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Entrepreneurs Start Here

By *Andrea Strong '94*

A new generation of business-savvy lawyer is being trained at the Law School's Center for Urban Business Entrepreneurship (CUBE). Thanks to the exceptional support of alumni, CUBE has had an extraordinary inaugural year with the addition of four new faculty, and several high-profile events and competitions.

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Working for Justice

By *Andrea Strong '94*

Six Brooklyn Law School graduates have recently been awarded highly-competitive fellowships to do work on behalf of immigrants, the LGBT community, the elderly and veterans, and to advocate for animal rights and for racial justice. All six are shining examples of the type of student Brooklyn Law School attracts and educates: Those committed to doing well and to doing good.

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“Why do you think because I went to Harvard Law School that I know better than “Joe Six Pack” whether there ought to be under natural law a right to abortion or a right to suicide? What prepared me to decide these cosmic questions?” —**Justice Antonin Scalia**

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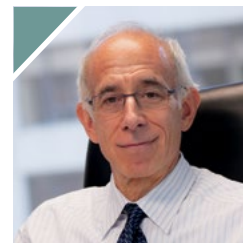
A million dollar grant funds new disabilities clinic which will be directed by **Natalie M. Chin**, who joined the BLS clinical faculty in September.

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Two beloved members of the Brooklyn Law School faculty retired this spring, legendary **Professors Richard T. Farrell and Marilyn Walter**.

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“My philosophy has always been that if you have to say no, you find an alternative solution.” — **Q&A with Noah Hanft '76**



“WHY STUDY LAW?” and “Why study law in the United States?” These are two questions we repeatedly hear from all points of the compass. Given the state of our world the persistence of these questions may not be as surprising as how receptive students, scholars, business executives and government officials seem to be to our answer.

We have been telling audiences from Russia to China, from India to Europe, from Australia to Canada, and of course throughout the United States: “Study law to learn the language of liberty.” Regardless of national origin or cultural heritage, lawyers the world over speak a common language. It is the most beautiful and practical language on the planet.

The universal language of law is all about peace, opportunity and freedom. Lawyers can be the instruments of peace, more powerful than any military force. Lawyers are the architects of economic opportunity and growth. And law is the ultimate weapon in the ceaseless fight for individual rights and justice.

Which brings us to our cover feature, “Working for Justice.” We profile six outstanding recent graduates who have been awarded some of the most coveted public service fellowships in the nation. Daniel Faessler ’13 creates legal clinics for the Transgender community in San Francisco; Peter Travitsky ’14 provides legal services and education to the elderly and their caregivers; Johane Severin ’08 trains at the Racial Justice Institute to identify race-based inequities and to effect change on behalf of low-income people of color; Cody Carlson ’13 advocates for animal rights at The Humane Society of the United States; Justine Pelham ’14 represents veterans at the Veterans Advocacy Project; and Scott Foletta ’14 counsels poor immigrants and their families.

These graduates are shining examples for our new entering class, a group of 417 outstanding students; an increase of 31 students over last year’s J.D. entering class. A class we worked extremely hard at assembling. Our Admissions Office and Faculty Admissions Committee members collectively have literally hundreds of years of experience evaluating prospective law students. Their judgment in assessing applicants, including their individual background, life circumstances, and work experience is remarkable. Given the success of our recent graduates, they know how to pick ’em. I was truly moved in August at Convocation as I looked out at the already familiar faces of our new students and was reminded of our son Tyler, who on that very day left home to begin law school.

We expect every one of them to follow in the footsteps of over a century of graduates before them, and play a part in shaping our world. Many will have a hand in the national dialog concerning simmering immigration issues; unleashing the power of biomedical research to prevent and treat disease; mapping the rules of the road for innovations like driverless cars,

pilotless planes, Uber, and 3D printing, to list just some of the innovations that will stretch the fabric of existing laws and regulations. We may wonder who among them will be reclaiming and protecting individual privacy; and who will lead us to end the senseless violence against ourselves, taking on laws relating to guns and mental health that obviously are not working.

Pie in the sky falderal? I think not. Our high ambitions for our students are worthy and attainable. We have only to look at the accomplishments of our alumni to be reminded of what is possible with education and training at BLS, and our faculty and curriculum are stronger than ever. Our students will be able to tackle the major issues of the day and those not yet before them. Two of the graduates featured in this magazine are doing just that: Vivian Maese ’82, a pioneering FinTech lawyer and Nithya Das ’06, General Counsel of AppNexus, one of Silicon Alley’s most highly-valued tech companies.

Our students emerge as trained advocates and articulate persuaders with confidence and flexibility to be immediately effective. And they do so because of our world-class faculty, who not only have an indelible impact on our students’ lives, but also on our society as a whole. Four of our professors have been appointed to high-profile positions of influence this year, two have written seminal books and innumerable others have published a vast body of scholarship in leading journals. I am justifiably proud also of the many honors and accolades they recently received from their peers across the academy, not to mention their influence in the media with their authoritative commentary.

Our faculty has also worked diligently to match our programming and curriculum to the issues of the day. For example, to further establish entrepreneurship as an area for academic study and practical experience, our pioneering Center for Urban Business Entrepreneurship (CUBE) has had an extraordinarily successful inaugural year. In addition to a full range of high-profile events, it has added a Certificate in Entrepreneurship, a new foundation course, four new CUBE clinical faculty, and established a CUBE Consultation Center, which provides an opportunity for alumni, students, and faculty to work together to advise local business owners on a variety of matters critical to business development. Many international students first become interested in Brooklyn Law School because of CUBE.

You often hear people say that America does not make anything anymore. Well, we make great lawyers. And in Brooklyn we make the best. Around the world our legal system is envied. People everywhere seek to emulate its strengths, and those who do not enjoy the rule of law seem to want its benefits most. And that is why the eyes of the world, among those curious about the law, are upon us. What we are doing at our great law school matters.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick Allard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nick Allard
Joseph Crea Dean and President

In a Class of Their Own—417 New Students

On Tuesday, August 19, the Ceremonial Courtroom of the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York, was brimming with excitement as the entering class of 2014—made up of 417 new students (400 J.D. and 17 LL.M. candidates)—kicked off its official start to law school. The Convocation Ceremony included talks from a variety of perspectives: the Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams; a current student, Garynn Noel '15; the faculty speaker, Professor William Araiza; an alumni speaker, Deborah Riegel '93; and Dean Nick Allard. Vice Dean Dana Brakman Reiser kept the evening going smoothly in her role as Master of Ceremonies.

“This year’s entering class, one of the largest law school classes in the state and the country, represents astonishing diversity, talent, experience, and dedication to community,” said Dean Allard. “Even amidst the nationwide decline in applications, Brooklyn Law School drew exceptional candidates. And for the second year in a row, our entering class is larger than the one that preceded it.

“We placed special emphasis on applicants’ accomplishments, academic performance, and character, ensuring a strong student body. Every one of our admitted students has the ability, experience, and motivation necessary to succeed in law school, pass the bar, and be an excellent lawyer. We have great confidence in the success of the new class.” ■



To read more about the new students and their remarkable backgrounds and diversity visit: brooklaw.edu/Admissions



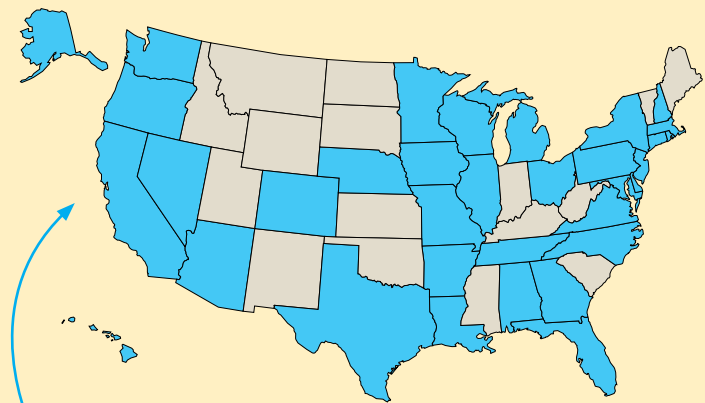
To view the entire convocation ceremony visit: brooklaw.edu/covocationvideo

By the Numbers

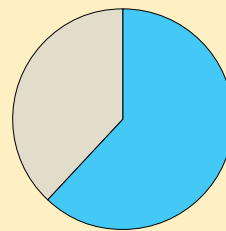
This year’s J.D. class reflected an increase of 31 students over last year’s entering class. Selected from nearly 3,400 applicants, the admitted class is distributed across the Law School’s flexible program options:

- 31** in the inaugural accelerated 2- or 2.5-Year J.D. Program
- 322** in the standard 3-Year J.D. Program
- 47** in the extended 3.5-, 4-, or 4.5-Year J.D. Program
- 17** in the LL.M. Program for Foreign Trained Lawyers

The incoming J.D. students represent a spectrum of backgrounds and demographics:



- 33** U.S. states represented, D.C., and several foreign countries
- 38** Languages and dialects other than English
- 57** Students speak at least three languages
- 33** Birthplace countries spanning five continents
- 24** Average age with a range of 20–49
- 175** Colleges and universities
- 33** Advanced degrees—29 Master’s; two medical; and two Ph.D.s



65%
of students were out of college for one or more years before entering law school

The Pride of Prince

This past March, 36 teams from across the country participated in the 29th Annual Dean Jerome Prince Memorial Moot Court Competition, one of the most prominent Moot Court competitions in the nation, hosted by the Brooklyn Law School Moot Court Honor Society.

As is the case each year, the bench for the final round of the competition was comprised of an outstanding group of jurists. This year, the Law School was honored to welcome Hon. William A. Fletcher of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Hon. Edward R. Korman '66 of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York, and Hon. Jenny Rivera of the New York State Court of Appeals.

The University of Georgia Law School and Campbell University School of Law placed first and second, respectively, overall and the prize for Best Brief was awarded to Duquesne University School of Law. Participants' arguments focused on *U.S. v. Anastasia Zelasko*, a hypothetical case developed by a committee of Moot Court students and faculty members. The case revolved around several counts of possession and sale of controlled substances and first degree murder charges against a member of the women's U.S. Snowman Pentathlon Team.

The competition is named in honor of the late Jerome Prince, renowned evidence scholar, teacher, and author of *Prince on Evidence*, who served as Dean of Brooklyn Law School from 1953 to 1971. The competition provides law students an opportunity to write an appellate brief that addresses evidentiary issues in a contemporary context. ■



Abbi Schenkel, 2014 Prince Competition Coordinator (FAR LEFT) and Matthew C. DeSaro, 2013-14 Moot Court Honor Society President (FAR RIGHT), join the Hon. Jenny Rivera, New York Court of Appeals, the Hon. William A. Fletcher, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, the Hon. Edward R. Korman '66, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York, and Dean Nicolas Allard in congratulating the University of Georgia Law School on their first place win.

Another Winning Season for the Moot Court Honor Society

The BLS Moot Court Honor Society is one of the most distinguished and accomplished moot court programs in the country. This past academic year, Brooklyn Law School students participated in 32 appellate competitions, 9 trial competitions, and the VIS commercial arbitration competition. They not only took home honors in a broad array of competitions in the states, but celebrated victories at competitions abroad in a number of prominent tournaments.

At the **Monroe E. Price Media Law Moot Court International Moot Court Competition**, hosted by Oxford University and featuring teams from law schools around the world, the BLS team placed second in the Americas Regional Round, and team members Ashleigh Goit '15 and Cate Russell '15 took individual honors for second and third place for Best Oralist. The team also won the prize for Best Memorial. Particularly noteworthy, they advanced to the International Round in Oxford, placing as finalists.

Also on the international front, the team competing in the **International Criminal Court (ICC) Moot Court Competition** at the Hague Convention were regional champions, Ian Dooley '15 was named second Best Overall Advocate and Amanda Shapiro '15 received the award for Best Government Memorial. At the **Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition** the BLS team placed as quarter-finalists.

The BLS team made a good showing at the **American Bar Association's National Appellate Advocacy Competition** becoming the regional champions. Then at the National Competition in Chicago they placed as quarterfinalists out of 202 participating teams. Other good results for BLS teams included finalists in the **Fordham University School of Law Judge Paul Joseph Kelly, Jr. Invitational Trial Competition**; semi-finalists at the **John Marshall Information Technology and Privacy Law Competition**; semi-finalists at **New York University Appellate Immigration Law Competition**; and Best Respondent's Brief for the team that competed at the **Seton Hall Law School John J. Gibbons Criminal Procedure Moot Court Competition**.

Finally, individual honors went to Shannon Daugherty '15 for Best Overall Advocate at the **Albany Law School Domenick L. Gabrielli National Family Law Moot Court Competition**; First Best Oralist to Kevin Shaffer '15 at the **Weschler First Amendment Moot Court Competition**; and Jamie Maguire '15 was awarded First Best Oralist at the **AIPLA Giles Sutherland Rich Memorial Patent Law Moot Court Competition**.

☞ To read more about the Moot Court Honor Society Winning Season visit brooklaw.edu/mootcourt

Public Service Awards Honor Students Making a Difference

ON APRIL 2, Brooklyn Law School honored the public service work of members of the Class of 2014 with a ceremony and reception. One hundred twenty-one students received awards for performing 100 or more hours of legal work for nonprofit organizations and government agencies. The Honorable Judy Harris Kluger, Executive Director of Sanctuary for Families and a pioneer in developing problem-solving courts throughout New York State, delivered the keynote speech. She noted the importance of public service—particularly in her own field of combating domestic violence—and praised BLS students for their efforts.

Award-winners spent their time at a broad cross-section of organizations, including The Legal Aid Society, United Nations offices, Advocates for Children, and the New York State Division of Human Rights. Over the course of these students' law school careers, they devoted more than 81,000 hours to assisting survivors of domestic violence, immigrants, unemployed individuals, people seeking access to health care, low-income taxpayers, children, prisoners, asylum seekers, veterans, sex workers, and others.

Student-led projects are at the heart of the BLS public service experience. They offer unique leadership and practical opportunities while helping underserved populations. This celebration, in part, honored those graduating students who displayed outstanding student leadership in the 26 BLS sponsored pro bono projects. These students founded their own projects, revived and revitalized dormant projects, and took over the management of projects requiring extensive time and energy.

