

## "New Realities in Law: A Response to President Obama's Two-Year J.D. Suggestion"



**Upcoming Alumni Events** 

On his recent bus tour of upstate New York, President Obama endorsed the concept of a two-year J.D. degree. In the wake of his comments, BLS hosted a discussion about the new world of law. ABA President James Silkenat and NYC Corporation Counsel Michael Cardozo joined a distinguished panel moderated by Dean Nick Allard. They discussed measures underway at law schools, including Brooklyn's new accelerated two-year J.D. program and other innovations; the pressing needs of employers; and new opportunities for students entering the legal profession. Watch the video.



Join the BLS Alumni Association and enjoy exclusive membership benefits.

#### Join our Social Networks:



#### **Academic Programs**

Brooklyn Law School is hosting a number of academic programs this fall. Alumni are encouraged to attend and take part in stimulating conversations on wide-ranging legal topics. Please view the **events calendar** for a complete list of programs, including the **Pomerantz Lecture** on September 26.



#### **Class of 2013 Speed Networking**

Tuesday, October 15

Co-sponsored by the Career Center and the Brooklyn Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section. Online registration will be available soon.



#### On the Road: Alumni Reception in Long Island

Wednesday, October 16

BLS welcomes Long Island-area alumni to a reception hosted by Richard Fromewick '72 and Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C. RSVP online.



### Make a Gift Online

#### Stay Connected:

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#### Academic Programs:

9/26 - Abraham L. Pomerantz Lecture Presented by Prof. Hillary Sale: Corporate "Publicness"

10/11 - Symposium: Religious Freedom and Equal Treatment: An International Look



### Summer Legal Process: 25th Anniversary Celebration Wednesday. October 23

Please join us for a reception celebrating 25 years of the BLS Summer Legal Process program. **RSVP online**.



#### **Recent Graduate Reception**

Wednesday, November 6
Save the date and come back to Brooklyn Heights for an evening of cocktails and conversation at The Custom House.

#### Law School News



#### **Brooklyn Law School Launches Elder Rights Clinic**

This fall marks the launch of Brooklyn Law School's Elder Rights Clinic, a collaboration with the South Brooklyn Legal Services Elderlaw Project and the Weinberg Center for Elder Abuse Prevention. **Read more**.



### Stan Wilcox '88 Named Athletics Director at Florida State University

Stan Wilcox '88 was recently named Director of Athletics at Florida State University, becoming the first African-American and the 15th person in the school's history to hold the title.

Read more.



## Frederick Cohen '67 Named "Lawyer of the Year" by Best Lawyers

Frederick Cohen '67, a Partner at Duane Morris LLP and a member of the Law School's Board of Trustees, was recently named a "Lawyer of the Year" by *Best Lawyers*. Cohen was selected as the best in the New Litigation - Construction Law category for New York City. **Read more**.



## Sary Udashkin '13 Receives National Association of Women Lawyers Outstanding Law Student Award

Sary Udashkin '13 was recently named an Outstanding Law Student Award recipient by the National Association of Women Lawyers. The award is presented annually to one standout student per graduating class from participating ABA-approved schools. Read more.

#### Recent Class Notes

Andrew I. Silfen '86, a partner in the New York office of Arent Fox LLP and Chair of its Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring Group, was presented with a 40th Leadership in Credit Education Award by the New York Institute of Credit in June 2013. The award is given to two individuals who have

10/18 - IBL Symposium: What Law Governs International Commercial Contracts? Divergent Doctrines and the New Hague Principles (CLE credit available)

#### Faculty in the News:

Prof. Roberta Karmel Examines JOBS Act Implementation in New York Law Journal Op-Ed

**Prof. Bennett Capers** Comments on Stop-and-Frisk Ruling in *New York Times* Op-Ed

Profs. Brad Borden and David Reiss Discuss Foreclosure Commentary in Thomson Reuters Interview

**Prof. Rebecca Kysar** Cited by D.C. District Court in Affordable Care Act Ruling

# **Prof. Dana Brakman Reiser**Comments on Benefit Corporations in the *Wall Street Journal*

#### View the Media Gallery:



**View photos** from the 2013 Convocation Ceremony.

## Have questions? We have answers.

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"demonstrated dedication and commitment to the New York Institute of Credit and the Credit Industry."

**Bonnie Sard '94**, an Assistant District Attorney at the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, will be presented with a Public Service Award by the New York County Lawyers' Association at an award ceremony in September 2013. The award honors lawyers in the public sector who have distinguished themselves as role models, innovators, and problem solvers of complex legal issues.

Robert F. Fodera '95 was appointed the Assistant Commissioner of Administrative Policy and Enforcement with the New York City Department of Buildings. Fodera oversees the agency's prosecution of Building and Construction Code violators, discipline of professionals who practice before the agency. He is also responsible for developing policy to help the agency become more productive in protecting the public health, safety, and welfare.

**Robert J. Walther '06**, previously Deputy Director for Energy at Third Way, joined POET as its Director of Federal Affairs. POET is one of the world's largest ethanol producers and is a leader in biorefining.

Read more Class Notes.

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