awards for helping poor farmers around the world.

Cycon's New York Law School education helped make this possible. "I use the law all the time in contract negotiations and in fighting adverse legal systems in other countries," he adds.



By Katrina Dewey

JOE AND SUSAN PLUMERI GIVE \$5M TO NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL

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Joe Plumeri is the kind of guy who can make you believe anything is possible.

And why not?

The grandson of Sicilian immigrants, he was infused before his first breath with a belief in the power of hard work and reaching for the stars. His grandfather was legendary in Trenton, N.J., for wooing Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig to play a game there just three days after winning the 1927 World Series for the Yankees.

After a stint in the Army, Plumeri found his first professional job in a closet on Broad Street. From there, he became a corporate titan with a raft of titles: President of Shearson Lehman Brothers; Citibank North America; and Willis, to name a few.

He's legendary for his ability to inspire – which is why he brought down the house at Carnegie Hall in May 2015, when he gave the commencement speech for New York Law School's graduates. His speech was exceptional because he is so gifted and passionate, but also because of the audience of several hundred new lawyers he was launching into choppy waters.

“Go play in traffic,” he advised them, encouraging them to take risks and find their way in the world. And he told the story of how he got his start in business. In 1968, he enrolled in NYLS to pursue his dream of becoming a lawyer. Because he also needed to work, he went knocking on doors downtown hoping to clerk for a law firm.

So when he found one that had three names and an ampersand, he figured, what luck! One of the partners interviewed him and asked why he wanted to work there, and when Plumeri said to get some practical experience in the law, Sanford Weill explained that Carter, Berlind & Weill was a brokerage firm. Plumeri left law school and became a huge success in business instead of law – proof that you never know where life will take you.

• So at graduation 47 years later, as he watched the students – each a story of perseverance – cross the stage to accept their diplomas, Plumeri was inspired.

• “These were first generation lawyers, a person raising a child while going to law school holding their child as they went across the stage,” he said. “It was inspiring, motivating and it made me feel good about what the school was doing, seeing the diversity and the opportunity it gave people.”

• The experience inspired Plumeri to establish The Joe Plumeri Center for Social Justice and Economic Opportunity with a \$5M gift to NYLS from him and his wife, Susan. The Center will provide opportunities to law students and clients who need legal advice as entrepreneurs, veterans, immigrants and for civil rights issues.

• “A large reason for whatever has happened to me in my life I owe to New York Law School,” says Plumeri, who became reacquainted with NYLS earlier this year after meeting Dean Anthony W. Crowell. When Plumeri visited NYLS, he wanted to support the school's efforts to build its practical training program.

• “My grandfather and great-grandfather were immigrants who came for an opportunity, not a handout,” says Plumeri. “I want to make sure everybody has the opportunity to be able to live the American dream. This is my way of doing that.”

• The Plumeri Center will be the home of NYLS's law firm, with street-level access for clients who can receive free legal services. It will house more than 20 legal clinics from the school and offer trial practice facilities. The donation is one of the largest in NYLS history and one of the largest ever to a law school to enhance experiential learning.

Joe and Susan Plumeri cut the ribbon, officially opening The Joe Plumeri Center for Social Justice and Economic Opportunity (November 12, 2015)

Joe Plumeri speaking at NYLS Commencement (May 19, 2015)

Joe and Susan Plumeri attending the NYLS Gala (December 2, 2015)



“NYLS is immensely grateful to Joe and Susan Plumeri. Their generous and visionary gift will allow NYLS to fully realize the experiential learning model of a modern legal education, ensuring students have the practical training and knowledge to effectively represent a wide range of client needs,” said Crowell. “Joe is someone who firmly believes that you learn best by doing. For law students, the experience of being lawyers—whether counseling a client on business development issues or making a presentation to a public interest law organization—can be a powerful way to learn.”

Arthur Abbey, Chair of the NYLS Board of Trustees, said, “We are touched by Joe’s genuine commitment to creating opportunities for law students to serve New York’s many communities in need of free legal services. We hope to continue to offer services that distinguish us from other law schools and serve the broadest constituency possible, in the most diverse and inclusive city in the world.”

Lawyers who have represented Plumeri say the students at the clinic are in for a great experience. Samuel ‘Skip’ Keesal of Long Beach’s Keesal, Young & Logan has represented Plumeri in securities arbitrations for more than 30 years. As a client, Plumeri is always passionate and principled, he says, understanding both the business and legal matrix of the issue at hand. “Joe has such a great mind,” says Keesal. “And he brings tremendous experience and heart to any project. This law center is a wonderful gift.”

“He’s a force of nature,” says Adam Rosman, general counsel of First Data Corp., where Plumeri is currently vice chairman. “He has a vision as a business leader, a philanthropist and as a human being that’s unique.”

Rosman has advised Plumeri since 2009, and says it’s passion that drives his leadership style and his strategic and tactical thinking. “That’s not something you think easily translates to the general counsel’s office – you have to be calm and collected and reasonable.

“But what he taught me is you can be both,” says Rosman. “It changed my view of the job. I am really passionate about what I do and it’s because of him.”

• No one is better, according to Keesal and Rosman, at pairing legal intricacy with business wherewithal – a difficult balance for corporate executives. Rosman recalls working on quarterly earnings announcements with Plumeri, where you need to balance talking honestly about results with being as positive as you can. “He is a master at that,” says Rosman. “I was the lawyer, I’m supposed to be Mr. Thorough and he would be the most thorough of any of us. We would literally be on version 15 of a press release because he wanted every word to be perfect and strike the balance of telling the truth and telling the company story in a compelling way.”

• When he heard about the gift, Rosman thought, classic Joe Plumeri. “He finds something that he likes and not only brings a lot to the table, he brings the table.”

• Part of what is “beautiful” about the gift is how big it is. He could have started small, says Rosman, “but that’s not Joe. He’s all in right from the beginning. He didn’t start with just business entrepreneurs or criminal defense. It’s a full suite of opportunities for students who might not otherwise have them.”

• Plumeri hopes the Center is the beginning of something big that can change access to justice on both the lawyer and the client side. “I view this as not a one-time commitment,” he says. “Hopefully it does so well the commitment is ongoing. And if all that works, it will help build the economy of New York City, and build jobs. That’s my dream.”

• When Plumeri comes to visit, he wants to see a busy place. Dean Crowell knows the students are excited about what the future holds and to help meet the tremendous legal need in New York City. “The new Center allows us to do our part,” Crowell says.

• “I want the students to say to me this has been so wonderful I had the opportunity to practice real law with real people, that gave me experience as I go into law, and a compass to guide me as to what law I want to go into,” Plumeri says. “I would be ecstatic if a veteran said without NYLS and being able to seek legal advice without having to pay for it, I wouldn’t be able to open a business and pursue the American dream I fought for in battle.

• “I am so grateful to this country for giving my grandfather and great-grandfather the opportunity to be able to seek the American dream. They passed that opportunity on to me. And what I’m trying to create is to pass that on to other people – students, to educate and train them better, and to clients who can’t afford it. So they can all have their shot at the American dream.” •

CAMPUS BUZZ



Houman Shadab, Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Center for Business and Financial Law, New York Law School.



Panelists (l-r): Professor Michael Barr, University of Michigan Law School; Professor Catherine Powell, Fordham School of Law; and Dean Michelle Anderson, CUNY School of Law, all of whom worked on the plaintiffs' litigation team as law students.



Panelists (and the positions they held in 2001)(l-r): Bryan Grimaldi, Mayor's Office; Marjorie Landa, Law Department; and Florence Hutner, Law Department.



Judge Sterling Johnson, Jr. of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York, who presided over the trial to free the Haitian refugees held at Guantanamo, and Visiting Associate Professor of Law Brandt Goldstein, New York Law School.



Panelists (l-r): Kiran Lingam, Managing Director, LendTech Angels; Ethan L. Silver '02, Partner, Carter Ledyard & Milburn LLP; Scarlett Stephan, SVP, BBVA; Robert A. Irwin '09, Associate General Counsel, OnDeck; and Stephane Wyper, Global Lead.



Ari Ezra Waldman, Associate Professor of Law, New York Law School, the Founder and Director of the Tyler Clementi Institute for Internet Safety, closes the Conference.



U.S. Congressman Mark Pocan (D-WI) sits down with NYLS Dean and President Anthony W. Crowell to discuss the steps that Congress and state legislatures can take to address the epidemic of cyberharassment.



Panelists (l-r): Alphonso B. David, Counsel to the Governor; Nicholas Turner, President and Director, Vera Institute of Justice; and Mercer Givhan, Associate Professor of Law, New York Law School.



Danielle Keats Citron, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, speaks about her new book, Hate Crimes in Cyberspace.




Panelists (l-r): Richard Buery, Adjunct Professor of Law, New York Law School and Deputy Mayor for Strategic Policy Initiatives; and Nicholas Turner, President and Director, Vera Institute of Justice.



Panelists (and the positions they held in 2001) (l-r): Steven Fishner, Criminal Justice Coordinator; and Jeffrey Friedlander, Law Department.



Wine and cheese reception following the Fintech Conference



THE CITY'S LAWYERS AND SEPTEMBER 11TH: A BREAKFAST ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

On **September 11, 2015**, the Center for New York City Law presented a panel on "The City's Lawyers and September 11th: A Breakfast Roundtable Discussion." The event featured the following panelists (positions in 2001): Jeffrey D. Friedlander of the New York City Law Department; Steven Fishner, Criminal Justice Coordinator for the Mayor's office; Marjorie Landa of the New York City Law Department; Bryan Grimaldi, General Counsel for the City of New York; and Florence Hutner of the New York City Law Department. The panel was moderated by Dean Anthony W. Crowell, who himself played a lead role in 9-11 recovery and relief efforts as a city attorney. The panel discussed their roles as attorneys for the City on September 11, 2001, and in the days after, and shared stories of what happened to them at the time of the attacks. They also addressed the various legal challenges that faced the City in the days thereafter. Fishner and Dean Crowell discussed expediting death certificates for the victims to allow their families to collect life insurance. Friedlander recalled having to relocate the Law Department offices from 100 Church Street due to debris from the Twin Towers. It was a moving discussion on all fronts.



THE TYLER CLEMENTI INTERNET SAFETY CONFERENCE

On **October 3 and 4, 2015**, the Innovation Center for Law and Technology hosted the first annual "Tyler Clementi Internet Safety Conference." The conference was an unprecedented gathering of policy makers, political and business leaders, attorneys, social scientists, academics, teachers, students, and nonprofit advocates, all focused on the conference's theme: combatting cyber-harassment in all its forms. At this conference, New York Law School launched a first-of-its-kind direct outreach *pro bono* initiative that will help victims of online harassment seek justice. The conference featured two members of the U.S. House of Representatives, Kathleen Rice (D-NY) and Mark Pocan (D-WI). The conference was chaired by Professor Ari Ezra Waldman.




FINTECH: LAW AND DISRUPTION

On **October 6, 2015**, the Center for Business and Financial Law hosted "FinTech: Law and Disruption." Speakers discussed how technology is causing fundamental changes and increasing competition in the financial services industry. Topics included: mobile payments and digital banking, crowdfunding and peer-to-peer finance, blockchains and distributed ledgers, high-frequency trading and innovations in market infrastructure, automated financial advisors, and regulatory challenges and software-driven compliance. The conference was chaired by Professor Houman B. Shadab and was co-sponsored by Bloomberg BNA, Yodlee Interactive, Kaye Scholer, and PaymentWeek.