"I could not be more proud of our students," said Danielle Sorken, Director of BLS's Public Service Office. "Their dedication to using their legal skills for good is truly inspiring." ■



Hon. Judy Harris Kluger, Executive Director of Sanctuary for Families, delivers the keynote address at the Law School's annual Public Service Awards.

➔ **121** students received awards for performing 100 hours or more of legal work for the underserved. Student-led projects are at the heart of the BLS public service experience.

Helping Hands: A Day Devoted to Service



In August, more than 85 students, faculty, and staff spread out across five different sites in Brooklyn for a day of service. Volunteers worked at the Bed Stuy Campaign Against Hunger's food pantry, and helped with gardening, planting, and clean up at the Gowanus Canal Conservancy, the Prospect Park Volunteer Corps, and the NYC Parks Department.

Another Banner Year at the BLSPI Auction

THE BROOKLYN LAW STUDENTS for the Public Interest (BLSPI) annual auction is a great tradition at BLS. It raises money for students taking summer internships with nonprofit organizations and government entities, and the 2014 auction was a resounding success raising approximately \$39,000 for these internships. “In addition to being an incredibly fun and high-energy event,” said Ashley Fertig ’15, one BLSPI’s co-chairs, “it is always great to see our BLS community so supportive of our public interest community.”

The lively event, held in the Forchelli Center in Feil Hall, combined live and silent auctions of items donated by local businesses, faculty, alumni, and others. “Good Fella, Good Meal” featured lunch for two with criminal defense attorney Joseph Bondy ’94, while “Midnight in Paris” offered dinner and a movie for six students with Professor Maryellen Fullerton and Associate Dean Stacy Caplow. Particularly popular items included dinner and a Broadway show with Dean



Allard and his wife Marla, BARBRI Bar Review gift certificates, and barbecue and a tour of Brooklyn Brewery with Vice Dean Michael Cahill and Professor Minor Myers.

The auction’s proceeds provided stipends for 20 BLS students who spent their summers working at organizations such as the European Center for Constitutional and

Human Rights, the U.S. Coast Guard, New York Lawyers for the Public Interest, and the New Jersey Office of the Public Defender.

“Thanks to all of the donations we received, the volunteers we had, and the money we raised, our fellows were able to work in a diverse array of placements, both here and abroad,” said Fertig. ■



The Class of 2014 Dean's Challenge Committee:
(BACK ROW) Teisha Ruggiero, Adam Ludemann, David Giller, Amalie Silverstein **(FRONT ROW)** Caitlin Proper, Perry Lasicka, Veronica Jackson, and Erin Ogburn.
NOT PICTURED: Sabrina Bierer, Chauncey Depew, Matthew DeSaro, Meghann Graham, Jana Hymowitz, Daniel Kirkeby, Summer McKee, Joshua Wueller

Giving Challenge Reaches Record 61%

ONE OF DEAN ALLARD'S INITIATIVES early on was to involve graduates, no matter how recent, in the business of giving. He created the Dean’s Annual Giving Challenge for members of each graduating class to join together for a fundraising campaign to give back to the Law School community and leave their mark as a class. All contributions go to the Annual Fund, which supports scholarships for students and helps the Law School attract talented faculty, advance its academic programs, and maintain its competitive advantage among the country’s top law schools.

This year, the Class of 2014 set a new record of 61% participation, far surpassing the participation rates of all previous classes. “Our students’ generosity will continue to make a great impact upon the future students of BLS,” said Dean Allard. “It is an important vote of confidence in the Law School and everyone who participates is a champion!”

“This campaign’s success is really due to the leadership of a small group of students who led the grassroots effort and encouraged their friends and classmates to participate,” said Andrea Polci, Assistant Director for Alumni Relations, who along with Kamille James, the Annual Fund Director, helped lead the student committee. “The response from students was outstanding. They recognize that even a small contribution can have a real impact, and the numbers speak volumes about their support for BLS.” ■

Strong Clerkship Showing by BLS

FORTY-TWO BLS STUDENTS AND RECENT GRADUATES have been appointed to serve as law clerks for federal and state court judges. “Serving as a judicial clerk is a great way to start and enhance a legal career and we are proud and delighted that so many of our students and graduates will be able to take advantage of this unparalleled opportunity,” said Professor Michael Gerber, Chair of the Clerkship Committee. ■

Setenay Akdag '14

U.S. Department of Justice (2014-16)
Office of Immigration Review

Allison Arotzky '12

Judge Nancy Hershey Lord '80 (2013-15)
United States Bankruptcy Court
Eastern District of New York

Leslie Bailey '14

Judge Claire Kelly '93 (2016-17)
United States Court of International Trade

Adam Blander '13

Judge Barbara Jaffe (2013-15)
New York Supreme Court
New York County

Dana Brady '13

Judge Joseph Dickson (2014-15)
Judge Peter Sheridan (2014-15)
United States District Court
District of New Jersey

Michael Brodlieb '15

Judge Raymond Dearie (2015-16)
United States District Court
Eastern District of New York

Joshua Card '13

Judge Reena Raggi (2014-15)
United States Court of Appeals
Second Circuit

Judge Paul Gardephe (2013-14)
United States District Court
Southern District of New York

Jenny Chung '14

Magistrate Judge Michael Hammer
United States District Court
District of New Jersey

Andrew Coyle '12

Judge Lewis A. Kaplan (2014-16)
United States District Court
Southern District of New York

Christopher Coyne '15

Magistrate Judge Gabriel Gorenstein
(2015-16)
United States District Court
Southern District of New York

Shannon Daugherty '15

Judge Margo Brodie (2016-17)
United States District Court
Eastern District of New York

Jaclyn DeMais '13

Judge Mary Gibbons Whipple (2013-14)
New Jersey Superior Court

Judge Mary Catherine Cuff (2014-15)
Supreme Court of New Jersey

Will Denker '12

Judge Richard C. Wesley (2016-18)
United States Court of Appeals
Second Circuit

Katilyn Dunphy '14

Judge Susan Reisner (2014-15)
New Jersey Superior Court

Tristan Ellis '15

Judge Edward Korman (2015-16)
United States District Court
Eastern District of New York

Emanuel Fashakin '14

Magistrate Judge Ramon Reyes '92
(2015-16)
United States District Court
Eastern District of New York

Stephanie Gal '12

Judge Martin Glenn (2014-15)
United States Bankruptcy Court
Southern District of New York

Rebecca Gannon '14

Magistrate Judge Lois Bloom (2014-16)
United States District Court
Eastern District of New York

David Giller '14

Judge Jenny Rivera (2015-16)
New York State Court of Appeals

Judge Robert Grossman '73 (2014-15)
United States Bankruptcy Court
Eastern District of New York

Stuart Gold '14

U.S. Department of Justice (2014-15)
Office of Immigration Review

Philip Guffy '15

Chief Judge Carla Craig (2015-16)
United States Bankruptcy Court
Eastern District of New York

Janeen Hall '15

Magistrate Judge Ronald Ellis (2015-16)
United States District Court
Southern District of New York

Alex Hampton '14

Connecticut Superior Court (2014-15)

Joshua Katz '13

Judge Peter Sheridan (2015-16)
United States District Court
District of New Jersey

Emily Kehoe '13

Judge Claire Kelly '93 (2013-15)
United States Court of International Trade

Chief Bankruptcy Judge Cecelia Morris
(2015-2017)

United States Bankruptcy Court
Southern District of New York

Melissa Martin '14

Judge Ellen Gorman (2014-15)
Maine Supreme Judicial Court

C. Scott McAbee '13

Judge Andrew Carter (2016-17)
United States District Court
Southern District of New York

Judge Johnnie B. Rawlinson (2015-16)
United States Court of Appeals
Ninth Circuit

Summer McKee '14

Judge Elizabeth Stong (2014-15)
United States Bankruptcy Court
Eastern District of New York

Joanna Menillo '15

Judge Nelson Roman '89 (2017-18)
United States District Court
Southern District of New York

John Moore '14

Judge Stanley Marcus (2015-16)
United States Court of Appeals
Eleventh Circuit

Judge Edward Korman (2014-15)
United States District Court
Eastern District of New York

Stephen O'Connor '14

Magistrate Judge Gabriel Gorenstein
(2014-15)
United States District Court
Southern District of New York

Erin Ogburn '14

Magistrate Judge Henry Pitman (2014-15)
United States District Court
Southern District of New York

Stephen Popernik '13

Judge Brian Cogan (2014-15)
United States District Court
Eastern District of New York

Hannah Roth '12

Magistrate Judge Robert Levy (2014-15)
United States District Court
Eastern District of New York

Dominic Saglibene '14

U.S. Department of Justice (2014-16)
Office of Immigration Review

Robert Sobelman '12

Judge Chester Straub (2015-16)
United States Court of Appeals
Second Circuit

Judge Edward Korman '66 (2012-13)
United States District Court
Eastern District of New York

John Teuseo '14

Judge Lewis A. Kaplan (2014-15)
United States District Court
Southern District of New York

James Tuomey '13

Judge Alexandra Williams (2014-15)
District Court of Baltimore County

Paola Uriarte '14

Judge Stuart Peim (2014-15)
New Jersey Superior Court

Alex Weinberg '10

Judge Nelson Roman '89 (2015-16)
United States District Court
Southern District of New York

Frank Yook '14

Judge Lisa Firko (2014-15)
New Jersey Superior Court

Said Younis '14

Judge Claire Kelly '93 (2015-16)
United States Court of International Trade

New Faces in the Crowd: BLS Welcomes General Counsel and Adds Depth to its Career Office Operations

Stephanie Vullo has joined Brooklyn Law School as its very first General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer. Vullo comes to the Law School with over 16 years of experience as in-house counsel in higher education. She was most recently the Assistant Vice President, Executive Counsel, and Labor Designee at Baruch College, and prior to that she served as Associate General Counsel for 10 years at NYU. She has also spent several years representing the City University of New York and the State University of New York as an Assistant Attorney General in the Litigation Bureau.

A large part of Vullo's duties will consist of working with the Human Resources, Public Safety, and Finance Offices to ensure applicable laws, regulations, and internal policies are in place. "In Stephanie Vullo, we have found just the right person to take on these many and varied projects and tasks," said Vice Dean Michael Cahill. "Her experience speaks for itself, and her brief time at BLS has already made clear that she has extraordinary know-how, skill, and energy."

"I am excited to be a part of the Brooklyn Law School community," said Vullo. "While I have only been here a short while, it already feels like the right fit. Everyone has been so welcoming. Becoming the Law School's first general counsel and compliance officer in its century-long history is a bit daunting, but it's a great opportunity I wholeheartedly embrace!"

In addition to her years in higher education, Vullo served as a Senior Court Attorney for the New York State Supreme Court,



worked for the New York State Division of Human Rights, and served as a Congressional Aide to Congressman Bill Green.

Last year, the Law School announced it had hired a dynamic new Assistant Dean of Career Development, Karen Eisen. This year, the Office of Career and Professional Development (OCPD) continues to bolster its operations with two new experienced attorneys

who will add depth in counseling students and helping to find meaningful opportunities and work for BLS students. Robin Nackman has joined the OCPD as its new Director of Employer Relations, and Fei Zhong '06 has joined the staff as an Associate Director.

"We are thrilled to welcome both Robin and Fei to our office," said Eisen. "They each bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to their work, as well as a commitment and dedication to the education of our students in career strategies. I know they will be tremendous resources for our students."



Robin Nackman brings over 25 years of broad legal experience to the Career Office. Nackman began her career as an Assistant District Attorney in Manhattan, where she served for three years. “Working as an ADA was an extraordinary experience,” said Nackman, who knew early on that she wanted to litigate. “Instead of having to spend years proving myself to a firm before I could set foot in a

courtroom, it was a matter of weeks before I appeared in front of a judge.” Nackman then spent 10 years litigating securities arbitration proceedings and other matters as a Vice President and Associate General Counsel at Prudential Securities Incorporated, where her litigation experience at the District Attorney’s office paid off. “The firm had about 65 attorneys, probably 40 of whom were former ADAs who barely knew a stock from a bond. Their attitude was that we could learn the substantive law, but no one had to teach us to be litigators,” Nackman said. She then spent another 10 years as a solo practitioner, handling a broad range of litigation matters from real estate transactions and securities arbitration and mediations to contract disputes and estate planning.

“Robin and Fei bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to their work, as well as a commitment and dedication to the education of our students in career strategies.”

—**Karen Eisen**, *Dean of Career Development*

For the past four years, Nackman has worked in employer relations at area law schools, serving as Director of Employer Relations at Touro College, Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center and then at New York Law School. In this role, Nackman developed and maintained relationships with legal employers—from firms to government agencies to nonprofit organizations—and also helped students and alumni find internships and jobs. “I love working with students and seeing them succeed,” said Nackman. “I also enjoy the teaching aspect of this work—informing and educating students about the professional legal world.”

In addition to her varied experience, Nackman brings enthusiasm and energy to BLS. “It’s apt that the acronym of my title is DOER,” she said. “I really do see the Director of Employer Relations role as that of a ‘doer,’ getting to know students and making the right connections for them.”



As a student at BLS, **Fei Zhong** ’06 worked closely with Associate Director Dina Adler in the Career Office. “I’ve kept in touch with Dina over the years because she made a real impact on my life,” said Zhong. After graduating, Zhong practiced law as an associate at Kucker & Bruh, LLP, a real estate and civil litigation firm, and then as a staff attorney at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom. While

Zhong found her legal practice positions immensely valuable, she knew that she ultimately wanted to work in a capacity similar to Adler’s, counseling students. “I was attracted to law because of the counseling aspect,” said Zhong, “and I wanted to continue to counsel clients but explore doing so in a non-legal capacity.”

On Adler’s advice, Zhong then spent the next several years building up her advising credentials as a legal recruiter, serving as Hire Counsel’s Managing Director of Legal Recruitment and then as a Recruitment Partner at Deutsche Bank. As a recruiter, Zhong counseled job seekers, and found it rewarding to help so many attorneys find positions. Although her work was closer to the advising role she sought, she found mid-career clients were already essentially set on their paths. “Being able to create a bond with a student, see their progression from their 1L year to graduation and beyond, and help them see the possibilities for creating a legal career that they would truly enjoy—that was what I wanted to do,” said Zhong.

