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Recognizing the strong connections between New York City and London, New York Law School has for several years offered a London summer program. This year, through the Cynthia Senko Rosicki '86 Fellowship in Law and Dramatic Arts, all students in the program had the opportunity to attend a course on "personal impact" at the prestigious Royal Academy of Dramatic Art (RADA).



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Celebrating Our First 125 Years and Looking Ahead



As New York Law School launches its 125th Anniversary celebration, I am looking forward with great anticipation to the many remarkable events we have planned as part of the festivities. Throughout the 2015-16 academic year we will feature different aspects of NYLS's rich history, focusing on our continuing tradition of innovation; our tremendous influence in law, business, and government, both locally and globally; and our impressive plans for the future.

This issue of *New York Law School Magazine* previews our numerous anniversary celebration events and engagement opportunities. This is an exciting time here at NYLS, and I hope you will join us in commemorating this magnificent milestone. You can get all the details at 125.nyls.edu.

As an illustration of how NYLS continues to innovate with the times and break the mold, we report on a unique co-location agreement with the New York City location of the University of Rochester's Simon Business School. This will be the only co-located law school and business school in New York City, creating singular opportunities to harness the synergies that exist between the two institutions.

We also explore the special synergies we share with the borough right across the East River—NYLS ties with Brooklyn have run deep from the beginning. And then there's our special relationship with that city across "the pond." We strengthened our London summer program by adding a personal impact course at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts through the generosity of Cynthia Senko Rosicki '86.

While we're celebrating, there's another notable milestone in our history: the 20th Anniversary of the Center for New York City Law. That center, under the direction of Professor Ross Sandler, has brought an incredible amount of thought leadership and critical resources to New York City.

On a somber note, we honor the memory of Trustee Kathleen Grimm '80, a beloved colleague and friend who worked tirelessly for NYLS for more than 30 years, and who dedicated her career to public service, most recently as Deputy Chancellor of Operations at the New York City Department of Education.

We also honor the creative output of an extraordinary faculty member and a notable alumnus. Professor Lloyd Bonfield is celebrating the 30th anniversary of a journal he co-founded, *Continuity and Change*. John Gallagher '94 co-authored *Black Ice*, the autobiography of the first American-born black hockey player in the NHL.

As we celebrate our past accomplishments, we are always focusing on our promising future. Stay tuned for bold new developments as we continue to make great progress in implementing the Strategic Plan we released two years ago.

Anthony W. Crowell
Dean and President

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New York Law School Kicks off Its 125th Anniversary Celebration

In 1891, a group of pioneering faculty and students broke away from Columbia College School of Law to form New York Law School. They were driven by a distinct vision for how legal education should be delivered—an inclusive one that took into account students of all backgrounds, talents, and life experiences. Since 1891, NYLS has continued to be innovative and unique in tailoring a legal education to meet the needs of the legal profession. From being one of the first law schools in the nation to offer an evening program for part-time, working students, to creating unparalleled practical and experiential opportunities for its students today, NYLS has never lost sight of how to serve its students.

Now, as NYLS approaches its 125th Anniversary, we are kicking off a year-long celebration to recognize past and current members of the NYLS family who helped achieve this major milestone. In August, NYLS launched a celebration to highlight and honor its rich past, while looking forward to the potential of the next 125 years. During the 2015-16 academic year,

the Law School will feature the significant contributions that faculty and alumni have made to the legal community in New York City and beyond.

125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PLAN

Throughout the academic year, the celebration will feature a different aspect of NYLS's contributions to the law, including celebrating NYLS in the courtroom, in the boardroom, and across the globe. We will also showcase the impacts NYLS has made in public interest, government service, the arts, sports, and philanthropy. In each case, we will look back at our history, and look forward to our future—and celebrate what NYLS is doing today in each of these areas.

To keep you informed about celebration plans and activities, we've launched a 125th Anniversary website—125.nyls.edu—to provide up-to-the-minute information. The site includes an events calendar and a link to historical archives as well as information about NYLS today. The site also serves as a forum for the Law School community to

offer celebration ideas, communicate with each other, and share NYLS memories.

ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

During the celebration there will be a number of events to showcase the contributions NYLS has made to the legal profession globally, the pivotal role it has played throughout New York City's history, and its continued commitment to educating and training the next generation of leaders and lawyers who will shape the profession. Events will span a wide range of subjects, some will include CLE credits, and all are free for NYLS alumni. If you haven't visited the campus recently, now is a great time to renew your relationship with NYLS and join this momentous celebration.

SHARE YOUR STORY

One feature of the celebration is an opportunity for students, faculty, and more than 17,000 alumni to share their memories and artifacts. You can participate by sharing a fun or interesting memory of NYLS on the *Share Your Story* page of the 125th site. We already have several great memories contributed by trustees, faculty, and students—share your story now at 125.nyls.edu.

"As we celebrate our 125th anniversary, we are on the move in meeting the challenges and seizing the transformative opportunities the new economy presents," said Dean Anthony W. Crowell. "New ideas and enhancements are reshaping every aspect of the Law School. Like the great City of New York, we are continually evolving, and we are focused on ensuring a bright future for the students of New York Law School."

There is nothing more important to our law school than celebrating the achievements of our

alumni and faculty, and there's no better way to show our students the unlimited opportunities that await them than by honoring the history of our Law School community.

NYLS Board Chairman **Arthur N. Abbey '59** writes, "I started law school at another law school outside of New York City....I made [a] great decision shortly after I began classes...to change schools and enroll in NYLS...graduated in 1959. Became a NYLS Board Member and Chairman since 2000. Who would have ever thought...."

Board member **Alan W. Clark '77** recalls "great teachers and mentors such as Donald Shapiro, Alfred Julien, and Cyril Means, to name but a few....

My exercise ritual walking up and down the stairs at 57 Worth Street to attend classes. Too many Sabrett hot dogs from the local vendor across Worth Street. My fellow students helping each other to become successful lawyers."

Nadine Strossen, the John Harlan Marshall II Professor of Law, writes that she has "an absolutely vivid, photographic memory of the first Constitutional Law class I ever taught—in August 1988....That's because I was absolutely terrified! ...Fortunately, the students were gracious and grateful from the beginning, but it has been a joy to have the steady support and encouragement of my NYLS faculty and administrative colleagues for constantly growing in the professorial role."

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MORE NYLS HISTORY



Part of the new 125th Anniversary website (125.nyls.edu) features links to an assortment of photos, images, and documents from NYLS's extensive archives; a calendar of events; a page where users can share stories and photos; a list of ways to get involved; and an electronic version of the book *New York Law School: A Heritage*, originally published in 1978 and updated in 1982. The book provides a comprehensive narrative of the origins of NYLS and its contributions to the legal community since its founding in 1891. Members of the NYLS community are invited to contribute photos and other memorabilia to the ongoing digital archiving effort.

CELEBRATE!

Throughout the anniversary year, we will feature a different aspect of NYLS's history—and its future. See below for the highlights of our featured topics.

FALL 2015

NYLS is New York's Law School

Celebrating NYLS's local campus and its global community, highlighting its evolution from origins to present, and showcasing its innovative spirit and commitment to excellence in legal education.

NYLS in the Courtroom

Celebrating NYLS at the bar: its titans of the judiciary; prosecutors and defense counsel; litigators, mediators and arbitrators; and landmark and noteworthy trials across the country featuring NYLS alumni.

NYLS in the Boardroom

Celebrating NYLS in the business world: its media moguls; tech innovators and entrepreneurs; financial services and real estate leaders; and inventors.

SPRING 2016

NYLS Around the World: 125 Years of Progress

Celebrating NYLS practitioners across the country and the globe; advancements in diversity and for women in the law; NYLS's international law programs and practices; and artists and sports notables.

NYLS Public Interest and Government Service

Celebrating NYLS's contributions to public service, promoting access to justice and serving the underserved, its notable government and philanthropic leaders, and those who have served in uniform at the local, state, and federal levels and in the U.S. Armed Forces.

NYLS Shaping New York City and Beyond

Celebrating all things NYLS, being New York's Law School, and connecting our pioneering past to our innovative future.

ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

Event highlights include:

- The investiture of Nadine Strossen as the John Marshall Harlan II Professor of Law (October 5, 2015), Stephen J. Ellmann as the Martin Professor of Law (November 23, 2015), and David Chang as the inaugural Theodore Dwight 125th Anniversary Professor of Law (April 28, 2016)
- The Innovation Center for Law and Technology's First Annual Internet Safety Conference, which will include the launch of a first-of-its-kind legal clinic that will help victims of online hate and harassment obtain justice (October 3–4, 2015)
- The Center for Business and Financial Law's FinTech: Law and Disruption conference, bringing together legal, financial, compliance, and technical experts (October 6, 2015)
- The Center for Real Estate Studies Breakfast: Chinese Investment in New York Real Estate (November 12, 2015)
- The Impact Center for Public Interest Law and the Center for Real Estate Studies' Co-sponsored Service Project in Honor of Martin Luther King Jr. (January 18, 2016)
- The Center for Business and Financial Law's New York Startups Conference (March 31, 2016)
- The Impact Center for Public Interest Law's Annual Symposium—Tackling the Access to Justice Crisis (April 8, 2016)
- The Innovation Center for Law and Technology's Innovation Scholar Presentation Day (April 14, 2016)

Other events are still being planned—one possibility is a legal-themed film festival—so keep checking the calendar at 125.nyls.edu.

EIGHT WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Tell Your Story

- Share your NYLS memory using our “Share Your Story” page
 - Submit a photograph or document to our Archives
- Visit our Archives page, 125.nyls.edu, to share your story

Advance Students

- Mentor a current NYLS student
 - Provide an internship or career opportunity for an NYLS student or a recent graduate
 - Become part of our Professional Network
- Send an e-mail to 125years@nyls.edu to learn more

Recruit Students

- Refer a prospective NYLS student or share your experiences with those who have applied
- Send an e-mail to 125years@nyls.edu to learn more

Share Expertise

- Speak on a panel at an NYLS event or teach a CLE course
- Send an e-mail to cle@nyls.edu to learn more

Support NYLS

- Make a gift to support academic innovation and scholarships
- Visit www.nyls.edu/giving

Volunteer

- Help raise money for your reunion class, for student clubs, or Bar prep
 - Host a regional alumni networking event
- Send an e-mail to alumni@nyls.edu

Show Your Pride

- Go to the Virtual Gift Store for cool NYLS merchandise. Visit nyls.logoshop.com.
- Hold your event at NYLS's flagship Tribeca facility. Visit www.nyls.edu/rentals.

Stay in Touch

- Join us on LinkedIn
- “Like” us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/goNYLS)
- Follow us on Twitter (@NYLawSchool), and tweet with the hashtag #NYLS125
- Update your Alumni Contact Information by e-mailing alumni@nyls.edu
- Come to one of our 125th Anniversary Celebration events

NYLS THROUGH THE YEARS



Columbia College Law School at 49th Street, 1891



The original location of New York Law School, in the old Equitable Building at 120 Broadway (1891-1898)



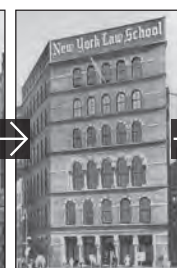
An early site of the Law School at 172-74 Fulton Street (1908-1918)



Post-World War I site of the Law School: the McBurney YMCA on 23rd Street (1919-1934)



The Law School had a five-year stretch in the Pulitzer (World) Building at 63 Park Row (1936-1941)



After World War II, the Law School reopened in the Dwight Building at 244 William Street (1947-1962)



The Law School's 57 Worth Street location, where it moved to in 1962



The Law School's main entrance at 185 West Broadway, since 2009

NYLS and the University of Rochester's Simon Business School Join Forces



Left to right: Andrew Ainslie, Dean of the University of Rochester's Simon Business School; NYLS Dean Anthony W. Crowell; and Joel Seligman, President of the University of Rochester, celebrate the unique co-location agreement.

Facing a structurally changed marketplace, law schools must meet new challenges head-on and seize transformative opportunities. Never before has there been a stronger need for law students to learn the fundamentals of business and finance. Likewise, in an increasingly litigious and regulatory environment, business students, now more than ever, need to know the basics of our legal system.

In a bold move, Dean Anthony W. Crowell and Joel Seligman, President of the University of Rochester, announced in April a unique co-location agreement under which the New York City location of the University of Rochester's Simon Business School will move from midtown Manhattan to New York Law School's campus in Tribeca. By uniting institutions dedicated to business and legal education under one roof, NYLS is breaking the mold: this will be the only co-located law school and business school in New York City.

Carole Post, Executive Vice President and Chief Strategy and Operations Officer at NYLS, spearheaded the effort to develop an innovative partnership to optimize resources and capitalize on the different schedules and programs of the two institutions. The Simon Business School offers three part-time graduate programs in New York City designed for working professionals—there is an M.S. program in finance, management, and health care management. Simon students attend classes primarily on weekends, while students of NYLS, which offers full- and part-time law degree programs and a two-year J.D. honors program, attend primarily during the week with some weekend options. The business school, which had

been located in a commercial office building, will move its New York City administrative offices and academic course offerings to the NYLS facility starting in fall 2015.

In addition, NYLS is now working with the Simon Business School to develop and plan opportunities for NYLS students to receive business education as part of their legal studies, as well as to offer corresponding legal coursework to the business school students. The relationship between the two schools is an evolving one. Teams of faculty members are meeting to develop programs for students and alumni of both institutions.

Universities across the country are increasingly looking for a New York City presence precisely because of the diverse opportunities and cultural advantages the City affords. NYLS is at the forefront of that trend.

"Lower Manhattan is the epicenter both for business and law in the global economy," said Dean Crowell. "New York Law School's Strategic Plan emphasized a priority of the school to develop strategic alliances that could provide students unprecedented opportunities in business or financial services. The co-location of NYLS and the Simon Business School's NYC Center creates a unique opportunity to harness the synergies that exist between the two institutions, especially given NYLS's prime location, with direct access to Wall Street, the City's government offices, and its tech corridor. We look forward to welcoming the business school faculty, staff, and students to our campus and building a culture of community between our schools, while maintaining each individual institution's identity."

"We are delighted to be moving our New York City specialized master's courses to the New York Law School campus," said President Seligman. "NYLS has a proud 125-year history of legal education and offers premier facilities and a central location for our students and alumni in the Tri-state area."

"This is a tremendous new home for Simon's New York City graduate business educational options with exciting potential to expand our reach," said Simon Business School Dean Andrew Ainslie. "NYLS and the University of Rochester have in common a deep heritage with a combined 280 years of serving our respective communities. This is the start of a great relationship. It has the potential to grow deeper by exploring joint educational opportunities moving forward."

Founded in 1850, the University of Rochester is one of the nation's leading private universities. The Simon Business School is currently ranked among the leading graduate business schools in the world in rankings published by the popular press, including *Bloomberg Businessweek*, *U.S. News & World Report*, and the *Financial Times* of London. The Simon School offers a full range of part-time and full-time business degree programs at its main campus in Rochester, New York. It has been offering graduate-level courses leading to master's degrees in its New York City extension center since 2011. •



NYLS TIES RUN DEEP IN BROOKLYN

By Ruth Singleton

More students from Brooklyn zip codes attend NYLS than any other law school

A total of 1,489 alumni live in Brooklyn

A total of 377 alumni work in Brooklyn

It has been more than two and a half years since Dean Anthony W. Crowell re-introduced NYLS as “New York’s law school,” and those words have quickly become the Law School’s motto. New York Law School’s downtown Manhattan location puts it in the heart of New York City’s legal, government, financial, and emerging tech centers. But NYLS isn’t just a Manhattan institution; it’s a New York City institution. As readers of these pages discovered last year, James S. Oddo ’91 is making his mark as Staten Island Borough President, through his Superstorm Sandy recovery efforts and his plans for revitalizing the borough’s North Shore. And there is another borough where New York Law School ties run deep—right across the East River. More students come to NYLS from Brooklyn zip codes than to any other law school. Half of the clinics that NYLS offers have a strong Brooklyn focus. Brooklyn is also home to many NYLS faculty and staff, as well as to 1,489 alumni, and 377 alumni work there, many in prominent positions. Dean Crowell is a long-time resident of the borough and a prominent civic leader there. He serves on the Board of Trustees of the Brooklyn Public Library and was honored last year at the Library’s 17th Annual Gala for his service as Board Chair for the previous five years. In addition, he serves on the Executive Committee of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce.



This Currier and Ives print highlights the Equitable Building (the large white building just to the right of the tall steeple of Trinity Church), the first home of New York Law School. The location was close to the newly built Brooklyn Bridge and drew Brooklynites right from the start.

Life Inspiring Art in Brooklyn

In the late afternoon of Sunday, February 8, 2015, a crowd gathered at the Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM)'s Fisher Building on Ashland Place. They were there to attend a reception and staged reading of *The Believers*, a play written by Robert Carroll '13. Mr. Carroll, a native of Brooklyn, straddles the worlds of law, politics, and theater. His play tells the story of a young campaign manager on primary day 2001 in New York City—the day of the 9/11 attacks. Mr. Carroll wrote the play while he attended NYLS, and the play makes

Robert Carroll '13 wrote *The Believers*, a play set in Brooklyn, a staged reading of which was held at the Brooklyn Academy of Music's Fisher Building in February 2015.



reference to a reporter observing the attacks from Worth Street. The play portrays the final hours of the first campaign the protagonist has ever run, and how idealism, practicality, and radicalism can blend together under outside pressure. *The Believers* is set in Brooklyn, and Mr. Carroll knows whereof he writes. He is the current President of Central Brooklyn Independent Democrats, a founding member of the Brooklyn Reform Coalition, and a member of Community Board 7, which represents the Brooklyn neighborhoods of Sunset Park, Windsor Terrace, East Windsor Terrace, South Park Slope, and Greenwood Heights. He is also an associate at the firm Wolfson & Carroll, where he focuses on estate administration, real estate and Mitchell-Lama Housing Corporations, contracts, and election law. *The Believers* had its premiere in fall 2014 at the Storm Theater.

The staged reading at BAM exemplifies the strong ties linking Brooklyn and NYLS. The event was hosted by Thomas L. McMahon '83, President of TLM Associates LLC, a strategic planning and government relations firm, in collaboration with Joseph V. Mellilo, Executive Producer at BAM, whose nephew, Max Melillo, is a fourth-year Evening Division student at NYLS who works at O'Melveny & Myers LLP. Attendees included NYLS alumni, friends, faculty members, administrators, and staff. After the reception and staged reading, Mr. Carroll and the cast participated in a question-and-answer session with the audience.

Kings County Supreme Court Justice Martin M. Solomon '75, who was also in attendance, said, "NYLS attorneys and law students continue to be among the most committed volunteers and leaders in Brooklyn. There is a strong connection between Brooklyn and NYLS, as the school's lawyers and students have a unique understanding of the borough

they live in and practice in as the borough continues to expand and thrive. They are active participants in our civic life and become truly invested in Brooklyn, serving as community board members, co-op board members, volunteers in our religious and cultural institutions, running for elected office, and becoming members of the judiciary and serving as political leaders."

The Brooklyn Academy of Music is located in the middle of a Brooklyn building boom. Looking west from its entrance toward downtown Brooklyn, one sees a flurry of construction projects. That's because Brooklyn is the epitome of hot these days. The borough is one of the most desirable places to live in the country, and the cost of real estate in some neighborhoods has outpaced Manhattan. The new Barclays Center is now the home of the Brooklyn Nets basketball team and, as a concert venue, draws top talent. Mayor Bill de Blasio hails from Brooklyn's Park Slope neighborhood. And Hillary Clinton has chosen the borough as the site of her presidential campaign headquarters. "Brooklyn" is now even one of the most popular names for babies. And as Brooklyn thrives, so does its long-standing relationship with NYLS.

Early History

The Brooklyn connection stems from the earliest days of New York Law School. Brooklyn was the childhood home of Alfred E. Hinrichs a member of the first graduating class of 1892, who went on to serve as Dean of the Law School from 1936 to 1938. Dean Hinrichs was also an organizer of the Citizens Union in Brooklyn. His classmate, Henry M. Cummings, worked as a lawyer in Brooklyn for 48 years. In the class five years later was Robert Alexander Inch, who went on to serve

as a federal judge in the Eastern District of New York from 1924 to 1961, including a term as Chief Judge from 1948 to 1958.