STORMING THE COURT: 25 YEARS AFTER H.C.C. VS. SALE

On **October 16, 2015**, the *New York Law School Law Review* hosted "Storming the Court: 25 Years After H.C.C. vs. Sale." Almost 25 years after the landmark decision about Haitian refugees being held at Guantanamo Bay, this symposium brought together the judge in the case, the Honorable Sterling Johnson, Jr. (E.D.N.Y.), Senator Christopher Coons (D-DE), Professor Harold Koh, Yale Law School (former Legal Adviser at the State Department), government attorneys, human rights lawyers and advocates, private practitioners, and a number of the most prominent former students (now all human rights advocates, lawyers and/or academics themselves) to explore the enduring impact of this extraordinary litigation. The symposium was chaired by Visiting Professor Brandt Goldstein.



IMPACT THURSDAYS: LAW AND THE LIVES OF YOUNG BLACK MEN

On **November 12, 2015**, the Impact Center for Public Interest Law hosted "Impact Thursdays: Law and the Lives of Young Black Men." The panel discussion featured Richard Buery, Deputy Mayor for Strategic Policy Initiatives; Alphonso B. David, Counsel to the Governor; and Nicholas Turner, President and Director, Vera Institute of Justice. The panel was moderated by Professor Mercer Givhan. More than 100 people attended this insightful discussion of some of the most challenging issues faced by young black men, and public policy responses. Specific topics included disparities in education opportunities and outcomes, criminal justice reform, and community engagement.

Professor Stephen J. Ellmann and Professor David Chang

Appointed to Named Professorships

Professor Stephen J. Ellmann

Professor David Chang



In August 2015, Stephen J. Ellmann, an expert on South African Law, Constitutional Law, and Clinical Education, was appointed as the **Martin Professor of Law**. Established with the support of the Martin Foundation Inc., the professorship was created in memory of industrialist, financier, and philanthropist Lester Martin (1907–59).

A member of the faculty since 1992, Professor Ellmann has been a dedicated mainstay of NYLS, both in his crucial role as Director of Clinical and Experiential Learning and in his service as Associate Dean for Faculty Development (later adding “Collaborative Learning” to his portfolio) from 2000 to 2011. He was instrumental in driving the recent expansion of clinical and experiential course offerings, including the doubling of the number of clinics offered in 2013. He also developed the Clinical Year program, which builds on the medical school model and consists of three full-time clinical rotations. *The National Jurist* recently named the Clinical Year one of the 15 most innovative clinics in the nation. Professor Ellmann has written extensively on the skills and ethics of lawyers’ interviewing and counseling of clients. In 1990, he earned the Sanford D. Levy Memorial Award from the New York State Bar Committee on Professional Ethics for his article, “Lawyering for Justice in a Flawed Democracy,” *Columbia Law Review* (1990). He has published extensively about South Africa, including a study of law at the end of apartheid, *In a Time of Trouble: Law and Liberty in South Africa’s State of Emergency* (Clarendon Press Oxford, 1992), and *The Post-Apartheid Constitutions: Perspectives on South Africa’s Basic Law* (Witwatersrand University Press and Ohio University Press, 2001), which he co-edited with Penelope Andrews.

Professor Ellmann’s investiture took place on November 23, 2015.

In September 2015, David Chang, an award-winning expert in constitutional law, including interpretive theory, discrimination, freedom of speech, and hate crimes, was appointed as the inaugural **Theodore Dwight 125th Anniversary Professor of Law**. This newly-created professorship honors the late Theodore Dwight, who was instrumental in founding the Law School in 1891.

Professor Chang joined NYLS in 1983. For a quarter of the School’s 125 years, he has been teaching thousands of students, attending hundreds of faculty meetings, and working with his colleagues to help fulfill the Law School’s mission and to move it forward. His NYLS roots go back even farther, to 1956, when his grandfather graduated from the Evening Division, connecting his family to New York Law School for fully half of the school’s history.

Professor Chang chaired the Academic Support Curriculum Committee, leading the effort to develop and implement the Law School’s Comprehensive Curriculum Program. He was honored with the Class of 2014 Teaching Award presented by the graduating class at Commencement. Professor Chang has written extensively on hate crimes legislation and the constitutionality of affirmative action policies. His scholarship has been recognized as outstanding. In 1992, NYLS presented Professor Chang with the Walter M. Jeffords Distinguished Writing Award for his article, “Discriminatory Impact, Affirmative Action, and Innocent Victims: Judicial Conservatism or Conservative Justices?” *Columbia Law Review* (1991); in 2001, the Otto L. Walter Distinguished Writing Award for his article, “Selling the Market-Driven Message: Commercial Television, Consumer Sovereignty, and the First Amendment,” *Minnesota Law Review* (2000); in 2008, the Otto L. Walter Distinguished Writing Award for his article, “Structuring Constitutional Doctrine: Principles, Proof, and the Functions of Judicial Review,” *Rutgers Law Review* (2006); and in 2012, the Otto L. Walter Distinguished Writing Award for his article, “Beyond Formalist Sovereignty: Who Can Represent ‘We the People of the United States’ Today?” *University of Richmond Law Review* (2011).

Professor Chang’s investiture took place on April 28, 2016.

FULL-TIME FACULTY ACTIVITIES

Compiled by Christie A. Cunningham

The following items represent a sampling of the recent activities of our full-time faculty. A full listing of faculty activities can be found at www.nyls.edu/FacultyNews

Alan I. Appel '76



Presentations

Delivered the keynote speech at the International Tax Specialists Group World Conference at NYLS (November 2015).

Spoke at New York University's 2015 Summer Institute in Taxation at the Westin New York in Times Square (July 2015).

Featured speaker, "Holding Company Jurisdictions for Investments in Latin America - What You Need To Know Now," American Bar Association CLE webinar event (July 2015).

Advocacy and Expert Testimony

His review of comments in his role as Council Director of the American Bar Association Section on Taxation's Committee on U.S. Activities of Foreigners and Tax Treaties was mentioned in a report on comments submitted to the IRS Commissioner by the ABA's Tax Section, requesting guidance on the tax status of certain expatriates. The comments were picked up in the Bloomberg BNA's DAILY TAX REPORT and TAX NOTES (March 2015).

Media References and Appearances

His article, "The Government Strikes Back—New IRS Notice Strengthens Anti-Inversion Rules," published in the JOURNAL OF TAXATION AND REGULATION OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, was listed on SSRN's Top Ten download list for: Applied Accounting – Practitioner eJournal; CGN: Other Corporate Governance: Disclosure, Internal Control, & Risk-Management; ERN: Other Political Economy: Taxation, Subsidies, & Revenue; and PSN: Taxation (August 2015).

Deborah N. Archer



Presentations

Spoke on panel, "The Voting Rights Act at 50," at Franklin & Marshall College, part of Franklin & Marshall's Civil Rights and Social Change program series in Lancaster, Pennsylvania (October 2015).

Spoke at the American Constitution Society's National Supreme Court Preview in Washington, D.C. (September 2015).

Publications

Still Fighting after All These Years: Minority Voting Rights 50 Years after the March on Washington, BERKELEY JOURNAL OF AFRICAN AMERICAN LAW & POLICY and the TOURO JOURNAL OF RACE, GENDER, AND ETHNICITY (part of a symposium on voting rights in the wake of *Shelby County v. Holder*, co-sponsored by the University of California, Berkeley School of Law and Touro Law Center) (2015).

Advocacy and Expert Testimony

Counsel of record for the NYLS Racial Justice Project when they filed an *amicus curiae* brief in the United States Supreme Court in the case of *Fisher v. The University of Texas at Austin*. Worked with Stephen J. Ellmann and Erika L. Wood (October 2015).

Media References and Appearances

Playing the Long Game: Fisher v. University of Texas and the Future of Race-Conscious Admissions Programs, THE HUFFINGTON POST (October 2015).

Stuck on Simple: The Challenge of Moving Beyond Diversity to Inclusion, THE HUFFINGTON POST (October 2015).

Richard C.E. Beck



Presentations

Presented a paper titled, "How Forgiveness of Home Mortgage Debt Became Taxable," at the 2015 Annual Law and Society Meeting in Seattle, Washington (May 2015).

Tamara C. Belinfanti



Awards and Recognition

Honored by the NYLS Black Law Students Association at its 20th Annual Alumni Awards Dinner (March 2015).

Presentations

Presented a Master Class, "Social 'Intrapreneurship' in the Private Sector: Praxis, Process and Potential," at the Fourth Annual Seminar on Advancing Good Governance in International Development, held at Oxford University in Oxford, England (June 2015).

Presented her article, "Designing the Mission Controlled Corporation," at the Law and Society Association's annual meeting in Seattle, Washington as part of the panel on "Ownership and Control: New Considerations on Litigation, Governance Structures, and Shareholder Activism" (May 2015).

Invited presenter at the Seattle University School of Law's seventh annual Berle Symposium in Seattle, Washington. The focus of this year's symposium was the nature of the modern corporation (May 2015).

Selected, along with Deborah N. Archer, to present at the Third Annual Workshop on Food Justice at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan to discuss the work of the NYLS Unshared Bounty Project (May 2015).

Lenni B. Benson



Presentations

Spoke at the "Unaccompanied Minors from Central America and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status" conference at Duke Law School in Durham, North Carolina (October 2015).

Spoke on, “Responding to Child Refugees: The Challenges of U.S. Law & Policy,” at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio (October 2015).

Spoke on, “Honey, Let’s Talk About the Kids: an Examination of the U.S. Treatment of Unaccompanied Minor Children,” at the University of Sydney Law School in Sydney, Australia. She also met with faculty members at the law school and is working on an edited book of essays on child migration with Professor Mary Crock (March 2015).

Media References and Appearances

Featured in “The Other Refugee Crisis,” and “A Federal Program Was Created to Legally Bring Immigrants’ Children to the US – But Not a Single Family Has Benefited. Your Questions Answered,” on WNYC radio (November 2015).

Interviewed by THE NEW YORK TIMES, PBS, NPR, and other national media, as well as participated in more than 50 programs and CLE events, to speak about the needs of immigrant children and refugees (2014–15).

Robert Blecker



Presentations

Gave a speech at the International Association

for the Philosophy of Sport, “DEFLATEGATE: Cheating by the Rules,” in Cardiff, Wales (September 2015).

Participated in an Intelligence Squared debate on the death penalty in New York. The debate was broadcast on 220 NPR stations (April 2015).

Spoke on the Boston Marathon bombing trial, and the implications for the death penalty at Brooklyn Law School in Brooklyn, New York (April 2015).

Advocacy and Expert Testimony

Testified before the Pennsylvania House Judiciary Committee in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, urging potential revisions to Pennsylvania’s capital punishment statute, challenging the constitutionality of the Governor’s blanket reprieve, and detailing conditions inside prison for well-behaved convicted murderers serving life sentences. His testimony was the subject of an article in the READING EAGLE. Members of the Judiciary Committee also referred to it in a Committee meeting (June 2015).

Media References and Appearances

Wrote two op-ed pieces and was widely quoted in the media on the “Deflategate” scandal involving the New England Patriots and quarterback Tom Brady. Featured on Showtime’s “60 Minutes Sports,” on the topic (2015).