Zhong has fond memories of her time in law school. She was a member of the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association and is fluent in Mandarin and conversant in Cantonese. She met her husband Nicholas F. Gaffney ’06 during her first year at BLS and maintains a tight knit group of friends from her BLS class.

She is thrilled to return to the Law School as an Associate Director with OCPD where she will counsel students and also be responsible for the school’s diversity outreach. She is excited to use her experience as a BLS alumna and her different work experiences to advise students. “I think a lot of people don’t realize the varied positions in which they can use their legal education,” said Zhong. “Whatever interests you have—if you love food, for example, or you’re passionate about the environment—there are ways to blend these interests with a legal career. I hope to help students realize early in their studies at BLS that there are many possible paths to a fulfilling career.” ■

Scalia at La Scala:

A Memorable Evening with Justice Antonin Scalia

On Friday, March 21 at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, Brooklyn Law School hosted a stimulating conversation with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia moderated by Judge Andrew P. Napolitano, BLS's Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law. A former New Jersey state court judge who serves as a legal analyst on the Fox News Channel, Judge Napolitano led a spirited discussion with Justice Scalia in which he hinted that the Supreme Court would likely rule on National Security Agency domestic surveillance—a comment that drew extensive national coverage in *The New Yorker*, *Bloomberg BusinessWeek*, *Business Insider*, *Politicker*, and other media.

The topic was one of many timely legal issues raised during the 90-minute program, which included a compelling 30-minute Q&A with the audience. Dean Allard kicked off the night with his signature dry wit: "I'm glad a couple of you could make it out here this evening," he joked with the packed house of 1,600 BLS students, alumni, faculty, judges, and leaders of the bar.

Among some of the distinguished guests were Mayor David Dinkins, Class of 1956, and the Chief Judges of the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York. Justice Scalia attended a pre-reception with faculty and a post-reception celebration for special guests at the nearby Urban Glass Gallery.

Judge Napolitano began the main event with a declaration that "this is not a debate, it's a Q&A." Nevertheless, the words absurd, stupid, and ridiculous were used with regularity by an impassioned Justice Scalia, who bantered with his longtime friend and ideological opponent and took questions from the audience with decidedly different views of the Constitution. Interestingly, the questions that inspired the most heated responses also drew the most laughs. It seems Justice Scalia may have missed his calling as the world's most intellectual stand-up comic.

Judge Napolitano's first question related to the issue of natural law. "Does the Supreme Court ever look to the natural law as a restraint on either itself or the other two branches of government?" he asked. "You're a big natural law freak!" Justice Scalia answered as the audience burst into laughter. After the laughter died down, the Justice continued with a principle that would be echoed throughout the night:

"I certainly do not think my job is to enforce the moral natural law. I enforce American law. It's up to the American people to conform that to natural law and sometimes they don't do that very well. If you want people to enforce the natural law you should not select lawyers, you should select philosophers, ethicists, whatever. I'm a lawyer and I think I do very well at figuring out what the particular statute enacted by the American people says or what a particular provision of the Constitution ratified by the American people means. That's lawyers work. Why do you think because I went to Harvard Law School that I know better than "Joe Six Pack" whether there ought to be under natural law a right to abortion or a right to suicide? What prepared me to decide these cosmic questions?"

Justice Scalia also scorned Judge Napolitano's inference that the justices engage in heavy jurisprudential debates when they gather for their private weekly conferences. "I have never discussed legal philosophy with any of my colleagues," he said. "I mean, what do you think goes on? Do you think I walk into conference and say: 'I really think we ought to interpret the Constitution



Dean Allard welcomes an audience of 1,600 BLS students, alumni, faculty, judges, and leaders of the bar to a compelling evening of dialogue between Supreme Court Justice Scalia and Distinguished Visiting Professor Judge Napolitano.



Guests attended a pre-reception with faculty at BAM's Howard Gilman Opera House, enjoyed a lively discussion between Justice Scalia and Judge Napolitano, and mingled at a post-talk reception at the Urban Glass Gallery.

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according to the way the framers intended it! And then they say, My God Nino, you are right! For 55 years we have been led astray!’ No, it’s too late for them. It’s not too late for the next generation, which is why I write dissents.” There was laughter from the audience, once again.

During the evening, Judge Napolitano touched on other hot topics, including freedom of speech, the death penalty, searches and seizures, and the right to privacy. But it was one question that perhaps peaked the Justice’s interest most. In the context of the controversy over the constitutionality of various NSA domestic spying initiatives, a student asked Justice Scalia if he considered data stored on computer drives to be the sort of “effects” covered by the Fourth Amendment’s protection against “unreasonable” government searches. “Ooh,” the Justice responded. “Ooh!!!!” he repeated. “I better not answer that,” he added whimsically. “That’s something that may well come up. It’s a *really* good question.” ■



BAM! 113th Commencement Returns to Brooklyn with Address by Barry Salzberg '77

ON MAY 28, THE LAW SCHOOL broke with longstanding tradition and held its 113th Commencement at the Brooklyn Academy of Music's Howard Gilman Opera House in Brooklyn. "Commencement has not been hosted in Brooklyn for 45 years, when graduation was held in the ballroom of the St. George Hotel," said Dean Allard. "It is the first time we have been back in this magnificent opera house since 1962—52 years ago. Our presence here today signifies that your class is at the forefront of this borough's renaissance in education, business, architecture, high technology, entrepreneurship, creative and performing arts, culture, and my personal favorite—food."

The morning began with speeches from Valedictorian John David Moore '14 and student-elected speaker, Sabrina Bierer '14. Barry Salzberg '77, Chief Executive Officer of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited, the largest private professional services organization in the world, delivered the commencement address. As Deloitte's CEO, Salzberg sets the strategic direction for the company's global network, which comprises 47 member firms operating in more than 150 countries, with more than 200,000 people worldwide.

He began his remarks joking that "I am the only obstacle between you and your diploma, so let's get to the speech." Salzberg went on to praise Brooklyn, to discuss the benefits of a legal education, and to invoke the opportunities "this generation has to redefine leadership and problem-solving at a time when traditional approaches aren't working."

Talking about the importance of a legal education, he said: "A lot has changed since I graduated from law school: TVs have gotten bigger and flatter, computers small, lapels narrower. But one thing hasn't changed: There's still a great need for people in the workforce with skills such as analytical thinking and precise writing, underpinned by a comprehensive understanding of the law."

He closed his remarks with three pieces of advice: never be afraid to ask for help; never be afraid to offer help; and never be afraid to be yourself and stick to your principles. "The world has enough go-along, look-the-other-way people. What the world needs, and always needs, are ethically grounded, make-it-happen people—people just like you. Go forward, then. Go and do great things. And above all, go out and have yourself a great life—you've earned it!"

Following Salzberg's rousing address, Stuart Subotnick '68, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, conferred degrees to

382 students before an audience of family, friends, faculty, staff, and alumni of the Brooklyn Law School community.

"You have worked hard to sharpen the finest tool ever known to mankind, your mind, and at Brooklyn Law School you learned the skills to use that powerful tool to build bridges between chasms, to create opportunity, to fight vigorously, but peacefully, for what is right, and to help to resolve deeply felt disputes in your communities, the nation, and the world," said Dean Allard at the close of the ceremony. "Make us as proud of you tomorrow as we are today." ■



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382 Degrees Conferred



To watch the video of the 113th commencement online visit:
brooklaw.edu/commencementvideo

Fighting for Veterans: Panel Addresses Legal Service Needs

A QUARTER OF A MILLION veterans call New York City their home. There is both a strong need for veterans' legal services to ensure that they receive the military and other benefits to which they are entitled, and work to be done to empower these veterans to build healthy and meaningful lives after their service. On April 9, BLS held the symposium "Fighting for Veterans: Meeting the Need for Legal Services in New York City."

The group that organized the symposium included Coco Culhane '10, Director of the Veteran Advocacy Project at the Urban Justice Center (VAP), Tyler Korff '12, a member of the BLS Board of Trustees who is passionate about veterans' issues, and BLS Professor Minor Myers.

The event brought together several expert practitioners in the area of veterans' rights to discuss measures that are in place to help veterans obtain service-connected disability compensation and ways in which civil legal services for this group of citizens could be improved. The program featured introductions by Dean Allard and Samuel Spitzberg, General Counsel of the New York State Division of Veterans' Affairs and a veteran himself. Professor Myers moderated the symposium.

The symposium was made possible with generous support from Tyler Korff. Korff has a corporate transaction practice,

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— Prof. Minor Myers



but he volunteers his time representing veterans and is dedicated to helping veterans and fostering awareness about the issues that they face when they return home.

"Veterans have served us in heroic ways," said Professor Myers. "Providing legal services to them is a way that we can give back to people who have given an enormous amount of their lives to the rest of us."

The symposium's first session featured Caitlin Kilroy, an attorney with the Veterans Assistance Project at the City Bar Justice Center, and Nancy Morgan, a partner at Finkelstein & Partners LLP. They spoke about "service-connected" disability benefits provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the importance of legal assistance in appealing benefit denials. Morgan noted the significance of a 2007 law change that permitted attorneys to begin advocating for veterans at regional VA offices. "I can't tell you how well I sleep at night and how good I feel when we get these decisions—the right decisions," said Morgan, who transitioned from personal injury law to representing veterans in benefit denials after the 2007 law change. "If you do it right, you help the vets, and you can make a big difference."

The second session featured a discussion of current issues in veterans' advocacy. Peter Kempner, an attorney with Legal Services NYC, Brooklyn Office,

spoke about his multifaceted work providing civil legal services to veterans, including assistance with housing and obtaining street vendor licenses. Culhane discussed the delays in obtaining veterans' benefits, and the importance of other benefits, such as public assistance and Social Security benefits to veterans. She noted the contributions of BLS students, including Justine Pelham '14, to VAP's work helping veterans access needed benefits; Pelham is now an Equal Justice Works fellow with VAP (see page 25). Culhane also discussed the importance of assisting veterans with discharge upgrades because an honorable discharge is required to qualify for many veterans' benefits.

The symposium drew nearly 100 students, alumni, community members, and city officials, including then-Commissioner of the Mayor's Office of Veterans Affairs Terrance Holliday. At the close of the program, Professor Myers said "We hope that it's just the beginning of our work in veterans' rights here at BLS." ■

As the magazine was going to press BLS received funding from Tyler Korff '12 to establish a Veterans' Clinic which will be taught by Coco Culhane '10 and will begin in the spring.

Million Dollar Grant Establishes Law School's Disabilities Clinic

This summer, Brooklyn Law School received a \$1 million grant from the Taft Foundation for an innovative clinical program to specifically address the legal needs of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities—a vastly underserved and growing population—and their families. This donation is the largest major grant to any educational institution in support of such a program, and the first major private grant to BLS to support a clinic.

The **Advocates for Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) Clinic** will begin providing a spectrum of much-needed legal services to clients beginning in the spring 2015 semester. The focus will include direct representation of individuals and their families; community education; policy and public advocacy initiatives; exploration of ethical responsibilities encountered during the representation of individuals of varying degrees of ability; and the development of lawyering skills in general. The Clinic will coordinate some of its work with the Law School's 33 other clinical programs and work closely with the Center for Health, Science and Public Policy to leverage advocacy initiatives to maximize public awareness of important issues facing adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The new AAIDD Clinic will be directed by **Natalie M. Chin**, who joined the BLS clinical faculty in September. (Read more about other new clinical faculty on page 18.) Most recently, Professor Chin was a Clinical Teaching Fellow in the Guardianship Clinic at Cardozo Law School. She previously worked at Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund, MFY Legal Services, and the NYC Law Department. Before attending law school at The George Washington University, she was a journalist in California and South Africa.

"The Taft Foundation is honored to support this exciting and innovative approach to supporting individuals with IDD. Advocates are particularly important given the numerous and rapid changes occurring in the field today as it relates

to funding and program support models. We are confident that BLS students will help ensure that individuals with IDD get the services they need," said Howard Rothman '71, Chairman and President of The Taft Foundation. "We are incredibly grateful to the Taft Foundation and Howard for this seminal gift," said Dean Allard. "The AAIDD Clinic expands the reach of our clinical programming and gives our students yet another chance for on-the-ground learning and advocacy."

Through the AAIDD Clinic, BLS students will provide direct legal representation in securing government benefits and services, health and financial planning, and the protection of due process rights in areas that include access to housing, employment, and education. The Clinic will also undertake policy initiatives, provide advice, and help individuals and institutions navigate the legal environment.

"The AAIDD Clinic serves two vital purposes," said Professor Stacy Caplow, Associate Dean for Professional Legal Education, who leads the [Clinical Education Program](#). "First, under Natalie Chin's leadership it will provide essential, legal assistance for an historically



Natalie M. Chin

underserved population. Second, it offers an unparalleled laboratory for our students to develop their professional identities. The Clinic will expose them to several types of law practice requiring a range of skills, including litigation, planning and drafting, and mediation. Our mission is to instill the skills and values required to be effective lawyers, and to inspire many students to work on behalf of clients with intellectual and developmental disabilities during their careers." ■

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Block Center for International Business Law

Breakfast Roundtable with SEC Director of Enforcement Andrew Ceresney



Professor Miriam Baer with SEC Director Ceresney.

IN AN INCREASINGLY BORDERLESS WORLD, complex multinational financial transactions are often the subject of a variety of enforcement problems. Federal agencies such as the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) have increasingly relied on cooperation with foreign officials to obtain evidence and cooperate in investigations. In a breakfast roundtable organized by the Dennis J. Block Center for the Study of International Business Law Center, Andrew Ceresney, the SEC's Director of the Division of Enforcement, spoke on this timely issue this past February at the Down Town Association.

The breakfast, attended by alumni, faculty, and students, was moderated by BLS Professor Miriam Baer, a noted expert in corporate compliance and white collar crime. Director Ceresney addressed the group on the role of international cooperation and globalization in SEC enforcement and discussed four key areas in which cooperation with foreign authorities has aided the SEC's mission: financial reporting and accounting, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, insider trading, and microcap fraud.