Brooklyn Today: A Hub of Student Engagement

That close relationship is even stronger today. The Law School's new housing facility is the St. George Residence Hall in Brooklyn Heights, a historic building that was formerly a grand hotel. Recent graduate Michelle Skalrud is interning for the Brooklyn Nets, and third-year student Ariana Fodera will start interning for the team this fall. And fully half of the clinics offered by NYLS's Office of Clinical and Experiential Learning have a Brooklyn connection. The Criminal Prosecution Clinic (Kings County) engages students in the prosecution of criminal cases in conjunction with the Kings County District Attorney's Office, under the supervision of adjunct faculty members who are experienced prosecutors. In addition, typically half the cases handled by the Elder Law Clinic are in Brooklyn. Also, during the 2014-15 academic year, three students in the Child Welfare Clinic worked on approximately 35 cases in the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Second Department in Brooklyn, along with attorneys from the NYC Administration for Children's Services. Moreover, some students in the Municipal Litigation Defense Clinic are usually placed with the Brooklyn office of the New York City Law Department, on Jay Street. Finally, Brooklyn residents are often clients of the following clinics: the Civil Rights Clinic, the Criminal Defense Clinic, the Immigration Law and Litigation Clinic, the Post-Conviction Innocence Clinic, the Securities Arbitration Clinic, the Social Entrepreneurship Legal Clinic, the Tax Planning Clinic, the Transactional Law Clinic, and the Wills Clinic.

And clinics are not the only way NYLS students are engaging with Brooklyn. On March 21, 2015, the Dean's Leadership Council—composed of students who perform in the top 25 percent of their class—participated in a “NYC Critical

Issues Workshop” with Carlo Scissura, President of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, as part of a weekend retreat at the Law School. Throughout the year, the Dean's Leadership Council (DLC) takes part in a series of dialogues, along with Dean Crowell and top City leaders, about law, business, and government to tackle legal and policy issues. During the March workshop, approximately 50 students worked in teams to offer President Scissura ideas and recommendations that will help with his strategic planning for the Chamber. Each team worked on one of seven issues: small business development/food equity; health and mental health; infrastructure: improving roads, bridges, and sanitation; impacts of gentrification and the need for affordable housing; immigration reform; public safety; and public education.

Dean Crowell said, “I was impressed with all of the recommendations the groups offered President Scissura for plans to address issues facing Brooklyn. By engaging with such an influential figure in such an important borough, the DLC students learned to develop and maximize their leadership skills. Remember that if Brooklyn were an independent city, it would be the fourth largest in the nation. So our students learned to think about social policy issues on a truly large scale.” Dean Crowell compiled the students' ideas into a document for President Scissura to share with his board and staff as they develop a strategic plan for the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce.

President Scissura said, “As New York's law school, NYLS is in a unique position and doing something with students almost unheard of at any other law school in the City: that is giving them the chance to get out into the communities of *all five boroughs* to help solve problems and build new opportunities to empower people through legal and policy advocacy. The Chamber is appreciative of the efforts of Dean Crowell and the NYLS students.”

Another collaborative effort with the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce is in the planning stages: an interactive map of food deserts in Brooklyn, to be created by students affiliated with the Unshared Bounty Project of the Impact Center for Public Interest Law.

Kings County Alumni

Many prominent alumni have chosen to live or work in Brooklyn. Four members of the Brooklyn Bar Association Board of Trustees are NYLS graduates: Elaine N. Avery '95 of Avery & Avery P.C.; Marianne Bertuna '01 of Aidala Bertuna & Kamins; Richard A. Klass '92 of the Law Office of Richard A. Klass, Esq.; and Glenn Verchick '89 of Ginarte O'Dwyer Gonzalez Gallardo & Winograd, LLP.

Among the many notable NYLS alumni in Brooklyn is William R. Coleman '72, who has a private practice in Brooklyn Heights. Mr. Coleman is a former member of the Brooklyn Bar Association Board of Directors, and he gives to several causes in Brooklyn, such as the Prospect Park Alliance, the Brooklyn Academy of Music, the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens, and the Brooklyn Public Library. His grandfather, also named William R. Coleman, was a long-time Brooklyn resident (1891-1937), who worked, among other jobs as a clerk on the Brooklyn piers. His personal documents, correspondence, memorabilia, and photographs are part of a collection at the Brooklyn Historical Society.

Another notable Brooklynite alumnus is Richard J. Moylan '84, who serves as President of Green-Wood Cemetery, a National Historic Landmark and Revolutionary War historic site, and was featured in a 2013 *New York Times* article.



Richard J. Moylan '84 (top left) is the President of Green-Wood Cemetery, a National Historic Landmark. Top right and bottom: The Green-Wood main gate, the Green-Wood chapel, and an angel statue.

Founded in 1838, it is the resting place of many New York luminaries, including DeWitt Clinton, Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, Horace Greeley, William Magear (“Boss”) Tweed, Leonard Bernstein, and Jean Michel Basquiat.

On the Bench in Brooklyn

Many NYLS graduates have gone on to serve on the bench, and Brooklyn boasts several NYLS judges. The Honorable Joan Azrack ’79 served for 24 years as a U.S. Magistrate Judge in the Eastern District of New York Courthouse on Cadman Plaza in Brooklyn before President Obama nominated her, and the Senate confirmed her, as U.S. District Court Judge in that district. She now serves in Central Islip and Brooklyn.

Another well-known jurist is Justice Arthur Schack ’80 of Kings County Supreme Court. Justice Schack served as chair of Community Board 10 and was counsel to the Major League Baseball Players Association before his election to the Civil Court in 1998. He was elected to the Kings County Supreme Court in 2003. He is widely cited in the local press and was featured in an August 2009 *New York Times* article for dismissing 46 out of 102 foreclosure motions that came before him over two years because of erroneous paperwork. “If you are going to take away someone’s house, everything should be legal and correct,” he said in the *Times* article. “I’m a strange guy—I don’t want to put a family on the street unless it’s legitimate.”

Also serving on the bench is Acting Justice Loren Bailly-Schiffman ’77 of Kings County Supreme Court. Justice Bailly-Schiffman had her own private practice until 1997, when she served as an attorney for the Brooklyn Branch of Legal Services of New York. She was elected to the New York City Civil Court of Kings County in 1999, re-elected in 2009, and appointed Acting Justice in 2009. Justice Bailly-Schiffman regularly hires NYLS students to serve externships in her chambers. She was also NYLS’s 2009 Convocation speaker for first-year students.

Several other NYLS alumni serve on the bench in Brooklyn. They include: Hon. Susan Avery ’91, Judge, New York City Housing

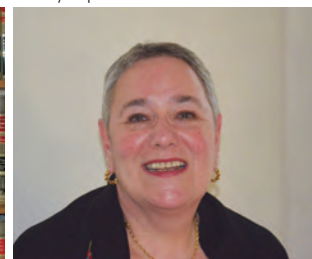
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Justice Martin M. Solomon ’75 of Kings County Supreme Court



Justice Loren Bailly-Schiffman ’77 of Kings County Supreme Court



Court; Hon. Vincent Del Giudice ’80, Justice, Kings County Supreme Court; Hon. Carolyn Demarest ’72, Justice, Kings County Supreme Court; Hon. Cenceria Edwards ’94, Judge, Kings County Civil Court; Hon. Elizabeth Foley ’83, Justice, Kings County Supreme Court; Hon. Diana Johnson ’82, Judge, Kings County Surrogate’s Court; Hon. Ingrid Joseph ’82, Judge, Kings County Civil Court; Hon. Laurie Lau ’82, Judge, New York City Housing Court; and Justice Solomon, who attended the staged reading of *The Believers*.

Public Sector and In-House Counsel

In addition, several NYLS alumni hold prominent positions in the public sector. They include Gerianne Abriano ’93, Bureau Chief of the Brooklyn District Attorney’s Office; John Sweeney ’88, Division Chief, Workers’ Compensation, in the Brooklyn office of the New York City Corporation Counsel; and Martin Coffey ’75, Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of New York. Working in the public interest sector is Gary Stone ’81, Staff Attorney, at South Brooklyn Legal Services.

Notable alumni who work in-house at corporations or not-for-profit organizations include Shawn Fabian ’06, Chief Counsel of Labor and Employee Relations, New York Methodist Hospital; Sheila Namm ’95, Vice President, Professional Affairs, Maimonides Medical Center; Stephanie Shepard ’85, Director of Integrated Health, National Grid; and Christy Nixon ’08, Vice President and Assistant General Counsel, JPMorgan Chase.

Private Practice

Prominent NYLS alumni in private practice in Brooklyn include Edward Held ’66, the

founding member of Held, Held & Held, which focuses on personal injury but also works in real estate, commercial misconduct, and trusts and estates. Mr. Held works with his daughters Jennifer and Alyssa ’94. He is a former president of the NYLS Alumni Association.

Another NYLS graduate prominent in Brooklyn is Helene Blank ’77, President of the Brooklyn Women’s Bar Association and partner at personal injury firm Blank & Star.

Two alumnae have made contributions to the visual arts scene in Brooklyn. Clover Barrett ’85 is a partner at Clover Barrett & Associates practicing family law, trusts and estates law, and bankruptcy. She also runs Clover’s Fine Art Gallery in Downtown Brooklyn. The gallery exhibits artwork by both emerging and established artists and has a particular focus on the art and artists of the Caribbean diaspora and heritage. Deborah Held ’76, who was honored at the NYLS Gala in November 2014, is a visual artist whose paintings have been exhibited in a gallery in Brooklyn.

An Ongoing Affiliation

As Brooklyn continues to flourish as a center for arts, entertainment, and artisanal businesses, as well as the practice of law, its connections to NYLS promise to grow even more intertwined. The New Innovation Center for Law and Technology will have all the tools to help Brooklyn entrepreneurs get started and to help Brooklyn artists protect their intellectual property. Brooklynites will continue to cross the East River to lower Manhattan to get an excellent legal education in the heart of the City’s legal, government, financial, and emerging tech centers. And graduates will continue to cross the river back to Brooklyn to use their newly acquired skills to build careers in the borough they love. •

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YEARS

**CENTER FOR
NEW YORK CITY LAW**

The Center for New York City Law Celebrates 20 Years

By Ariel Dvorkin



The Speaker of the New York State Assembly, Sheldon Silver, ascended to the podium to speak about his plans for the upcoming legislative session. It marked yet another high-profile public official outlining his policy thoughts at a CityLaw Breakfast presented by the Center for New York City Law, a semi-regular event where policy movers and shakers come to make news at New York Law School to an audience of government officials, lobbyists, advocates, and civically minded members of the general public. The date of the event: November 22, 2005. Fast-forward nearly ten years to January 23, 2015, when another powerful official has come to speak to an overflowing room of over 300 attendees. This time, it's Preet Bharara, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, one day removed from his office's arrest of Speaker Sheldon Silver. These two men, and the shared experience of speaking at the same forum nearly ten years apart, in the halls of New York Law School, put on vivid display the impact and preeminence of the Center for New York City Law.

For 20 years, the Center has brought together the most powerful and influential policymakers in New York City and State. This includes agency heads who oversee policies affecting everything from public health, transportation, and housing, to taxes, education, and policing. And it includes elected officials from every branch of the city and state government, and other powerful officials, such as federal prosecutors and judicial heavyweights. They have all come through the halls of New York Law School. They have come at the invitation of Professor Ross Sandler to speak at a forum they know will draw a wide-ranging audience and receive widespread attention. Speaking at a CityLaw Breakfast has become a measure of credibility, a rite of passage for elected and appointed officials in new positions to establish their policy bona fides.

Professor Sandler is the creator, driving force, and soul of the Center. A former Assistant U.S. Attorney, Special Advisor to Mayor Ed Koch, and Commissioner of the City's Department of Transportation, he was in private practice when he started discussing



the idea of creating the Center with NYLS Professor David Schoenbrod. Sandler approached then-Dean Harry Wellington, who blessed the program, and Sandler joined the law faculty. The Center received remarkable funding support at its outset, which was critical to the Center's ability to be impactful out of the gate. The Center would have never happened if Sandler had not agreed to Dean Wellington's requirement that its operation be self-funded. The funding supported costs associated with events, publications, and, eventually, the electronic systems developed by the Center to host decisions rendered by City government agencies.

From the beginning, the Center for New York City Law occupied a unique space in the City, offering a neutral forum where substantive discussions with city policymakers could be held, "an institution within a law school that didn't have a policy agenda, other than transparency and information," as Professor Sandler described it. This gap, and this need, was staring Professor Sandler and New York Law School in the face. Despite the enormous role local government in New York City played in every part of a New Yorker's life, he found it surprising that area law schools did not provide the curriculum, nor the academic space, that matched government's central role in the City.

Professor Sandler recounted how "law schools generally had moved away from

a concern about local government,...that the importance of the federal government, and international business had driven law schools to be focused on federal law and international law, with the result that there were very few law schools that had any kind of interest in local government law. And so I thought that would present an opportunity to New York Law School. Both because of its location, and because it was willing to be interested in local government, [NYLS] presented a unique opportunity to provide a real service to the civic community and legal world. And that was the fundamental idea that was attractive to foundations and City officials. From the very beginning, there was enormous support."

The Center was ahead of its time with regard to whom it selected to speak at its events. Rather than going for the high-profile elected officials who grab most of the public's attention, CityLaw Breakfasts were largely devoted to the agency heads, advisors, and yes, even nongovernmental officials, who had incredible, yet underappreciated, influence over City policy. The four breakfasts the Center presented in its first year of operation featured Paul Tagliabue, then the Commissioner of the National Football League, followed by a private attorney, Edward N. Costikyan, Chair of the Mayor's Commission on School Safety; Edith Spivack, one of the first women to serve in the City's Law Department; and finally the Commissioner of the City's Department of

Housing Preservation and Development, Lilliam Barrios-Paoli. Yes, it might seem odd that the NFL Commissioner was the inaugural speaker, but Professor Sandler put it best: "The NFL and its stadium business couldn't be more local. What he had to do as Commissioner was very much involved with state and local government."

In the second year, other nongovernmental speakers were featured, including the artists Christo and Jeanne-Claude. They spoke about the complex process for presenting a large-scale public art project that in fact wasn't realized until ten years later, when *The Gates* famously appeared for two weeks in Central Park in New York City. The format has always allowed for unfiltered audience questions, and many times has resulted in illuminating answers that otherwise would not have been voiced in public.

The Center's publications, *CityLaw* and *CityLand*, are a core feature of the Center, and are what make the Center stand head and shoulders above other academic centers and organizations that examine City policy issues. They are read widely by influential lawyers and policymakers, and seen on the desks of many throughout City Hall, the Office of the Corporation Counsel, the Department of City Planning, and dozens of other agencies and lobbying firms. From the beginning, the Center charged for its publications. Professor Sandler reasoned that "the fact that people are willing to pay for a publication is a validation



Professor Ross Sandler with former New York Governor Mario M. Cuomo at a CityLaw Breakfast on September 22, 2000



Henry Stern, who was Commissioner of Parks and Recreation under Mayors Ed Koch and Rudy Giuliani, at a CityLaw Breakfast on September 27, 1996



Robert F. Kennedy Jr. (far right), Chief Prosecuting Attorney of Hudson Riverkeeper, at a CityLaw Breakfast on February 28, 1997



Carl Weisbrod (center), then President of the Downtown Alliance, at a CityLaw Breakfast on January 17, 2003



Professor Ross Sandler at a CityLaw Breakfast on September 13, 2002



New York City Police Commissioner William Bratton (center) at a 1995 CityLaw Academic Symposium on the Mollen Commission's Report on Police Corruption



Former New York City Mayor Ed Koch moderating a 1998 CityLaw event, "Reflections on the New York City Corporation Counsel and Law Department"



From left to right: Alice Sandler, Jeanne-Claude, Professor Ross Sandler, and Christo at a CityLaw Breakfast on February 23, 1996

of the product." *CityLaw* began first—a bi-weekly newsletter combining articles on timely and interesting legal and policy issues and decisions culled from City agencies. Compiling the *CityLaw* content took a lot of legwork initially on the part of Sandler, since agencies did not have this information readily organized, and weren't falling over themselves to provide it to the public. So Sandler had to reach out to all of them, using his extensive network and understanding of City government, and the fact the Center was an impartial institution, to convince the agencies to provide their decisions.

The initial *CityLaw* articles had titles like "Term Limits: 7 Ways to Leave Your Lover" (examining the different ways the term limits law could be changed), and they provided a one-stop guide on many legal matters facing City agencies that would otherwise go unreported. *CityLaw* accomplished the goals set forth by Sandler when he launched the Center, providing substantive examination of laws and policies to the public and to the community of public servants and advocates who could use this information in their daily work. It also highlighted the incredibly valuable, complex, and frequently unheralded work of the multitude of City agencies that wouldn't get attention in the mainstream media save for a corruption scandal or some other sort of sensational misconduct.

CityLand followed in 2004, when it became clear that the land use issues City government dealt with deserved a stand-alone publication. The publication began as a monthly newsletter and went online in October of that year. *CityLand* has evolved into a must-read, free, online publication for anyone working on real estate development or land use issues. It covers major players such as the City Planning Commission, Board of Standards and Appeals, Landmarks Preservation Commission, Department of Buildings, and City Council, reporting on rulings and related legal challenges. *CityLand* also provides comprehensive charts that track the progress of applications and that report decisions from New York City's land use agencies.

In the first decade of its operation, the Center existed in a time when governments had not yet made an investment in their online presence. Thus was born *CityAdmin*. The City's Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (OATH) contacted Sandler when it wanted to develop a way to get its decisions out to practitioners. Sandler agreed to host the decisions on the Center's website, purchased a server and program, and received foundation support. Making OATH's voluminous body of administrative decisions available to the public was, as Professor Sandler stated, "a really important public service." Soon more

agencies began partnering with the Center to add their administrative decisions and advisory opinions to the website, making *CityAdmin* one of the most essential resources to the public, attorneys whose work centered on representing clients in those agencies, academics, and even government lawyers themselves who didn't have other means of access to all this information. Today, *CityAdmin* covers 28 agencies and includes over 117,000 decisions.

Current NYLS Dean and President Anthony W. Crowell is an ardent supporter of the Center. He has been involved with the Center since 1999, and in 2003 became an adjunct professor affiliated with the Center. At the 20th Anniversary CityLaw Breakfast Celebration held on May 1 (see sidebar), he toasted the Center, noting the "incredible amount of thought leadership and critical resources that the Center has brought to the City, the legal community, and beyond....The Center has been so fundamental to why we call ourselves New York's law school." Dean Crowell referred to the breakfasts as "a rare venue where those with significant influence can interact with an informed audience and engage in thoughtful, probing, and unfiltered dialogue."

Crucial to the Center's operations are Associate Director and Managing Editor

Brian Kaszuba '04; Lillian Valle-Santiago, Marketing, Subscriptions, Events, and Website Coordinator; and Jesse Denno, Staff Writer and Publication Production Assistant. Kaszuba previously served as Deputy General Counsel to the New York City Public Advocate. Also of invaluable service has been Professor Sandler's wife, Alice Sandler. From the beginning, she has helped organize the CityLaw Breakfasts, making sure that they run smoothly.

The Center has had 36 students who became Fellows of the Center for one year after their graduation. The Fellows have been invaluable to making the Center run. Not only do they help with the events; they are responsible for a great deal of the Center's written output. They write many of the articles in *CityLaw* and *CityLand*. The impact that the Fellows have on the Center is matched by the Center's impact on them. They are able to vastly strengthen their writing skills, and do it by writing about relevant and topical legal and policy issues actively being discussed in the halls of government. They are exposed to the diversity of government agencies and the roles attorneys have within them. They see how influential and how central government agencies can be, and they learn about the complex and exciting policy and law issues that agencies deal with. This year's CityLaw fellow is Michael Twomey '14.

Professor Sandler believes that the Center's work will remain timely and influential, but also thinks it's time to expand the focus to include more State legal and policy issues. State government has an outsized impact on City affairs, and what happens in Albany affects many priorities in City government. With these goals in mind, and with the robust activity it has been engaged in up until now, the Center for New York City Law enters its 20th year in a strong and healthy place, and also with a renewed sense of mission. In a City and State that are in constant transformation, with powerful government agencies, and new laws and policies being consistently generated, we can be confident that the work of the Center will continue to hold an important place in New York Law School and the City's policymaking community. •

20th Anniversary Celebration and Civic Fame Awards

On May 1, the Center for New York City Law celebrated its 20th anniversary with a CityLaw Breakfast featuring current Corporation Counsel Zachary Carter and three of his predecessors: Michael Cardozo, Paul Crotty and Frederick A.O. Schwarz, the latter serving as moderator. They discussed critical decisions that they each had faced and also addressed current policy issues.

Professor Ross Sandler, the Center's Director, noted that the Law School is celebrating its 125th anniversary and that it happened to be the 125th CityLaw Breakfast. Dean Anthony W. Crowell praised Professor Sandler as "the beating heart, the creator, and the driving force behind everything the Center's done," adding, "he has made the Center for New York City Law one of the most visible Centers of any of the law schools in the New York City area, and we're incredibly proud of it." Dean Crowell observed, "I don't think I would be standing here as Dean without Ross. Ross brought me to the Law School in 2003 to teach a seminar on City law." Dean Crowell also recognized Professor Sandler's wife, Alice Sandler, for her work on the CityLaw Breakfasts since their inception: "We have to give enormous credit to Alice Sandler. I call her a dedicated co-anchor of this series."