Extensively interviewed and quoted in the media on the topic of capital punishment, including an

appearance on Comedy Central’s “The Daily Show” (2015).

Lloyd Bonfield



Publications

Wrote a retrospective entitled “Reflections on thirty years at Continuity and Change” that appears in the 30th Anniversary Edition of the journal, CONTINUITY AND CHANGE, and the editorial board selected his article “Canon law and family law in medieval Western Christendom” which appeared in Volume 6 (1990), as one of the 10 best papers published in this field-defining journal (May 2015).

Michael Botein



Appointments

Appointed Visiting Professor, Faculty of Law at Palacky University in the Czech Republic (March to May 2015).

Presentations

Spoke at a moot court event on job searching and interviewing for post-J.D. fellows at Columbia Law School in New York (October 2015).

Media References and Appearances

Quoted in “NBC talks with Ch. 7 could bring shake-up to Boston TV,” THE BOSTON GLOBE (October 2015).

Frank A. Bress



Media References and Appearances

Quoted in “Cosby sex scandal deepens with drug admission,” AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE (July 2015).

Carol A. Buckler



Presentations

Participated in a webinar on the New York State Pro Bono Scholars Program, conducted by the Office of Pro Bono Affairs for the legal services agencies that will be supervising the students placed in their offices as Pro Bono Scholars. Her topic was “Challenges in Supervision” (February 2015).

Co-moderated a panel discussion on issues of professionalism and client confidentiality on the New York State Pro Bono Scholars Program in New York, conducted by the Office of Pro

Bono Affairs for the legal services agencies that will be supervising the students placed in their offices as Pro Bono Scholars. A recording of the discussion was made available to all 15 law schools in New York for use in their seminars for Pro Bono Scholars (February 2015).

Lung-chu Chen



Media References and Appearances

Quoted in “How the IDF Works to Prevent Civilian Casualties,” THE TOWER MAGAZINE (June 2015).

Bryan Choi



Presentations

Showcased his paper, “For Whom the Data Tolls,” at the Privacy Law Scholars Conference hosted by University of California Berkeley School of Law in Berkeley, California. The paper will be published in the CARDOZO LAW REVIEW (June 2015).

Presented at New York University School of Law in New York on a panel titled, “Searches vs. Subpoenas in the Digital Context.” The panel was part of a two-day

symposium on the topic of “Government Access to Data in the Cloud” (May 2015).

Spoke at a symposium on “Privacy in the Age of Pervasive Surveillance,” held at the University of Idaho College of Law in Moscow, Idaho. His talk was titled, “A Prospect Theory of Privacy,” and the piece will be published by the *IDAHO LAW REVIEW* (April 2015).

Presented his paper, “Separating Patent-Able from Patent Act,” at the Internet Law Works-In-Progress conference hosted by Santa Clara University School of Law in Santa Clara, California (March 2015).

Presented his paper, “Separating Patent-Able from Patent Act,” at the Works-In-Progress IP Colloquium hosted by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Alexandria, Virginia (February 2015).

Richard Chused



Presentations

Spoke at a panel discussion titled, “Selma: 50 Years Later: Reflections on the Civil Rights Movement Since the Historic March,” hosted by Master Apartments, a large co-op on the Upper West Side of New York that presents panel presentations and art exhibits on a regular basis (May 2015).

Presented his paper, “Appropriate(d) Moment,” about the privacy issues surrounding the surreptitious taking and later display of photographs of a family through the unshaded windows of a glass-walled apartment in the TriBeCa area of New York, at the gathering of the Family Law Scholars of New York at Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in New York (May 2015).

Publications

Dream Vignettes, *NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL LAW REVIEW* (May 2015).

Media References and Appearances

Mentioned in an article featuring his wife, “Elizabeth Langer brings paintings, drawings, collages to Chilmark library,” *MV TIMES* (August 2015).

Anthony W. Crowell



Appointments

Appointed by the American Bar Association Section on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar to serve on the planning committee for the 2016 Law School Development Conference (July 2015).

Presentations

Panelist at the plenary session at the conference of the National Association of Pre-Law Advisors in New York.

His presentation focused on how NYLS is aligning its programs to meet new market demands (June 2015).

Delivered the opening address and discussed NYLS’s institutional diversity plan and history and current work in LGBT law at Out Leadership’s 2015 Out In Law Conference at NYLS (April 2015).

Spoke at the American Bar Association’s 2nd Circuit Spring Meeting at NYLS. Offered introductory remarks to the audience and moderated a panel on leadership traits of successful law students and lawyers (February 2015).

Publications

New York City Law Schools Give Students an Edge While Serving Many Needs, *NEW YORK LAW JOURNAL* (August 2015).

Stephen J. Ellmann



Appointments

Elected Chair of the Association of American Law Schools Section on African Law (May 2015).

Presentations

Presented at the Association of American Law Schools Conference on Clinical Legal Education held in Rancho Mirage, California during a plenary session titled, “The Faces of the New Normal” (May 2015).

Publications

The Clinical Year Begins (an updated and extensively revised version of an earlier article, The Clinical Year, *NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL LAW REVIEW* (2008–09)), *CLINICAL LAW REVIEW* (2015).

Measuring the Values and Costs of Experiential Education (Report of the Working Group on Cost and Sustainability), *ELON LAW REVIEW* (2015) (co-written with K. R. Kruse).

Stacy-Ann Elvy



Presentations

Presented her article, “Contracting in the Age of the Internet of Things: Article 2 of the UCC and Beyond,” at the University of Tennessee College of Law in Knoxville, Tennessee (October 2015).

Presented her article, “Contracting in the Age of the Internet of Things: Article 2 of the UCC and Beyond,” at the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth Law School’s Junior Faculty Exchange in North Dartmouth, Massachusetts (October 2015).

Presented her project, “Commercial Law in the Age of the Internet of Things: Article 2 of the UCC and Beyond,” at Vanderbilt Law School in Nashville, Tennessee (July 2015).

Selected to serve as a country of origin legal expert for Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago by the Rights in Exile Programme in Oxford, England (July 2015).

Publications

A Postcolonial Theory of Spousal Rape: The Caribbean and Beyond, *UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN JOURNAL OF GENDER AND THE LAW* (2015).

Media References and Appearances

Her article, “A Postcolonial Theory of Spousal Rape: The Caribbean and Beyond,” published in the *MICHIGAN JOURNAL OF GENDER & LAW* (2015), was listed on SSRN’s Top Ten download list for State Formation & Transformation and Women, Law, & Human Rights eJournal (July 2015).

Ronald H. Filler



Appointments

Elected to the Executive Committee of the National Futures Association, the derivatives industry’s self-regulatory organization (February 2015).

Awards and Recognition

Received the William E. Winter Award for Outstanding Advocate Leadership, given each year to a University of Illinois alum who gives back in many ways to

the university (October 2015).

Presentations

Keynote speaker on “The Impact of Dodd-Frank Act and EMIR on Mexican Financial Institutions,” at the Riskmathics Program in Mexico City, Mexico (June 2015).

Keynote speaker at National Futures Association Member Training Programs held in Houston, Texas and in Los Angeles and San Francisco, California (March 2015).

Delivered a speech, “Impact of the Dodd Frank Act on the Derivatives Market,” at the University of Illinois at Champaign in Champaign, Illinois (February 2015).

Kris Franklin



Appointments

Elected the 2015 Chair of the Section on Teaching Methods at the Association of American Law Schools’ Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. (January 2015).

Presentations

Collaborated with NYLS Professor Lenni B. Benson as featured presenters at Pace Law School’s “Faculty Teaching Day” in New York. The event was an intensive half-day of programming that the Pace faculty and administration

periodically sets aside to consider legal pedagogy and effectiveness in law teaching (February 2015).

Attended the workshop on “Measuring Learning Gains: Institutional Effectiveness for the New Era,” at the midyear meeting of the Association of American Law Schools in Orlando, Florida (June 2015).

Led a featured workshop with NYLS Professor Kim Hawkins titled, “Offering Effective Critique: Empowering Students to Learn from their Work,” at the National Association of Academic Support Educators conference in Chicago, Illinois (May 2015).

Media References and Appearances

Featured in “Winning at Salary Poker: How to Negotiate Like a Pro,” SAVVY magazine (September 2015).

Doni Gewirtzman



Presentations

Attended Wolters Kluwer’s second annual Leading Edge Conference, which included three days of collaborative discussion and debate about the current state of legal education for thought leaders and innovators in legal education in Chicago, Illinois (July 2015).

Spoke on “Post Graduate Public Interest Fellowships,” panel at

NYLS with Swati Parikh, NYLS Director of Public Service Careers; organized and participated in a panel for all Section 2 1L’s titled, “What We Look For On Exams” (April 2015).

Presented a paper with NYLS Professor Rebecca Roiphe, “Behind the Nylon Curtain: Billy Joel, the Reagan Revolution, and the Unravelling of the ‘Me’ Generation,” at a conference on “Billy Joel and the Law” at Touro Law Center in Central Islip, New York (March 2015).

Publications

Complex Experimental Federalism, BUFFALO LAW REVIEW (May 2015).

Media References and Appearances

Article, “Complex Experimental Federalism,” published in the BUFFALO LAW REVIEW, was among the Top Ten most downloaded State Politics and Policy articles on SSRN (July 2015).

Anne Goldstein



Presentations

Presented at the 2015 Association of Legal Writing Directors Biennial Conference in Memphis, Tennessee on the topic “Collaboration and Leadership: Challenges and Opportunities in the New Environment” (June 2015).

Brandt Goldstein



Presentations

Spoke to the New York County Lawyers’ Association Committee on Law & Literature in New York (March 2015).

Media References and Appearances

Featured, along with his “Storming the Court” symposium, in “Youthful Exuberance,” THE OBSERVER (October 2015).

Jeffrey J. Haas



Awards and Recognition

Co-winner of the NYLS Class of 2015 Teaching Award (May 2015).

Presentations

Spoke on a panel covering director approval of new alternate investment funds at the Mutual Fund Director Forum in Greenwich, Connecticut (September 2015).

Publications

His book, INVESTMENT ADVISER REGULATION (Thomson West, 2008) was translated into Japanese and has been selling well in the Japanese marketplace (August 2015).

Kim Hawkins



Presentations

Led a featured workshop with NYLS Professor Kris Franklin titled, “Offering Effective Critique: Empowering Students to Learn from their Work,” at the National Association of Academic Support Educators conference in Chicago, Illinois (May 2015).

Media References and Appearances

Videotaped Ted-style talk, “What Law Professors Need to Know about Visual Arts,” at the LegalEd conference (from April 2014) featured as the LegalEd video of the week (April 2015).

Mariana Hogan



Presentations

Taught an intensive Trial Advocacy Program for attorneys at the firm Hogan Lovells in New York (December 2015).

Taught at the annual New York City Law Department Trial Advocacy Program, held at Fordham Law School in New York (August 2015).

Taught direct and cross-examination skills to lawyers from LEAP, a

consortium of public interest organizations in New York (May 2015).

Taught a CLE program on “Winning Cross Examination,” for the Administrative Judicial Institute at the NYC Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings in New York (April 2015).