In an increasingly globalized world, explained Ceresney, no single country can fight securities fraud effectively. In fact, the SEC has requested assistance over 800 times and has received 500 reciprocal requests. Ceresney outlined the process for engaging in such cooperation and praised the standard Memorandum of Understanding as a framework for countries to share materials and aid each other in their investigations. Ceresney pointed out, however, that cooperation with foreign countries can still be challenging, and that the SEC continues to seek progress in this area.

Ceresney ended on a positive note for the future. He emphasized that cooperation with foreign regulators is a vital part of enforcement strategy and that the SEC will continue to look for opportunities to strengthen these efforts. ■

Center for Health, Science and Public Policy

Sick and Tired: Leveraging Law to Facilitate Citizen Epidemiology

TOXIC WASTE DUMPS, nuclear power plants, sewage treatment plants, and other industrial facilities exact a heavy toll on nearby residential communities, with many of the toxins these entities emit causing serious health effects, such as cancer. The efforts of community residents to document these harmful effects and hold industrial polluters accountable—often in the face of indifference from regulatory agencies—has been referred to as a type of “citizen science.”

On February 10, 2014, attorneys, public health experts, activists, journalists, and others convened at Brooklyn Law School for the panel discussion “Sick and Tired of Being Sick and Tired: Leveraging Law to Facilitate Citizen Epidemiology.” Sponsored by the BLS Center for Health, Science and Public Policy and the Graduate Program in Health Advocacy at Sarah Lawrence College, the program featured an accomplished group of speakers who have dedicated their careers to environmental justice. The program drew an audience of students, faculty, public interest advocates, and others.

BLS Professor Gregg Macey and Professor Rebecca O. Johnson of Sarah Lawrence's Health Advocacy Program moderated the program. The panelists analyzed the role of “citizen epidemiology” in the advancement of environmental health justice. Each panelist examined a case study of a public health

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—Professor Karen Porter

crisis that began when community residents noticed prevalent health problems in their community, and noted the complete lack of government involvement in resolving the problem.

The panelists agreed that it is not enough to pacify communities on a case-by-case basis after an incident occurs. Instead, attention should be also focused on addressing the systemic problems or correcting the faulty policies that allow industries to continue colonizing communities that lack the political resources to resist.

“The event was a tremendously powerful and important one,” said Professor Karen Porter, Executive Director of the Center for Health, Science and Public Policy. “It was inspiring to have so many important members of the environmental justice movement—and from all different disciplines—assembled at BLS for a fascinating and informative discussion.” ■

Edward V. Sparer Public Interest Program

Ongoing Challenges to Access and Autonomy: Women's Reproductive Choice in 2014



Elissa Berger '06

IN THE UNITED STATES, abortion restrictions have been dramatically increasing over the last several years. This year's Edward V. Sparer Public Interest Forum, held on March 20, brought together leading national and state advocates in the reproductive rights and justice movement to discuss the increasing obstacles to reproductive health care access.

Elissa Berger '06 of the American Civil Liberties

Union emphasized that widespread state-level attacks on abortion cannot be viewed in isolation: these are part of a national campaign to both chip away at and reverse the right to an abortion, she noted. The communities affected the most by the erosion of this right are women of color and immigrant women. Diana Lugo-Martinez of the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health described the organization's efforts to reframe abortion rights and other reproductive rights in terms of health care and family decision making. In contrast to depictions in mainstream media, the Latino community in America overwhelmingly supports family and women's autonomy in reproductive health care, Lugo-Martinez said.

Attacks on abortion, however, are just one facet of the larger attacks on women's bodies and roles in society, noted the panelists. Farah Diaz-Tello of National Advocates for Pregnant Women spoke of the inseparable connection between the punishment and control of pregnant women and decreasing access to abortion. "Criminalizing pregnant women for their behavior during their pregnancy, shackling pregnant women in prison during labor, and mandating certain procedures for pregnant women can all be justified if legislators and politicians believe that women cannot be trusted to make reproductive health-care decisions."

Esha Bhandari of the Center for Reproductive Rights emphasized that litigation is but one legal tool to combat attacks on abortion, while Katharine Bodde '09 of the New York Civil Liberties Union discussed efforts in New York to frame reproductive healthcare access in terms of positive rights. The Sparer Forum provided an overview of the reproductive health care access landscape, and suggested ways for future advocates to increase access. ■

Center for Business Law and Regulation

Exploring a New Paradigm for Cross-Border Cooperation

AS THE WORLD BECOMES ever more interconnected, insolvency and business restructurings have become global phenomena. Unfortunately, territorial differences often combine with complex corporate structures to frustrate the coordinated global administration of a bankruptcy case. Clear and predictable choice of law rules can ease the administration of cross-border bankruptcy cases and facilitate cooperation among courts, especially where important local policy choices are embedded in domestic commercial law.

On March 7, The *Brooklyn Journal of Corporate, Financial and Commercial Law* sponsored its annual Symposium entitled "Choice of Law in Cross-Border Bankruptcy Cases." The Symposium was organized by Edward Janger, the David M. Barse Professor of Law at BLS, and co-sponsored by the Brooklyn Law School Center for the Study of Business Law and Regulation and the International Insolvency Institute.

The Symposium, which consisted of four panels, gathered a group of leading academic experts on cross-border bankruptcy, practitioners who have participated in the most important cross-border cases, bankruptcy judges, and participants in multilateral organizations to explore two related questions: (1) would harmonization of choice of law rules help facilitate global cooperation in cross-border bankruptcies; and (2) to what extent should choice of forum determine governing law?

The first panel reviewed the status of existing international instruments, such as the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Model Law, the EU Insolvency Regulation, and the UNCITRAL Legislative Guide. The second panel zeroed in on the question of which legal questions should be governed by the law of the forum and which might be governed by other law, either because the transactions, property or a corporate subsidiary was located in a foreign country. The third panel opened with the Hon. Allan Gropper, Bankruptcy Judge of the Southern District of New York, explaining that choice of law inquiries come up frequently in cross-border bankruptcy cases but that they are rarely denominated as such. He argued for a more direct acknowledgment of these "choice of law" inquiries, and that doing so would facilitate cooperation in cross-border cases.

Finally, in the last panel, the principles discussed throughout the day were applied to corporate groups and panelists offered practical insights on how international harmonization efforts might best move forward.

The papers from the symposium will be published in the Fall issue of the *Brooklyn Journal of Corporate, Financial and Commercial Law* and will inform the ongoing efforts at UNCITRAL and in the EU. ■



Entrepreneurs Start Here

CUBE Aims High and Delivers with Innovative Programming, Experienced New Faculty, and Strong Alumni Support

By **Andrea Strong '94**

If you're going to engineer the next Uber, design the next 3D Printer, mastermind the next Google, or invent new ways to deliver community services, chances are you'll need a good lawyer. Maybe one who can put the players and the deal together with a clear-eyed understanding of the stakes and a strategic vision for what's coming down the pike. Chances are, you'll want a CUBE lawyer, one educated right here at Brooklyn Law School. Thanks to CUBE, the Law School's groundbreaking [Center for Urban Business Entrepreneurship](#), Brooklyn's students are getting hands-on legal training in the art of entrepreneurship. While CUBE only debuted last November, it has had a wildly successful inaugural year with new faculty hired, several high-profile events, and a strong show of support from the generosity of BLS alumni.

New Curriculum and Faculty

This year may have been CUBE's first in existence, but much was accomplished. To further establish entrepreneurship as an area for academic and practical experience, the BLS faculty took two important actions during this term: it approved the creation of a Certificate in Entrepreneurship and approved a new foundation course, The Law of Entrepreneurship, to be offered in the spring semester and taught by Paul Gangsei, Professor from Practice and CUBE's Executive Director. Both steps highlight the numerous academic courses and professional education opportunities available to BLS students to participate in and prepare for representation of new ventures in the commercial, not-for-profit and public sectors.

Thanks to the support of CUBE's founders (see page 21), the Law School was able to hire four new professors, Marjorie White, Ted De Barbieri '08, Phil Weiss '12 and Serge Krimnus '10, who bring unique specialties to BLS, such as formation of worker cooperatives, as well as greater depth in areas such as patent law. These

new faculty positions have enabled CUBE to expand the number of students participating in its related transactional clinics by approximately 75%. "Each of these new appointments represents a significant expansion of our already dynamic and strong clinical program," said Professor Stacy Caplow, Associate Dean for Professional Legal Education, who has served as Director of the Clinical Education Program since 1984. "It's long been part of our vision that our students spend time gaining significant and high quality experience as they make the transition from school to practice."

Marjorie White joined the faculty as Associate Professor of Clinical Law, working with CUBE and students in the Brooklyn Law Incubator and Policy Clinic (BLIP), directed by Professor Jonathan Askin, who is chair of the CUBE Faculty Advisory Committee. She comes to the Law School with extensive experience in private practice. She spent much of her career in the Corporate Department of Davis Polk & Wardwell, where she focused on mergers and acquisitions, securities work, and private equity transactions. She was also a partner in the Corporate Department of Wolf, Block, Schorr &



Ted De Barbieri '08



Marjorie White

Solis-Cohen. Professor White served as Vice President and Corporate Secretary of Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette, the global investment bank, and was responsible for worldwide corporate governance as well as related public company work. She was also the General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer of a boutique investment advisory firm, where she oversaw legal and compliance matters.

Ted De Barbieri '08 joined the faculty as an Assistant Professor of Clinical Law. He works with CUBE and co-teaches the Community Development Clinic with CUBE's Research Director, Professor David Reiss, and co-teaches the Corporate/Real Estate Clinic with CUBE's Deputy Director, Professor Debra Bechtel. De Barbieri previously served as the Senior Staff Attorney for the Urban Justice Center's Community Development Project, where he advised nonprofit organizations, provided legal

assistance to low-income workers, tenants, and homeowners in foreclosure. De Barbieri joined Urban Justice Center in 2008 as an Equal Justice Works Fellow. He was a Fulbright Research Fellow at the University College Cork, Ireland from 2007-2008. While at Brooklyn Law School he was an Edward V. Sparer Public Interest Law Fellow.

Philip Weiss '12, Adjunct Professor of Clinical Law, works with BLIP Clinic students and will help them consider new products and ventures to improve delivery of legal services to entrepreneurs. Weiss is an associate at the Fridman Law Group where he concentrates on information law and intellectual property. In law school, he served as an Executive Articles Editor of the *Brooklyn Law Review*. Weiss is also an alumnus of the BLIP Clinic, where he worked closely with pre-seed technology startups on corporate structuring,

intellectual property, and contracting.

Adjunct Professor of Clinical Law **Serge Krimnus '10** supervises student participation in the Law School Clinic Certification Pilot program of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). In this program, to which the Law School was just admitted, students draft and file patent and trademark applications for BLIP Clinic clients. Krimnus is a patent attorney with the firm of Cowan, Leibowitz & Latman. He is registered to practice before the USPTO with experience preparing and prosecuting patent applications in a variety of technologies, including electronics, software, business methods, and mechanical engineering. Krimnus' practice also includes patent litigation, patent due diligence studies, patentability, infringement and validity studies, as well as trademark and trade dress litigation.

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Pioneering Programming

CUBE organized, sponsored, and participated in a number of important, cutting-edge programs during its first full semester in operation. The inaugural **CUBE Innovators Competition**, held in April, featured proposals from individuals and teams of students addressing entrepreneurial approaches to social and business issues or the analysis of legal problems and legal practice. Like the reality show “Shark Tank,” the proposals were presented to a panel of four distinguished judges: Deborah Riegel '93, a member of the law firm of Rosenberg & Estis, P.C.; Cecilia Clarke, President and CEO of Brooklyn Community Foundation; Adam Freed, Strategic Advisor to Etsy; and David A. Singer, a partner in Grind, a company that develops and provides co-location spaces for start-up and other small businesses in New York and Chicago.



The CUBE Innovators Competition Prize Winners were presented with checks for seed money made possible by the Nancy and Stanley M. Grossman '67 Fellowship Fund. LEFT TO RIGHT: Austin Minogue '16, Jared Brenner '15, Stanley Grossman '67, Peter Pottier '16, CUBE Exec. Dir. Paul Gangsei, and Tatiana Borukhova '17.



“The CUBE Innovators Competition has been my most valuable law school experience so far. As stressful as the preparation felt, winning the competition made it all worthwhile and pushed me to new levels of self-confidence in my work. Thinking and speaking on your feet is the most transferable skill a lawyer can have.”

—Jared Brenner '15, CUBE Innovator



symposium explored how technological developments are presenting challenges and opportunities that are changing legal education, the practice of law, and the delivery of legal services. The program also included demonstrations of forward-looking legal products and services exemplifying the new face of law practice.

Also in April, CUBE sponsored a Breakfast Roundtable, “**New Directions: Land Use and Housing in the de Blasio Era.**” The program featured a presentation by Brad Lander, New York City Council Member for the 39th District, Deputy Leader for Policy, a founder and Co-Chair of the Council’s Progressive Caucus and previously an adjunct who co-taught with Professor David Reiss. Council Member Lander presented his perspective and informed views on innovative land use and housing goals and new policies announced by New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, as well as analyzing the effects of gentrification taking place in certain Brooklyn neighborhoods. A BLS panel of Mitchell Korbey '03, Partner and Chair, Land Use and Zoning Group of Herrick, Feinstein LLP, and an adjunct faculty member at BLS; Professor David Reiss and Clarissa Wertman '15, a student participating in the Municipal Litigation Clinic at the New York City Law Department, commented on the presentation.

TOP: Jared Brenner '15 making his pitch. **ABOVE, LEFT:** The judges of the CUBE Innovators Competition. **ABOVE, RIGHT:** Prof. Jonathan Askin (left) with Gabriel Goldenberg '14 at the symposium “From Bleak House to Geek House: Evolving Law for Entrepreneurial Lawyers.” **RIGHT:** New York City Council Member Brad Lander engages the audience during “New Directions: Land Use and Housing in the de Blasio Era.”