The panelists discussed important issues they dealt with as corporation counsel that are no longer issues. Judge Crotty mentioned overseeing the merger of the housing authority and transit authority police into the NYPD, which eliminated "an awful lot of redundancies, ... even four bagpipe bands." There was general agreement that even when issues are resolved, underlying policy questions persist, such as: What is the role of corporation counsel? Who is the client? The panelists also discussed the differences between public and private practice. Mr. Carter opined that in public practice, doing justice and ensuring a fair process must be litigation goals, as opposed to private practice, where litigation seeks to gain an advantage. Finally, they discussed the delicate issue of seeking to improve relations between the police and the black community.

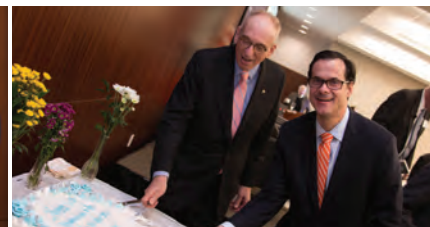
After the panel discussion, Dean Crowell and Professor Sandler presented the inaugural Civic Fame Awards to Mary McCormick, President of the Fund for the City of New York; Stanley S. Shuman, of Allen & Co., LLC, and chair of the Center's Advisory Council; and Jeffrey Friedlander, First Assistant Corporation Counsel. Not present to receive her award was Sheila Aresty '94 of the Steven and Sheila Aresty Foundation. Dean Crowell then presented Professor Sandler with an inscribed Tiffany glass apple paperweight as a token of appreciation from the Law School. Following the awards, the participants and attendees celebrated with cake and champagne.

After 20 years, it's clear that the Center for New York City Law is just warming up. The Center will only gain in prominence and influence in the coming years, as it presents the next 125 CityLaw Breakfasts.

Left to right: Professor Ross Sandler, Alice Sandler, and Dean Anthony W. Crowell



Professor Sandler and Dean Crowell



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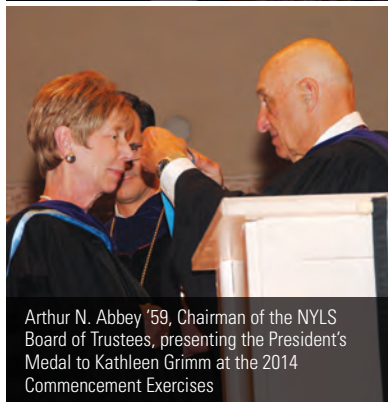


IN MEMORIAM

KATHLEEN GRIMM



Kathleen Grimm with fellow Trustee Gerald C. Crotty '76 at the 2007 Gala



Arthur N. Abbey '59, Chairman of the NYLS Board of Trustees, presenting the President's Medal to Kathleen Grimm at the 2014 Commencement Exercises



Barbara Grimm (right), Kathleen Grimm's sister, presenting the inaugural Kathleen Grimm Medal for Distinguished Public Service to Hon. Faviola A. Soto '78 at the 2015 Commencement Exercises

"Kathleen's extraordinary service and love for New York Law School and New York City were unparalleled. Kathleen was just as powerful, bold, and wise, as she was tender, caring, and dryly witty. And, she was as fearless as they come. She worked tirelessly for NYLS for more than three decades to build this institution in so many ways: from her work as a leader of our Alumni Association, as an Adjunct Professor teaching and mentoring students, and as a long-time Member of the Board of Trustees, serving on the Executive Committee and as Chair of the Budget Committee. As a result, we have so much about which to be proud, and so much to celebrate about the value and meaning of a New York Law School education."

Anthony W. Crowell
Dean and President

The New York Law School community mourns the passing of Trustee Kathleen Grimm '80. Ms. Grimm had a long record of dedication to public service, most recently as Deputy Chancellor of Operations at the New York City Department of Education. She was a long-time member of the New York Law School Board of Trustees and also served on NYLS's Alumni Association Board of Directors for over two decades, including as Past President.

Ms. Grimm graduated from NYLS *cum laude* in 1980 and then earned an LL.M. (Tax) from New York University School of Law. She worked as an IRS estate tax attorney and in private practice before embarking on her long career in public service. She served five Mayors, one State Comptroller, seven City Commissioners, and four City Schools Chancellors. She was First Deputy Commissioner of the New York City Department of Finance, New York State Deputy Comptroller for the City of New York, and had been Deputy Chancellor at the NYC Department of Education for 12 years before her retirement in January 2015.

At New York Law School's 122nd Commencement Exercises in May 2014, the Law School awarded her the President's Medal in recognition of her inspiring leadership, her distinguished and dedicated service to the Law School, and her outstanding accomplishments and influence in the fields of law and education.

On February 11, 2015, the NYLS Board of Trustees established the Kathleen Grimm '80 Government Service Scholarship Fund and the Kathleen Grimm Medal for Distinguished Public Service in her honor. At the 123rd Commencement Exercises this past May, the Law School awarded the inaugural Kathleen Grimm Medal to Hon. Faviola A. Soto '78, a Judge on the New York State Court of Claims. The medal was awarded to Judge Soto in recognition of her distinguished career in public service, both as a practitioner and on the bench, and for her professionalism and leadership. Ms. Grimm's sister Barbara Grimm presented the Grimm Medal to Judge Soto during the ceremony.

The Law School community extends condolences to Kathleen Grimm's two sisters, six brothers, 10 nieces and nephews, and three grandnieces and nephews.



Eulogy for Kathleen Grimm,
Deputy Chancellor of Operations
at the New York City Department
of Education, Member of the
New York Law School
Board of Trustees, and
Graduate of the Class of 1980

Delivered by
Anthony W. Crowell
Dean and President
New York Law School
February 21, 2015

Good morning everyone. I'm Anthony Crowell, Dean and President of New York Law School.

On behalf of Kathleen's New York Law School family, including Board Chair Arthur Abbey, Board Vice Chair Jerry Crotty (who was one of Kathleen's closest friends), our other Trustees, faculty, staff, students, and alumni, I extend our profound sorrow and heartfelt condolences to the Grimm family.

What can one say on a day when Mayors and Schools Chancellors, past and present—as well as the nation's largest municipal workforce and a Law School community—all are mourning the loss of one of their very best?

Kathleen was an extraordinary person.

She served our incredible City, and Law School community, with honor and distinction.

She was a proud New Yorker, a proud New York Law School alumna, and she was universally loved.

Her influence, and the legacy she leaves, will be felt for generations.

I knew Kathleen for 14 years, first when we worked together in City government, and then when I joined the Law School, working with her in her role as one of the most prominent and active members of our Board of Trustees.

She was as powerful, brilliant, bold, and wise, as she was tender, caring, and dryly witty.

And she was as elegant, and as fearless, as they come.

Kathleen received her Juris Doctor from NYLS and then an LL.M. degree in Tax Law from NYU. In an interview with our alumni magazine, and in typical Kathleen fashion, she said she pursued tax because it "affected everything." Classic Kathleen!

In gathering reflections from the NYLS community about Kathleen, former Dean Jim Simon wrote that he taught her constitutional law in the late 1970s and that "she was exceptionally bright, self-assured without being arrogant, and thoroughly engaging on a personal as well as intellectual level."

Later, as an alumna, Kathleen enjoyed great personal satisfaction from teaching a municipal finance course to our students. As Professors Carol Buckler and Mariana Hogan expressed: "Kathleen was unstinting in sharing her expertise and wisdom. In her class, she taught her students a complicated and important area of law, and inspired them with her joy in its intricacies."

Indeed, like so many of our graduates, and for so many reasons, Kathleen was a pioneer, entering the legal profession at a time when it was male-dominated. And no matter the challenge, she did what she did best—she used her great intelligence, skill, and education to rise through the ranks, operating at an unrivaled scale and technical complexity, to become one of the most powerful and respected women in New York City government.

To be clear, Kathleen personified the qualities of hard work and creating opportunity—the core values of New York City—in everything she did.

And for us at New York Law School, she personified our spirit and values of advancing justice, fostering integrity and professionalism, and embracing innovation.

We have been so proud, and have honored many times, Kathleen's countless contributions to society, and personal achievements.

Just last year, in recognition of her incredible lifetime achievements and her tireless service to the School, we awarded her our highest honor: the President's Medal.

As I stand here today, I think of all the lessons we learned from the extraordinary life she led:

No obstacle is too big to overcome.

No question is too delicate to be asked. (You'll recall she asked a lot of very tough questions.)

Never be unprepared. (Important to remember when dealing with someone who asks very tough questions.)

Admit when you're wrong, but don't be too proud when you're right.

Always do right by the students.

And don't take things too personally, even if they are personal.

In what would be my final conversation with her last Thursday, she stressed to me how much the Law School meant to her, and she was unmistakably clear with me about *being fearless*. And this is something she also emphasized in her parting words to our Board during a conference call the day before. And if you know her, you know this makes sense.

After all:

Who knew better than Kathleen that confronting adversity was in the core job description of someone who is a leader?

Who knew better than Kathleen that to be powerful, you both had to be tenacious *and* hold yourself accountable?

Who knew better than Kathleen that any organizational problem could be solved—not only by understanding the systems and data at play, but most importantly by understanding and caring about the people who need to be led, trained, and empowered to be agents of change?

And who knew better than Kathleen that advancing justice, fostering integrity and professionalism, and being a great innovator, often requires real courage and taking real risks? That's what made her so great...and so powerful. That's why she's completely irreplaceable. And that's why we are better as a City, as educators, and as individuals because of her.

Kathleen showed unrelenting courage, determination, and unique grace and kindness in every part of her life, right up until her final day.

As Maya Angelou powerfully once said:

"I am convinced that courage is the most important of all the virtues. Because without courage, you cannot practice any other virtue consistently. You can be kind for a while; you can be generous for a while; you can be just for a while, or merciful for a while, even loving for a while. But it is only with courage that you can be persistently and insistentlly kind and generous and fair."

I can't think of a better way to describe Kathleen, and remember the extraordinary life she led.

The New York Law School community will never forget Kathleen Grimm.

And I will never forget Kathleen Grimm. Her wisdom, her kindness, her friendship, and her generous counsel were always just a short walk, phone call, or e-mail away.

I will miss her, but will continue to be guided by her lessons and be comforted in knowing that she is watching over us.

And I know the Law School community, which has seen such an outpouring of support, will continue to be guided by her inspiration as we work together to honor her memory and her service, including through the Kathleen Grimm Medal for Distinguished Public Service, which will be awarded at each Commencement going forward.

May God bless the memory of Kathleen Grimm and the many lives she touched. •

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On **October 10, 2014**, the Impact Center for Public Interest Law and the *New York Law School Law Review* presented a symposium titled “Innovations in the Fight Against Human Trafficking: Perspectives and Proposals.” The symposium addressed human trafficking in its broadest meaning, as a form of exploitation growing from economic inequalities and both domestic and global migration to seek better work and a better life, which has special risks for women and children. The symposium featured discussion of human trafficking among frontline workers from government, NGOs, philanthropies, the legal profession, and others with specialized training or experience, as well as community-oriented private businesses, all of whom share the burden of seeking solutions and implementing policies related to trafficking. Contributions of the participants were publicized through the Symposium website and will be published as a special issue of the *New York Law School Law Review*. The symposium chairs were Professors Melynda Barnhart and Frank Munger of New York Law School.



Professor Melynda Barnhart

On **October 21, 2014**, the Center for Business and Financial Law hosted a half-day conference on a new technology with a huge impact on the financial world: bitcoins. That event, “Bitcoin Law: Regulation and Transactions,” drew major press coverage for its innovative look at this new payment system. Professor Houman B. Shadab organized the event and moderated two panels, the first on “The New Landscape for Federal and State Regulation of Cryptocurrencies,” and the second on “Trading and Decentralized Ledger Transactions.” Speakers included: Emily H. Goodman Binick, Vice President and Senior Counsel, Enterprise Growth Group, American Express Company; Miles Cowan ’07, CEO, Tillit Inc.; Adam Krellenstein, Founder, Counterparty; Jaron Lukasiewicz, CEO, Coinsetter; Marco Santori, Nesenoff & Miltenberg LLP; Brian Stoeckert ’04, Managing Director and Chief Strategy Officer, CoinComply; Sam Yilmaz, Managing Partner, Decentralized Applications Fund; and Jonathan Silverman, Director of Strategic Initiatives, BitGo Inc.



Jonathan Silverman, Sam Yilmaz, and Professor Houman B. Shadab

On **November 14-16, 2014**, New York Law School hosted a groundbreaking three-day symposium titled “Twenty Years of South African Constitutionalism: Constitutional Rights, Judicial Independence, and the Transition to Democracy.” The symposium, which drew a global audience, explored the question of law’s capacity to contribute to building an egalitarian, free society in South Africa—and by implication elsewhere. Speakers included Professor Stephen J. Ellmann, who was the principal organizer of the event; Penelope “Penny” Andrews, then Dean of Albany Law School; the Honorable Patrick Gaspard, U.S. Ambassador to South Africa; and Franklin Thomas, former President of the Ford Foundation. Funding came from the Ford Foundation and National Science Foundation. Co-sponsors were the *New York Law School Law Review*, the Impact Center for Public Interest Law’s South Africa and the Rule of Law Project, the Center for International Law, and the South Africa Reading Group. The symposium included a total of 46 sessions and roughly 200 participants.



Franklin Thomas and Professor Stephen J. Ellmann at the opening reception

On **December 3, 2014**, the Law School hosted a luncheon reception celebrating the service and contributions of nine distinguished professors as they became emeritus members of the faculty. Eight of the honorees, standing with Dean Anthony W. Crowell (left) in the photo to the right, are (left to right) Lawrence M. Grosberg, Stephen A. Newman, Carlin Meyer, Randolph N. Jonakait, Jethro K. Lieberman, Aleta G. Estreicher, Michael Botein, and Michael L. Perlin. The ninth honoree, James Brook, is not pictured. In attendance were administration, faculty, staff, and family members. Dean Crowell and then Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Deborah Archer offered welcoming remarks, and then each honoree, introduced by another member of the faculty, presented a brief talk.

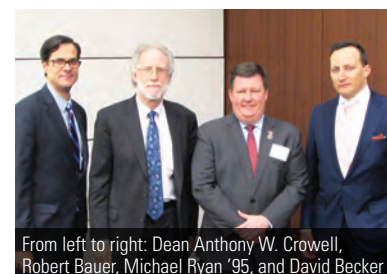


On **December 5, 2014**, the Impact Center for Public Interest Law hosted a day-long forum, “Housing Justice: A Public Forum on New Yorkers’ Right to Counsel in Eviction Proceedings.” The forum arose as a result of the fact that the New York City Council was considering legislation that would make New York City the first place in the United States to establish a right to counsel in eviction proceedings. Dean Anthony W. Crowell and Distinguished Adjunct Professor Andrew Scherer, Policy Director of the Impact Center, made opening remarks, as did the Honorable Jonathan Lippman, Chief Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals. Also presenting opening remarks were Commissioner Vicki Been, Department of Housing Preservation and Development, NYC; Commissioner Steven Banks, Human Resources Association, NYC; and Susanna Blankley, Director of Housing Organizing, Community Action for Safe Apartments. There followed a Bar Leaders Panel; a Community Voices Panel; a Panel of Experts on Housing, Homelessness, and Social Services; a Panel of Experts on the Administration of Justice; and a Panel of Experts on National and International Experience.



Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman presents opening remarks.

On **January 26, 2015**, the Center for New York City Law, the Institute for Information Law and Policy, and the Impact Center for Public Interest Law presented a panel discussion titled “Election Reform in the Digital Age: One Year After the Presidential Commission on Election Administration.” Dean Crowell moderated the discussion, featuring Robert Bauer, Partner at Perkins Coie LLP, former Co-Chair of the Presidential Commission on Election Administration, and former White House Counsel to President Obama; David Becker, Director of Election Initiatives at the Pew Charitable Trusts; and Michael Ryan ’95, Executive Director of the NYC Board of Elections. The event was sponsored by Davidoff Hutter & Citron, LLP.



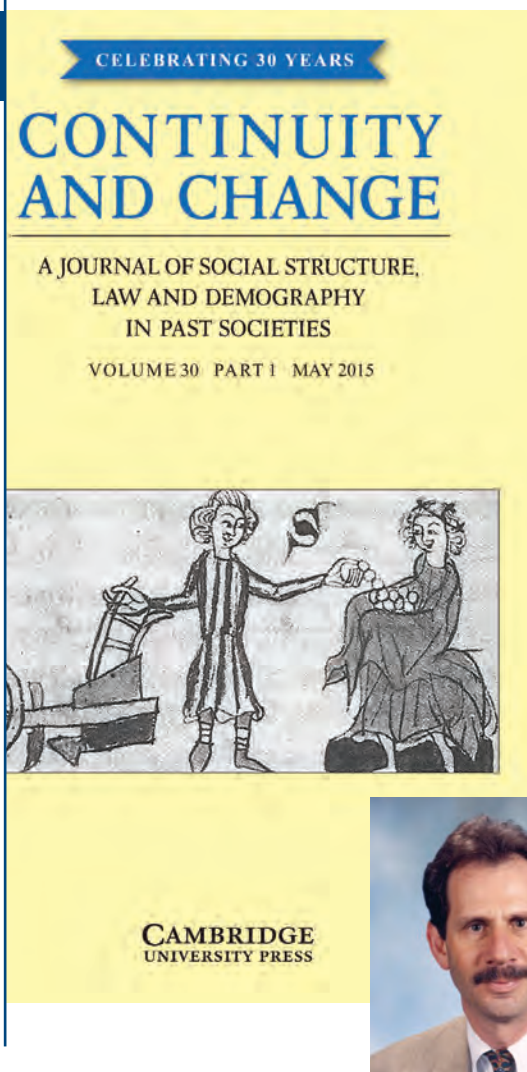
From left to right: Dean Anthony W. Crowell, Robert Bauer, Michael Ryan ’95, and David Becker

Thirty Years of *Continuity and Change*

Lloyd Bonfield Reflects on a Journal's Milestone

By Ruth Singleton

Continuity and Change: A journal of social structure, law and demography in past societies, co-founded by NYLS Professor Lloyd Bonfield, is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. To commemorate this achievement, Professor Bonfield wrote an article for the anniversary issue of the journal, entitled “Reflections on thirty years of *Continuity and Change*.” *New York Law School Magazine* asked Professor Bonfield to answer a few questions about the journal's 30-year history.



First, congratulations on this milestone. What was the impetus for starting up *Continuity and Change*?

The creation of academic journals seems to be in my blood. The story of my involvement in *Continuity and Change* is both personal and professional. During the period of my fellowship at Trinity College, Cambridge, I became associated with the Cambridge Group for the History of Population and Social Structure, through my academic mentor, Peter Laslett. After moving back to the United States to teach at Cornell Law School, I founded *Law and History Review* with a Cornell colleague, Russell Osgood. When I left Cornell, three years later, I decided that I wanted to continue my association with the “Group.”

Before then, the Group's research was disseminated through collective volumes. My colleague and friend at the Group, Richard Wall, and I persuaded the Press that a journal, as the masthead relates, “whose agenda or methodology combines elements from traditional fields such as history, sociology, law, demography, economics or anthropology or ranged freely between them” was a necessary component in their array of journals.

How did you decide on the title, and how do you think it has influenced the articles that have run in it over the years?

Little is in a name. What has really influenced the progress of the journal is

its mission, much debated at its inception, which appears on the masthead: “This new journal (now not so new) *Continuity and Change* aims to define an area.... Emphasis will be upon studies whose agenda or methodology combines elements from traditional fields such as history, sociology, law, demography, economics or anthropology or ranges freely between them.” We were also fortunate in that a new generation of scholars in Europe and America flocked to the Cambridge Group and were committed to interdisciplinary history. The journal has helped forge connections between scholars by providing a forum.

I see that the journal is published in England by Cambridge

University Press. Can you reflect on any differences between academic journal publishing in the United Kingdom and in the United States?

To some extent, though some might disagree, the Cambridge University Press can no longer be considered British, at least with respect to journal publication. It publishes a number of journals that are edited in the United States such as *Law and History Review*, the *Journal of British History*, and *Social Science History*. Unlike American law reviews published by law schools, which are generally under the control of law students, its journals are faculty edited and peer reviewed. In my reverie in the anniversary issue, “Reflections on thirty years of *Continuity and Change*,” I noted that the professionals at the Press imposed “exacting editorial standards.”