Taught a three-day workshop on taking and defending depositions at Baker Botts LLP in Houston, Texas (April 2015).

Gerald Korngold



Appointments

Joined the Members Consultative Group for the “Restatement of the Law Fourth: Property,” being developed by the American Law Institute (February 2015).

Awards and Recognition

Co-winner of the NYLS Class of 2015 Teaching Award (May 2015).

Publications

An Empirical Study of Modification and Termination of Conservation Easements: What the Data Suggest About Appropriate Legal Rules, *NYU JOURNAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW* (Spring 2016, forthcoming) (co-authored with S. Munteanu and L. Smith '14).

Private Regimes in the Public Sphere: Optimizing the Benefits of Common

Interest Communities, *LAND LINES* (Winter 2015).

Sixth Edition of casebook, *CASES AND MATERIALS ON PROPERTY* (Aspen Casebook, December 2014).

William P. LaPiana



Appointments

Appointed American Bar Association advisor to the Uniform Law Commission drafting committee for a revised “Uniform Principal and Income Act” (October 2015).

Appointed to a special committee that will be examining the effectiveness of the Joint Committee on Public Ethics in New York State (May 2015).

Presentations

Spoke at the 13th Annual Sophisticated Trusts and Estates Law Institute sponsored by the New York State Bar Association on the Nationalization of Same Sex Marriage in New York (November 2015).

Co-directed and made presentations at the CLE program, “Skills Training for Estate Planners,” at NYLS and sponsored by the American Bar Association Section of Real Property Trust and Estate Law. Co-presented the portion of the fundamentals program devoted to non-tax drafting issues and presented the final segment on ethics for

estate planners to both the fundamentals and advanced sections. (July 2015).

Publications

Married Same-Sex Couples Living in Non-Recognition States: A Primer, *ESTATE PLANNING AND COMMUNITY PROPERTY LAW JOURNAL* (2015).

Arthur S. Leonard



Awards and Recognition

Reporting for *GAY CITY NEWS* on the Supreme Court’s *Hobby Lobby* decision and subsequent action by President Obama in declining to expand religious exemptions for his executive orders on sexual orientation and gender identity discrimination by federal contractors was part of the reporting that earned *GAY CITY NEWS* a First Place standing award for “Coverage of Religion” by the New York State Press Association (March 2015).

Presentations

Principal speaker for a webcast under the auspices of the Scheinman Center for Dispute Resolution at Cornell University’s School of Industrial and Labor Relations. The title of his talk was “Legal Issues for LGBTQ Teachers and Administrators: What every school worker needs to know” (June 2015).

Publications

Chapter in a new book, *OUT AND ABOUT: THE LGBT EXPERIENCE IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION*, a collection of essays by LGBT attorneys about their professional experiences (American Bar Association, 2015).

2015 Supplement to the casebook he co-authored, *SEXUALITY LAW* (Carolina Academic Press, 2015), has been published online for use by teachers during the 2015–16 academic year.

Media References and Appearances

Wrote extensively for *GAY CITY NEWS* and *LGBT LAW NOTES* (formerly *LESBIAN/GAY LAW NOTES*) on various LGBT issues (2015).

Jethro K. Lieberman



Awards and Recognition

Paper, “Fight the Hypo: Fake Arguments, Trolleyology, and the Limits of Hypotheticals,” was listed on SSRN’s Top Ten download list for: LSN: Courses, Cases & Teaching Materials (April 2015).

Publications

Second series of “A Practical Companion to the Constitution: The Cumulative Supplement 2008–2014” (Dialogue Press, 2014).

Constitutionalism, *THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF POLITICAL THOUGHT* (John Wiley & Sons, 2014).

Constitutional Law, United States, *THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF POLITICAL THOUGHT* (John Wiley & Sons, 2014).

Richard D. Marsico



Appointments

Appointed to serve as an Impartial Hearing Officer by the New York State Education Department. In this capacity, he will preside over hearings challenging the adequacy of the provision of special education to children with disabilities in New York (February 2015).

Media References and Appearances

Featured in “New High School Weaves the Law Into Lessons,” *NEW YORK LAW JOURNAL* (October 2015).

Howard S. Meyers



Media References and Appearances

Letter to the editor, under the headline, “Investors Must Pay for Services One

Way or Another,” *THE WALL STREET JOURNAL* (May 2015).

Lynnise E. Pantin



Presentations

Gave a presentation for the “Nuts and Bolts Teaching Plenary,” at the 14th Annual Transactional Clinical Conference at the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation in Kansas City, Missouri (April 2015).

Michael L. Perlin



Awards and Recognition

Presented with the Abraham Halpern Memorial Award by the Tri-State chapter of the American Academy of Psychiatry and Law for his outstanding advocacy for the rights of the mentally ill (January 2015).

Presentations

Spoke on a webinar put on the by the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers in Washington, D.C., as part of that group’s Indigent Defense Training Initiative. The program—“Competencies Plus”—discussed the full range of criminal competencies,

including trial, guilty plea, waiver of counsel, sentencing, and much more (May 2015).

Was a visiting professor at Bond University School of Law, in Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia, teaching a seminar of LL.M. and Ph.D. students and junior faculty on International Human Rights and Mental Disability Law (March 2015).

Participated in the “Health Law, Ethics & Policy Seminar Series,” at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law in Toronto, Canada and presented, “All His Sexless Patients: Persons with Mental Disabilities and the Competence to Have Sex.” He also spoke to students and professors at the International Human Rights Law Clinic on the representation of defendants with mental illness in immigration detention facilities and served as the external reviewer of a Ph.D. thesis in the School of Public Health discussing the practice of hospitals surreptitiously giving patients antipsychotic medications by mashing them into patients’ food (February 2015).

Media References and Appearances

Quoted in “Attorneys for Colorado gunman to open defense case Thursday,” *MY FOX NY* (June 2015)

Quoted in “Gunman’s mental illness a wildcard for Aurora theater shooting jurors,” *THE DENVER POST* (June 2015).

Edward A. Purcell Jr.



Publications

Reflections on the Fiftieth Anniversary of the March and the Speech: History, Memory, Values, *NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL LAW REVIEW* (2015); reprinted in *LEGAL HISTORY EJOURNAL* (July 2015).

Michael Roffer '83



Publications

THE LAW BOOK: FROM HAMMURABI TO THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT, 250 MILESTONES IN THE HISTORY OF LAW (Sterling, November 2015).

Media References and Appearances

Mentioned in *ALL-SIS* (Academic Law Libraries – Special Interest Section) *NEWSLETTER* (September 2015).

Rebecca Roiphe



Media References and Appearances

Her review, “Are Prosecutors the Constitution’s Gatekeepers?” of Russell Gold’s law review article, “Beyond the Judicial Fourth Amendment: The Prosecutor’s Role,” was published in *JOTWELL* (May 2015).

Interview about prosecutorial ethics, “The Power of the Prosecutor,” with host Joel Cohen and Fordham Law Professor Bruce Green, posted on *TALKS ON LAW* as featured video of the week (May 2015).

Presentations

Presented her paper, “Rethinking Prosecutors’ Conflicts at the Criminal Ethics Schmooze,” at Fordham Law School in New York. The NYLS Institute for Professional Ethics co-sponsored this event (June 2015).

Presented her paper, “The Decline of Professionalism,” at the Stanford Law School Ethics Schmooze in Stanford, California (June 2015).

Publications

Redefining Professionalism, *UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA JOURNAL OF LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY* (2015).

Ross Sandler



Awards and Recognition

Honored in recognition of his 20 years of service as Founder and Director of the Center for New York City Law at NYLS (May 2015).

Media References and Appearances

Post, “Thank You to All Who Make Our Work Possible,” on the 20th Anniversary of the NYLS Center for New York City Law, on *CityLand* website (May 2015).

David Schoenbrod



Appointments

Appointed Senior Fellow at the Center for the Study of the Administrative State at the George Mason University School of Law in Arlington, Virginia (September 2015).

Presentations

Gave a talk titled, “David’s Show and Tell,” at a national conference on “Dyslexia and Innovation,” sponsored by the Dyslexia Advantage in Norwalk, Connecticut. The Yale Center on Dyslexia includes a biography of Professor Schoenbrod in its annals of successful dyslexics (September 2015).

Spoke on “The Clean Air Act: The Need for Bold Reform,” at the 46th annual meeting of the Carolinas Air Pollution Control Association in Asheville, North Carolina (April 2015).

Publications

We Have a Dream, in “Symposium: Remembering the Dream, Renewing the Dream: Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s ‘I Have a Dream’ Speech and the March on Washington,” *NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL LAW REVIEW* (2015).

Media References and Appearances

Article, “Show Me a Lawyer,” *THE HUFFINGTON POST* (September 2015) (with N. Strossen).

Houman B. Shadab



Appointments

Named to the Editorial Board of *LEDGER*, the first peer-reviewed scholarly journal on cryptocurrency and blockchain technology, including related research in mathematics, computer science, engineering, law, and economics (June 2015).

Named an inaugural fellow at the Coin Center, a Washington D.C.-based nonprofit research and advocacy organization focused

on public policy issues facing cryptocurrency technologies such as Bitcoin (January 2015).

Awards and Recognition

Winner of the 2015 NYLS Otto L. Walter Distinguished Writing Award for full-time faculty for his article, “Performance-Sensitive Debt: From Asset-Based Loans to Startup Financing” (2015).

Presentations

Spoke at a panel discussion hosted by the Latin American Law Students Association at NYLS on the law of social media, finance, and the web. Among the topics addressed were: “Can anything you say on Twitter be used against you in a court of law?”; “Can banks use your Facebook account to deny your home loan application?”; “Is bitcoin coming to turn those bits of paper in your wallet into so much linen?” (March 2015).

Publications

Bitcoin Financial Regulation: Securities, Derivatives, Prediction Markets, and Gambling, *COLUMBIA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY LAW REVIEW* (January 2015).

Advocacy and Expert Testimony

Testified before the New Jersey Assembly’s Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance about digital currencies in Trenton, New Jersey (February 2015).

Media References and Appearances

Was quoted extensively in

the media about Bitcoin issues (2015).

Jacob S. Sherkow



Appointments

Selected as a 2016–17 Thomas Edison Innovation Fellow by the Center for Protection of Intellectual Property at George Mason University School of Law. The Fellowship is a non-resident fellowship that brings together both junior and senior patent law scholars for a series of invitation-only conferences on patent law and policy (September 2015).

Accepted as a member of the Board of Editors in the Life Sciences as certified Editor in the Life Sciences. He has the authority to evaluate the proficiency of manuscript editors in the life sciences and to award credentials similar to those obtainable in other professions (June 2015).

Publications

Stem Cell Patents after the America Invents Act, *STEM CELL MAGAZINE* (May 2015) (with C. Thomas).

Law, history and lessons in the CRISPR patent conflict, *NATURE BIOTECHNOLOGY* (March 2015).

Advocacy and Expert Testimony

Invited to report to the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary in Washington, D.C. on the

role of *inter partes* review proceedings—a type of administrative procedure to challenge patents at the PTO, rather than court—in connection with brand-generic pharmaceutical patent litigation (June 2015).

Richard K. Sherwin



Presentations

Presented a keynote talk at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel titled, “Visualizing Law: Presence and Simulation Inside the Courtroom,” for a conference on Law and Theater (June 2015).