After careful deliberation, the judges selected three of the proposals: first place to Jared Brenner '15, “What If (Dot) Wiki,” a wiki focused on legal topics, especially those concerning law lagging behind innovation; second place to Tatiana Borukhova '17 and Peter Pottier '16, “SHARE” (Subsidized Housing Alternatives through Renovation and Efficiency), promoting community-based rehabilitation of residential units; and third place to Austin Minogue '16, “Law Students Causing Change,” a plan to solicit small-change charitable donations at venues that utilize metal detectors. The winning proposal received a prize of \$2,000, with prizes of \$1,500 and \$1,000 for the runners up. The prizes were made possible through the generous contribution of the Nancy and Stanley M. Grossman '67 Fellowship Fund. Grossman attended the ceremony and presented the winners with their awards. “The CUBE Innovators Competition has been my most valuable law school experience so far,” said Brenner. “As stressful as the preparation felt, winning the competition made it all

worthwhile and pushed me to new levels of self-confidence in my work. Thinking and speaking on your feet is the most transferable skill a lawyer can have.”

The CUBE Innovators Competition led into a day-long symposium “**From Bleak House to Geek House: Evolving Law for Entrepreneurial Lawyers.**” The symposium was co-sponsored by CUBE and the BLIP Clinic. Speakers included legal entrepreneurs and pioneers in law, entrepreneurship, and innovation from around the world. Participants of the



Michael Semack '96 (center) and Prof. Ted De Barbieri (second from right) meet with students and a client at the CUBE Consultation Center (see next page).

Our Generous Alumni: The Foundation of CUBE

CUBE also participated in planning and implementing a week-long conference and series of events in April entitled Tech Triangle University that was organized by the Downtown Brooklyn Partnership. The conference was designed to showcase BLS and the other higher education institutions located in Brooklyn's Tech Triangle (DUMBO, MetroTech and the Brooklyn Navy Yard) and to introduce them and their students to start-up and entrepreneurial businesses in the area. CUBE sponsored a panel on “**Legal Issues for Startup Ventures**” which Professor Jonathan Askin moderated. The panel drew students and professors from BLS and other schools in the Downtown Brooklyn area, as well as local entrepreneurs.

CUBE kicked off its first in a series of small business brief advice clinics serving low-income entrepreneurs on October 15 at the NYC Business Solutions office in downtown Brooklyn. A CUBE-sponsored pro bono project led by students and clinic faculty, the **CUBE Consultation Center** provides an opportunity for alumni, students, and CUBE clinical faculty to work together in advising the owners and managers of small businesses and nonprofits on entity formation, contracts, intellectual property, leases, and other matters. CUBE partnered with the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, which operates the NYC Business Solutions office in Brooklyn, to recruit owners and managers looking for targeted advice.

Student leaders Serenna McCloud '16, Garynn Noël '15, and Vlad Popik '15, recruited students at the beginning of the semester and trained over 40 of them with help from a team of Community Development Clinic students, Frank Dal Lago '15, Edward Kim '16, and Liren Chen '16. After the training, 20 students provided intake, consultation, and referral services with alumni Jason Labate '11, Robert Michaelson '82, Michael Schwab '94, and Michael Semack '96. Future clinics will partner with other small business assistance providers to serve new and entrepreneurial business and nonprofit ventures throughout Brooklyn.

None of the work described on these pages would have been possible without the generous support of CUBE's founders: Evan B. Azriliant '92, Robert B. Catell, Irwin Cohen '58, Lawrence I. Feldman '74 and Diane Feldman, Stanley M. Grossman '67 and Nancy Grossman, Debra G. Humphreys '84 and David C. Humphreys, Deborah Riegel '93, and Gary M. Rosenberg '74. In addition, Robert Catell, an emeritus Board of Trustees member, arranged two off-campus locations for CUBE workspace—one in DUMBO and another in Metrotech Center—provided by real estate developers Bruce Ratner (Forest City Ratner) and David Walentas (Two Trees Development).

“CUBE's success is due in large part to the extraordinary generosity and vision of its founders,” said Gangsei. “These substantial gifts fuel entrepreneurship from the ground up. CUBE is now not only changing the way our law students learn, it is attracting students and raising the profile of the Law School.

BLS and CUBE are particularly grateful to Debra Humphreys '84, who not only provided seed money for CUBE, but has given an additional \$500,000 to support the hands-on clinical aspect of the



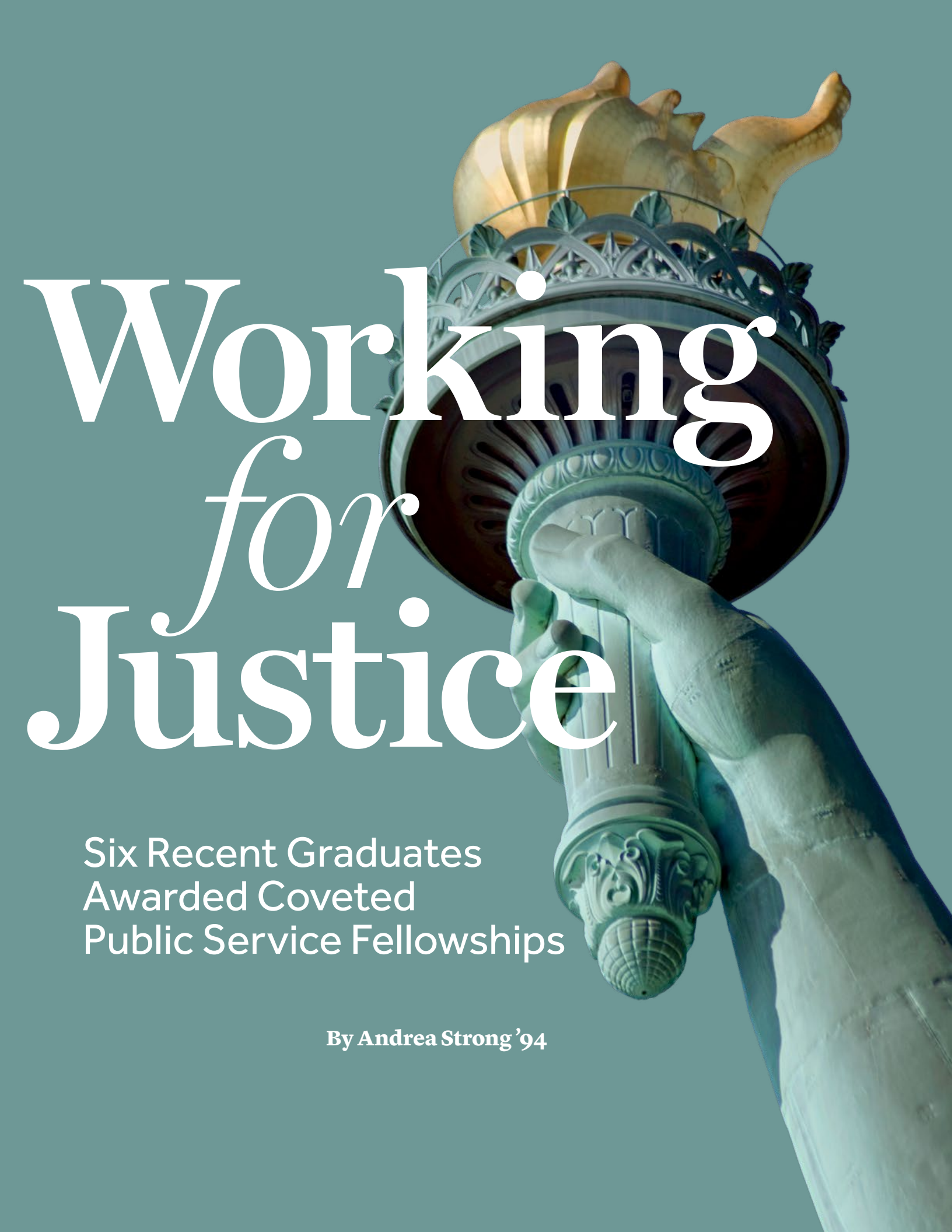
Debra G. Humphreys

program so that BLS students may gain experience working alongside practicing lawyers representing entrepreneurs. This gift is just one example of her support of the Law School and, on a greater scale, her longtime desire to improve access to education. She has also pledged \$500,000 to the Humphreys Family Opportunity Prizes, awarded to incoming students based on merit and financial need.

Humphreys has actually spent much of her life creating educational opportunities in her home city of Joplin, Missouri. Humphreys graduated from New York University in 1980 with a major in classics and minor in English and enrolled in Brooklyn Law School with enough money saved to attend one year of school full-time. She intended to return to work and go to school part-time after her first year, but was awarded The Joan Offner Touval Memorial Tuition Scholarship for the best first year brief in the Moot Court Program and was therefore able to continue law school full time without retuning to work. “I was thrilled,” she said. “People always talk about giving back, but I feel a direct responsibility to the Law School because of that scholarship. It was a godsend. It enabled me to learn full-time, to devote myself to my studies, and to really achieve.”

Humphreys has long been a supporter of the Law School and her two most recent gifts are truly extraordinary. “Our decision to continue to support CUBE is based on my deep commitment to the Law School,” said Humphreys. “We believe that CUBE will give BLS students the ability to represent and participate in entrepreneurial ventures during law school and will also lead to satisfying career opportunities. CUBE enhances BLS's competitive advantage by building on first rate clinical programs and makes BLS a more active member of the broader Brooklyn community.” ■

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Working *for* Justice

Six Recent Graduates
Awarded Coveted
Public Service Fellowships

By Andrea Strong '94

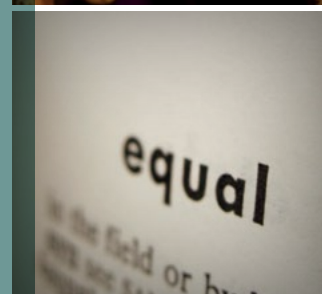
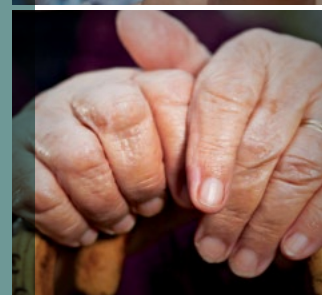
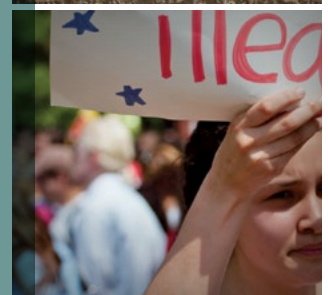
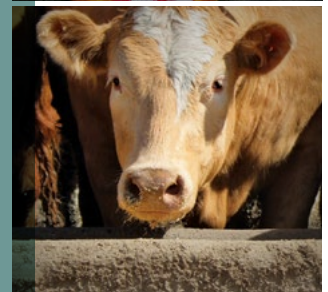
Students come to Brooklyn Law School from a variety of backgrounds, but many share the same goal: to change the status quo, to advocate for the voiceless, to make a difference, and to work for justice.

They are drawn to the Law School because of its demonstrated commitment to public service, its groundbreaking Edward V. Sparer Public Interest Fellowship Program, and the strong community among its students and graduates in this area.

Last year, the Public Service Office, under its new Director, Danielle Sorken, significantly expanded its capabilities to provide extensive career counseling, including assistance in seeking pro bono opportunities, post-graduate public service grants and public interest fellowships. It also increased training and support for the school's pro bono offerings in light of the New York State Pro Bono Requirement for bar admission. "The changes benefit our students who, at every turn, demonstrate their energy and dedication to social justice," said Sorken.

On the following pages are profiles of six graduates who have recently been awarded highly-competitive fellowships. As fellows, they are working on behalf of immigrants, the LGBT community, the elderly, and veterans, and advocating for animal rights, and for racial justice. What many of them share (other than the uncanny fact that three graduated from UC Santa Cruz) is a long history of public service and an opportunity while in Law School to pursue their passion helping others. Three of the graduates were Sparer Public Interest Fellows. All six are shining examples of the type of student Brooklyn Law School attracts and educates: Those committed to do well and to do good.

Read on to meet the fellows and to learn more about their commitment to serving society and providing access to justice for those most in need. ▶



Daniel Faessler '13

Tom Steel Post-Graduate Fellowship/The Transgender Law Center

“Right now in the Bay Area there is no transgender legal organization that focuses on direct legal services,” said Daniel Faessler '13, who was awarded the Tom Steel Post-Graduate Fellowship this past spring. The fellowship, which is supported by the Pride Law Fund, funds one project a year that fills a legal need for the LGBT community. Faessler's project aims to open bilingual legal clinics in existing transgender community organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area and through those legal clinics provide direct legal services to poor and transgender people of color.

This past year, Faessler was also at the Transgender Law Center as a Post-Graduate Fellow. There, he answered its Helpline, which receives requests for legal assistance from across the country (and the world) on a variety of legal issues related to transgender individuals such as: name and gender changes; updating identification; discrimination in employment, housing, insurance, and public accommodations; family law matters; and immigration; among other issues. Faessler also helped draft letters to different local and California agencies related to transgender issues.

A graduate of UC Santa Cruz, Faessler worked for the American Red Cross and came to BLS with a desire to work in the public interest. During his 1L and 2L summers, he clerked at Bay Area Legal Aid, first in the Family Law Unit and then in the Economic Justice Unit. He also interned at South Brooklyn Legal Services in its HIV Unit. During his 3L year, he was a legal intern at the Sylvia Rivera Law Project, which works to guarantee that all people are free to self-determine gender identity and expression, regardless of income or race, and without facing harassment, discrimination or violence. “Because of my experience at Bay Area Legal Aid, I think I was particularly suited to handle intakes related to poverty law issues,” said Faessler.

Faessler was also active in BLS's student organization, OUTLaws. Faessler organized the first and second annual BLS OUTLaws Alumni Dinner and put together gatherings between BLS students and the Urban Assembly School of Law and Justice's Gay Straight Alliance, a mentoring program that OUTLaws has with the local high school.

Faessler said he hopes to help transgender people fight discrimination as well as gain access to employment, housing, insurance, and government benefits. “The Transgender Law Center started out as a legal services center, but it has shifted more to impact litigation and policy,” he said. “I am trying to bring it back to its roots.”