Do you recall the earliest period of history reported on in the journal, as well as the most recent?

Articles have spanned recorded history, and range widely geographically. The journal has published articles on the demography of the Roman Empire, largely ascertained from the use of burial monuments, to sex crimes in the Ottoman Empire, to disputes over marriage, paternity, and divorce in Algeria in the period after 1960.

Can you single out two or three articles over the journal’s history that strike you as groundbreaking in their scholarship or otherwise extraordinary?

The editors did choose 10 influential articles over the 30 years, but since one of mine was included, I must express

reservations about their judgment. Each article published is unique. It is the result of considerable (and often painstaking and painful) primary research, frequently archival, the assimilation of the existing historiography, and the framing of an argument. Each makes a significant contribution to our knowledge of a given field.

Over the course of the journal’s life, has the balance of emphasis in the articles shifted among social structure, law, and demography?

In my reverie in the anniversary issue, “Reflections on thirty years of *Continuity and Change*,” I categorize the articles in the first and last five years, and compare the subject matter that each article addressed over those years. I am happy to say the interdisciplinary cast that we strove for at the journal’s inception continues to be realized. Legal history continues to be well-represented.

What goes into creating and growing a successful journal?

For *Continuity and Change*, it was, as Churchill borrowed from Teddy Roosevelt, “blood, toil, sweat and tears.” Both Richard and myself had significant teaching responsibilities and research agendas. Reading dozens of articles submitted, sending the ones we felt worthy out for review, collating the responses, and editing the text took ghastly amounts of time. Fortunately, we were blessed with colleagues who shared that burden. I always told my colleagues nobody would undertake the burdens if they did not regard the enterprise in some perverse way as “fun.” All of us privileged to edit the journal were provided with a justification and an obligation to delve into topics far removed from our core intellectual

interests. This liberty, I believe, has expanded our intellectual horizons and has had a salutary effect upon the quality of our own research.

How has technology changed the operations of *Continuity and Change*?

For editors, it has made the process of commenting and rephrasing articles much easier. It also speeds the production process after it leaves the hands of the editors and eventually becomes a bound volume.

Where do you see academic publishing going in the next 30 years?

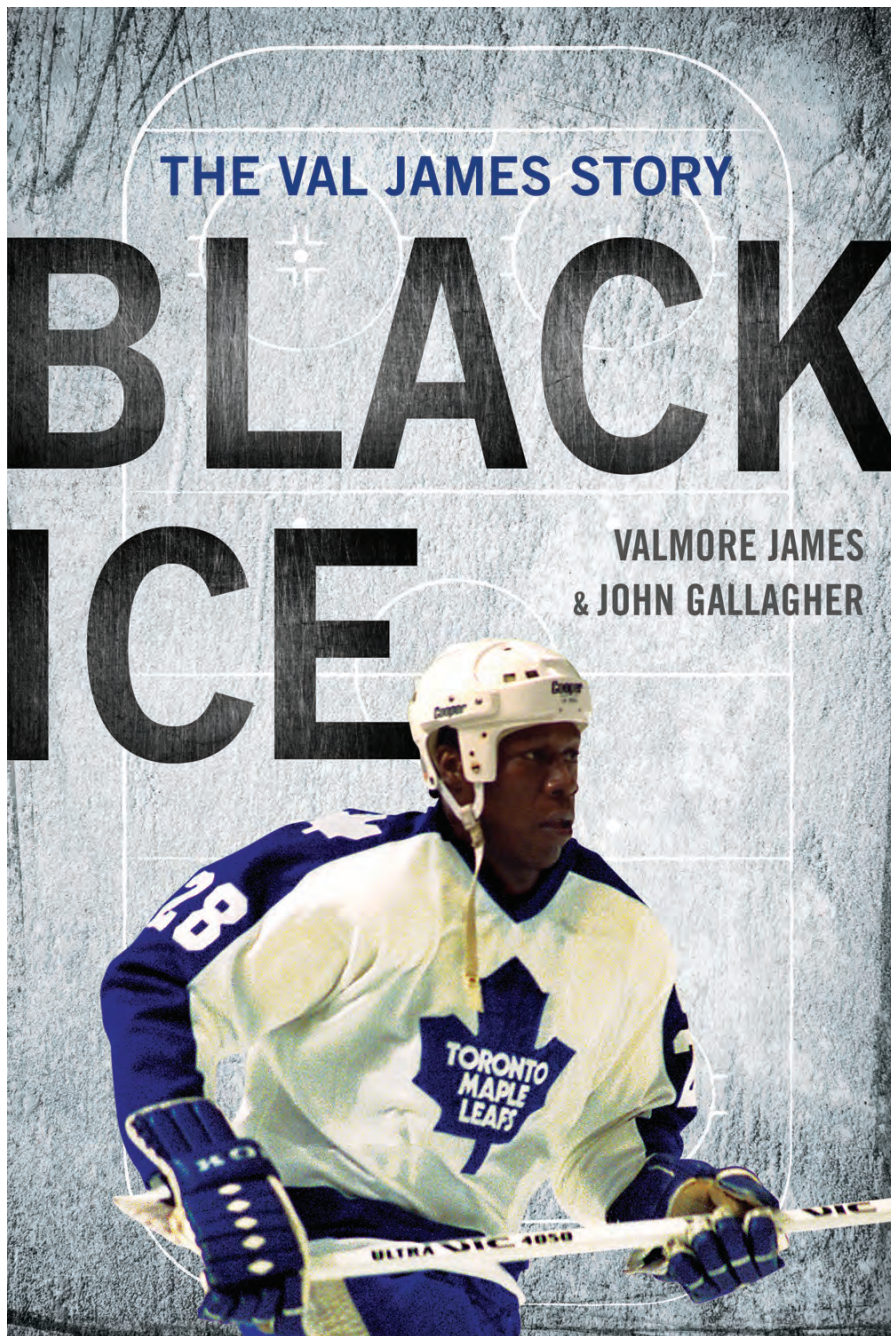
With academic budgets under pressure, one cannot be optimistic. Many of the articles printed in the journal began their life as a conference paper. Participation in conferences has declined as faculty research budgets have been eroded by design or inflation. But *Continuity and Change* was established in the mid-’80s, a period of significant decline in the funding of higher education. Bound copies of journals may disappear. Most articles are now read online or downloaded from the journal’s website.

Is there anything else you want to say about reaching this milestone?

As my own participation in the everyday running of the journal wanes, it is gratifying to see that a new generation of editors is committed to the intellectual mission. I am pleased that the journal’s future is in the hands of a prominent group of excellent scholars. My sense of happiness in this accomplishment, however, is tempered by sadness that my co-founding editor, Richard Wall, is not here to share the glory. •

John Gallagher '94 Collaborates on the Autobiography of Valmore James, a Pioneering Hockey Player

By Ruth Singleton



Valmore James became the first American-born black player in the National Hockey League in 1982, playing for the Buffalo Sabres and the Toronto Maple Leafs. He and John Gallagher '94 are co-authors of *Black Ice: The Val James Story*, James' autobiography, published by ECW Press of Toronto. The book recounts Val James' years in hockey, from learning how to skate at the rink his father managed on Long Island during the 1960s to his time in youth hockey, the minor leagues, and the NHL. During his short stint in the NHL, James regularly encountered racial slurs and threats of violence from both players and fans, and much of the book focuses on how he dealt with these incidents. John Gallagher answered a Q&A about his own career and his experience collaborating with Val James on his autobiography.



Valmore James with John Gallagher '94

You currently work as a federal prosecutor in Philadelphia. What kind of cases do you prosecute?

Over the years, my cases have largely focused on violent gangs and organizations, but I have also prosecuted my share of other crimes including official corruption, civil rights violations, and various white-collar frauds.

How did you come to write a book about hockey? And specifically, the story of Val James?

For years, I was a volunteer coach in the Ice Hockey in Harlem program. While spending time teaching hockey to the kids in that community, I became curious about the experience of the relatively few black hockey players who had made it to the pinnacle of the sport. Val James was a fellow New Yorker who I had rooted for as a kid, so he was someone I wanted to learn more about.

What was your process for working with Val James on his autobiography?

I tracked down Val in Canada, where he had settled after retiring from hockey almost 30 years ago. He is a very private person, but we became fast friends. Val felt that it was time to tell his story. We spoke each weekend by telephone, and I followed up with other interviews in the evenings. His memory is outstanding, and he tells a great story.

Has being an attorney helped you in the writing process? If so, how?

A prosecutor is frequently called upon to investigate and corroborate facts. These same skills came to good use in the writing of this book. Witnesses had to be located. Recollections had to be recorded. Memories had to be tested and double-checked. That's all in a day's work for a prosecutor.

Did your education at NYLS help you become a better writer? If so, were there professors who were particularly influential?

On the technical side, I am grateful to Professor B.J. George, who was my faculty advisor and who walked me through the nuts and bolts of my NYLS research thesis. I also learned from Professor Robert Blecker

how an enthusiastic and compelling telling of the facts can go a long way to supporting a particular legal argument.

Inevitably, a main focus of the book is the ugly, racist behavior of other players and fans. Val James says in the book, "When I started skating, I set out to be a hockey player, not a black hockey player. However, the two concepts quickly became intertwined. And not by choice. From early on, there were some people who were determined to prove that being black and being a hockey player were mutually exclusive. And I was just as determined to prove them wrong, by any means necessary." When you spoke to him about the book, were you surprised to hear about how in the late '70s and early '80s, more than three decades after Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in baseball, racism was so rampant?

I was surprised both by the regularity and the recency of the abuse to which Val was subjected. I suspected that a black man trying to break into a traditionally white sport had a tough time of it, but the slurs and the taunting were almost a daily occurrence on the road. Sadly, this isn't as far back in the history books as might be expected. It took a very strong person to endure and succeed the way Val James did.

And now it's more than three decades after Val James joined the NHL, yet racist behavior persists in the sport. The book mentions that someone in the stands threw a banana at Wayne Simmonds of the Philadelphia Flyers as recently as 2011. Despite incidents like that, has the NHL become a more welcoming place for black players in the past 30 years?

We still hear about incidents from time to time, but they are far fewer nowadays and they are universally condemned when they do occur. That is a big change from Val's time. One reason hockey has been inaccessible to some communities is based on economics; ice hockey is an expensive sport.

For many kids, the lack of black players also meant a lack of potential hockey heroes

It is a good lesson about a young man who overcame tremendous obstacles to achieve a dream he was told was impossible. Val's courage and resilience are inspiring.



who looked like them. That is changing. The NHL has established a diversity office that is actively growing the sport in the inner city. Professional teams are supporting youth teams around the country. An enormous, privately-funded project is under way, which will put the world's biggest ice hockey complex in the heart of the Bronx. It is a changing landscape since Val's time.

What lessons, if any, have you taken away from working on the book and with Val James?

It is a good lesson about a young man who overcame tremendous obstacles to achieve a dream he was told was impossible. Val's courage and resilience are inspiring.

Val's capacity to forgive is remarkable. The abuse he endured stayed with him for many years. He couldn't watch a hockey game without reliving these ugly episodes. He loved the sport and he endured so much to play it, and then he consciously avoided it for years because of the pain that was part of his hockey experience. He forgets nothing but he forgives all.

The book was published in early February. What kind of press attention have you received so far?

The press coverage has been terrific. It certainly didn't hurt that, the day after the book was released, *The New York Times* did a positive feature on Val. That was followed by interviews and stories on NPR, BBC, ESPN, MSNBC, among many others.

Are you still a hockey fan? If so, what is your favorite hockey team?

Let's go, Rangers! •

Professor Richard K. Sherwin and Professor Nadine Strossen Appointed to Named Professorships



Professor Richard K. Sherwin



Professor Nadine Strossen

In November 2014, Richard K. Sherwin, a pioneer in legal storytelling and visual communication, was appointed as the Wallace Stevens Professor of Law. The professorship honors the memory of Stevens, one of NYLS's most accomplished graduates (Class of 1903), who was both a successful full-time attorney and a Pulitzer Prize-winning poet.

Sherwin's commitment to a pedagogy that integrates legal theory and practice has been both a touchstone of his career at NYLS, which began in 1988, and an example of the innovative methods and curriculum that flourish at the Law School. He has gained international recognition for his path-breaking work exploring the interrelationship between law and culture. In his pioneering book, *When Law Goes Pop: The Vanishing Line between Law and Popular Culture* (2000), Professor Sherwin describes the various ways in which lawyers and judges use familiar narratives, metaphors, and visual images in everyday legal practice. In 2013, Professor Sherwin received a Fulbright award and served as the Fulbright Canada Visiting Research Chair in Law and Literature at McGill University, where he was in residence during the spring 2014 semester. In 2014, he received a Humanities Research Centre Fellowship and served as Visiting Research Fellow at Australia National University.

In December 2014, Nadine Strossen, who was the first woman to head the American Civil Liberties Union, was appointed as the John Marshall Harlan II Professor of Law. The professorship honors the memory of NYLS alumnus John Marshall Harlan II (Class of 1924), who served as an associate justice on the U.S. Supreme Court for 16 years during the mid-twentieth century (1955-1971).

Professor Strossen has written, lectured, and practiced extensively in the areas of constitutional law, civil liberties, and international human rights for four decades. From 1991 through 2008, she served as president of the ACLU, the nation's largest and oldest civil liberties organization. She also has held other leadership positions in human rights organizations, including serving on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of Human Rights Watch. Currently, she is a member of the ACLU's National Advisory Council, and was recently unanimously elected to the Board of EPIC, the Electronic Privacy Information Center. She joined NYLS as a professor in 1988. More than 300 published works of Professor Strossen's have appeared in scholarly journals and general interest outlets. Her book, *Defending Pornography: Free Speech, Sex, and the Fight for Women's Rights* (Scribner, 1995), was named by *The New York Times* as a "Notable Book" of 1995.

Kris Franklin Awarded Tenure

In February 2015, Kris Franklin was awarded tenure. The vote of the Board of Trustees moved her from the position of Professor of Law with a Long-Term Contract to Professor of Law with Tenure. Professor Franklin is Director of the Academic Skills Program.

An academic nonconformist, Professor Franklin brings a talent for creative and unconventional thinking to her teaching and to her leadership of NYLS's Initiative for Excellence in Law Teaching. Professor

Franklin is an expert in legal pedagogy and experiential learning in law school, and a national leader in the field of academic preparedness. She is frequently asked to speak and lead workshops for other law faculty, and has served as a Board Member of the Association of American Law Schools' Section on Teaching Methods and President of the AALS Section on Academic Support. She is the founder of the New York Academic Support Workshop, and a founding Board member of the Association of Academic Support Educators. •

faculty appointments

The following items represent a sampling of the recent activities of our full-time faculty.

FULL-TIME FACULTY ACTIVITIES

Compiled by Ryan Last

Susan J. Abraham



Media References and Appearances

I Am Baffled and at a Loss, CITY LAB (December 2014).

Alan I. Appel '76



Presentations

Participated as a panelist at the Fifth Annual Town Hall Meeting at the New York City Bar on issues concerning the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act, New York (January 2015).

Publications

The Government Strikes Back—New IRS Notice Strengthens Anti-Inversion Rules, 28 JOURNAL OF TAXATION AND REGULATIONS OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS No. 3 Page 19 (Civic Research Institute) (January/February 2015).

Media References and Appearances

Video interview by Mimesis Productions, Lee Pacchia '06's production

company: IRS Funding Gap Strains Government Coffers (March 2015).

Video interview by Mimesis Productions: Corporate Inversions Could Mean Big Tax Bills for Shareholders (November 2014).

Deborah N. Archer



Awards and Recognition

Received the Haywood Burns-Shanara Gilbert Award at the Northeastern People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference (November 2014).

Appointments

Appointed to the Association of American Law Schools' Minority Section Executive Committee (December 2014).

Appointed by Mayor Bill de Blasio to the Civilian Complaint Review Board (October 2014).

Elected to the Executive Committee of the Board of the New York Civil Liberties Union (September 2014).

Presentations

Participated on a panel, "Getting the Most Out of Law School: Student and Administration Integration," at the American Bar Association Student Division

Leadership Summit, Washington, D.C. (October 2014).

Richard C.E. Beck



Media References and Appearances

2014 Tax Fairness Survey, WALLET HUB (June 2014).

Americans Want Fair Taxes—Even If It is Bad for the Economy, DESERET NEWS NATIONAL (June 2014).

Tamara C. Belinfanti



Presentations

Presented paper, "Social Intrapreneurs and the Theory of the Firm," at the Law and Society Association's Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota (June 2014).

Publications

Corporate Perception or Corporate Reality, BUSINESS LAW PROF BLOG (September 2014).

Preparing for Impact, HUFFINGTON POST (July 2014).

I Am So Happy...But Is There Room for Happiness

in Corporate Law?, BUSINESS LAW PROF BLOG (June 2014).

Lenni B. Benson



Awards and Recognition

Honored with a Lawyers Who Lead by Example Award, presented by the NEW YORK LAW JOURNAL—the only law professor to be honored (September 2014).

Presentations

Presented a series of speeches, CLE programs, and training sessions on immigration law, including for the Annual Immigration Institute of the Practising Law Institute, Suffolk Family Court, Broward County Women Lawyers' Association, City Council staff, Asylum for Children of Catholic Charities, justice AmeriCorps, and at the law firms BakerHostetler, Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP, Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen and Loewy LLP, and Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP (Fall 2014).

Publications

We Must Honor the Rule of Law for Desperate Children at the U.S. Border, THE HUFFINGTON POST (July 2014).

Media References and Appearances

Received widespread press coverage, in connection with the Safe Passage Project, in the Associated Press, BLOOMBERG NEWS, the NEW YORK LAW JOURNAL, THE NEW YORK TIMES, THE NATION, the NEW YORK DAILY NEWS, LAWDRAGON CAMPUS, JD SUPRA, and REUTERS. Also appeared on major news outlets, including PBS, CBS New York, Univision, CUNY Television, NBC News, and PRI (Fall 2014).

Testimonies and Legal Consultations

Met with staff of the New York State Assembly on the needs of migrant youth (December 2014). Selected by the Department of Justice to participate in the training of the first class of Justice Americorps fellows in Washington, D.C. (December 2014). Addressed a White House briefing in Washington, D.C., to discuss how to face the legal needs of unaccompanied alien children (August 2014).

Robert Blecker



Presentations

Engaged in a one-on-one 90-minute public dialogue at Tufts University on the

proper role of retribution in criminal justice, Medford, Massachusetts (November 2014).

Gave a solo three-hour presentation to 200 Kansas prosecutors at the annual meeting of the Kansas District Attorneys' Association (October 2014).

Publications

5 Ways to Improve the U.S. Death Penalty, CNN (July 2014).

Media References and Appearances

Quoted about the death penalty in a wide range of media outlets, including Agence France-Presse, THE BOSTON GLOBE, THE ATLANTIC, HARVARD POLITICS, CNN, NPR, BBC Mundo, WBUR's HERE & NOW, and Ria Novosti (June 2014-January 2015).

Video interview by Mimesis Productions, Lee Pacchia '06's production company, on the topics "GM Recalls Show Need for Harsher Penalties for 'Red Collar' Criminals and 'Did Barry Bonds Really Obstruct Justice With An Unresponsive Statement?'" (July 2014, January 2015).

Lloyd Bonfield



Publications

Reflections on thirty years of *Continuity and Change*, CONTINUITY AND CHANGE 30 (1), 1-5 (2015).

Michael Botein



Presentations

Gave a briefing to the Senate Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights on the regulatory and competitive issues implicated in the proposed AT&T/DirecTV merger, Washington, D.C. (June 2014).

Gave a lecture for the continuing education program of the South Orange, New Jersey, Library titled "Economic Disruption in the Balkan Energy Industry: Ukraine Moves to Western European Markets" (June 2014).

Publications

Network Neutrality: White House and FCC in Uncommon Squabble Over Carriage, LAW.COM (November 2014)

AT&T DirecTV Proposed Merger Raises Questions, LAW.COM (June 2014).

Media References and Appearances

Will the FCC Vacate State Broadband Restrictions?, GOVERNMENT TECHNOLOGY (September 2014).

Heidi K. Brown



Awards and Recognition

Selected by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and the Institute of International Education's Council for International Exchange of Scholars for the Fulbright Specialist Roster, rendering her eligible for two international teaching grants in the next five years through the J. William Fulbright Scholars Program (August 2014).

Presentations

Gave a presentation titled "Empowering Millennial and Generation Z Students to Overcome Extreme Public Speaking Anxiety in the Socratic law School Classroom" at the Fourth Colonial Frontier Legal Writing Conference hosted by the Duquesne University School of Law, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (December 2014).

Presented at Stanford Law School on the topic of "Empowering Law Students to Develop Their Lawyer Persona Through a Community-based Transactional Teaching Module," Stanford, California (September 2014).