Chaired, “Ethics and Aesthetics in Cinematic and Theatrical Responses to Atrocity and Poverty,” and “Meta-Aesthetics of Law and Justice,” and was an invited panelist on “Author Meets Reader: Maria Aristodemou’s Law, Psychoanalysis, Society,” at the Law, Culture, and Humanities conference in Washington, D.C. (March 2015).

Publications

Law in the Flesh: Tracing Law’s Legitimation to “The Act of Killing,” *NO FOUNDATIONS: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY JOURNAL OF LAW AND JUSTICE* (June 2014).

LAW, CULTURE AND VISUAL STUDIES (Springer 2014) (co-edited with A. Wagner).

Media References and Appearances

Article, “Too Late for Thinking,” made the Top Ten list on the following SSRN journal and topic sites: *Epistemology eJournal*, PRN: Perception (Topic), PRN: Philosophy of Perception (Topic), and *Philosophy of Mind eJournal* (November 2015).

Nadine Strossen



Presentations

Debated former U.S. Attorney General Michael Mukasey at the University Club in New York on “Balancing Civil Liberties Against Security Needs Of Our Country: The NSA Phone Data Collection” (November 2015).

Delivered the Annual Richard S. Salant Lecture on Freedom of the Press at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Her lecture was titled, “Free Expression: An Endangered Species on Campus?” (October 2015).

Panelist at the American Constitution Society’s annual Supreme Court Review at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. Her research assistants, rising 3Ls Josephine Bahn and Chloe Coniaris, assisted her in preparing for this event. The panel discussion was covered by C-SPAN (July 2015).

Presented a speech at the Constitutional Law Symposium at Drake University Law School in Des Moines, Iowa, titled, “Beyond the Fourth Amendment: Additional Constitutional Guarantees that Mass Surveillance Violates.” The Symposium topic was “Eyes and Ears Everywhere? Privacy in an Age of Government and Technological Intrusion” (April 2015).

Delivered the annual Riley Lecture in Women’s and Gender Studies at Alfred University in Alfred, New York. Her lecture was titled, “Sex, Gender and Civil Liberties on American College Campuses” (March 2015).

Lynn Boepple Su



Presentations

Presenter at the Central States Area Legal Writing Conference: “Gateway to the Future of Legal Education,” held at Saint Louis University School of Law in St. Louis, Missouri. Her presentation was titled, “Opening the Door to Experiential Learning in the First-Year of Law School: Integration of Legal Writing, Research and Interactive Lawyering Skills” (September 2015).

Presented at the Centre for Legal Education’s 2015 Conference, “Legal Education and Access to Justice,” held at Nottingham Law School, Nottingham Trent University, in England. Her

presentation was titled, “Access to Justice for Crime Victims, the Accused, and the Community: Teaching Law Students About the Role of the Prosecutor in Advancing Social Justice” (June 2015).

Attended the New York State 2015 High School Mock Trial Tournament semi-finals held at the James T. Foley federal courthouse in Albany, New York, and served as a bailiff in one of the rounds (May 2015).

Ruti G. Teitel



Appointments

Was appointed a member of the Executive Committee of the AALS Section on Economic Globalization and Governance (January 2015).

Awards and Recognition

Winner of 2015 NYLS Otto L. Walter Distinguished Writing Award for full-time faculty for her book, *GLOBALIZING TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE: CONTEMPORARY ESSAYS* (Oxford University Press, May 2014).

Presentations

Chaired the Institute on Global Law, Justice, and Policy panel on “Economic Accomplices to Argentine Dictatorship,” in New York (October 2015).

Publications

Transitional Justice and Judicial

Activism—A Right to Accountability?, *CORNELL INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL* (Spring 2015).

TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE IN UNIFIED KOREA (Palgrave Macmillan, 2015) (Co-edited with B. Suk Back).

Marshall Tracht



Media References and Appearances

Quoted in “A&P union battle expected in bankruptcy court,” *LOHOD: THE JOURNAL NEWS* (December 2015).

Ari Ezra Waldman



Appointments

Became one of a number of founding members of the Federal Bar Council’s (FBC) Intellectual Property Committee. The FBC is an organization where practitioners in the Second Circuit can meet, network, and share ideas (May 2015).

Presentations

Spoke at “TECH TALK: Privacy, Surveillance, and New Technology,” a discussion of personal privacy in an age of invasive technology, hosted by the American

Constitution Society, the Federalist Society, and the Institute for Information Law and Policy at NYLS (March 2015).

Delivered a talk at the annual Works in Progress IP conference sponsored by George Washington University Law School and held at the United States Patent and Trademark Office in Alexandria, Virginia. The talk was titled, “Social Networks and the Line Between Public and Private in IP Law” (February 2015).

Advocacy and Expert Testimony

His article, “Exceptions: The Criminal Law’s Illogical Approach to HIV-Related Aggravated Assaults,” was quoted in *United States v. Gutierrez*, a unanimous decision by the Court of Appeals of the Armed Forces, the military’s highest court. His work was also cited by amici on the case (February 2015).

Media References and Appearances

Was quoted widely in the media on the topic of online cyberbullying (2015).

Erika L. Wood



Advocacy and Expert Testimony

Worked with Deborah N. Archer (counsel of record) and Stephen J. Ellmann on the *amicus*

curiae brief the NYLS Racial Justice Project filed in the United States Supreme Court in the case of *Fisher v. The University of Texas at Austin*. The case is a challenge to University of Texas at Austin’s consideration of race as one factor of one component of its admissions program (October 2015).

Worked with Deborah N. Archer (through the NYLS Racial Justice Project and the Voting Rights and Civic Participation Project) on comments submitted to the Census Bureau urging the Bureau to change the “usual residency” rule to count incarcerated people at their home address, rather than at the correctional facility where they are located on Census Day (July 2015).

Michelle Zierler



Presentations

Spoke at a panel discussion sponsored by the Women’s Law Association at Harvard Law School titled, “Pursuing Careers in Legal Journalism,” in Cambridge, Massachusetts (April 2015).

A full listing of faculty activities can be found at www.nyls.edu/FacultyNews

ADJUNCT FACULTY ACTIVITIES

Compiled by Christie A. Cunningham

The following items represent a sampling of the recent activities of our adjunct faculty.

Joseph Farelli '94

Media References and Appearances

Quoted in "Economic Driver: NLRB Gives College Sports an Open Door for More Unionizing," TELEGRAM (August 2015).

Lawrence Feld

Media References and Appearances

Quoted in "U.S. Court Sentences Paid for Undisclosed Offshore Accounts," TAX ANALYSTS (August 2015).

Quoted in "California Doctor Avoids Jail for Undisclosed Luxembourg Account," TAX ANALYSTS (August 2015).

Lucas A. Ferrara

Media References and Appearances

Featured in "Nine Newman Ferrara Attorneys Make List of New York's Super Lawyers, Rising Stars, and Top 100," BUSINESSWIRE (September 2015).

Quoted in "Dealing With a Possible Hoarder," THE NEW YORK TIMES (August 2015).

Andrew Scherer

Presentations

Spoke on a panel at the Jack Newton Lerner Landlord Tenant Practice Institute of the New York County Lawyers Association on topic of "Indigents' Right to Counsel in Housing Court," in New York (October 2015).

Gave a presentation to the Manhattan Borough Board in New York City in support of a request by the Right to Counsel Coalition of NYC that the Borough Board adopt a resolution in support of Intro 214, which would create a right to counsel in eviction and foreclosure proceedings for low-income New Yorkers (October 2015).

Media References and Appearances

Quoted in "Tenants in New York Press the Record Button in a Dispute With the Landlord," THE NEW YORK TIMES (October 2015).

Letter to the editor, "Lawyers for Tenants," NEW YORK DAILY NEWS (September 2015).

Letter to the editor, "Homeless in New York: Ways to Help," THE NEW YORK TIMES (September 2015).

Peter J. Strauss

Testimonies and Legal Consultations

Helped draft the complaint for End of Life Choices New York in its recently filed lawsuit, *Myers v. Schneiderman*, aimed at clarifying the ability of mentally competent, terminally ill New York State patients to obtain aid in dying from their physician if they find their dying process unbearable (February 2015). •

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On December 2, a crowd of more than 350 supporters gathered at the stunning Cipriani 25 Broadway for New York Law School's 2015 Gala, which recognized the 125th Anniversary of the School's founding in 1891. Trustees, faculty, alumni, friends, and current students joined Dean Anthony W. Crowell and Gala host Arthur N. Abbey '59, Chairman of the NYLS Board of Trustees, to celebrate the milestone and to recognize this year's honorees, Joe Plumeri '15 (LL.D.) and Norman J. Radow '81.

The evening kicked off with a cocktail hour and mixer, and then led into an evening of dinner and dancing in the grand gallery of the historic landmark location. Attendees were treated to an inspiring video that featured a brief history of NYLS, and showcased the successes of the Law School's past and the vision for its future.

After dinner was served, Sam Olens, Attorney General of the State of Georgia, introduced Mr. Radow, Chairman of The RADCO Companies, an Atlanta-based, national real estate acquisition and redevelopment company founded by Mr. Radow in 1994. Serving as an NYLS trustee since 2006, he has been instrumental in guiding the Law School through a pivotal time of rebranding, strategic repositioning, and academic transformation. Mr. Radow was presented with an award for Real Estate Entrepreneurship and NYLS Leadership.

Joe Plumeri, a renowned leader in the financial services industry who currently serves as Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors and Senior Advisor to the CEO of First Data Corporation, was honored for his business innovation and visionary philanthropy. Mr. Plumeri's generosity and support for NYLS recently helped to create The Joe Plumeri Center for Social Justice and Economic Opportunity, which will serve as the School's "law firm," and allow its students to provide high-quality legal services to underserved clients throughout New York City. Mr. Plumeri, a former student of the School who left to embark on a successful career in the financial industry, was introduced that evening by former U.S. Senator Bill Bradley (D-NJ). Bradley, a two-time NBA champion with the New York Knicks, received one of the largest ovations when he was introduced.

Providing Opportunity was the theme of this year's celebration. The 125th Anniversary Celebration video highlighted the School's rich history of opening doors to many who may not have otherwise been able to pursue a legal education. Both honorees spoke movingly on the tremendous opportunities NYLS provided them on their journeys to success.

All moneys raised at the Gala will enable the School to continue to provide opportunities for students and alumni through scholarship support, programming, experiential learning, and beyond. Additional contributions were made during the Gala to support Bar Prep programs for students.

About the Gala Location

In recognition of the special occasion marked by the School's 125th Anniversary, the Gala was held at an iconic and historic location in lower Manhattan. Cipriani 25 Broadway is located in the Cunard Building, a New York City landmark, famous for its Great Hall—an Italian neo-renaissance masterpiece designed by Benjamin Wistar Morris and completed in 1921. The grand space features 65-foot high ceilings, soaring marble columns, magnificent inlaid floors, and murals painted by Ezra Winter. It was originally the home of Cunard Lines and was used as a ticketing hall until 1968.