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Justine Pelham '14

Equal Justice Fellowship/The Veterans Advocacy Project

Justine Pelham's interest in veterans' rights is personal: Her father served in Korea in the mid-'70s, and had difficulty reintegrating into civilian life when he returned. "I wanted to try to find some way to get closer to my father," she said. "I wanted a window into what he was going through. This work has definitely opened my eyes. I learned a lot working with clients that are in or have been in his shoes. This is the work I want to do."

Pelham came to the Law School with a Political Science degree, *cum laude*, from New York University and a strong desire to make a difference in the lives of veterans. She began working with Veterans Advocacy Project (VAP) as a volunteer last summer. VAP, which was created by former Equal Justice Works Fellow Coco Culhane '10, helps low-income veterans with mental illness rebuild their lives by ensuring they have access to income, housing, and healthcare. At VAP, she represented roughly 15 veterans in fair hearings to restore public benefits and oversaw VAP's weekly client intake and outreach at the Brooklyn VA Center.

During the spring semester of her second year of law school, Pelham was a Military Practice Clinic extern placed at South Brooklyn Legal Services Veteran's Justice Project. There, she handled a variety of civil and criminal matters on behalf of veterans. She was also a member of the new BLS student organization, Law Students for Veterans Rights.

In addition to her work on behalf of veterans, Pelham was also a student advocate for the Courtroom Advocates Project, an intern at the New York Legal Assistance Group Matrimonial and Family Law Unit, and a student advocate at the Law School's Immigrant Visa Assistance Project.

As a recipient of the Equal Justice Works Fellowship, which places new lawyers in two-year assignments at public service organizations to implement projects that address pressing community needs, Pelham returned to VAP this fall where she is assisting VAP's director and two staff attorneys on matters ranging from VA claims, to child support proceedings, to housing cases. Pelham is conducting client intake at local VA centers, representing veterans in fair hearings, and training law students to represent veterans in fair hearings in order to restore, increase, or maintain their safety net, food stamps, and medical assistance. "Working at VAP is incredibly rewarding," she said. "I'm able to make a difference to a group of people who have sacrificed so much and yet are effectively voiceless."

Cody Carlson '13

Equal Justice Works Fellowship/The Humane Society



Carlson is working to support factory farm whistleblowers by using their documentation to enforce animal cruelty laws and other applicable laws within this industry.

A former animal cruelty investigator for the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and Mercy for Animals, Cody Carlson has seen egregious animal abuse firsthand in many animal-based industries. He came to Brooklyn Law School in search of way to address this problem and to advocate against animal abuse.

Carlson, who went to UC Santa Cruz, graduated *magna cum laude* from the Law School in 2013. He was a Notes & Comments Editor on the *Brooklyn Law Review*, and an Edward V. Sparer Public Interest Law Fellow. He worked at the nonprofit Compassion Over Killing after his first year of law school, and then for the HSUS as a litigation intern during his second summer. His work on behalf of animal rights was recognized with several honors. He was awarded the Animal Legal Defense Fund Advancement of Animal Law Fellowship, the Animal Welfare Trust Student Internship Grant, and the CALI Excellence for Future Award in Animal Law. He was also a judicial intern for two judges in the Southern District of New York: Hon. Colleen McMahon, and Hon. Michael Dolinger. This past year, he served as a law clerk to the Hon. Viktor Pohorelsky of the Eastern District of New York.

Carlson has become a leading author and speaker in the area of animal rights. He has written for *The Atlantic* and *Public Law* and has been featured in *The New York Times* and *Rolling Stone*. Most recently, he was a guest on PoliticsNation with Al Sharpton on MSNBC.

This spring, he was awarded the Equal Justice Works Fellowship. He will continue to pursue his passion for animal rights at the HSUS. Working out of its offices in Washington, D.C., Carlson is supporting factory farm whistleblowers by using their documentation to enforce animal cruelty laws and other applicable laws within this industry. "I couldn't begin to name all the professors and other BLS staff that inspired and supported me on this path, but Danielle Sorken and the Public Service Office were particularly instrumental," said Carlson. "I would have been lost without their guidance."

Carlson's role is to assist local law enforcement, prosecutors, agencies, and civil litigators in bringing meaningful enforcement actions following whistleblower documentation of large-scale animal abuse. "Whistleblowers and undercover investigations conducted by the HSUS provide a rare window into secretive and often inhumane animal industries," said Carlson. "This project will use that window as a unique opportunity to challenge the legality of various questionable agribusiness practices. The HSUS's leadership in animal protection litigation, particularly on farm animal issues, is what inspired me to go to law school in the first place. Being able to draw from this in-house expertise, and to merge it with my own insights from years in the field, is a dream come true."



Scott Foletta '14

The Immigrant Justice Corps Fellowship

Scott Foletta's dedication to immigrants' rights began in college at UC Santa Cruz, where he helped organize immigrant campus service workers (food service, janitors, and groundskeepers) for the first statewide University of California strike seeking better wages and benefits and a revision to the University's internal promotion policy system. The workers won on all counts.

"There were a lot of immigrants who were blocked from moving up to lower management, and the new promotion policies were a big win for us statewide," he said. "It was an empowering experience."

While at UC Santa Cruz, Foletta also co-founded three student organizations dedicated to immigrants' rights, labor rights, and Hurricane Katrina relief. He continued his work on behalf of immigrant communities through a field study in post-Katrina New Orleans at the New Orleans Workers' Center for Racial Justice, where he performed outreach to day laborers and H-2B visa guest workers in the service and manufacturing industries, providing translation support, policy research, and know-your-rights materials.

Closer to home, Foletta's wife faced difficulties in finding competent and affordable immigration counsel, inspiring him to attend law school. "I remember when she was applying for citizenship, how many times I thought, 'If I were a lawyer, I would do this so differently,'" he said. "I realized that competent immigration counsel was simply unaffordable for so many New Yorkers and how dire the need is."

Foletta continued his involvement in immigrants' rights work while in law school through three separate experiences. At the Center for Popular Democracy and the Restaurant Opportunities Center, he conducted policy research on minimum wage and wage theft legislation, and at the Center for Constitutional Rights, he researched and drafted a federal FOIA

complaint regarding an unprecedented detention quota that requires the government to detain 34,000 immigrants every day. He was also a member of the Safe Harbor Project, where he successfully represented an asylum-seeker.

Foletta, who graduated from the Law School *magna cum laude*, is one of 25 inaugural Immigrant Justice Corps Fellows. This highly-selective fellowship, awarded by the Immigrant Justice Center, debuted this year with the goal of providing critical legal counsel and support for poor immigrants and their families.

Chief Judge Robert Katzmann of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit inspired the project, having spearheaded research that revealed 60 percent of detained immigrants have no counsel, yet are five times more likely to obtain relief when they are represented.

The two-year fellowship matches exceptional recent law graduates and law clerks with those in need of legal services. Although focused on New York City, the organization hopes to provide a scalable model nationwide for reducing poverty and improving access to justice for millions.

Foletta is participating in a comprehensive immigration law training program and numerous professional development activities. The end result will be immigrant advocates who are extraordinarily well trained, deeply networked in the legal and immigrant rights community, and profoundly committed to developing creative strategies to fight poverty and ensure access to justice.

"I am extremely grateful to Professors Stacy Caplow and Dan Smulian who were such a big help to me," Foletta said. "The Safe Harbor Project was the most meaningful and direct experience I have ever had representing clients. It was incredibly helpful to be able to go into the IJC interview saying, 'I represented a client and this is what I learned from the experience.'"



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Peter Travitsky '14

The Borchard Foundation Center on Law & Aging Fellowship

Peter Travitsky grew up in Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, in a close-knit family. His maternal grandparents survived the Holocaust, and his paternal grandfather, a disabled World War II veteran, lived with his family for most of Travitsky's life. "My grandparents have each in their own ways been huge influences, and have made me aware of the inherent inequalities senior citizens face."

Hoping to advocate on behalf of the elderly, Travitsky earned his Bachelor's, *magna cum laude*, and Master's degrees in Social Work at the New York University School of Social Work in 2005 and 2006, respectively. He was drawn to law school with the goal of becoming a more dynamic advocate following a career as a professional community social worker with senior citizens, and following six years of service as a personal care aide to an engaging and intelligent man declining from dementia. "I realized the power that law would give me as a social worker and that social work would give me as a lawyer."

While at BLS, Travitsky devoted his extracurricular time to serving the needs of older adults and people with disabilities. During his 1L summer, he interned at the Evelyn Frank Legal Resources Program, where he advised clients, caregivers, and advocates on Medicaid, and Supplemental Security Income-related due process. During his second year, he was a member of the BLS New York City Civil Court Consumer Law Clinic, and a law clerk at the Office of the Inspector General for the New York State Unified Court System. In his last year, he worked with the New York State Mental Hygiene Legal Service, 1st Department, Guardianship Team in the fall, and spent his spring semester working in the new BLS Elder Rights Clinic. He also did pro bono work for the BLS Elderlaw Society, in coordination with the Brooklyn Bar Association's Volunteer Lawyers Project, to help families secure guardianships of loved ones.

Travitsky was awarded two prestigious fellowships at BLS. As an Edward V. Sparer Public Interest Law Fellow, Travitsky was a summer law clerk in Washington, D.C., for AARP Foundation Litigation's Housing, Low Income Benefits, and Consumer Law Teams. As a Health Law and Policy Fellow, he

researched the common interests of managed care stakeholders and advocates of supported decision-making, in order to further the dialogue on alternatives to guardianship.

This past spring he was awarded one of just three fellowships from The Borchard Foundation Center on Law & Aging. His fellowship work, which began this fall, is hosted by the New York Legal Assistance Group's Evelyn Frank Legal Resources Program. There, Travitsky is providing direct legal services and education to low-income caregivers of dual-eligibles (dual-eligibles often suffer from chronic medical conditions and live at or below the poverty line), with an emphasis on caregivers who have cognitive impairment. He is compiling data on favorable and unfavorable appeal outcomes for various services offered by managed care plans, and producing tools to promote informed plan selection for consumers, best practices for advocates appealing service denials. He is also working to put sound policy recommendations for aging in place.

"I have had many professors along the way at BLS who encouraged me and inspired me, especially my clinical professors, Jane Landry-Reyes '93, Deirdre Lok '03, and Sidney Cherubin, and the many professionals who supervised me in the field. But the person who stands out most is Professor Karen Porter," said Travitsky of the Director of the Center for Health, Science, and Public Policy. "She has been a great mentor and was a rallying force in my application for the Borchard Fellowship."

Johane Severin '08

The Racial Justice Training Institute

Johane Severin '08, a Supervising Attorney at Staten Island Legal Services, was selected as a member of the newly created Racial Justice Training Institute (RJTI), a ground-breaking fellowship program that prepares advocates to advance issues of racial justice.

Launched in May 2014 by the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law, the program's overarching goal is to develop a network of equal justice advocates like Severin, who are committed to advancing a coordinated racial justice advocacy agenda. These advocates are being trained, over seven months, to recognize the impact of structural racism and to develop the skills necessary to engage in strategic analysis and creative race-based advocacy. The Institute provides skills-based training on all facets of advocacy and creates a network of support and mentoring for equal justice advocates nationally. The inaugural class of trainees, selected from a pool of nationwide applicants, serves a diverse population of clients and includes 38 attorneys from 19 organizations in 11 states.



“We cannot hope to advance justice and opportunity for low-income people without recognizing the role that race plays in perpetuating poverty,” said John Bouman, President of the Shriver Center. “RJTI will give legal advocates the tools to identify race-based inequities and to effect broad-based change on behalf of low-income people of color.”

Severin, who was born in Haiti and grew up on the Upper West Side, attended Wesleyan University, where she majored in African American Studies. She went on to receive a Master's Degree in Higher Education Management from the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education, but said that she has always had an interest in the law. “I wanted to be a lawyer who could help the people I know in particular,” she said. “Immigration has always had a big impact on my community in terms of the uneven application of immigration laws.”

At the Law School, she became a member of the Safe Harbor Project, which led to an internship at Lutheran Social Services in its immigration group, working on asylum applications and representing clients in removal proceedings. Severin was also an Edward V. Sparer Public Interest Law Fellow and a Thurgood Marshall Fellow at the New York City Bar Justice Center's Naturalization and Immigration Women & Children's Project.

Following graduation in 2008, she joined Staten Island Legal Services as a staff attorney, where she was promoted to Senior Attorney in 2011 and to Supervising Attorney in 2012. Severin represented immigrant clients in all manner of immigration matters, including family-based petitions, naturalizations, and removal proceedings. She was also instrumental in beginning an outreach program to the significant number of immigrants on Staten Island. “When I first joined Staten Island Legal Services, our family law department was seeing more undocumented clients,” she recalled. “I went to community meetings held by the various cultural affinity groups and courted them to let them know that we were here for them.”

Severin said she hopes to bring a new set of skills geared toward tackling issues of racial justice to her position with Legal Services NYC. “The goal of the RJTI is to create a network among public interest lawyers to look at cases from a racial justice lens and to understand how institutional, structural, and personal racism affects policy development, implementation, and access. I hope to use the lessons of my training going forward in my work.” ■

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Legendary Professors Richard T. Farrell and Marilyn R. Walter Retire

Two beloved members of the Brooklyn Law School faculty retired this spring: Professor Richard Farrell, who has been teaching evidence and civil practice at the Law School for 50 years, and Professor Walter, who joined the faculty in 1980 as the founding director of Brooklyn Law School's legal writing program.

Richard T. Farrell

Professor Richard T. Farrell has been teaching at Brooklyn Law School for 50 years. At commencement this June, Dean Allard said of his five-decade tenure: "Think about that! It's just remarkable. It is a cliché, but Professor Richard Farrell truly needs no introduction."

Farrell graduated from Brooklyn Law School in 1964, and he celebrated his 50th law school reunion this past June. He was an outstanding student, and served as the editor-in-chief of the *Brooklyn Law Review*. Following graduation, he joined the Brooklyn Law School faculty, and with the exception of a few years clerking for Judge John F. Schilleppi on the New York State Court of Appeals, he has taught at the Law School ever since.

His courses have included Conflict of Laws, New York Civil Practice, Evidence, and Federal Procedure. He has had a profound influence on literally thousands upon thousands of BLS students.