Publications

Empowering Law Students to Overcome Extreme Public Speaking Anxiety: Why 'Just Be It' Works and 'Just Do It' Doesn't, DUQUESNE LAW REVIEW (December 2014).

The Emotionally Intelligent Law Professor: A Lesson from the Breakfast Club, UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK LAW REVIEW (November 2014).

Kirk D. Burkhalter '04



Media References and Appearances

CS Keys Show, WS RADIO (August 2014).

Lung-chu Chen



Publications

AN INTRODUCTION TO CONTEMPORARY INTERNATIONAL LAW: A POLICY-ORIENTED PERSPECTIVE (Oxford University Press, Third Edition, January 2015).

Richard Chused



Publications

The Legal Culture of Appropriation Art: The Future of Copyright in the Remix Age, TULANE JOURNAL

OF TECHNOLOGY AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (December 2014).

Anthony W. Crowell



Presentations

Panelist, "New Lawyers in a Changing Profession," Conference of the Northeast Association of Pre-Law Advisors, New York Law School (June 2015).

Panelist, "Experiential Learning Outside the Curriculum: The Dean's Perspective" Institute for Law Teaching and Learning, Gonzaga University School of Law, Spokane, Washington (June 2015).

Spoke at the American Bar Association's Second Circuit Spring Meeting: offered introductory remarks to the audience and moderated a panel on leadership traits of successful law students and lawyers, New York Law School (February 2015).

Participated in the Association of American Law Schools' Dean's Only Program entitled "Thriving as a Dean in Today's World," Washington, D.C. (January 2015).

Interviewed NYLS Trustee and author Jim Zirin about his new book, THE MOTHER COURT: TALES OF CASES THAT MATTERED IN AMERICA'S GREATEST TRIAL COURT, Brooklyn Public Library, Brooklyn, New York (October 2014).

Media References and Appearances

Ronald Cohen, 47, Dies of Brain Cancer; Helped Lead Post-9/11 Rescue and Recovery Efforts, *STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE* (November 2014).

De Blasio Appoints 16 to Mayor's Advisory Committee on the Judiciary, *BROOKLYN DAILY EAGLE* (July 2014).

Courts, Law Schools Gear Up for Pro Bono Scholar Program, *NEW YORK LAW JOURNAL* (July 2014).

Featured in the Summer 2014 issue of *MANDARIN QUARTERLY* (June 2014).

Stephen J. Ellmann



Presentations

Served as the principal organizer of the workshop on "Twenty Years of South African Constitutionalism: Constitutional Rights, Judicial Independence, and the Transition to Democracy," at New York Law School. The three-day workshop brought together close to 200 presenters and commentators from South Africa, the United States, and elsewhere for wide-ranging discussions in approximately 45 separate sessions, and will result in two issues of next year's *New York Law School Law Review* (November 2014).

Continued to lead scholarly workshops, chairing the Clinical Theory Workshop, which

met three times in fall 2014, co-chairing the South Africa Reading Group, which also met three times that semester, and also serving as a co-organizer of the NYLS Pedagogy Discussion Group (Fall 2014).

Panelist, plenary session titled "Nelson Mandela, Law and the Quest for Equality" at the Law and Society Association's Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota (June 2014).

Participated in the National Symposium on Experimental Education in Law at Elon University. Served on the Alliance for Experimental Learning in Law Steering Committee and as the moderator of two plenary sessions: one discussing cost and sustainability, and the other discussing approaches from other disciplines, such as medicine, business, technology, and design, Elon, North Carolina (June 2014).

Service

Participated, along with Dean Crowell and others, in the work of the New York State Law School Veterans' Consortium, prepared a "Toolkit for Veterans Programs" as part of that effort, and helped organize the Veterans Justice Clinic, in which NYLS students will work on veterans' issues at Legal Services NYC under the supervision of Legal Services attorneys who are now members of NYLS's adjunct faculty (Fall 2014).

Stacy-Ann Elvy



Presentations

Presented her article, "A Post-Colonial Theory of Spousal Rape: The Caribbean and Beyond," at CUNY School of Law, Long Island City, New York (November 2014).

Presented her article, "A Post-Colonial Theory of Spousal Rape: The Caribbean and Beyond," at Tulane Law School, New Orleans, Louisiana (November 2014).

Presented paper, "Post-Colonial State Compliance with International Law: A Case Study of the Sexual Offences Statutes of Commonwealth Caribbean States," at the Law and Society Association's Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota (June 2014).

Ronald H. Filler



Presentations

Spoke at a series of Member Training Programs sponsored by the National Futures Association, the self-regulatory organization for the futures and derivatives industry, the Executive Committee of which he was elected to serve as

the Public Representative (September, October, November 2014).

Was the keynote speaker at two programs sponsored by the Asia Pacific Economic Commission (APEC) (August, November 2014).

Was the keynote speaker at a program sponsored by FX World in Istanbul, Turkey (September 2014).

Led a discussion at a "Careers in Financial Services Compliance" panel as part of the New York City Bar Association's summer series on hot practice areas, New York (July 2014).

Media References and Appearances

Featured in *PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS* with Brian Barnhart, discussing the stock market and financial services law (June 2014).

Kris Franklin



Appointments

Elected to a second term as a board member for the National Association of Academic Support Educators (June 2014).

Presentations

Gave the inaugural talk, focusing on experiential learning and inverter teaching in the Socratic classroom, at Seton Hall Law School's new pedagogy presentation series, Newark, New Jersey (September 2014).

Taught a two-day law school preparation seminar for Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO) law schools, New York Law School (August 2014).

Publications

STRATEGIES AND TECHNIQUES FOR TEACHING ACADEMIC SUCCESS CLASSES, part of the Wolters Kluwer "Strategies and Techniques" law teaching series (Aspen Publishing, December 2014).

Empathy Imperiled: Capitalism, Culture and the Brain by Gary Olson, *RADICAL TEACHER* (Spring 2014).

Doni Gewirtzman



Presentations

Presented a lecture at the Igniting Law Teaching Conference at American University Washington College of Law entitled, "Teaching and Theater: The Craft of Law Teaching," Washington, D.C. (October 2014).

Participated in NYLS's Second Annual Supreme Court Review Luncheon, New York Law School (October 2014).

Anne Goldstein



Appointments

Selected to serve on the organizing committee for the Empire State Legal Writing Conference (December 2014).

Presentations

Presented as part of a panel on “Integrating Experiential Learning throughout the Curriculum” at Indiana Tech Law School’s “Symposium on the Future of the Legal Profession and Legal Education.” The title of her talk was “Experiencing the Client in the First Year,” Fort Wayne, Indiana (November 2014).

Jeffrey J. Haas



Presentations

Spoke on a panel addressing fund director compensation held at the 21 Club and sponsored by BoardIQ, New York (October 2014).

Spoke at the Conference of Fund Leaders Roundtable held at Columbia University and sponsored by the Mutual Fund Directors Forum, New York (October 2014).

Publications

CORPORATE FINANCE (West Academic Publishing, August 2014).

Kim Hawkins



Presentations

Co-presented “Incorporating Social Justice Themes into the 1L Writing Curriculum” at the Society of American Law Teachers Teaching Conference, “Legal Education in a Time of Change: Challenges and Opportunities,” held at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas, Boyd School of Law (October 2014).

Presented at Stanford Law School on the topic of “Empowering Law Students to Develop Their Lawyer Persona Through a Community-based Transactional Teaching Module,” Stanford, California (September 2014).

Conducted an afternoon training workshop for the lawyering faculty at New York University School of Law, New York (June 2014).

Mariana Hogan



Presentations

Taught an intensive Trial Advocacy Program for

attorneys at Hogan Lovells and Covington & Burling and led a workshop on effective motion argument at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP. Also taught a workshop on Fact Investigation at Hogan Lovells, New York (October, December 2014, January 2015).

Delivered a presentation on Trial Advocacy Skills for attorneys at Allstate Insurance’s headquarters in Northbrook, Illinois (October 2014).

Taught Trial Skills to attorneys at Mental Hygiene Legal Services in New York City and participated as faculty at the New York City Corporation Counsel Intensive Trial Advocacy Program (July 2014).

Presented on the Differences between Opening Statement and Closing Argument and demonstrated Effective Jury Speeches at the National Institute for Trial Advocacy Western Regional Trial Program in San Francisco (June 2014).

Media References and Appearances

Hogan: Summer Associate Programs are “Extended Interviews,” JD SUPRA (June 2014).

Gerald Korngold



Publications

Conservation Easements and the Development of New Energies: Fracking,

Wind Turbines, and Solar Collection, 3 LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY JOURNAL OF ENERGY LAW AND RESOURCES 101 (2014).

French & Korngold, CASES AND TEXT ON PROPERTY, Aspen Casebook Series (Wolters Kluwer, 6th edition, December 2014).

Korngold & Goldstein, REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS: CASES AND MATERIALS ON LAND TRANSFER, DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCE (Foundation Press, 6th edition, October 2014).

William P. LaPiana



Presentations

Made a CLE presentation for the legal staff of the New York County Surrogate’s Court on “Tax-Driven Trusts” and discussed the use of trusts as a part of many different tax-saving strategies, New York (November 2014).

Spoke to the Surrogate’s Court Committee of the New York County Lawyers’ Association on the current state of undue influence litigation in New York and on the efforts to amend the revocation-on-divorce statute to deal with the Fourth Department’s opinion in *Matter of Lewis*, New York (October 2014).

Publications

New Fiduciary Decisions, ESTATE PLANNING (November 2014).

Media References and Appearances

Estates’ Law Aims to Protect Rights of ‘Genetic Child,’ NEW YORK LAW JOURNAL (December 2014).

Mentioned in several WILLS, TRUSTS & ESTATES PROF BLOG posts including “Valid Will May Revoke Inter Vivos Trust” (June, August 2014).

Arthur S. Leonard



Presentations

Participated in a panel and prepared the course materials for LGBT Law 2014 Year in Review, a CLE program co-sponsored by the LGBT Bar Association of Greater New York and the David Polk LGBT Affinity Group, and held at Davis Polk’s midtown offices, New York (January 2015).

Participated in a CLE program at the Cornell Industrial and Labor Relations School Extension Division that examined the Supreme Court’s *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby* decision, Ithaca, New York (October 2014).

Publications

As contributing writer, published many articles in GAY CITY NEWS (Fall 2014).

Media References and Appearances

Law Professor: National Same-Sex Marriage

'Overwhelmingly Probable' Next Year, HUFFINGTON POST (December 2014).

Participated in monthly Lesbian/Gay Law Notes Podcast, PODBEAN (Fall 2014).

Jethro K. Lieberman

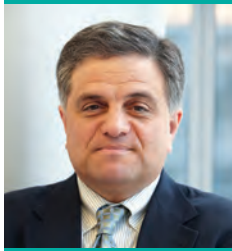


Publications

Second Series, A PRACTICAL COMPANION TO THE CONSTITUTION: THE CUMULATIVE SUPPLEMENT 2008-2014, (Dialogue Press, January 2015).

Entries on "Constitutionalism" and "Constitutional Law, United States," for THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF POLITICAL THOUGHT (John Wiley & Sons, December 2014).

Richard D. Marsico



Appointments

Appointed as an Impartial Hearing Officer by the New York State Education Department and will hear special education cases in New York City (January 2015).

Howard S. Meyers



Media References and Appearances

The Accidental Debt That Wouldn't Die, WALL STREET JOURNAL (January 2015).

Frank W. Munger



Publications

Trafficking in Law: Cause Lawyer, Bureaucratic State and the Rights of Human Trafficking Victims in Thailand, 39 ASIAN STUDIES REVIEW 69 (2015).

Revolution Imagined: Cause Advocacy, Consumer Rights, and the Evolving Role of NGOs in Thailand, 9 ASIAN JOURNAL OF COMPARATIVE LAW 29 (2014).

Presentations

Lead organizer of a symposium on the role of lawyers using law for social change in developing Asian societies. His co-authored article, "Mobilizing Law for Justice in Asia" appeared in a special issue of the WISCONSIN INTERNATIONAL LAW REVIEW, which published papers from the symposium. The article was posted on SSRN and

was among the top 10 downloads in international law for most of 2014.

Presented a new manuscript, "The Cause Lawyer's Cause After Military Coups in 21st Century Thailand," to workshops at the Mid-Atlantic Law and Society Association at Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and at the Center for Socio-Legal Studies, National University of Singapore. It is currently under review by Cambridge University Press (October, December 2014).

Was co-organizer of a NYLS Law Review Symposium on Innovations in the Fight Against Human Trafficking, which will lead to a symposium issue of the NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL LAW REVIEW later this year (October 2014).

Lynnise E. Pantin



Presentations

Presenter, "Nuts and Bolts Teaching Plenary," 14th Annual Transactional Clinical Conference at the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, Kansas City, Missouri (April 2015).

Co-presented "Incorporating Social Justice Themes into the 1L Writing Curriculum" at the Society of American Law Teachers Teaching Conference, "Legal Education in a Time of

Change: Challenges and Opportunities," held at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas, Boyd School of Law (October 2014).

Presented the work-in-progress paper, "It's Not Lawyering Unless You Are Litigating: Social Justice and the Transactional Law Clinic," at the Clinical Writer's Workshop sponsored by the CLINICAL LAW REVIEW at New York University School of Law, New York (September 2014).

Presented at Stanford Law School on the topic of "Empowering Law Students to Develop Their Lawyer Persona Through a Community-Based Transactional Teaching Module," Stanford, California (September 2014).

Publications

Deals or No Deals: Integrating Transactional Skills in the First Year, OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW (October 2014).

Rudolph J.R. Peritz



Publications

Letter to the Editor, "Book Fight: Amazon vs. Publishers," THE NEW YORK TIMES (June 2014).

Michael L. Perlin



Presentations

Presented a paper, "Sexuality, Shame, Disability and Therapeutic Jurisprudence," at the yearly conference of the Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies Network, at Columbia University's Morton Deutsch International Center for Cooperation and Conflict Resolution, New York (December 2014).

Presented a paper, "I Expected It to Happen/I Knew He'd Lost Control": The Impact of PTSD on Criminal Sentencing after the Promulgation of DSM-5," at the 2014 UTAH LAW REVIEW Symposium, "Legal Borders and Mental Disorders: The Challenge of Defining Mental Illness," held at the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, Salt Lake City, Utah (November 2014).

Presented the lunch keynote address, "Power and Greed and the Corruptible Seed": Mental Disability, Prosecutorial Misconduct, and the Death Penalty," to the American Academy of Psychiatry and Law at its annual meeting in Chicago, Illinois. (October 2014).

Publications

"Toiling in the Danger and in the Morals of Despair: Risk, Security, Danger, the Constitution, and the Clinician's Dilemma,"

STANFORD LAW & POLICY REVIEW (with Alison Lynch '13, M.A. '15) (September 2014).

Media References and Appearances

Some Prosecutors Said to Unfairly Target Those With Mental Illness, PSYCHIATRYONLINE (December 2014).

Edward A. Purcell Jr.



Publications

Paradoxes of Court-Centered Legal History: Some Values of Historical Understanding for a Practical Legal Education, 64 JOURNAL OF LEGAL EDUCATION 229 (2014).

From the Particular to the General: Three Federal Rules and the Jurisprudence of the Rehnquist and Roberts Courts, 162 UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW REVIEW 1731 (2014).

Democracy, the Constitution, and Legal Positivism in America: Lessons From a Winding and Troubled History, 66 FLORIDA LAW REVIEW 1457 (2014).

Presentations

Panel Moderator, "The First Twenty Years of South African Constitutionalism," at "Conference: Twenty Years of South African Constitutionalism," New York Law School (November 2014).

Presentation, "Capitalism and Risk," at "Symposium on Opportunities for Law's Intellectual History," the Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy, Law School of the State University of New York, Buffalo, New York (October 2014).

Sadiq Reza



Presentations

Presented a paper at a Boston University School of Law faculty workshop: "Apostasy or Not? One Iraqi Court Judgment," Boston, Massachusetts (March 2015).

Rebecca Roiphe



Presentations

Joined a committee to plan the 2016 International Legal Ethics Conference. She will represent New York Law School, which will be a co-sponsor of the event (October 2014).

Presented a paper, "Stratification: Two Tiers of Law Schools in Historical Context," at both the Society of American Law Teachers' conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, and at a faculty workshop at Pace Law School, White Plains, New York (October 2014).

Presented a paper, "Dream Team or Nightmare?: The History and Ethics of Celebrity Criminal Defense Attorneys," at the Criminal Justice Ethics Shmooze, co-sponsored by the Center for Professional Values and Practice, and held at Fordham University School of Law, New York (June 2014).

Publications

Her review of THE TRIAL OF LI ZHUANG: CHINESE LAWYERS' COLLECTIVE ACTION AGAINST POPULISM was published in JOTWELL (June 2014).

Media References and Appearances

Fixing Law Schools: Are More Types of Degrees the Answer?, JD SUPRA (June 2014).

Ross Sandler



Media References and Appearances

Mayor's Counsel Opens the Wallet, CRAIN'S NEW YORK BUSINESS (October 2014).

In Shift, New York City Is Quickly Settling Big Civil-Rights Lawsuits, THE NEW YORK TIMES (July 2014).

New York City Soda Fight, in Court, Tests Agency's Power, THE NEW YORK TIMES (June 2014).

David S. Schoenbrod



Presentations

Joined in a roundtable discussion advising Manuel Pulgar-Vidal, Peru's Minister of Environment, on his role in overseeing the next round of climate negotiations (December 2014).

Publications

American Voters Deserve Credit for Civil-Rights Victories, Too?, NATIONAL JOURNAL (July 2014).

One Small Step (Cough) for Clean Air, THE HILL (June 2014).

Media References and Appearances

Appointed Tyrants: A Review of Is Administrative Law Unlawful? THE CLAREMONT INSTITUTE (November 2014).

Interview on Environmental Issues, SOUND CLOUD (June 2014).

Houman B. Shadab



Publications

What are Smart Contracts, and What Can We do with Them?, COIN CENTER (December 2014).

Emerging Bitcoin Derivatives Offer Choice to Merchants and Institutional Investors, LAWBITRAGE (November 2014).

Why Cryptoequity May Not Be Securities, LAWBITRAGE (November 2014).

Regulating Bitcoin and Block Chain Derivatives, Written Statement to the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (October 2014).

Presentations

Presented at the Cryptoleaders workshop sponsored by the Berkman Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts (November 2014).

Jacob S. Sherkow



Publications

Administering Patent Litigation, 90 WASHINGTON LAW REVIEW (forthcoming 2015).

The History of Patenting Genetic Material, 49 ANNUAL REVIEW OF GENETICS (forthcoming 2015) (with Henry T. Greely).

Law, History and Lessons in the CRISPR Patent Conflict, 33 NATURE BIOTECHNOLOGY 256 (2015).

Letter, Contrasting Perspectives on the Price of Medicines, N.Y. TIMES, at A20 (January 2015).

Media References:

A CRISPR Solution to “Bubble Boy” Disease?, KQED SCIENCE (March 2015) (quoted on CRISPR technologies).

Richard K. Sherwin



Presentations

Invited lecture, “What is Visual Jurisprudence?” Osgoode Hall Law School, Law.Art.Culture seminar series, North York, Ontario, Canada (September 2014).

Plenary Presentation: “What Authorizes the Image?: Visualizing Law as Imitation and Event,” for the conference on “Law and the Visual—Transitions & Transformations,” Humanities Research Centre, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia (July 2014).

Publications

The Visual Politics of Terror, PROJECT SYNDICATE (translated into nine languages) (September 2014).

Media References and Appearances

Storytelling and Visual Literacy in the Courtroom, SLAW (November 2014).

Radio interview, with Jeremiah Zagar, director of “Captivated: The Trials of Pamela Smart” (HBO television documentary, 2014) (chief commentator), “The Dan Mitchell Show,” WKBK RADIO (August 2014).

Michael B.W. Sinclair



Publications

Karl Llewellyn’s Dueling Canons in Perspective, VANDEPLAS PUBLISHING (June 2014).

Nadine Strossen



Presentations

Participated in the Seventh Annual Rosenkranz Debate against former U.S. Attorney General Michael Mukasey during the Federalist Society’s 2014 National Lawyers Convention, Washington, D.C. (November 2014).

Delivered the Lorwin Lecture on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties at the University of Oregon, titled “Surveillance, Suppression, and Secrecy,” Eugene, Oregon (October 2014).

Spoke at Princeton University, Woodrow Wilson School, Conference on “Civil Liberties in Times of War,” discussing “Surveillance versus Privacy,” Princeton, New Jersey (September 2014).