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From left to right: Dean Anthony W. Crowell, NYLS Trustee Norman Radow '81, NYLS Trustee Joe Plumeri '15 (LL.D.), NYLS Chairman of the Board of Trustees Arthur N. Abbey '59; Dean Anthony W. Crowell; Sam Olens, Attorney General of Georgia; NYLS Trustee Norman Radow '81; NYLS Black Law Students Association President Sherbune Paul '16; Senator Bill Bradley; NYLS Trustee Joe Plumeri '15 (LL.D.); NYLS Trustee Dr. Vincent A. Carbonell '00 with Daughter; Khushbu Patel '15, NYLS Black Law Students Association Former President Joam Alisme '14, Joshua Freeman '14, and Christine Carballo '14; NYLS Chairman of the Board Arthur N. Abbey '59; NYLS Trustee Steven E. Pegalis '65, Diane Abbey and Friends; Susan Plumeri and Friends



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Lewis Steel had his book, *The Butler's Child*, about his career as a civil rights lawyer, including his work with the NAACP and the many cases he handled in private practice, published by Thomas Dunne Books/St. Martin's Press (2016).

Michael Weissner was featured in the NJ.Com article, "NJ medical marijuana program stagnating because state limits illnesses, bars edibles, critics say," in March 2015. Weissner is the CEO for the Garden State Dispensary.

York, and is a former New York State Supreme Court judge.

Neal P. McClelland was featured in a profile in the *Finger Lakes Times*, "Strategist & Tactician: Now retired ADA devoted career to combating DWI," in March 2015.

~ 1978 ~

Joseph S. Tesoriero joined Barfresh Food Group, Inc. as Chief Financial Officer in May 2015. Tesoriero has over 30 years of experience in corporate finance leadership positions. Most recently, he served as a financial advisor to Dole Asia Holdings Pte Ltd., a Singapore-based wholly owned subsidiary of Itochu Corporation of Japan.

~ 1965 ~



Steven E. Pegalis was named by New York Law School as Co-director of the Patient Safety Project in September 2015. This

project includes the collection and distribution of closed anonymous medical liability cases for the purpose of adding to existing safety initiatives. Pegalis was also selected by *Best Lawyers* as the "2016 Lawyer of the Year," for Medical Malpractice Law—Plaintiffs in the New York City-area in September 2015. Only a single lawyer in each practice area in the NYC metro area is selected by their peers as "Lawyer of the Year."

Hon. Judith B. Scheindlin was featured in the *Washington Post* article, "The lasting appeal of TV's top woman: Judge Judy," in March 2015. She was also named to the *Forbes* inaugural list of the nation's 50 richest self-made women in May 2015.

~ 1968 ~

William Grady was re-elected as Dutchess County District Attorney in November 2015.

~ 1972 ~

Alan I. Dunst received the New Jersey State Bar Association Civil Trial Section "James J. McLaughlin Award" in February 2015. It is presented to a lawyer who embodies the principles of competence, professionalism, and civility.

Jon H. Gutmacher's Fantasy Poetry website ranked as #1 best fantasy poetry website. His first fantasy poetry book, *Fantasy, Dreams, Battles & Magic* was published by Warlord Publishing in September 2015.

~ 1973 ~

Hon. Joseph J. Maltese was honored at the Richmond County Bar Association's 106th Anniversary Banquet in May 2015. Justice Maltese currently hears appeals in the Appellate Division, Second Department in Brooklyn, New

~ 1975 ~



Marc Livanos had his chapbook, *Panhandle Poet – Solitude*, published by Susan Lewis Books in January 2015.

~ 1976 ~

Edward Horn was featured in a profile, including a question and answer section, in the *Queens Gazette* in March 2015.

~ 1977 ~

Timothy W. Stalker joined Weber Gallagher Simpson Stapleton Fires & Newby LLP as a partner in the firm's Insurance/Reinsurance Practice Group in August 2015. He is based in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania office. Stalker is also an ARIAS-US certified arbitrator and a member of the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel and the Claims and Litigation Management Alliance.

~ 1979 ~

Hon. Joan M. Azrack was named by President Obama, in September 2014, to fill a vacancy as District Judge in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York and was confirmed in December 2014. She was previously a U.S. Magistrate Judge in the Eastern District.



Hon. Jonah I. Triebwasser was elected as third Vice President of the New York State Magistrates Association.

Triebwasser was also honored by The John Jay College of Criminal Justice of the City University of New York as one of its 50 most distinguished alumni on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the college's founding in May 2015.

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Patrick Curran was made a partner at Harris Beach PLLC in its health care practice in June 2015. Curran is a trial and appellate attorney. He has served as lead counsel in 70 jury trials resulting in a verdict with more than 90 percent of his verdicts in favor of his clients.

Hon. Paul L. Meli was sworn in as a judge of the Nassau County District Court in February 2015. Judge Meli, who was appointed by Nassau County Executive Edward P. Mangano, sits in the court's 4th District, serving the residents of the City of Glen Cove and Town of Oyster Bay.

Richard M. Schapiro was elected as a new independent non-executive director at Molina Healthcare, Inc. in August 2015. Schapiro is a retired corporate and investment banker with over 35 years of experience covering financial institutions and healthcare companies.

— 1981 —

Priscilla C. Marco was elected Chair of Community Board 1 in Staten Island, New York, in March 2015. In her new post as the volunteer, unpaid chair of Community Board 1, she hopes to transform its sometimes-sleepy and not-well-attended monthly committee meetings into dynamic forums.

Lisa J. Savitt became the Chair of the American Bar Association Section of International Law in

August 2015. The Section is the international gateway for the ABA and has approximately 20,000 members.

Michael M. Walsh was named by New York Governor Andrew Cuomo to serve as a member of the CUNY Construction Fund in June 2015. This is a public-benefit corporation through which facilities are provided for CUNY's colleges and graduate institutions. He is a Staten Island attorney who concentrates in residential and commercial real estate matters and probate and estate planning.

— 1982 —

Steven A. Crain is General Counsel to the Civil Service Employees Association in Albany, New York, a 300,000-member labor union representing employees of New York State, counties, towns, villages, school districts, and private sector employers.

Loretta K. Davis was appointed the new Executive Director of The Retreat, a domestic violence services agency in East Hampton, New York, in February 2015. Prior to joining The Retreat, Davis was the Town Justice in Tuxedo, New York, for almost 20 years where she presided over civil and criminal matters.



Christine T. Lepera was named "Litigator of the Week" by *American Lawyer* in October 2015 for her work on the Jay Z copyright case, which received

international coverage in *Billboard* as well as in a number of other publications. She is a partner with Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp LLP.

Amy F. Nogid became Counsel at Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP, an international legal service provider, in its State and Local Tax practice in July 2015. Prior to joining Sutherland, Nogid was Of Counsel at Morrison & Foerster LLP and served as the Assistant Chief in the Tax and Bankruptcy Division of the New York City Law Department.

Frank Sheehan had his seventh poetry book titled, *Life Is Holy* published by Liberator Press. His poems have appeared in numerous journals, anthologies, and newspapers. His first poetry collection was published in 1997.

— 1983 —

Marybeth Hotaling announced that her son, Jake Baumgarten, began attending New York Law School in the Fall 2015 semester.

Mitchell D. Kessler established the Law Office of Mitchell D. Kessler in Manhattan, in December 2014, practicing all phases of personal injury law.

Margaret L. Ling was hired as Senior Counsel and Vice President by First Nationwide Title Agency in April 2015. Ling is an attorney with more than 20 years of experience in the title industry for agencies as well as major underwriters. As Senior Counsel and Vice President, her responsibilities include reading,

clearance, underwriting, and coordinating and overseeing the growing residential title department at First Nationwide Title.

Lee J. Plave was named by the London-based *Who's Who Legal* as one of the Global 10 "Most Highly Regarded Individuals" among franchise lawyers worldwide in its publication *The International Who's Who of Franchise Lawyers*.

Claire Rush and Lawton Squires were featured in "Diversity Initiative Honorees 2015" by the Defense Association of New York in March 2015.

Vincent Viola was listed in *Forbes* magazine's "The Richest People in America 2014."

— 1984 —



E. Drew Britcher was recognized by the American Institute of Personal Injury Attorneys for his exceptional performance and named him to its "10 Best Personal

Injury Attorneys for Client Satisfaction" list for 2015. Britcher, who co-founded Britcher Leone, LLC, in Glen Rock, New Jersey, has also been named to "New Jersey Super Lawyers" for 2015 (he has been named to this list for the last 11 consecutive years).

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Donald W. Dickson was named Chairman-elect of the Board of Directors of the 100 Club of Central Texas, which provides financial and other forms of support to first responders killed or seriously injured in the line of duty. He is also on the Board of Directors of Tapestry Dance Company, which features the nation's only full-time company of professional tap dancers, and operates a multi-form dance academy with an enrollment of 900 children and adults. Dickson is in his 20th year serving as General Counsel of the Texas State Troopers Association.

Paul Gruber was appointed Co-chair of the New York State Bar Association Real Property Law Section Committee on Landlord and Tenant proceedings in April 2015.



Marc Lasry was listed in *Forbes* magazine's "The Richest People in America 2014."



Ross Moskowitz was profiled in a *Commercial Observer* article, "The Lawyers at the Forefront of Stroock & Stroock's Real Estate Explosion," in June 2015.

Francesca Sabbatino was featured in "Diversity Initiative Honorees 2015" by the Defense Association of New York in March 2015.

Joseph A. Vallo spoke at the 27th Annual Lavender Law Conference and Career Fair in August 2015. Vallo spoke on the workshop titled, "The Business Case for Inclusiveness."

~ 1985 ~

Michael McMahon was elected District Attorney of Richmond County (Staten Island), New York, in November 2015.

Katie Shames was named Chair of Ohio Humanities in November 2015. Ohio Humanities is a state-based partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Shames is the Founding Director of the Center for Arts and Innovation at Cleveland State University.

~ 1987 ~

Hon. Christine C. Burgess was sworn in as Judge of the Municipal Court, Hillside Township, New Jersey, in March 2015. Judge Burgess served as Corporation Counsel for the Township of Hillside from 2007 through her judicial appointment.

Ushir Pandit-Durant became the first recipient of the "South Asian Public Service Award" in November 2015. The award is a U.S. public service award in recognition of her contributions in the field of law and is awarded by the Office of

Immigrant Affairs under Queens District Attorney Richard Brown.



Errol B. Taylor was named by *Savoy Magazine* as one of the "Most Influential Black Lawyers of 2015" in March 2015. Taylor is Partner and Head of the Pharmaceutical Patent Litigation Practice at Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP.

~ 1988 ~

Richard M. Landman was honored by the New York Judiciary for his distinguished service and outstanding contribution to the 2015 Access to Justice Program in November 2015.

Maureen A. Salter was honored with an "Above and Beyond Award: Honoring Women of Public and Civic Mind" by *City & State* magazine in March 2015. Salter is Assistant to the President of the United Federation of Teachers.

~ 1989 ~

Eric J. Dale was appointed Chief Legal Officer of The Nielsen Company in July 2015. Dale will be overseeing legal affairs, including intellectual property, litigation, transactions, and risk management. Prior to joining Nielsen, Dale was a partner at Robinson+Cole.

Kenneth E. Kobylowski was appointed Senior Vice President of Provider Contracting and Network Operations by AmeriHealth Insurance Company of New Jersey in June 2015. Kobylowski has overall responsibility for AmeriHealth's Provider Relations, Provider Partnerships, and Provider Contracting and Reimbursement.

~ 1990 ~

James S. Oddo was named to the "Power 100 – New York City 2015" by *City & State* magazine in February 2015. Oddo is the Staten Island Borough President.

Peter Ventrice, a partner with Brause, Brause & Ventrice, LLC, in Metuchen, New Jersey, was selected as a 2015 New Jersey "Super Lawyer" in family law. This is a distinction held by fewer than 5 percent of practicing attorneys in the State of New Jersey, and is based upon peer recognition and professional achievement. He was also appointed as Public Defender of the City of New Brunswick, New Jersey.

~ 1991 ~

Eugene Banta was re-elected to the Fair Lawn, New Jersey, Board of Education in November 2015.

Jennifer A. Manner was named Co-chair of the State University of New York at Albany, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs, Advisory Board.

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Constantinos E. Scaros had his book, *Grumpy Old Party: 20 Tips on How the Republicans Can Shed Their Anger, Reclaim Their Respectability, and Win Back the White House* published by WestBowPress in October 2015.

— 1992 —

David Bonomo joined Lancaster Pollard in October 2015 as Senior Vice President to expand the firm's investment banking and mortgage banking finance activities for market-rate, income-restricted, and subsidized rental properties.

William Jannace taught a class on capital markets and corporate governance in Tanzania, Africa.

Richard A. Klass was appointed to the New York State Grievance Committee in July 2015 for the 2nd, 11th, and 13th Judicial Districts for a four-year term.

— 1993 —

Lissa J. Ferrell presented "The Art of Negotiation with Confidence," in Union, New Jersey, in April 2015. In this presentation, Ferrell shared her basic tricks of give and take in negotiating life's opportunities.



Charles E. Phillips Jr. was named Trustee of the New York Public Library in May 2015. Phillips also received an Honorary Doctor of Science degree

at the Commencement exercises at the New York City College of Technology in May 2015.

Laura Rossi was named Executive Director of the Westchester Community Foundation in May 2015. Rossi said the Foundation plans to "focus its philanthropic resources to address education and equitable smart growth issues," and she plans to engage more donors on all of the Foundation's programs. She joined the Foundation in 2007 and has overseen its grant-making strategy.

— 1994 —

Hon. Laurentina McKetney Butler was elected judge to the Queens County Civil Court in November 2015.

Joseph A. Pacello authored a new book, *Tax Compliance and Reporting for Hedge Funds and Their Investors*, published by Thomson Reuters in February 2015. The book provides a detailed look at tax compliance and reporting issues for professionals responsible for tax compliance and tax laws impacting hedge funds.

— 1995 —

William W. Fahey was named Senior Vice President, Head of Commercial Executive Lines for Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance in October 2015.

— 1996 —

Jennifer E. Arangio joined Command Consulting Group, LLC as Principal in May 2015. Arangio will manage Command's existing Business Advisory Service and Transportation Security practice areas, in addition to offering clients new insight gained from her years in the midst of key Capitol Hill policy and funding battles related to securing the homeland. She is a former senior counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Homeland Security.

Matthew Barr joined Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP as a partner in August 2015. Barr had been a bankruptcy partner at Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP before joining Weil.

Tracy E. Dennis was hired by Hunt Mortgage Group as Managing Director and Head of Transaction Management and Counsel in March 2015.

Laura Ricciardi directed *Making a Murderer* with Moira Demos, a 10-part crime series for Netflix. The series follows a single case that involved a man who was convicted and exonerated of a brutal assault, then became the prime suspect in a new crime. The series premiered in December 2015.

— 1997 —

Hon. Mary Cheng was appointed as Assistant Chief Immigration Judge by the U.S. Department of Justice in November 2015. From April 2009 to November 2015, she

served as an immigration judge at the New York City Immigration Court.

Deborah Gonzalez recently had two books published, *Managing Online Risks: Apps, Mobile and Social Media Security* published by Elsevier, Butterworth-Heinemann, 2014, and *Online Security for the Business Traveler* published by Elsevier, Butterworth-Heinemann, 2014.

Jonathan D. Rosenbloom joined the University of Oregon School of Law's Environmental and Natural Resources Law Center as Distinguished Visitor for the Spring 2016 semester.

Michael Slattery joined Berkeley Research Group in October 2015 as Global Senior Advisor to Global Investigations + Strategic Intelligence Practice.

— 1998 —

Shari E. Belitz was appointed Chief Marketing Officer by Lex Reporting Service, Inc. in April 2015. Belitz will be responsible for all aspects of marketing, public relations, and strategy with an enhanced focus on client relationships.

Jacquelyn S. Holden joined Coffey Trial Law in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, in October 2015. Holden is the past President of Broward County Women Lawyers' Association and part of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers. In addition to being a "Leaders in Law" finalist in 2014, she has also received the prestigious National Foundation for Women's Bar Association "Public Service and Outstanding Member Program Award."

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Ronald G. Lieberman was appointed a trustee of the New Jersey State Bar Foundation in June 2015. The Foundation is the philanthropic and educational arm of the New Jersey State Bar Association. It is dedicated to promoting law-related education and giving all New Jersey residents a basic understanding of the legal system.

Danielle Piccirillo Medaglia left Louis Vuitton as Senior Real Estate Counsel to start her own real estate law practice and career consulting businesses in 2014.

~ 1999 ~



Christie A. Cunningham became the Digital Editor and Media Manager for New York Law School in September 2015.

In this position she is responsible for maintaining the School's website and managing the School's social media. She's been with the Law School for 10 years in various positions.

~ 2000 ~

Joseph Cosentino joined the international law firm Greenberg Traurig, LLP as shareholder in June 2015. Cosentino has represented acquirers, targets, boards of directors, special committees, investment banks, and investors involved in the intricate negotiations surrounding

unsolicited public and private transactions.

Michael J. D'Angelo was promoted to Vice President, Labor Relations for Hyatt Hotels Corporation in December 2014. His responsibilities include all labor relations policy decision-making and administration for the Americas region of the company. Additionally, he was selected as Co-chair of the Labor Relations Council of the American Hotel and Lodging Association in September 2015.

Parul Desai was appointed to serve as the Open Internet ombudsperson—the public's primary point of contact—by the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau in June 2015. Desai serves as Assistant Bureau Chief and Director of Consumer Engagement in the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau.

Marie-France Gelot joined the New York office of Lockton Companies in May 2015 as Senior Vice President, Insurance Claims Counsel with the Lockton Financial Services Group. Gelot will work closely with Lockton's financial institution and commercial clients on complex insurance claims and coverage issues in directors and officers liability, professional liability, employment practices liability, crime/fidelity, and fiduciary liability.

Jason M. Leifer was elected to the Office of Town Supervisor for the Town of Dryden, New York, in November 2015. He has served on the Dryden Town Council since January 1, 2008, and presently serves as the Deputy Town

Supervisor. Leifer was instrumental in passing Dryden's ban on hydrofracking that culminated in the landmark Court of Appeals case, *Matter of Wallach, Trustee for Norse Energy v. Town of Dryden*, which affirmed the right of home rule in New York and allowed municipalities to prevent fracking within their borders.

Thomas P. McDaid Jr. started as the new Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations for the North Merrick, New York School District in September 2015.

~ 2001 ~

William J. Edwins joined the firm of Goldberg Segalla as Special Counsel in its Garden City, New York office in February 2015. Edwins is a member of the firm's Global Insurance Services Practice Group and represents national and international insurance companies as well as Lloyd's of London brokers and syndicates. He previously worked for several multi-national law firms before joining Goldberg Segalla.

Melissa L. Longo was named Corporation Counsel to Mayor Dawn Zimmer and the City of Hoboken, New Jersey, in 2012. She is only the second female Corporation Counsel in the last 40 years for the City of Hoboken.

Lynne Machtemes was featured in NorthJersey.com profile, "Belleville's Lynne Giachetti finds success in life after shortstop stardom," in September 2015.

Thomas H. Prol was installed as the President-elect of the New

Jersey State Bar Association at the organization's annual meeting in Atlantic City, New Jersey, in May 2015. Prol, a partner with Laddey, Clark & Ryan LLP of Sparta, New Jersey, is on track to become state bar president in 2016, making him the third attorney from Sussex County to do so in the organization's 116-year history.

Preethi Sekharan was the recipient of the "Women of Distinction" award in the Business/Professional category held at the 25th Annual Soroptimist International of Stuart Gala in April 2015. This event recognizes women in Martin County, Florida who have made outstanding contributions to the community. She is an attorney at Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart, P.A. and works out of their Stuart and West Palm Beach offices.

~ 2003 ~



Jaimee Nardiello was named a partner at Zetlin & De Chiara LLP in July 2015. She focuses her practice on disputes involving construction, contract,

and environmental/energy laws, managing cases from inception to trial. Nardiello represents design professionals, contractors and construction managers in both commercial litigation and transactional matters—winning dismissals, mitigating liability, and preserving reputations. She also negotiates contracts for high-profile construction projects.

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In addition, she advocates for design professionals in complex intellectual property disputes.

Hon. Carolyn S. Walker-Diallo became one of the newest New York City Civil Court Judges in November 2015, representing the 7th Municipal Court District in Brooklyn, New York which encompasses East New York, Cypress Hills, Bushwick, and Brownsville in November 2015. Her term as a Civil Court Judge began in January 2016.

Charles R. Walsh became a trial attorney with the Department of Justice, Criminal Division, Public Integrity Section in August 2014.

— 2004 —

Marc R. Fisher was selected to the 2015 “40 Under 40” in Illinois by *Chicago Lawyer* magazine.



Diego Wesley Iglesia founded and is CEO of the Gay Male Rights Project, Inc. website. The mission of this web-based nonprofit is to educate and inform

gay males regarding healthcare and civil rights concerns. The new website, GAYMALEJOURNAL.ORG, is the first of its kind in the nation, utilizing the internet to connect gay males with researched and verified information from the comfort of their own homes or phones.

Paola R. Tornabene was named as a board member of The Harbor Lights Theater Company, Staten Island’s only professional Equity Theater Company, in May 2015. She is also currently Vice President of Corporate Affairs at the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation in Staten Island, New York.

— 2005 —

Jeremy S. Robbins is Assistant State’s Attorney for Prince George’s County, Maryland assigned to the Special Prosecutions Unit. He was selected as the county’s first Public Integrity Prosecutor where he prosecutes public corruption, police misconduct, and complex white-collar crimes. He and his wife, Alexis, recently celebrated the birth of their second daughter, Jordyn.

— 2006 —



Julia Gavrilov joined the firm of Moritt Hock & Hamroff LLP as Associate in their Commercial Litigation practice area in February 2015. Gavrilov concentrates her practice in all areas of complex commercial litigation.



Matthew S. Necci, a partner with Halloran & Sage LLP, was selected for inclusion in “Super

Lawyers’ 2015 Rising Stars List” in November 2015. *Super Lawyers* is a nationally accredited rating service of lawyers who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The selection process is multi-phased and includes independent research, peer nominations, and peer evaluations.

Sean F. Reid was promoted to Partner in Fox Rothschild LLP’s corporate practice group in the firm’s Princeton, New Jersey office in May 2015. As an attorney and certified public accountant, Reid provides a value-added perspective to his clients concerning their corporate, securities, and financing transactions. He represents public and private entities, including issuers, investors, and underwriters, in a variety of debt and equity securities offerings such as IPOs, secondary offerings, PIPEs, and private placements.