Publications

“Textualism and the Bill of Rights,” 37 HARVARD JOURNAL OF LAW & PUBLIC POLICY 721 (2014).

Media References and Appearances

Defending Free Speech, “Counterpoint,” Australian Broadcasting Corporation (interviewed) (November 2014).

Lynn Boepple Su



Appointments

Selected to serve on the organizing committee for the Empire State Legal Writing Conference (December 2014).

Presentations

Sat on the panel that conducted the Teachers’ Orientation Session for the New York City High School Mock Trial Tournament. Was invited to participate as a member of the New York State Bar Association’s Law, Youth, and Citizenship Committee and its Mock Trial Subcommittee, New York (December 2014).

Gave a presentation, “Introducing Transactional Counseling in First-Year Legal Writing Courses,” at the Legal Writing Institute’s One-Day Conference, “The Modern Legal Writing Classroom,” hosted by the University of Miami School of Law, Miami, Florida (December 2014).

Selected by the International Congress on Legal Education to co-present at the Hacettepe University Faculty of Law on the topic of “Mindful Re-Thinking of Global Legal Education,” Ankara,

Turkey (November 2014)

Spoke on “Exploring Social Justice Issues in Criminal Prosecution Clinic Seminars and Evidence Courses” at the Society of American Law Teachers Teaching Conference, “Legal Education in a Time of Change: Challenges and Opportunities,” held at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas, Boyd School of Law (October 2014).

Ruti G. Teitel



Presentations

Spoke at Hebrew University Law School on “Transitional Justice and Judicial Activism: Is there a Right to Accountability” as part of a colloquium she convened titled “Transitional Justice: International and Comparative Perspectives,” Jerusalem, Israel. Presented a talk on her book GLOBALIZING TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE at the International Studies Association “Human Rights and Change” Conference convened at Kadir Has Universitesi, Istanbul, Turkey (June, December 2014).

Publications

TRANZICIONA PRAVDA (Serbian translation of her book TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE) (Edicija REČ, Beograd, 2014)

Dialogues of Transitional Justice, 32 QUINNIPIAC LAW REVIEW 579 (December 2014).

Should Nations Pay the Price for Their Leaders’ Misdeeds?, CNN (July 2014).

Media References and Appearances

Ruti Teitel on Why Power is Shifting in International Law, CICERO MAGAZINE (August 2014).

Ari Ezra Waldman



Appointments

Began his work as the Privacy Issues Expert for About.com, working with NYLS students to inform the public of their privacy rights (July 2014).

Presentations

Spoke at an annual meeting of nationwide TIAA-CREF employees, including the General Counsel and Associate General Counsels, on “Cyberharassment and the Dark Side of Technology,” (November 2014).

Presented a paper, “Online Identification and Re-Identification,” at Cardozo Law School as part of the LGBT Law Scholars Working Group, New York (October 2014).

Publications

The Case for Uber Data Sharing, GOTHAM GAZETTE (November 2014).

What Are the Laws that Protect Our Privacy: Tort Law, ABOUT.COM (October 2014).

Erika L. Wood



Presentations

Co-presented
“Incorporating Social
Justice Themes into the 1L
Writing Curriculum” at

the Society of American
Law Teachers Teaching
Conference, “Legal
Education in a Time of
Change: Challenges and
Opportunities,” held at the
University of Nevada at
Las Vegas, Boyd School of
Law (October 2014).

Moderated a panel
of authors discussing
Voting Rights from
Reconstruction to
Obama, presented by
THE NEW YORK REVIEW

OF BOOKS as part of the
Brooklyn Book Festival
(September 2014).

Presented research,
“Implementing Reform:
How Maryland and
New York Ended Prison
Gerrymandering,”
National Conference
of State Legislatures,
National Legislative
Summit (August 2014).

Publications

Implementing Reform:
How Maryland and
New York Ended Prison
Gerrymandering, DEMOS
(August 2014).

Media References and Appearances

Video interview with Lee
Pacchia '06 of Mimesis
Productions: Busy Days For
Voting Rights Advocates,
Thanks to SCOTUS
(November 2014).

Michelle Zierler



Media References and Appearances

Rolling Stone UVA Story
Raises Questions, Fox
News (December 2014). •

ADJUNCT FACULTY ACTIVITIES

Compiled by Ryan Last

Brigitte Amiri

Publications

A Loss for Women Today in
the High Court, COMMON
DREAMS (June 2014).

Lee Augsberger

Media References and Appearances

Prudential SVP Ranked
as Top Influencer in Biz
Ethics, NORTHJERSEY.COM
(September 2014).

Adele Bernhard

Media References and Appearances

René Bailey to Be Released
Without Bail, DEMOCRAT
& CHRONICLE (December
2014).

New Medical Knowledge
Debunks Shaken Baby
Conviction, NEW YORK
LAW JOURNAL (December
2014).

Judge Reverses Shaken-Baby
Conviction, DEMOCRAT
& CHRONICLE (December
2014).

Joanne Doroshow

Media References and Appearances

Tort Reform Advocates See
Hope in Republican Gains
at State Level, BUSINESS
INSURANCE (December
2014).

Lawsuits Against Dallas
Hospital That First Sent
Home Ebola Patient Would
Face High Hurdles In Texas,
THE HUFFINGTON POST
(October 2014).

Ebola Lawsuits Would Face
High Hurdles in Texas,
REUTERS (October 2014).

GM's Compensation Fund
is First Step in Repairing
Damaged Reputation,
BUSINESS INSURANCE
(July 2014).

GM Sets No Cap on Recall
Victim Compensation
Fund, THE DETROIT
NEWS (June 2014).

David L. Ferstendig

Appointments

Was named editor of the
NEW YORK STATE LAW
DIGEST, succeeding David

D. Siegel, who passed away
in October 2014. This
news was reported in the
NEW YORK LAW JOURNAL
(March 2015).

James Hagy

Presentations

Served as Conference
Moderator and Co-Host for
The Rooftops Conference
Chicago 2015, held at
Loyola Law Chicago
(February 2015).

Dennis Parker

Media References and Appearances

ACLU National Racial
Justice Director to Keynote
Bill of Rights Dinner, LAW
WEEK COLORADO (July
2014).

Steve Plotnick

Media References and Appearances

Interviewed by CNBC on
“Taxes, multinational firms
& Luxembourg—revealed”
(November 2014).

Andrew Scherer

Publications

Co-wrote the report
mentioned in “Pro Bono
Summit,” NEW YORK LAW
JOURNAL (June 2014).

Presentations

Presented “Recent
Developments in NY Rent
Regulation and Other Hot
Topics in Landlord Tenant
Law,” to a group of attorneys
from the New York State
Division of Housing and
Community Renewal
during a CLE program.
(November 2014).

Participated in a panel
titled, “Gimme Shelter:
Advocating for a Right to
Counsel in Housing Cases”
at the annual conference
of the National Legal Aid
and Defender Association.
(November 2014).

Participated in a three-
day meeting at Yangon
University in Myanmar
as one of several foreign
experts who discussed
revising Myanmar's science
and law curriculum (August
2014).

Appointment

Asked to join the Social
Science Curriculum
Working Group by the
Open Society Foundation's
Higher Education Support
Program (August 2014).

Peter Strauss

Media References and Appearances

Drinker Biddle Lures 2
Tax and Estates Pros from
Epstein, LAW 360 (July
2014).

Views: Poor
Communication Spurs
Elderly Medical Woes,
POUGHKEEPSIE JOURNAL
(July 2014).

Presentations

Presented “Ethical
Representation of Older
or Disabled Clients: What
Every Attorney Needs
to Know,” to a group of
attorneys from the New
York State Division of
Housing and Community
Renewal during a CLE
program (November
2014). •



Cynthia Senko Rosicki '86

New York and London are often referred to as sister cities. Recognizing the relationship between these two major global hubs, New York Law School has, for a number of years, offered a London summer program, with courses in International Business Law, International Corporate and Financial Services, and International Intellectual Property.

This year, the program was diversified through the generosity of alumna and Trustee Cynthia Senko Rosicki '86. Ms. Rosicki is a co-founder of Sparkling Pointe Vineyards and Winery on Long Island's North Fork and the founding partner of Rosicki, Rosicki & Associates, P.C., a law firm that employs approximately 400 people. She was honored with a Groundbreaker Award at New York Law School's 2012 Gala (rescheduled to February 2013 in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy) for embracing innovation.

Through the Cynthia Senko Rosicki '86 Fellowship in Law and Dramatic Arts, students in the London program had the opportunity to attend a half-day course on "personal impact" at the prestigious Royal Academy of Dramatic Art (RADA.) Ms. Rosicki, who herself attended RADA, was present for the course along with her husband, Tom, and Professor Lloyd Bonfield.

Cynthia Senko Rosicki '86 Launches London Fellowship in Law and Dramatic Arts

Students in the NYLS London summer program receive training from prestigious academy in the drama of law



RADA tutor Charlie Walker-Wise teaching the "personal impact" course

Through theater-based exercises, the RADA tutor, Charlie Walker-Wise, taught highly practical physical and vocal presence skills to help the NYLS students become effective in their legal advocacy work. For example, he demonstrated how physical power, presence, posture, and gestures in the courtroom can add extra impact and authenticity. The course included physical and vocal warm-up work—exactly the same skills that a lawyer might want to practice before walking into a courtroom or client situation.

Klodiana Malellari 2L Evening, one of the students who attended, said, "I am glad I participated in the session held at RADA. It taught me how to achieve a strong vocal and physical presence, while at the same time I learned how to improve my personal impact. These are very useful tools for new attorneys, no matter where they are—in a courtroom, in the office, or even in daily life. I would recommend it to everybody. A special thank you to the Rosickis for their contribution, which made possible such a great experience."

This "personal impact" course is intended to increase participants' personal impact by giving a deeper understanding of the importance and qualities of clear and focused communication skills.

Participants were asked to make a short speech to the group at the beginning and at the end of the workshop. Each



Left to right: Klodiana Malellari 2L Evening, David Ventoso 3L, and Emily Holt 3L at the RADA course

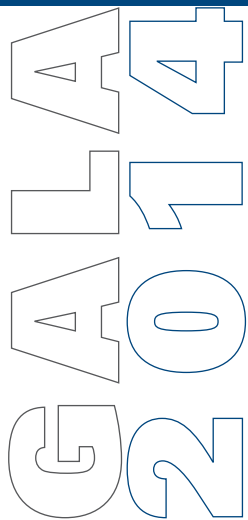
participant received feedback from Mr. Walker-Wise, who identified areas for further development. The group size was small enough that each student could benefit from enough time to present and receive personal feedback.

"The RADA/NYLS combination is a natural," said Ms. Rosicki. "Basic acting skills such as voice projection, word emphasis, and body language translate naturally into lawyering. The Fellowship occurred to me on my last trip to RADA. How beneficial—and fun—to marry them!"

Ms. Rosicki observed, "The students who bravely attended this inaugural session experienced a transformation that was clearly apparent to all. My husband Tom and I participated—as did Professor Lloyd Bonfield—and freely shared in that process. It reminded me of the time I spent at RADA before college."

Ms. Rosicki added, "I can't wait for the next RADA/NYLS course!"

RADA boasts alumni that include Richard Attenborough, Sir Kenneth Branagh, Ralph Fiennes, Albert Finney, Sir John Gielgud, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Tom Hiddleston, Sir Anthony Hopkins, John Hurt, Andrew Lincoln, Sir Roger Moore, Peter O'Toole, Clive Owen, Jonathan Pryce, Alan Rickman, Liev Schreiber, and Susannah York, among many other distinguished stage and screen actors. •



A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

New York Law School honored a group of distinguished alumni with the Groundbreaker Awards at its annual Gala on November 12 at Three Sixty in TriBeCa. The recipients of the awards were Steven R. Harber '92, honored for his legal entrepreneurship and innovation; the Held/ Fleischner/Koncelik/Quigley/Whelan Family, honored as a true NYLS family legacy; and Meryl Fiedler Lieberman '81, honored for her integrity and professionalism. The event exceeded its fundraising goal and also raised money earmarked for a special supplemental MBE bar program scholarship for every member of the Class of 2015.

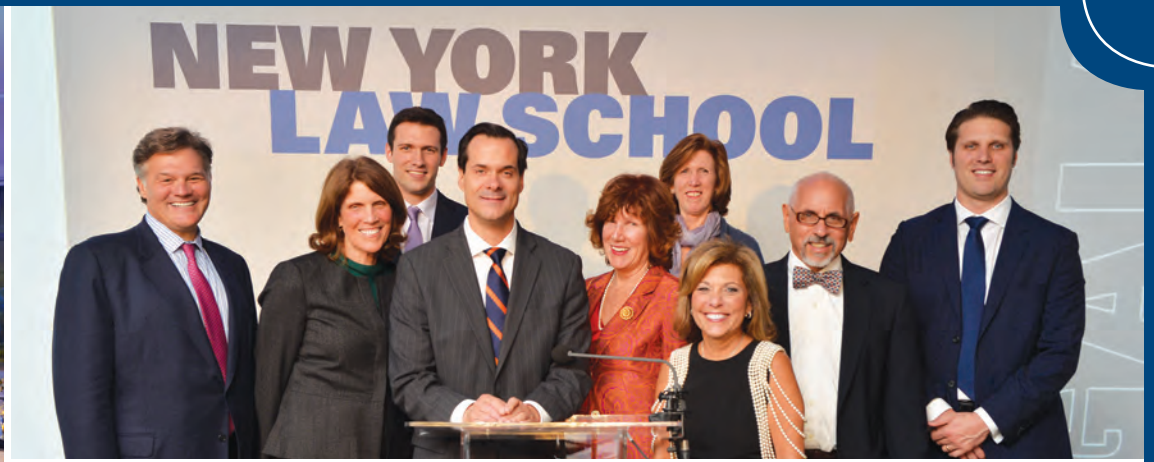
Steven R. Harber '92 is a pioneer in the legal services industry, having co-founded two of the industry's leading companies: DiscoverReady LLC, a trailblazer in electronic discovery, and Palisades Advisors, an innovative advisor to litigation support companies. Mr. Harber is now Managing Director of Lean Law Ventures, which invests in companies that offer efficient and cost-saving legal services to corporate legal departments. Throughout his career, he has used his knowledge of law, technology, and project management to take complex tasks and turn them into predictable fixed-cost services.

New York Law School has been a huge part of the Held/ Fleischner/Koncelik/Quigley/Whelan family's history, almost since the School's founding. Joseph Whelan started what might be described as a family dynasty of NYLS-trained lawyers when he graduated in 1906. He and each of his progeny who got NYLS degrees were stimulated by the School's diversity, urban energy, and worldliness. He and his wife, Margaret Burke Whelan, also a lawyer, raised four children, one of whom, Doris, married Lawrence J. Koncelik. The Konceliks had 10 children, four of whom earned law degrees from NYLS. Ten family members are part of this legacy: Joseph, those four grandchildren, two of their spouses, and three of their children.

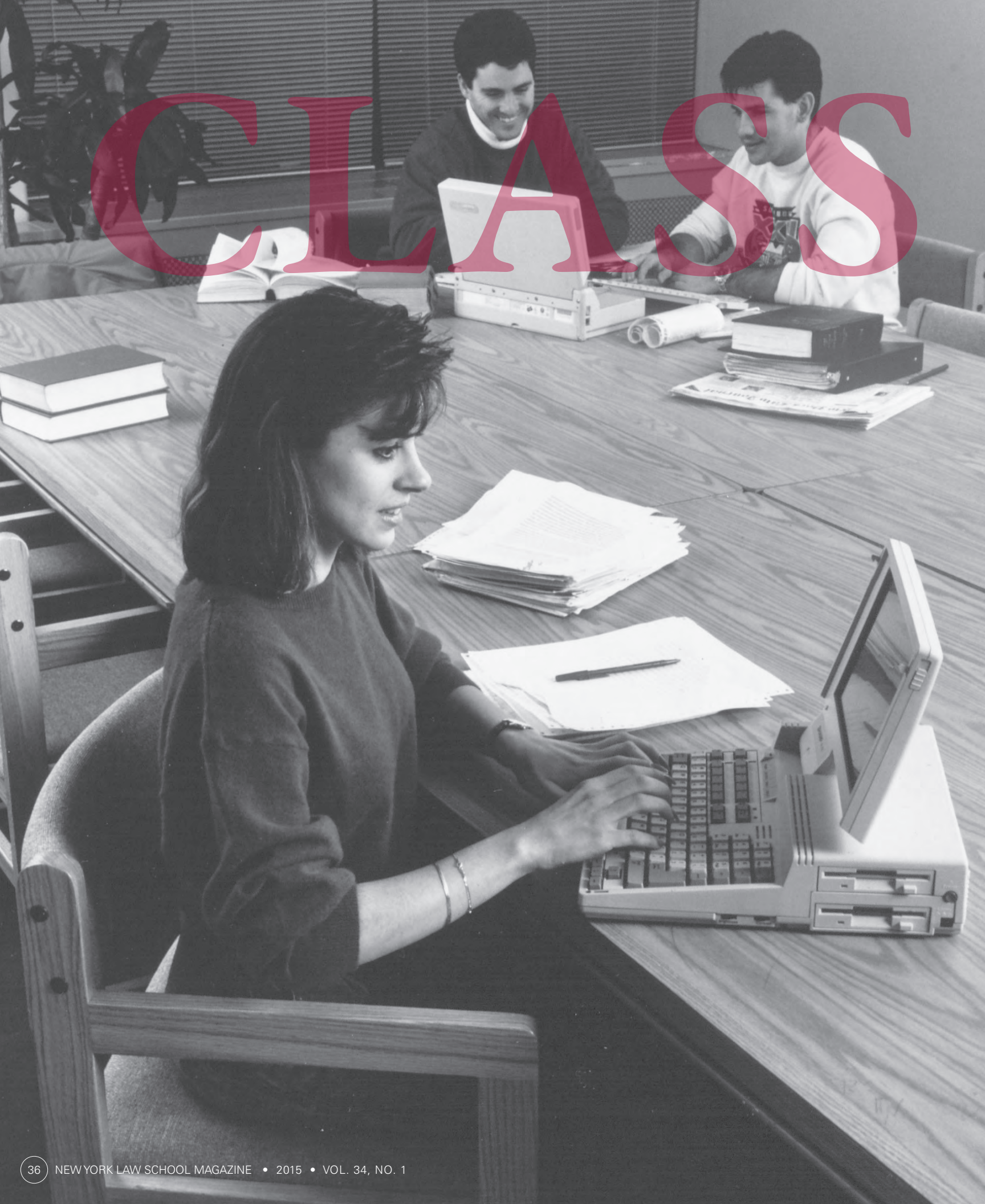
A founding and co-managing partner of Traub Lieberman Straus & Shrewsberry LLP, Meryl Lieberman helped grow the firm from four lawyers at its inception in 1996 to nearly 100 lawyers today, with offices in five states, and a liaison office in London. Her practice concentrates in environmental and toxic tort coverage litigation; complex insurance coverage disputes; and counseling involving products liability, premises liability, intellectual property and advertising injury, employment liability and discrimination, directors and officers liability, property damage and first-party coverage, general liability, and insurance policy drafting. She has litigated through appeal many major declaratory judgment and rescission actions nationwide. •

To view the full photo gallery
for this event, please visit
www.nyls.edu/gala2014





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NOTES

— 1965 —

Michael Weisser was quoted in “Marijuana Edibles Smothered by Red Tape” in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* in June 2014. He is the Chief Executive Officer of Garden State Dispensary, a medical marijuana dispensary that opened in December 2013 in Woodbridge, New Jersey. He was also interviewed in “N.J. medical marijuana program stagnating because state limits illnesses, bars edibles, critics say,” on NJ.com in March 2015.

— 1969 —

Paul Bennett Marrow wrote “Judicial Supervision of an Ongoing Arbitration” for the *New York Law Journal* in August 2014. He has served as a commercial arbitration attorney regarding cases involving business dissolution, consumer contracts, construction contracts, computer technology, insurance contracts, credit and loan agreements, and securities for over 40 years. He is also an Adjunct Professor at New York Law School, where he teaches Domestic Arbitration.

Stanley J. Somer was appointed as Village Justice for the Village of Ashoken, Long Island, New York and began serving in July 2014. Mr. Somer has been a resident of the village for 30 years and assumed

the role as Associate Justice of the Court. He is a partner at Somer, Heller & Corwin, in Commack, New York, specializing in landlord-tenant, condominium, and co-op matters.

— 1971 —

Philip Schnelwar writes that he has been the Village Justice for the Village of Wesley Hills, in Rockland County, New York, since 1990. He is a criminal defense attorney in the Law Offices of Philip Schnelwar, in Wesley Hills.

— 1973 —

Hon. Joseph Maltese was the Guest of Honor at the Columbian Lawyers Association 65th Annual Christmas Luncheon in December 2014 in Astoria, New York. He is Justice of the Appellate Division, Supreme Court of the State of New York, Second Judicial Department.

— 1975 —

Jeffrey D. Knowles hosted “A Special Evening with New York Law School for Alumni and Friends” featuring Professor Robert Blecker speaking about his new book, *The Death of Punishment: Searching for Justice Among the Worst of the Worst*. The event, held

at Venable LLP’s Washington, D.C., office on February 18, 2015, also featured a networking reception. Mr. Knowles is a partner at Venable and Vice Chair of the New York Law School Board of Trustees.

— 1977 —

Frank Kruppenbacher writes that he is currently serving as Chairman of the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority, having been appointed by Governor Charlie Crist and reappointed by Governor Rick Scott. He previously served on the Sales Tax Revision Commission and the Florida Commission on Ethics. He was recently presented with the Mahatma Gandhi Award for his contributions to diversity in Central Florida. He was the first attorney in Florida to obtain a state court ruling permitting a Florida Clerk to perform a same-sex marriage. He is a partner in the law firm of Morgan and Morgan, P.A. in Orlando, Florida.

— 1978 —

Roger C. Campbell was named the secretary of the Board of Directors of the Wounded Warrior Project, which serves injured service members and their families, in November 2014. He previously served as Deputy Executive Director of the Life Raft Group.



Hon. Faviola A. Soto was honored as the inaugural recipient of the Kathleen Grimm Medal at the Commencement Exercises in May at Carnegie Hall.

She was also featured in “Dominican Blue Book: Faviola Soto” in *Dominican Today* in November 2014. She has served on the New York State Court of Claims since 2006, was the first Dominican judge in New York, and the first Hispanic to sit in the Court of Claims.

— 1979 —

Hon. Joan M. Azrack was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as U.S. District Judge for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York in December 2014. Since 1990, she served as a U.S. Magistrate Judge in the Eastern District of New York, and she served as Chief Magistrate Judge from 2000 to 2005.

John J. Reddy co-hosted the New York Law School New Jersey Connections Kick-Off Reception for over 75 New Jersey students, alumni, faculty, and friends at The Park Avenue Club in Florham, New Jersey, on January 7, 2015. He is a partner at Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. of New York and a New York Law School Trustee.

— 1980 —



Patrick Curran

became a partner in the Buffalo, New York, office of Harris Beach PLLC in June 2015, joining the Health Care Industry Team. He

was previously a senior trial partner at Damon Morey LLP. He defends matters involving medical malpractice, trucking and motor vehicle accidents, product liability, municipal liability, construction accidents, nursing home claims, class actions, dental malpractice and general negligence litigation. He was also elected as National Secretary of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) in October 2014. A well-respected trial advocate, he received Martindale-Hubbell's AV Peer Review Rating and was included in the Best Lawyers in America 2015 in the field of Personal Injury Litigation: Defendants.

Jeanne Lieberman was quoted in "Low Pay, No Benefits: Adjunct Professors Might Unionize" in *Seven Days* of Burlington, Vermont, in October 2014. She is an Adjunct Professor at Champlain College in Burlington.

Hon. Robert C. Mulvey was elected to a second 14-year term as New York State Supreme Court Justice. He continues to serve as the Administrative Judge for the Sixth Judicial District and as a member of the Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics.

Gideon Rothschild writes that he was elected Chair of the American Bar Association's Real Property, Trust & Estate Law section for the 2014-2015 bar year. He is the Chair of Moses & Singer's Trusts & Estates and Asset Protection practices in New York.

— 1981 —

Mark Conrad was quoted in "Landmark Trial Begins in NCAA Case" on *Marketplace Morning Report* on American Public Media in June 2014. He is director of sports business specialization at the Gabelli School of Business at Fordham University in Manhattan.

— 1982 —

Margaret Enloe writes that she retired as partner and associate general counsel of Price Waterhouse Coopers LLP after 27 years. She now works with professionals and other individuals as a certified career and transition coach, helping people cope with stress and increasing job satisfaction and resilience.

Ninfa Segarra was presented with the 2015 Martin Luther King Jr. Servant Leader Award for outstanding public service in January 2015 as part of the Celebration of the Dreamers ceremony sponsored by the Harlem-based New Horizon Church of New York. She is Vice President, Education, Health & Human Services, at Tonio Burgos and Associates Inc., a strategic planning and lobbying firm. She previously served as New York

Deputy Mayor for Education and Human Services.

— 1983 —

Pamela Kaplan was elected partner at Kelley Drye in Manhattan, effective July 1, 2014. She focuses her practice on employee benefits, executive compensation and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA). She regularly advises *Fortune* 100 companies on benefits and compensation issues, including benefits issues related to corporate acquisitions and divestitures. She also provides ongoing benefits counsel to several of the largest not-for-profit health providers in the New York metropolitan area.

— 1984 —



E. Drew Britcher

co-hosted the New York Law School New Jersey Connections Kick-Off Reception for over 75 New Jersey, students, alumni, faculty, and friends at The Park Avenue Club in Florham, New Jersey, on January 7, 2015. He also wrote "Toy Danger: 'Tis the Season to be ... Careful!" for *New Jersey Newsroom* in December 2014. He is a founding partner at Britcher, Leone & Roth in Glen Rock, New Jersey.

Eric Gurgold was recognized in *Florida Super Lawyers* and *Rising Stars Magazine* in June

2014. The news appeared in *Naples News*. He is a stockholder at Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A. in Fort Myers, Florida, concentrating in estate planning and administration, elder law, probate litigation, title insurance claims related to probate issues, business law, and taxation.

Marc Lasry was featured in *Business Insider's* list of the "Most Powerful People in Finance at Every Age" in July 2014. He was also mentioned in "Report: Jason Kidd Explores Leaving Nets for Job with Bucks" in the *Metro* in June 2014. He founded Avenue Capital Group in 1995, which manages over \$12 billion in assets. He also purchased the Milwaukee Bucks basketball team in April 2014.

Ross F. Moskowitz was named a 2014 *Law360* Real Estate MVP in November 2014. He earned the spot by guiding Sterling Equities in the \$3 billion redevelopment of Willets Point in Queens and KNIC Partners LLP on the \$320 million Kingsbridge Armory project in the Bronx. He is a partner at the Real Estate Practice Group of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP in the New York office and a member of the New York Law School Board of Trustees.

Andrew S. Penson was featured in "Owner of Grand Central Vies With Developer Over Skyscraper on an Adjacent Block" in *The New York Times* in September 2014. He is the President and Founder of Argent Ventures LLC and a member of New York Law School's Board of Trustees.

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— 1985 —

In March 2014, **Sherri Donovan** appeared on the VH1 reality show *Mob Wives*, where she dispensed legal counsel to Renee Graziano. She is the principal at Sherri Donovan and Associates, PC, and the divorce clinic specialist for the Service Fund of the National Organization for Women (NOW) in New York.

Andrew C. McCarthy was featured in the “Trashing the Constitution” panel for *Frontpage Mag* in November 2014 and quoted in “Some Conservatives Say Deadly Force Used to Subdue Garner Didn’t Fit the Crime” in *The New York Times* in December 2014. He is a contributing editor to *The National Review* and a senior fellow at the National Review Institute and the Foundation for Defense of Democracies.

Hon. Bernice Siegal was elected President of the Network of Bar Leaders in December 2014. She is a Justice of the New York Supreme Court, Queens County.

Lee Zimet joined the Tax Department of Berdon LLP in December 2014 as a principal. He was formerly a director at Deloitte Tax LLP. He is an Adjunct Professor at New York Law School. In addition, he published an article in *Tax Notes* titled “New Guidance Requires Banks to Review Tax Sharing Agreements,” in the January 12, 2015, issue.

— 1986 —

David N. Kelley was featured in “GOP Hits Benghazi Capture”

on MSNBC in June 2014 and mentioned and pictured in “Generations of Lawyers Gather for a Reunion Like No Other” in *The New York Times* in October 2014. He is a former U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York and a partner at Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP in Manhattan, where he focuses on white-collar defense work.

Cynthia Senko Rosicki and her husband, Tom Rosicki, were winners at the 2014 New York Food & Wine Classic competition in August 2014 and were honored by Governor Andrew Cuomo. The winery they own and operate, Sparkling Pointe, won the award for Best Sparkling Wine of New York. She is a founding partner at Rosicki, Rosicki & Associates P.C. and a member of the New York Law School Board of Trustees.

Vivien Lesnik Weisman was featured in “Think You’re Allowed Free Speech or Privacy? ‘The Hacker Wars’ Proves You Wrong” in *Blot Magazine* in October 2014. Her latest documentary, *The Hacker Wars*, was released in fall 2014. It tells the tales of the anarchic troll provocateur Andrew “weev” Aurenheimer, prodigy hacker Jeremy Hammond, and incendiary watchdog journalist Barrett Brown.

— 1987 —

Steven M. Klosk was appointed to the Board of Directors of NeoStem Inc. in July 2014. The news was reported in *MarketWatch Inc.* He is President, Chief Executive Officer, and Director of Cambrex Corp. in East Rutherford, New Jersey, a provider of active pharmaceutical

ingredients, advanced intermediates, and finished dosage form products to the branded and generic pharmaceutical markets.

Michael Pecklers, an arbitrator and mediator, writes that he was a member of an American Bar Association ADR Section delegation to Cuba in November 2014. As part of this inaugural cultural exchange, he met with the Cuban National Bar Association, law professors, mediators, and Cuban trial attorneys.

Errol Taylor was named one of the Most Influential Black Lawyers of 2015 by *Savoy* magazine in its March 2015 issue. He is a partner at the New York office of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy and leads the firm’s biopharma patent litigation practice. He also chairs Milbank’s Diversity Committee. Mr. Taylor participated in New York Law School’s Think BIG event in March and spoke at a Patent Law Lunch in April.

— 1988 —

Maureen Salter was honored by *City and State* with an Above and Beyond Award: Honoring Women of Public and Civic Mind. She is assistant to the President of the United Federation of Teachers.

— 1989 —

Don Abraham joined Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf LLP as special counsel, resident in the New York office, in January 2015. His practice focuses on tax lien and mortgage foreclosure litigation. He represents financial

institutions, real estate developers, and mortgage servicers in matters involving mortgage and tax lien foreclosure litigation.

Mark Epstein was quoted in “MTA Print, Radio Ads Tell LIRR Riders About Tentative Strike Plans” in *Newsday* in July 2014 and in “MetroCard Coding Error Stalls Nearly 10,000 Riders” in *The New York Times* in December 2014. He is a partner with Pazer, Epstein & Jaffe, P.C., which is dedicated to representing victims of personal injury and wrongful death throughout the state of New York. He is also the chairman of the Long Island Rail Road Commuter Council.

— 1990 —

Hugh McDonald joined Troutman Sanders LLP as a partner in its New York office in August 2014 from Dentons in New York. He focuses his practice on all aspects of restructuring including workouts, bankruptcy and related issues, and bankruptcy-related litigation, and has represented secured and unsecured creditors, banks, bondholders, debtors, and creditor committees. He is also experienced with asset sales in bankruptcy cases, debtor-in-possession financing, the liquidation of estates, and cross-border cases.

— 1991 —

Michael Bowe was interviewed by Tucker Carlson on Fox News in October 2014. He is representing the family of Marine Lance Cpl. Gregory T. Buckley Jr., who, along with two other

Marines, was murdered in 2012 in Afghanistan's Helmand province on an American military base. The Buckley family is suing the Marine Corps for allegedly illegally covering up details of the incident. He was also featured in *The Divide: American Injustice in the Age of the Wealth Gap* by Matt Taibbi, which was published in 2014. He is a partner at Kasowitz Benson Torres & Friedman in New York, where he handles a diverse array of large commercial litigations, criminal and regulatory matters, and crisis-management for business entities and high net worth individuals.

Henry Dlugacz was featured in "The Offender with Mental Disabilities: Critical Issues in Correctional Mental Health and Planning for Successful Reentry," a lecture presented by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services in August 2014. He is a clinical assistant professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at New York Medical College and partner at the New York law firm of Beldock Levine and Hoffman.

Jeffrey Fessler was named 2014 New York Attorney of the Year by *SmartCEO Magazine* in June 2014. The ESQ awards program was established to recognize the top attorneys who have made an outstanding impact on privately held companies. Mr. Fessler was chosen out of more than 20 finalists nominated regionally for the prestigious award. He is a partner at Sichenzia Ross Friedman Ference LLP in New York.



Marylee Jenkins was appointed to serve a two-year term as Vice Chair of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's Patent

Public Advisory Committee by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce in December 2014. She is a partner at Arent Fox LLP and heads the Intellectual Property practice in the firm's New York office.

— 1992 —

Thomas L. Breslin was hired as the town manager of Dillon, Colorado in June 2014. As reported in the *Summit Daily*, Mr. Breslin spent more than 15 years in management and senior management positions in the public and private sectors. Most recently, Breslin served as county administrator for Clear Creek County, Colorado, which included overseeing an annual budget of more than \$30 million.

William S. Greenberg writes that his law firm, Greenberg Minasian of West Orange, New Jersey, was one of the honorees in the *New Jersey Law Journal's* 2015 Personal Injury Hall of Fame in January 2015, as well as the recipient of a 2014 Litigator Award presented by the Trial Lawyer's Board of Regents. He has also been inducted to the National Trial Lawyers Association's "Top 100 Lawyers" and the New Jersey Association for Justice's "Multi-Million Dollar Verdicts Forum." In addition, he is a "Special Master" for the New Jersey Supreme Court Office of Attorney

Ethics and a "Master" at the Brennan/Vanderbilt Inn of Court.

Ben A. Indek was appointed one of two co-managing partners of Morgan Lewis's New York office in January 2015. He focuses his practice on representing broker-dealers and their employees in governmental, self-regulatory organization, and state securities commission investigations as well as conducting internal investigations for financial services firms. He also counsels broker-dealers on regulatory and compliance issues, including the development and implementation of written compliance and supervisory procedures and new rules and regulations.

Richard A. Klass was appointed chair of the General Practice Section of the New York State Bar Association in June 2014. The news was reported in *ReadMedia* and *Insurance News Net*. Mr. Klass is the principal of the Law Office of Richard Klass in Brooklyn, New York. His areas of practice include bankruptcy law, family law, real estate, and trusts and estates.

Brenna Mahoney writes that she is the new Chief Deputy for Operations at the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York in Brooklyn.

— 1993 —

Kevin Taylor writes that he authored *FinTech Law: A Guide to Technology Law in the Financial Services Industry*, published by Bloomberg BNA in 2014. The *Guide* explains the issues raised by cutting-edge financial services

technology and offers practical advice on how to address them. He is a frequent financial technology panelist at Computerworld conferences and a speaker and media contributor for Bloomberg Television, *The Wall Street Journal*, and CIO.com.

Peter J. Zuckerman won a special election for the North Hempstead, New York's 2nd District Council seat in November 2014. He was initially appointed to the Town Board in January 2014 and previously served 11 years as a trustee for the Village of East Hills, New York. He is a partner at Peter Zuckerman, Attorney, P.C. in Uniondale, N.Y., and practices in the fields of real estate and litigation.

— 1994 —

Oliver Agha was mentioned in *The American Lawyer* article, "Holland & Knight Sets Sights on Americas with Abu Dhabi Closure" in June 2014. He is an authority on Islamic banking and the Group Chief Counsel, International, for Abdul Latif Jameel. Previously, he was a senior partner and the global head of Islamic Finance as well as the head of the Saudi Arabian and Finance Practices at DLA Piper.



Sylvia Lee joined Rawle & Henderson LLP as an associate in the New York City office in July 2014. She concentrates her practice in the areas of medical malpractice, products liability, insurance

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coverage issues, general liability, and motor vehicle cases.

— 1995 —

Kevin Ward was named the Chief of Staff for New York Police Department Commissioner Bill Bratton in February 2014. The news was reported in the *New York Daily News*.

— 1996 —



Nancy Perlman was named a Massachusetts Rising Star in the legal profession in October 2014, as she has been each year since

2005. She is a partner at Beacon Law Group in Boston and concentrates her practice in the areas of commercial litigation, employment law, and general business law.

Michael Rego was quoted in "This Broadway season will see women directors pick up the gender pace in a male-dominated field" in *Crain's New York Business* in September 2014. He is co-founder and partner of The Araca Group, a theatrical production and brand management company in New York.

— 1997 —

Stuart Glass was named partner at the law firm of White, Fleischer & Fino, LLP in January 2015. He

is based in the firm's Garden City, New York, office, and his areas of practice include the litigation and trial of matters involving labor law, premises liability, lead paint poisoning, medical malpractice, negligent security, products liability, smoke detector/fire liability, dram shop, and general liability matters.

— 1998 —



Michael R. Dal Lago was selected to participate in the Leadership Collier Class of 2015. The Leadership Collier Foundation, part of the Greater

Naples Chamber of Commerce, accepts just 40 area professionals each year to its Leadership Collier program. The news appeared in *Naples News* in June 2014. Mr. Dal Lago is a partner at Dal Lago Law of Naples, Florida.

David Levine was elected partner at Loeb & Loeb LLP in New York in November 2014. He focuses his practice on corporate and securities matters, representing clients in the life sciences and other industries. He has substantial experience representing issuers, placement agents, and underwriters in connection with initial and secondary public offerings, private placements of debt and equity securities, PIPE transactions, registered direct offerings, and alternative public offerings. He also has experience with venture capital investments, private equity transactions, public and

private mergers and acquisitions, and secured and unsecured loan transactions

Stafanie A. Martinez writes that she was appointed as a trial court judge in Sarpy County Court in Papillon, Nebraska, in December 2013.

Jeffrey W. Pitts joined Blank Rome LLP as of counsel in the Labor and Employment Group in New York in November 2014. He was previously of counsel at Tooma & Ozisik LLP's New York office. Mr. Pitts concentrates his practice on all aspects of corporate immigration, including nonimmigrant visas, permanent residence, labor certification, EB-5 investor issues, and Form I-9 compliance, for a wide range of domestic and international companies in diverse sectors, including pharmaceutical, academia, technology and consulting, telecommunications, financial services, and manufacturing.

— 1999 —

Justin Escher Alpert and **Jamie (Feitlin) Alpert** write that they and their daughter Skyler have been leading the public education revolution by fighting the Christie Administration in the Garden State. Skyler was featured in an article in January 2015, "PARCC exam blasted by parents, teachers, students at open forum," on NJ.com. Justin Alpert is principal at Escher Alpert P.C. in Livingston, N.J., and Jamie Alpert is assistant vice president claims counsel at Generali in New York.

Martin S. Bloor was elected partner at Pepper Hamilton LLP. He is a member of the White Collar

Litigation and Investigations Practice Group, resident in the New York office. He represents clients in white-collar criminal matters, corporate investigations, and complex commercial litigation. Mr. Bloor's practice is primarily focused on criminal and regulatory investigations of individuals and corporations, internal corporate investigations, particularly in connection with potential violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA), antitrust matters, and securities and derivative litigation.

Gabriel Infante was featured in "Prep Coach Still Honors Those Who Raised Him" on Philly.com in November 2014. He is of counsel at Marino & Montecallo in Hackensack, New Jersey.

— 2000 —

Danielle Butler writes that she co-founded a law firm, Luxury Law Group, in September 2014, and serves as managing partner. The firm, based in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, specializes in luxury purchases and disputes. Her practice focuses on transaction and litigation matters for yachts, aircraft, real estate, and fine antiques.



Dr. Vincent A. Carbonell was honored with the President's Medal at the 123rd Commencement Exercises in May 2015 at Carnegie Hall. He is a member

of the New York Law School Board of Trustees and Founder and President of United Reprographic Services in New York.

— 2001 —

Michael C. Bartolotti was elected as the county clerk for Putnam County in November 2014. He previously served as First Deputy to County Clerk Dennis Sant since 2002 and also specialized in real estate and general legal matters as an attorney for 12 years.

Jacqueline Esposito was featured in “Families Can Crumble Under Deportation Threat” in *The New York Times* in November 2014. She was also a guest on MSNBC’s *The Last Word* with Lawrence O’Donnell, speaking as an immigration policy expert on President Obama’s immigration initiative. She is the Founder and Principal of Inspire Group LLC of New York and was previously the Director of Immigration Advocacy for the New York Immigration Coalition.

— 2002 —

Susan Cohig ran the New York Marathon in November 2014 in honor of a young stroke victim. She was part of a team sent by Burke Rehabilitation Center of White Plains, New York, to raise money for medical research at Burke. The team is made up of family members and friends of Brad Berman, a Larchmont, New York, resident and former Burke patient who had a stroke in 2013. She is Senior Vice President for Integrated Marketing at the National Hockey League.