— 2007 —

Rachel Einbund was selected as one of the “Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40 – Class of 2015!” The National LGBT Bar Association established this award to recognize outstanding lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender legal professionals under the age of 40 who have distinguished themselves in their field and demonstrated a profound commitment to LGBT equality.

Michael J. Zussman was elected as President of the Southern District of New York Chapter of the Federal Bar Association for 2015–16. Zussman was sworn in on October 6, 2015 by the

Honorable Loretta A. Preska, Chief Judge of the Southern District of New York.

— 2008 —

Claude T. Aiken was named Associate General Counsel and Special Adviser on Internet Law & Policy at the Federal Communications Commission in September 2015. He is responsible for FCC-wide management and implementation of the Commission’s Open Internet policies, as well as advising the General Counsel on complex questions of legal authority.

Ken C. Biberaj was featured in a *Bisnow* biographical article, “What You Don’t Know About Manhattan Chamber Chairman Ken Biberaj,” in April 2015.

Rory S. Clark was the recipient of the 2014 Halstead Property Village Office Strategy Star Award and inducted into the 2014 Halstead Property Producers Council recognizing the top 5 percent producers companywide amongst 1,200 agents at the 2014 Halstead Property Annual Meeting.

Johanna E. Miller was named to New York Nonprofit Media’s inaugural “40 Under 40 Rising Stars 2015” list in October 2015. She is currently the Advocacy Director for the New York Civil Liberties Union and an adjunct professor at New York Law School.

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~ 2009 ~

Cecilia I. Lassiter joined Sills Cummis & Gross P.C. as a real estate lawyer in June 2015. Lassiter is an associate in the Newark, New Jersey office. She previously worked at McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC in Roseland, New Jersey.

Michelle P. Tonelli co-authored a chapter on "Federal Emergency Preparedness and Response and Homeland Security," in *National Security Law and Policy, Third Edition*, edited by John Norton Moore, Guy B. Roberts, and Robert F. Turner (Carolina Academic Press, 2015).

~ 2010 ~

Brian W. Schroeder joined Vanguard Medical Group, P.A. as executive director of operations in March 2015. Schroeder joined Vanguard from Barnabas Health Medical Group where he served as Regional Director of Physicians Practices at Beth Israel Medical Center and Children's Hospital of New Jersey, both in Newark, New Jersey.

~ 2011 ~

Dari Horowitz was engaged to Corey Last in January 2015.

David DeStefano was appointed by New York City Mayor de Blasio to the Mayor's Committee on City Marshals after selection by the Presiding Justice, Appellate

Division, First Department in August 2015. The committee establishes qualifying criteria for marshal candidates, identifies and recruits candidates, and recommends qualified individuals for appointment by the Mayor.

Jason Kreps joined Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti LLP as an associate in the government enforcement, compliance, white collar litigation, and health care practice groups in March 2015. Prior to joining the firm, Kreps was in private practice in New York City.

Kimberly Sofia was named to the transition team for Clarkstown, New York Supervisor-elect George Hoehmann in November 2015. The goal of the team will be to form a strategy for a smooth transition for Hoehmann.

~ 2012 ~

Joshua D. Brookstein joined Sahn Ward Coschignano, PLLC as an associate in November 2015. Brookstein concentrates his practice in litigation and appeals, criminal defense, zoning and land use, and municipal law.

Stephen Harding was elected to the Connecticut House of Representatives in a special election in February 2015. Harding is serving his first term on Brookfield, Connecticut's Board of Education. He is an attorney at Dean L. Lewis Law Offices in Danbury, Connecticut. He served briefly as a member of the town's Zoning Board of Appeals in 2013.

Shannon M. Henderson was appointed Assistant District Attorney by the Bronx District Attorney's Office in September 2015.

James Morro joined the NYC Department of Buildings in December 2015. Prior to that he was an associate in the Banking Group of Chuhak & Tecson, P.C.

~ 2013 ~

Robert C. Carroll's *The Believers* was featured in a special reading at the Brooklyn Academy of Music's Fisher Building in Brooklyn, New York in February 2015. *The Believers* (a political thriller set during the first few hours of a Primary Day) had its world premiere at The Storm Theatre in the fall of 2014.

Jared L. Hinsey joined the Lebanon County, Pennsylvania Bar Association in May 2015. Hinsey is an attorney in the Lebanon County Public Defender's office.

Jessica L. Richardson was elected to the Town Council in New Milford, Connecticut in November 2015. She is an advocate for people with disabilities at the Western Connecticut Association for Human Rights. Since returning to New Milford, Richardson has been involved in addressing issues facing the town as a member of the Democratic Town Committee and has served as the Platform Committee Chair for the DTC.

~ 2014 ~

Julie A. Nociolo joined the chambers of Justice Leslie E. Stein to help her transition to the New York State Court of Appeals. She served as one of the judge's clerks for the Court's February 2015 session and then returned to her position as Court Attorney.

Kevin Timson published an article, "Uses and implications of virtual data room features for corporate real estate due diligence," *5 Corporate Real Estate Journal* 21 (May 2015).

Matthew S. Rheingold joined the Trusts and Estates/Taxation Department of Einhorn, Harris, Ascher, Barbarito & Frost, P.C. as an associate in August 2015. Rheingold concentrates his practice on trust and estate planning, estate administration, and tax controversy matters.

~ 2015 ~

Jacquelynn Guzman and **Veronica A. Przygocki** were appointed Assistant District Attorneys by the Bronx District Attorney's Office in September 2015.

Helen T. Quigley was named an associate to the New York office of Thompson & Knight LLP in the Real Estate and Banking Practice Group in September 2015. •



By Professor David Schoenbrod

WE SAW A HERO

Nicholas Wasicsko '87, was honored at the 73rd Golden Globe Awards ceremony on January 10, 2016. Oscar Issac, who played Wasicsko, the Mayor of Yonkers, NY in HBO's "Show Me a Hero," won the award for best actor in a television film. In accepting the award, the actor stated "this is for the memory of Nick."

Elected at the age of 28, the same year he graduated from law school, Nick was the youngest mayor of any major American city. The city, however, was under a federal court order to build public housing in predominately white middle class neighborhoods. To comply, Mayor Wasicsko needed the cooperation of the city council, but most of its members had vowed to resist forever. Nick appealed to high officials such as New York Governor Mario Cuomo to use their moral authority to bring the city council members around, but despite claiming to stand for high principles in government, they opportunistically stood aloof. As Nick told *The New York Times*, "I feel all alone." The confrontation got played out on the front pages of nationally circulated newspapers and in courts up to the U.S. Supreme Court.

I wouldn't have forecast such a prominent role for him when I first saw him as a rather retiring student perched in the back row of my class in State and Local Government Law. He did, however, come alive when Mayor Ed Koch visited the class, putting tough questions to the mayor.

Not long afterwards, as a mayor himself and despite his busy schedule, Nick visited my Remedies class when the students studied the Yonkers litigation. He expressed sympathy with the white voters. They feared their homes, which were the repository of their life savings, would go down in value. But he also expressed sympathy with his minority constituents who felt shunned and were often stuck in bad housing. He told me privately that truer justice would come from building the public housing in the rich, exclusive suburbs that had, unlike Yonkers, never built any public housing, such as the one in which the federal judge who issued the order lived, but the message that he drove home to the students was that people must obey court orders.

Nick worked long, hard, and ultimately successfully to get the city council to obey the court order. That is why he is the hero of "Show Me a Hero." The series title comes from F. Scott Fitzgerald who wrote, "Show me a hero and I will write you a tragedy." In 1993, at the age of 34, Nick committed suicide.

We saw a hero and he walked among us. •

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Dr. Zuhayr Moghrabi '67 passed away on December 7, 2015. A member of the NYLS community for more than 50 years, Dr. Moghrabi graduated in 1967, and went on to become a member of the NYLS faculty from 1974 to 1979. He then served for many years as a member of the Law School's adjunct faculty. He was a pioneer during his time teaching at NYLS, introducing International Business Transactions, Islamic Law, and Energy Law courses to the school. Dr. Moghrabi was also a very dedicated and engaged member of NYLS's alumni community, serving on the Alumni Association Board from 1996 until 2014, when he became Honorary Director. From Dean Anthony W. Crowell, "When I began my time here as Dean, I had the opportunity to sit with Dr. Moghrabi several times to discuss ways to more broadly engage our adjunct professors and alumni. He was passionate about the work of the school and our wonderful students and he will be greatly missed by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him."



Professor Rudolph J.R. Peritz passed away on August 5, 2015. A member of the NYLS community for nearly 30 years, Professor Peritz was a cherished faculty member whose scholarship in antitrust, computer law, and intellectual property contributed significantly to the prestige of the Law School. From Professor Edward A. Purcell Jr., "Rudy Peritz was a warm, generous, and congenial colleague whom I admired greatly as a teacher, a scholar, and a friend. Rudy was one of the first people who came to welcome me when I arrived at New York Law School many years ago. He immediately offered his assistance in helping me make the transition to law teaching, and he made me feel at home and that I could call on him for anything. Over the years our friendship grew as I enjoyed his companionship and good humor and increasingly appreciated his deep social concerns and his ever-probing intellect. Often we talked about his ideas on economics and competition policy, and he taught me far more than I had ever known about both as he worked to complete the original and revised editions of his complex and profound study of American antitrust law, *Competition Policy in America [1888-1992]: History, Rhetoric, Law*. His scholarship, like his mind and his conversation, was invariably incisive, enlightening, and stimulating. He will be acutely missed." From Professor William R. Mills, "I was for many years the Library's liaison to Professor Peritz. I will always remember him as one of my favorite faculty members to work with. I appreciated his warmth and keen sense of humor. A consummate scholar, he was demanding, yet patient in his demands. I felt a strong sense of accomplishment every time I was able to satisfy his challenging research requests. His loss will be felt deeply in the New York Law School community."

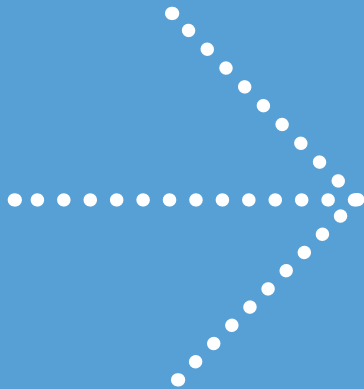


Mary Rose Mercieca passed away on November 16, 2015. Mary Rose worked in the Human Resources Department at NYLS for 15 years, serving for the past six years as the front desk receptionist in the Law School's flagship academic building at 185 West Broadway. She was the quintessential champion for the NYLS community. A friend and advocate for all, her warmth and charm radiated from the moment you saw her bright smile as she greeted you. Before joining the reception desk, Mary Rose provided support in many areas of the school, including to faculty members, the Registrar's Office, the Office of Institutional Research and Accountability, the Office of Institutional Advancement, and the Office of Student Engagement, among others. Mary Rose grew up in Malta and went to St. Mary's High School in the town of Victoria, Gozo, and received a Bachelor's Degree from Pace University in New York City. She loved Malta, always beamed when she spoke of it, and traveled back there annually. She is survived by her two sons: Christopher, who is currently a member of the Armed Forces, and Victor, who resides in New York with his family. She had three grandchildren.

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