Brenda Cooke received the Municipal Affairs Award, presented by the New York City Bar Association to recognize

outstanding achievement as an Assistant Corporation Counsel, in June 2014. She is Executive Agency Counsel for Special Projects & Government Affairs at the New York City Department of Correction.

Gregory Gomez was quoted in “Manhattan District Attorney’s Office Showing No Leniency in Daredevil Cases” in *The New York Times* in June 2014 and mentioned in “Driver Who Sped Around Manhattan in 24 Minutes Is Convicted of Reckless Endangerment” in the *New York Times* in November 2014. He is the Founding Partner of Gomez & Vournas LLC and a trial attorney, specializing in criminal defense litigation.

Ninowtzka Mier was inducted as Present of the Broward County Women Lawyers Association in September 2014. She is a partner at Robinson Pecaro & Mier, P.A. in Davie, Florida, and specializes in insurance defense, personal injury, and immigration.

Gerald Simpkins was named Certification Program Manager, Office of Business Diversity and Civil Rights, at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey in December 2014. He previously held the position of Principal Security Analyst for nearly 30 years.

Douglas Singleterry was elected to his second term as North Plainfield, New Jersey’s Borough Council President. He is also counsel at Vasios, Kelly & Strollo, P.A. of Union, N.J., and specializes in civil litigation. Mr. Singleterry previously served as President of the Somerset County Governing

Officials Association and Chapter Chair of the former Tri-County Red Cross. He was featured in “North Plainfield Candidate Survey: Council President Douglas Singleterry” in the *Alternative Press* in October 2014.

— 2003 —

Heather Cucolo was quoted in “Serial Oswego County Sex Offender Attacks Infinite Confinement Law” on Syracuse.com in November 2014. She is a partner at Mental Disability Law and Policy Associates and an Adjunct Professor at New York Law School, where she has served as Acting Director of the Mental Disability Law Program.

Mark A. Desire was elected for a second term as Mayor of High Bridge, New Jersey. He works as an Assistant Director with the New York City Office of Chief Medical Examiner, where he is responsible for investigating Missing Persons cases. He has over 18 years of experience as a forensic scientist. He is also an Instructor in the Program in Criminal Justice with Rutgers University.

Justin M. Klein, a founding partner of Marks & Klein LLP in Red Bank, New Jersey, has been named a Super Lawyer. He focuses on franchise and business law and is one of only 138 lawyers from throughout the United States and 323 attorneys worldwide named to the *International Who’s Who of Franchise Lawyers*. He is recognized as a ‘Legal Eagle’, one of the nation’s leading franchise attorneys, by the *Franchise Times*, and has been designated a New

Leader of the Bar, one of the top 40 lawyers under 40 years of age by the *New Jersey Law Journal*.

— 2004 —



Erik M. Bashian was selected to the 2014 New York Rising Stars List of Super Lawyers. He is principal and founder of Bashian & Papantoniou. He

handles a wide variety of personal injury matters, including general negligence, motor vehicle accidents, and products liability.

Harlan Hollander was named executive director at Cushman & Wakefield in East Rutherford, New Jersey, making him one of the youngest executive directors in New Jersey. The appointment marks his fourth advancement with the commercial real estate services firm, which he joined in 2005 as a corporate advisory and tenant representation specialist. Mr. Hollander consistently has been one of the office’s top producing brokerage professionals, with involvement in some of New Jersey’s most significant transactions. For example, he was one of the leading team members in Valeant Pharmaceuticals’ 310,000-square-foot headquarters lease in Bridgewater, New Jersey.

Brian Kaszuba, who serves as Associate Director of the Center for NYC Law at New York Law School, writes that he became engaged to Molly Shortall in December 2014. She is Senior Annual Giving Officer at Memorial

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Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center as well as a Cantor in the Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens. She has a bachelor's and master's degree in Music from Augsburg College and the Manhattan School of Music.

— 2005 —

Zachary A. Aria was elected partner in the Philadelphia office of Blank Rome LLP effective January 1, 2015. He focuses on all aspects of intellectual property law, including trademarks, copyrights, domain names, fair use, unfair competition, right of privacy, right of publicity, false advertising, and counterfeiting. His emphasis is on counseling, negotiation and litigation, global portfolio management, trademark clearance, prosecution of trademark applications, oppositions, cancellations, Ex Parte Appeals at the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, and copyright protection and domain name acquisition and litigation.

Frank Chaney joined Rosenberg & Estis, P.C. in New York as of counsel in the firm's transactional department in June 2014. Mr. Chaney is an expert in zoning, land use, and environmental law. He has served in New York City's Department of City Planning and the Mayor's Office of Construction. He advises and represents clients on a wide range of land use matters such as rezonings, special permits, variances, air rights transfers, zoning lot mergers, and development agreements.

Michael Santorelli and the Advanced Communications Law and Policy Institute at New York

Law School were mentioned in "City, State and Federal Governments Are Fighting Over Chattanooga's Effort to Bring Broadband to Rural Consumers" in *The Washington Post* and Bloomberg Law in August 2014 and "The Net's Fallow Lands" in *The New York Times* in November 2014. He is a Director of the Advanced Communications Law and Policy Institute (ACLP) at New York Law School. In that capacity, he oversees all aspects of the ACLP's research and scholarly writing, as well as developing and maintaining the ACLP's core program. Prior to joining the ACLP, he was the Policy Director for the New York City Council's Committee on Technology in Government.

Cheryl Foster Smith joined Robinson Waters & O'Dorsio as an associate attorney in July 2014. She will be expanding the firm's family law and domestic relations practice areas in its Denver, Colorado, office. Her work includes drafting and negotiating prenuptial agreements and post-nuptial agreements; dissolution of marriage; high net-worth matters; custody battles including parental alienation, maintenance, and child support; modifications to orders and agreements; enforcement; and contempt. Prior to joining Robinson Waters, Ms. Smith worked in two boutique matrimonial law firms in New York City.

— 2006 —

Michael Lazzeri writes that he was appointed as Assistant Administrator for Government

Contracts at the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division in April 2014. He oversees production of prevailing wages on federal contracts and enforcement of the various federal prevailing wage laws. He was previously Director, Division of Enforcement Policy and Procedures, at the Department of Labor.

Camille Mackler was featured in "New York Immigration Groups Prepare to Meet Demands of New Policy" in *The New York Times* in November 2014 and quoted in "Preparing for Immigration Reform, and Warning of Potential Fraud" in *The New York Times* in December 2014. She is the director of legal initiatives for the New York Immigration Coalition and the co-chair of the Media and Advocacy committee for the New York Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association

Debbie Yee was elected to partnership at Latham & Watkins LLP in Houston, Texas in October 2014 and featured as a "Dealmaker of the Week" in *American Lawyer* in January 2015. She is a member of the Corporate Department, whose practice focuses on representing companies and investment banks in equity and debt capital markets transactions, as well as companies in M&A transactions and other general corporate matters.

— 2007 —

Matthew B. Abrams writes that he and **David M. Deemer '09** formed Abrams Deemer PLLC at the beginning of 2015. Their firm focuses primarily on the fields of trusts and estates, both in estate

planning and in Surrogate's Court litigation, and residential real estate in and around New York City.

Katherine Blostein was elected partner in Outten & Golden LLP's New York office. She is co-chair of the firm's Executive and Professionals Practice Group and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Workplace Rights Practice Group. She mainly represents individuals in negotiation of matters related to severance, employment, noncompetition, expatriate, and international assignment agreements, as well as partnership and equity ownership matters. She is also a member of the firm's Financial Services, Family Responsibilities and Disabilities Discrimination, and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender (LGBT) Workplace Rights Practice Groups.

William Vidal received the Municipal Affairs Award, presented by the New York City Bar Association in June 2014 to recognize outstanding achievement as an Assistant Corporation Counsel. He is an attorney in the New York City Law Department's Commercial and Real Estate Litigation Division.

— 2008 —

Michelle Benedetto received the Municipal Affairs Award, presented by the New York City Bar Association in June 2014 to recognize outstanding achievement as an Assistant Corporation Counsel. She has since August 2014 been an associate at Kaufman Borgeest & Ryan LLP in New York.

Ken Biberaj was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce and mentioned in *Crain's New York Business* and *Capital New York* in December 2014. He continues to promote The Russian Tea Room with a more active role on the real estate side of the business. He was interviewed on "Citywide with Ken Fisher" on CUNY TV in January 2015.

Erin Bond was recognized by the Women Builders Council as one of its Outstanding Women in the Building Industry for 2015 at the Council's 11th Annual Champion Awards Dinner. The event was hosted in March 2015, at Gotham Hall in Manhattan. She is Assistant Dean for Academic Programs Development at New York Law School.

Jean Fischer was quoted in "Foundation Sends Kin of 9/11 Victims to College" in *The New York Times* in September 2014. The article describes how scholarship money she received from the Families of Freedom Scholarship Fund after her fire captain husband, John Fischer, was killed on 9/11 allowed her to attend New York Law School. She is a sole practitioner in Staten Island, New York.

Desirée Hernandez, a staff attorney at the Safe Passage Project, gave a presentation at a CLE program organized by the law firm of Baker Hostetler in October 2014. She was quoted in "In NY, Volunteer Attorneys Lend Voice, Legal Help, To Border Kids," on nbcnews.com in March 2015.

Martin Krezalek joined Blank Rome LLP as an associate in

New York in October 2014. He concentrates his practice in complex commercial and corporate litigation matters, with a particular focus on disputes involving complex financial products and derivatives, substantial contractual disputes, securities litigation, and bankruptcy-related litigation.

Matthew Taub authored his first novel, *Death of the Dying City*, published by Sunbury Press in September 2014. He is an associate at the Taub Law Firm, PC in New York, a plaintiffs' personal injury firm. His work has appeared in publications including *Absinthe Revival*, *The Weekenders*, *The Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, *Greenpointers*, and *Only the Blog Knows Brooklyn*.

— 2009 —

Pierre Ciric wrote "Why Ronald Lauder is Right About Nazi-Looted Art in Museums" and "Opinion: Hopi and Navajo Masks Auction Precedent in France is Dangerous" in *Artnet News* in July 2014. He is the founder of the Ciric Law Firm, PLLC in New York, and a board member of both the French-American Bar Association and the New York Law School Alumni Association. The Ciric Law Firm, PLLC represents the Holocaust Art Restitution Project (HARP) and its director and co-founder, Ori Z. Soltes.

Louis Gelormino was featured on *Partners in Crime*, a television series that premiered on the USA Network in October 2014. The series is described by the USA Network as "a docu-soap" featuring "one of America's

most colorful criminal defense attorneys, Mario Gallucci" and Mr. Gelormino. He is an associate at Helbock, Nappa & Gallucci LLP on Staten Island.

Cary London reports that, after spending two years defending the New York Policy Department at 1 Police Plaza, and three years as a public defender at Brooklyn Defender Services, he opened his own firm in late 2014. The new firm, London Indusi LLP, was featured in articles in the *New York Daily News* in November 2014 and *The Huffington Post* in January 2015.

Kristin Marchesiello writes that she received her LL.M. in Intellectual Property from Fordham University School of Law in May 2014, graduating *cum laude*. She also joined Luxottica Group in its global intellectual property department.

Carmen Presinal-Roberts, an alumna of the Graduate Tax Program and an attorney at the Internal Revenue Service's Office of Chief Counsel, was recently honored with the IRS Commissioner's Award for her outstanding service and advocacy.

Christopher K. Wong was named a Presidential Innovation Fellow last year. He is working on Crowdsourcing Initiatives at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Alexandria, Va. He is a technologist and expert in intellectual property law with a passion for improving the patent system. Wong was previously the Executive Director of the Engelberg Center on Innovation Law & Policy at NYU School of Law and, before that, a

Postgraduate Fellow at the Institute for Information Law and Policy at New York Law School. While at New York Law School, Wong served as the founding project manager of Peer to Patent—a historic initiative allowing the public to participate in the patent examination process—and lead researcher of the National Science Foundation-funded Open Patent project exploring the use of user-generated tags to improve understanding of patent information.

— 2010 —



Michael T. Leigh joined the Louisville, Kentucky, office of Stites & Harbison, PLLC in January 2015.

He joined the firm as an attorney in the Business Litigation Service Group. His practice focuses on complex civil litigation and white collar criminal defense. He represents publicly traded and privately held companies in corporate governance, securities, and commercial litigation, and advises clients in internal corporate and regulatory investigations.

Jeffrey Linehan was quoted in "Prescription Fraud Charges for Prominent Manhattan Dermatologist" in *The New York Times* in July 2014. He is an Assistant District Attorney for New York County with the Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor for the City of New York.

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— 2011 —

Anjelica Cappellino co-authored “The Federal Sentencing Guidelines and the Pursuit of Fair and Just Sentences” with fellow alumnus and professor, **John Meringolo ’99**. The article was published in *Albany Law Review’s* “Miscarriages of Justice” issue in 2014. The piece examines the history of sentencing in the federal system and the creation and evolution of the United States Sentencing Guidelines. The article also discusses mandatory minimum penalties for drug offenses, and how these statutes effectively conflict with the Guidelines’ purposes, as well as the future of federal sentencing in light of recent policy shifts, such as Attorney General Eric Holder’s expressed support of changing mandatory minimums. Ms. Cappellino is an associate with Meringolo & Associates, PC in New York.



Jason S. Kreps joined the law firm of Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLP in January 2015 as an associate in

the Government Enforcement, Compliance, White Collar Litigation, and Health Care practice groups in the firm’s Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, office. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Kreps was in private practice in New York City, where he represented emerging companies in a broad range of corporate and intellectual property matters, including corporate organization and governance, early-stage capital generation, software development contracts, and business and finance ventures.

Joan V. O’Hara writes, “The summer after my 2L year (2010), I landed an internship with the House of Representatives Committee on Homeland Security. As Class Speaker at our graduation in 2011, I was delighted to announce that I had accepted a full-time permanent position with the Committee as Counsel. In 2013, I was named Deputy General Counsel. And in November 2014, I was named General Counsel. I am now the lead attorney for the Committee, responsible for developing and implementing the Committee’s legislative agenda, advising Committee Chairman Michael McCaul on all legal considerations informing national and homeland security, and managing a full-time staff of talented lawyers.”



Michele Gallo joined Klasko Immigration Law Partners as an associate attorney in November 2014. Her

practice is focused on employment-based non-immigrant and immigrant matters for large corporations with a high volume of immigration matters. She has extensive experience advising clients throughout the labor certification process, including assisting companies in planning for the labor certification process, performing the labor market test in the United States, filing the Form ETA 9089, and responding to audit requests by the Department of Labor.

Danielle Sennett was quoted in “In a Queens Court, Women in Prostitution Cases Are Seen as Victims” in *The New York Times* in November 2014. She is a public defender with Queens Law Associates and is assigned to the Human Trafficking Intervention Court in Queens.

The Women Builders Council recognized **Alana Sliwinski** as one of its Outstanding Women in the Building Industry for 2015 at the Council’s 11th Annual Champion Awards Dinner. The event was hosted in March 2015 at Gotham Hall in Manhattan. She is an associate at Zetlin & De’Chiara LLP in New York.

Claire R. Thomas was honored with the Otto L. Walter Distinguished Writing Award for her article “Bridging the Gap for Immigrant Children: Understanding Immigration Relief for Child Migrants,” co-written with Professor Lenni Benson, as part of the PLI Course Handbook Series (2014). She was featured in “Attorneys Jump In to Help Children in Immigration Court” in the *New York Law Journal* and in “The Border Kid Crisis Hits the Courts” in the *Daily Beast* in September 2014. She is a staff attorney with the Safe Passage Project at New York Law School and an Adjunct Professor at New York Law School.

Trevor Timm was quoted in “Snowden Tells Hackers of the World to Unite” in *The Daily Beast* in July 2014. He is Executive Director at the Freedom of the Press Foundation and an activist and writer for the Electronic Frontier Foundation in San Francisco, California.



Lawrence Winegrad joined Archer Norris in Walnut Creek, California, in October 2014. He represents corporate clients on various complex business transactions,

including M&A transactions, corporate finance, and real estate finance. His real estate background allows him to handle a variety of deals from inception through closing and supervising all aspects of the real estate process for a wide array of properties such as multi-family, mixed-use, office, cooperatives, condominiums, hospitals, and commercial buildings.

— 2012 —

David Brown writes that he was selected to participate in the Philadelphia Bar Foundation’s Board Observer Program for 2014-2015 with the SeniorLAW center, a Pennsylvania nonprofit organization that improves the lives of older citizens and protects their rights through legal representation, education, and advocacy. He is an associate at Montgomery McCracken Walker & Rhoads LLP in Philadelphia.

Aaron Lund writes that his article titled “Increased Enforcement Action Likely on the Horizon for Ambulance Providers” was published in the January-February 2015 issue of *Air Medical Journal*. In addition, he was recently appointed as the co-chair of the Administrative Law and Regulatory Affairs Committee at the New York County Lawyers

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Association (NYCLA). He is an associate compliance officer for the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation.

Joseph N. Schneiderman published an article, “Smokers, Dealers and Growers: The Supreme Judicial Court Hashes Out the Marijuana-Reform Ballot Initiative,” in the *Boston Bar Journal* in July 2014. He has an appellate practice and serves on the CPCS Criminal Appeals and Post-Conviction Panel, representing indigent clients in cases arising in Western Massachusetts.

— 2013 —

Robert Carroll’s stage play, *The Believers*, produced by The Storm Theatre, ran through November 2014 at the Morningside Heights’ Theater of the Church of Notre Dame. New York Law School hosted a staged reading of the play in February 2015. Mr. Carroll is an associate at Wolfson & Carroll, where he focuses on estate administration, real estate and Mitchell-Lama Housing Corporations, contracts, and election law. He is also the current President of Central Brooklyn

Independent Democrats. Before law school, Mr. Carroll split his time between working/consulting on political campaigns and acting. He is also a founding member of The Brooklyn Reform Coalition and a member of Community Board 7.

Steve Cohen published “Malpractice Lawsuits Aren’t Just About Money” in *Forbes* in June 2014. He is an associate at Kramer, Dillof, Livingston & Moore, a plaintiffs’ medical malpractice law firm. He spent 35 years as a publisher and media entrepreneur—principally for Time, Scholastic, and as CEO of five digital startups—before attending law school. He is also the author of seven books—including three best-sellers—and numerous articles. He regularly writes for *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *City Journal*, *The Daily Beast*, and *Forbes*.

Vanessa Craveiro was sworn in as the assistant prosecutor for Gloucester County in October 2014. She will be tasked with handling municipal court domestic violence cases. The news was reported on NJ.com.

Alison J. Lynch published “All His Sexless Patients’: Persons with Mental Disabilities and the

Competence to Have Sex” in *The Washington Review* with NYLS Professor Michael Perlin in June 2014. She also co-authored “‘Toiling in the Danger and in the Morals of Despair’: Risk, Security, Danger, the Constitution, and the Clinician’s Dilemma,” in the *Stanford Law & Policy Review* in September 2014. She is a staff attorney for Disability Rights New York.

Jennifer Williams-Alvarez wrote “Why Celebrities Like Lindsay Lohan Are Suing Video Game Studios” in *Engadget* in November 2014. She is a regular contributor to the site.

Jodi Ziesemer participated in a free training event on Asylum for Children of Catholic Charities in September 2014. She is an attorney who leads the Catholic Charities Community Services team responsible for representing newly arrived unaccompanied immigrant minors on the New York Immigration Court’s so-called “surge dockets.”

— 2014 —

Astrid Avedissian, Juan Chiquillo, and **Luisa Lebron** (Public Interest Fellows for the Safe Passage Project)

traveled with Professor Lenni Benson to make a presentation at a training session for Justice Americorps, at the request of the Executive Office for Immigration Review of the United States Department of Justice, on remedies for immigrant youth in removal

Emily Barile, Carlee Cooper, Michelle Ippolito and **Patricia Sotirakis** were awarded Scholarships by WX New York Women Executives in Real Estate. The news was reported in *Real Estate Weekly* in June 2014 and also appeared in *Capital New York*.

Suzanne Bettis was featured in “Star of Queens” in the *Queens Courier* in November 2014. She is an Assistant District Attorney in New York and a veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

Asher Hawkins won the American Bankruptcy Institute writing contest, and his article, “Piloting Through 546’s Safe Harbors in the Wake of *Lyondell, Tribune* and *Barclays*,” was published in the *ABI Journal* in June 2014. He is an associate at Frank LLP in New York. •

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The New York Law School community mourns the passing of **Professor Rudolph J.R. Peritz**. 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. News of his passing came just as *New York Law School Magazine* was going to press. The Law school invites alumni and friends to share their remembrances of him by writing to magazine@nyls.edu. Plans for a memorial service are underway. •



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