As a preeminent lecturer to lawyers and judges on matters of evidence and New York civil practice, his influence has extended beyond the Law School's halls. For more than 30 years, he has traversed the state, lecturing to countless bar associations and trial lawyers' programs, actively imparting his wealth of case law and knowledge in this area.

From 1977 to 1992, Farrell served as the reporter for the New York Pattern Jury Instructions Committee. In addition, he won a double jeopardy case in the U.S. Supreme Court in 1990.

But Farrell is most well-known for his scholarship and, in particular, his treatise on evidence. He is the author of *Prince*,



Richardson on Evidence (11th ed. and 12th ed.) and its annual supplements. This treatise is in virtually every courtroom in New York, and it continues to be one of the most cited texts in the New York courts.

Farrell has received numerous honors and recognition for his achievements. The Catholic Lawyers Guild presented him with the President's Award, the New York State Bar Association Criminal Justice Section bestowed on him an Outstanding Contribution in the Field of Criminal Law Award, and in 2005, Brooklyn Law School named him the Wilbur A. Levin Distinguished Service Professor of Law recognizing his profound influence on the institution.

"It is hard to imagine Brooklyn Law School without the one and only Professor Richard Farrell," said Dean Allard. "We are indebted to him for his influential contributions to the field of evidence and dedication to generations of Brooklyn Law School students."



Marilyn Walter

Marilyn Walter joined the Law School in 1980 as Director of the Legal Writing Program. She came to the Law School from New York University School of Law, where she was a research instructor in law. Walter had also previously served as a staff attorney at the National Employment Law Project and spent a summer offering a Supplementary Bar Review Course for Disadvantaged Students.

Since joining the Law School, she has developed and honed one of the most highly regarded legal research and writing programs in the country. "I wanted to develop a program that emphasized close contact between professor and student," said Walter. "Nobody can teach too many students well, so I had to limit the class size to enable repeated connections, meetings, and feedback. That was the best way to ensure each individual student would develop fully over the course of the first year."

Over her career at BLS, in addition to directing the writing program, Walter taught first-year Legal Research and Writing, Employment Discrimination, Fundamentals of Legal Drafting, and a Law & Literature Seminar.

Outside of the Law School, her stature in the legal writing community is epic. She served in many important roles: as chair of the American Association of Law Schools' Writing Section, as a member of the board of directors of the Legal Writing Institute, and as member of the American Bar Association's Committee on Communication Skills, to name just a few.

Professor Walter's co-authored book with Professor Helene Shapo of Northwestern University and BLS Professor Betsy Fajans, titled *Writing and Analysis in the Law*, is considered a classic and is one of the most widely used first-year writing text for law students. It is in now its sixth edition. In 2005, she received the AALS Legal Writing Award in recognition of her "pioneering leadership, extraordinary vision, and outstanding service."

"We are forever grateful for your many years of dedicated service to the Law School and your influential contributions to legal writing," said Dean Allard at a retirement dinner in Walter's honor.

"One of my goals and accomplishments has been to promote the Brooklyn Law School writing program and have the program known as the standard for excellence across the country," said Walter. "That is something that I believe we have achieved. I am so grateful to the extraordinary legal writing faculty who we have had over the years, in particular Betsy Fajans and Molly Falk, the scholars of our program." ■

Four New Faculty Join Legal Writing Program



Nina Farber '91



Eun Hee Han



Noah Kupferberg



Maria Termini

WE ARE PROUD TO INTRODUCE four new members of the legal writing faculty who joined Brooklyn Law School this fall: Nina Farber, Eun Hee Han, Noah Kupferberg, and Maria Termini. "Our new writing faculty bring stellar credentials, broad experience, and fresh points of view, said Professor Jayne Ressler, Interim Director of the Legal Writing Program. "They are committed to teaching our students essential research and writing skills, and because of their talent they will quickly make an impact on our students."

Nina Farber joins Brooklyn Law School from Allegaert Berger & Vogel, where she was Of Counsel and her practice focused on complex litigation, with particular experience involving the pharmaceutical industry. She also has extensive experience in employment law. She has handled a number of notable cases involving discrimination claims, allegations of First Amendment violations, and recently, the successful defense of a major pharmaceutical manufacturer accused of violating the New Jersey Conscientious Employee Protection Act. She also handled pro bono matters, including representing death row inmates in Alabama. Professor Farber's background includes clerkships with the Honorable Edward Korman in the Eastern District of New York and the Honorable James R. Browning in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. She was also in the Litigation Department of Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP. She previously taught a Federal Courts colloquium at BLS as an Adjunct Professor. She is a graduate of Brooklyn Law School, Class of 1991, and was a

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member of the *Brooklyn Law Review* and the Moot Court Honor Society, and she graduated first in her class.

Eun Hee Han was most recently affiliated with Georgetown University Law Center, where she worked with foreign educated lawyers earning LL.M. degrees. She has also taught Transnational Legal Practice at the Peking University School of Transnational Law in Shenzhen, China. Prior to teaching, Professor Han worked as Compliance Counsel at the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc. and was an associate at Greenberg Traurig. Her scholarship focuses on national security policy, private international law, broker-dealer law and regulation, and securities law. Professor Han is a graduate of the Georgetown National Law Center, where she was the Section Editor of the *Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law*.

Noah Kupferberg joins the Law School from Columbia Law School where he was a Lecturer in Law and taught case analysis and synthesis, statutory law, drafting and revision of memos, client

communication, mediation, appellate brief writing, and oral advocacy. Prior to teaching, he was an attorney with the firms Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, Cooley LLP, and Willkie Farr & Gallagher, practicing in the fields of white collar and regulatory defense and complex civil litigation. He also served as a law clerk to the Honorable Thomas P. Griesa in the Southern District of New York. Professor Kupferberg received his J.D. with honors from Columbia Law School. Prior to practicing law, he worked as an editor for Random House and as a freelance journalist for *The Village Voice*.

Maria Termini was with the Appeals Division of the New York City Housing Authority as an Agency Attorney before joining the Law School. Previously, she worked as a litigation associate at Hughes Hubbard & Reed from 2005–2010. While at Columbia Law School, Professor Termini was a member and Managing Editor of the *Columbia Journal of Law and Social Problems*. Prior to practicing law, she taught high school mathematics and was an adjunct professor of education. ■



FacultyNotes

Nick Allard

PUBLICATIONS

- *A Dean Grows in Brooklyn*, __ U. TO L. L. REV. __ (forthcoming 2015) (Symposium on Leadership in Legal Education)
- “A Letter to Tyler,” in *LAW FOR THE CURIOUS: WHY STUDY LAW* (forthcoming 2015)

PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS

- Testified at public hearings before the American Bar Association President’s Task Force on the Financing of Legal Education, discussing rising law school tuition and student debt, ABA Annual Meeting, Boston, MA
- “The Death of Complacency: Campaigning and Governing in the United States Through the 2014 Elections and Beyond,” Rhodes House, Oxford University
- “The Future of Legal Education and Practice,” Conference of Law Deans, St. Petersburg International Legal Forum, Russia
- Panelist, “Big Brother is Watching: Is Privacy a Thing of the Past or Can It Be Reclaimed?,” Princeton University
- Speaker, “Innovations in Legal Education,” ABA Flatirons Conference, University of Colorado

HONORS/AWARDS/APPOINTMENTS

- Board Member, Downtown Brooklyn Partnership
- Appointed to the New York Court of Appeals Pro Bono Scholars Program Committee and the Pro Bono Scholars Task Force
- Member, ABA Standing Committee on the Law Library of Congress and Task Force on the Traveling Exhibit of Magna Carta

SELECT MEDIA

- *Commentary, Conventional Wisdom: Choose Brooklyn*, ROLL CALL (July 7, 2014)
- Op-ed, *Lowering Law-School Tuition Benefits Everyone, Not Just the Students*, THE CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION (June 23, 2014)
- Interviewed on the Future of Legal Education and Practice on Russian TV (RAPSINEWS) at the St. Petersburg International Legal Forum (Aug. 10, 2014)
- Quoted extensively in media on BLS’s tuition cut, including placements in THE CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION (June 23, 2014); THE NEW YORK TIMES (Apr. 3, 2014); THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, (Apr. 2, 2014); FOX BUSINESS (Apr. 3, 2014); 1010 WINS/ CBS NEW YORK (Apr. 3, 2014) and Appeared on “Varney & Co.,” FOX BUSINESS NETWORK, (Apr. 24, 2014) and on “Power Lunch,” CNBC (Apr. 9, 2014)

William Araiza

PUBLICATIONS

- *After the Tiers: Windsor, Congressional Power to Enforce Equal Protection, and the Challenge of Pointillist Constitutionalism*, 94 B.U. L. REV. 367 (2014)

PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS

- “The Role of Intermediate Scrutiny,” Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Amelia Island, FL
- “The Supreme Court, Values, and Equal Protection,” Law & Society Association, Minneapolis, MN
- “Enforcing the Equal Protection Clause,” presented at the University of San Diego, Southwestern Law School, and Loyola Law School-Los Angeles

SELECT MEDIA

- Appeared on “BK Live,” public affairs television, discussing the anniversaries and contemporary significance of the Civil Rights Act and Voting Rights Act (July 16, 2014)
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Jonathan Askin

PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS

- Series of Lectures on Startup Law and Legal Education at Queen Mary University of London, England and at the University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
- Discussant, “Technology and Access to Justice Conference,” University of Missouri-Kansas City, Kansas City, MO
- Internet Society of New York Representative to “ICANN-50,” London, England
- Panelist, “Legal Essentials for Start-ups,” London Technology Week, Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary University of London, England
- Panelist, “Evolving Legal Education to Encompass Entrepreneurship,” CALI Conference, Harvard Law School
- Panelist, “Legal Hacking, Culture, and Privacy,” Computers, Freedom, and Privacy Conference 2014, Washington, D.C.
- Organizer and MC, Symposium: “From Bleak House to Geek House: Evolving Law for Entrepreneurial Lawyers,” Center for Urban Business Entrepreneurship, Brooklyn Law School
- Panelist, “Legal Issues for Brooklyn Entrepreneurs,” Brooklyn Business Library
- Keynote, “Lawyers and the Startup Ethos,” ITechLaw, New York, NY
- Moderator, “How to Found a Company to Avoid Litigation,” Cardozo Law School
- Moderator, “Global Legal Hackathon, and Keynote, “The Lawyer as Technologist,” LegalScienceSalon, MIT Media Lab, Cambridge, MA

SELECT MEDIA

- Appeared on “BK Live,” public affairs television program, with a recent client of the BLIP Clinic (Aug. 21, 2014)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Visiting Professor, Queen Mary University of London, Centre for Commercial Law Studies, London, England (2014–16)
- Law and Technology Class, MIT Media Lab, Cambridge, MA (2014–15)

Professor I. Bennett Capers Appointed to the Civilian Complaint Review Board



ON OCTOBER 1, MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO appointed Professor I. Bennett Capers, a leading expert in criminal law and procedure, and evidence law, to serve on the Civilian Complaint Review Board. Capers joins a 13-member board made up of leading educators on social and racial justice, and experts on police and law enforcement, tasked with helping to lead the agency’s efforts to investigate complaints by New Yorkers against allegations of misconduct involving the NYPD.

“New Yorkers deserve a strong and independent organization to investigate allegations of police misconduct, and these four appointees will help us move toward our goal of building a more respectful relationship between police and the communities they serve each day,” said Mayor de Blasio and Police Commissioner Bill Bratton, in a press release.

Capers has written extensively on the relationship between race, gender, and criminal law, and his work has been published in top law reviews. Prior to teaching, he spent nearly 10 years as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of New York, where he tried several federal homicide cases and earned a nomination for the Department of Justice’s Director’s Award in 2004.

“Professor Capers is a leading criminal justice expert and outstanding teacher and role model,” said Dean Allard. “He has the wisdom, experience, and temperament to assure thorough and fair consideration of civilian complaints, to uphold the integrity of New York’s Finest, and to advance the community interest of effective law enforcement and public safety.” ■

Miriam Baer

PUBLICATIONS

- *Timing Brady*, 115 COLUM. L. REV. __ (forthcoming Jan. 2015)
- *Confronting the Two Faces of Corporate Fraud*, 66 FLA. L. REV. 87 (2014)

PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS

- Panelist and Presenter, “Business Law Workshop on Corporate Compliance,” Southeastern Association of Law Schools
- “Focus Group Regarding Proposed Revision of Allen, Livingston, Hoffman & Stuntz’s Criminal Procedure Casebook,” Yale Law School
- “Timing Brady,” presented at the CrimProfs Conference at Rutgers Law School; the Fordham “Schmooze,” Fordham Law School; and the Stanford-Yale-Harvard Jr. Faculty Forum, Stanford Law School (invitation by competitive process)
- Panelist and Steering Committee Member, “Deterring Corporate Crime: Effective Principles for Corporate Enforcement,” New York University School of Law

Jodi Balsam

PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS

- Co-Presenter, “Negotiation Skills and Strategies for Sports Lawyers,” ABA Forum on Entertainment and Sports Industries, Webinar
- Presenter, “Reading Comprehension Skills in the Age of Twitter,” NYU Lawyering Program Faculty Orientation
- Presenter, “Making Headlines: Using Media Skills Exercises to Develop Advocacy Skills in the Legal Writing Classroom and Beyond,” Legal Writing Institute 16th Biennial Conference, Philadelphia, PA
- Co-Presenter, “Identifying and Enhancing Reading Comprehension Skills in the Twitter Generation of Law Students and Lawyers,” 2014 Global Legal Skills Conference, Verona, Italy

Christopher Beauchamp

PUBLICATIONS

- *INVENTED BY LAW: ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL AND THE PATENT THAT CHANGED AMERICA* (Harvard University Press, 2014)

PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter, “The First Patent Litigation Explosion,” IP Scholars Conference, Berkeley, CA
- Presenter, “Invented by Law: Alexander Graham Bell and the Patent that Changed America,” Nassau County Bar Association, Committee on Intellectual Property

Anita Bernstein

PUBLICATIONS

- *QUESTIONS & ANSWERS: TORTS* (LexisNexis Publishing, 3d ed. 2014)
- *Abuse and Harassment Diminish Free Speech*, 35 PACE L. REV. __ (forthcoming 2014)
- *The Feminist Jurisprudence of Jack B. Weinstein*, 64 DE PAUL L. REV. __ (forthcoming 2014)
- *Themes, Doctrine, and Pedagogy in the 2013-14 National Health Law Moot Court Competition Problem*, 35 AM. J. LEGAL MED. 345 (2014)

- *Gender in Asbestos Law: Cui Bono? Cui Pacat?*, 88 TUL. L. REV. 1211 (2014)
- *Onlookers Tell an Extraordinary Entity What to Do*, 79 BROOK. L. REV. 381 (2014)

PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS

- “A Common Law Defense of Abortion,” New York Area Family Law Scholars Roundtable
- Panelist, “The Feminist Jurisprudence of Jack B. Weinstein,” Conference on Judge Weinstein’s Impact on Civil Justice in America, De Paul College of Law
- Panelist, “Abuse and Harassment Diminish Free Speech,” Conference on Social Media and Social Justice, Pace Law School

Bradley Borden

PUBLICATIONS

- *A Case for Simpler Gain Bifurcation for Real Estate Developers*, 15 FLA. TAX REV. __ (forthcoming 2015) (with N. Brown & E. Wagner, II)
- *Financial Concepts in Real Estate Partnership Distribution Waterfalls*, 144 TAX NOTES __ (forthcoming 2014)
- *REMIC Tax Enforcement as Financial-Market Regulator*, 16 U. PA. J. BUS. L. 663 (2014) (with D. Reiss)
- *Accounting for Pre-Transfer Development in Bramblett Transactions*, 41 REAL EST. TAX’N 162 (2014) (with M. Rappaport)
- *Navigating State Law and Tax Issues Raised by Partnership and LLC Reorganizations*, BUS. ENT., July/Aug. 2014, at 4
- *Notable Partnership Tax Articles From 2013*, 143 TAX NOTES 1513 (2014)
- Co-author, *Forthcoming Editions of FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION: CASES AND MATERIALS* (Foundation Press) (with M. McMahan, Jr., D. Simmons & D. Ventry, Jr.)

PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS

- Moderator, “TICs and DST Transactions: They’re Back!,” American Bar Association, Section of Taxation, Sales, Exchanges & Basis Committee Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- Panelist, “Related Party Exchanges,” Federation of Exchange Accommodators 2014 Northeast Regional Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

Dana Brakman Reiser

PUBLICATIONS

- *SOCIAL ENTERPRISE AND THE LAW* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming) (with S. Dean)
- *Creative Financing for Social Enterprise*, STAN. SOC. INNOVATION REV., Summer 2014, at 50 (with S. Dean)
- *Regulating Social Enterprise*, 14 U.C. DAVIS BUS. L. REV. 231 (2014)

PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS

- “Social Enterprise and Modern Regulatory Approaches,” AALS Midyear Meeting Workshop on Blurring Boundaries in Financial and Corporate Law, Washington, D.C.
- “The Mission-Protected Hybrid,” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN
- “SE(c)(3): A Hybrid Tax Regime for Social Enterprise,” Harvard Seminar on Current Issues in Tax Law, Policy and Practice, Cambridge, MA

I. Bennett Capers

PUBLICATIONS

- *Unsex the Fourth Amendment*, 48 U.C. DAVIS L. REV. __ (forthcoming 2015)
- *Twenty-Plus Years of Critical Race Theory and Criminal Justice*, 12 OHIO ST. J. CRIM. L. __ (forthcoming 2014) (invited guest editor of symposium issue)
- *Reading Michigan v. Bryant*, “Reading” *Justice Sotomayor*, 123 YALE L.J. FORUM 427 (2014)
- *Book Review: The Fourth Problem*, 49 TULSA L. REV. 101 (2013)

PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter, “Unsex the Fourth Amendment,” Critical Race Theory Colloquium, UC-Berkeley
- Moderator, “The Wisdom of Capital Punishment,” Texas Tech Criminal Law Symposium, Lubbock, TX
- Panelist, “NYS’s Hate Crime Statute,” Prosecutor’s Committee of the Asian American Bar Association of New York, Kings County D.A.’s Office, New York, NY

HONORS/AWARDS/APPOINTMENTS

- Appointed to the New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board
- Appointed to Chair *Floyd v. City of New York* Academic Advisory Council

SELECT MEDIA

- Quoted in *Tension on Deporting a Killer Turned Informant*, N.Y. TIMES (Aug. 6, 2014) and in *Judge Rakoff Says Plea-Deal Process is Broken*, N.Y. DAILY NEWS (May 27, 2014)

Stacy Caplow

HONORS/AWARDS/APPOINTMENTS

- Appointed to Mayor’s Advisory Committee on the Judiciary
- Appointed to Fulbright Specialist Roster
- Appointed to Immigrant Justice Corps Advisory Board
- Appointed to New York Immigrant Assistance Consortium Advisory Committee

OTHER PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Taught intensive course in U.S. Immigration Law & Policy at the Academic Centre for Law and Business in Ramat Gan, Israel

Neil Cohen

PUBLICATIONS

- CHOICE OF LAW: CASES AND MATERIALS FOR A CONCISE COURSE ON CONFLICT OF LAWS (West Publishing, forthcoming 2014) (with A. Twerski)

PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter, “The Proposed UNCITRAL Model Law on Secured Transactions,” International Academy of Commercial and Consumer Law, Istanbul, Turkey
- Faculty Member, “Commercial Lending Today,” American Legal Institute CLE Course, Chicago, IL

HONORS/AWARDS/APPOINTMENTS

- Received the John Minor Wisdom Award from the American Law Institute
- Received the Homer Kripke Lifetime Achievement Award from the American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers

Professor Stacy Caplow Appointed to the Mayor’s Advisory Committee on the Judiciary

PROFESSOR STACY CAPLOW, Associate Dean for Professional Legal Education, has been appointed by Mayor Bill de Blasio to serve on the Mayor’s Advisory Committee on the Judiciary.

She and 15 legal experts and scholars are tasked with recruiting candidates for judicial appointments to the New York City Criminal and Family Courts, as well as interim appointments to the elected Civil Court. The committee plays an important role in ensuring fair-minded and impartial administration of justice.

Early in her career, Caplow served as Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Civil Division in the Eastern District of New York, and has worked on both sides of the criminal bar. She was the Director of

Training and Chief of the Criminal Court Bureau in the Kings County District Attorney’s Office and was also a staff attorney with the Legal Aid Society.

A pioneer in clinical education, Caplow has led the Law School’s highly-acclaimed clinical program for over 30 years. In addition to co-directing the Safe



Harbor Project, she teaches immigration law, criminal law, international criminal law, and immigration law-related seminars. She is a prolific writer and recently co-authored a treatise on federal criminal law and procedure. She was twice named a first-prize winner in the Clinical Legal Education Association creative writing contest. Caplow serves on the Fulbright Specialist Roster, the Immigrant Justice Corps Advisory Board, and the New York Immigrant Assistance Consortium Advisory Committee.

“Each member of this diverse group of attorneys and legal experts brings a remarkable depth of legal experience and an unwavering commitment to justice,” said Mayor de Blasio in an official statement. ■

Professor Marsha Garrison Elected President of the International Society of Family Law



PROFESSOR MARSHA GARRISON, an expert on law and policy relating to families, children, and reproductive technology, was recently elected President of the International Society of Family Law at the organization's triennial World Conference this past summer.

In her three-year term, Garrison will lead and direct policy for the Society, an independent, international scholarly association dedicated to the study and discussion of family law. The group brings together scholars, practitioners, policy makers, and others with an interest in this area of law.

Garrison, who is affiliated with the Law School's Center for Health, Science & Public Policy, researches and writes on a broad range of topics, including marriage, cohabitation, parentage determination, the economics of divorce, and child welfare decision making. Much of her research is interdisciplinary, applying social science and economic data to legal policy issues. She has co-authored two widely used casebooks: *Family Law: Cases, Comments, and Questions* (6th ed. 2007) and *Law and Bioethics: Individual Autonomy and Social Regulation* (2d ed. 2009). Her most recent book, *Marriage at a Crossroads* (co-edited with E.S. Scott, 2012), offers an interdisciplinary perspective on policy questions related to marriage (same-sex and opposite-sex), cohabitation, and nonmarital birth.

"This is a very impressive appointment, and one that is a testament to Professor Garrison's deep knowledge of family law," said Dean Allard. "As President of this influential organization, she will lead critical discussions of legal policy aimed at improving the lives of children everywhere." ■

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- Appointed Consultant to the Organization of American States for its secured transactions reform work in Jamaica
- Reappointed as Member of the U.S. Department of State Advisory Committee on Private International Law
- Appointed to United States Delegation to UNCITRAL Working Group on Secured Transactions
- Appointed Member of UNCITRAL Expert Group on Secured Transactions

Steven Dean

PUBLICATIONS

- *SOCIAL ENTERPRISE AND THE LAW* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming) (with D. Brakman Reiser)
- *Creative Financing for Social Enterprise*, STAN. SOC. INNOVATION REV., Summer 2014, at 50 (with D. Brakman Reiser)

PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter, "SE(c)(3): A Hybrid Tax Regime for Social Enterprise," Tax Justice and Human Rights, McGill University Faculty of Law, Montreal, Québec

Edward W. De Barbieri

HONORS/AWARDS/APPOINTMENTS

- Appointed to New York City Bar Pro Bono & Legal Services Committee, 2014-17

Robin Efron

PUBLICATIONS

- *Atlantic Marine and the Future of Forum Non Conveniens*, 66 HASTINGS L.J. __ (forthcoming 2015)
- *Federalism and Mass Tort Litigation*, 5 J. TORT L. 1 (2014) (commenting on J. Maria Glover, *Mass Litigation Governance in the Post-Class Action Era: The Problems and Promise of Non-Removable State Actions in Multi-District Litigation*)

PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS

- "Ex Ante Discovery," UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law Faculty Workshop
- "Public Speaking: Learning Through Critique," Mayer Brown LLP, Chicago, IL

Elizabeth Fajans

PUBLICATIONS

- *Symposium Introduction: The Impact of Cognitive Bias on Persuasion and Writing Strategies*, 22 J.L. & POL'Y 1 (2013) (with M. Walter)

PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS

- Moderator, "Writing Across Cultures and Languages: Teaching ESL/EFL Students," Conference of the Legal Writing Institute

HONORS/AWARDS/APPOINTMENTS

- Appointed Editor-in-Chief, The Monograph Series of the Legal Writing Institute

James Fanto
PUBLICATIONS

- *An Overview of Compliance-Related Issues in Broker-Dealer Regulation*, in JERRY MARKHAM, RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON SECURITIES REGULATION IN THE UNITED STATES (Edward Elgar, 2014)
- BROKER-DEALER: LAW AND REGULATION (Aspen, Annual Supplement 2014)

PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS

- Speaker, "Teaching Compliance: A New Challenge for the Legal Academy," Teaching Plenary Panel, 2014 AALS Midyear Meeting
- Invited Participant, "Corporate Roundtable: Capital Markets," University of Pennsylvania Law School, Institute for Law and Economics
- Panelist, "The Implications of Equity and Non-Equity Crowdfunding," New York Legal Hackers / Center for Urban Business Entrepreneurship
- Moderator and Co-Organizer, "The Compliance Role in Financial Institutions, A Case Study: How Dodd-Frank is Changing the Municipal Securities Industry," BLS Center for the Study of Business Law & Regulation
- Invited Participant, "Weil, Gotshal & Manges Roundtable," Institute for Law and Economics, Yale Law School

OTHER PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Faculty member, the Certified Regulatory and Compliance Professional Program, FINRA Institute at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania
- Co-Editor-in-Chief of PRACTICAL COMPLIANCE & RISK MANAGEMENT FOR THE SECURITIES INDUSTRY, a Wolters Kluwer journal

Maryellen Fullerton
PUBLICATIONS

- IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES: SELECTED STATUTES, REGULATIONS AND FORMS (West, July 2014) (with D. Martin & H. Motomura)
- *The Intersection of Statelessness and Refugee Protection in U.S. Asylum Policy*, 2 J. ON MIGRATION & HUMAN SECURITY 144 (2014)

PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter, "Stateless in a World of Nation States," Center for Migration Studies Symposium: Creating a Robust and Secure U.S. Refugee Protection System, New York, NY
- Panelist, "Refugee Children Traveling Alone: Italy and the United States," International Law Society
- Presenter, "They Can't Go Home and Get a Visa," Columbia School of Journalism
- Presenter, "Labor Migration and the United States," Expert Seminar: Re-Thinking the Attractiveness of Labour Migration Policies, Centre for European Policy Studies & European Commission, Brussels, Belgium

SELECT MEDIA

- Interviewed for *Asylum for Snowden?*, NPR: Marketplace Tech (Aug. 1, 2014)
- Op-Ed, *Cuba Is No Longer a Prison*, THE ORLANDO SENTINEL (May 22, 2014)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Research, University of Havana, Cuba, Impact of Cuban Immigration Reform on U.S. Immigration Policy (Mar. 2014)

Marsha Garrison
PUBLICATIONS

- *The Changing Face of Marriage*, in ROUTLEDGE HANDBOOK OF FAMILY LAW AND POLICY (J. Eekelaar & R. George eds., 2014)

PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS

- Plenary Speaker, "Family Law: Generalities and Singularities," International Society of Family Law World Conference, Recife, Brazil
- Speaker, "Using Family Law to Foster Family Solidarity," Leverhulme Trust Interdisciplinary Conference, Notre Dame University

HONORS/APPOINTMENTS/AWARDS

- Elected President, International Society of Family Law

Cynthia Godsoe
PUBLICATIONS

- *Punishment as Protection*, 52 HOUSTON L. REV. __ (forthcoming 2015)
- *Contempt, Status and the Criminalization of Non-Conforming Girls*, 35 CARDOZO L. REV. 1091 (2014) (invited symposium piece)
- *Permanency Puzzle*, 2013 MICH. STATE L. REV. 1113 (2013) (invited symposium piece)

PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter, "Victims and Offenders," Crimlaw Conference, Rutgers University School of Law
- "The Quiet Gay Revolution in Family Law," presented at: AALS Mid-Year Meeting on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity; the Law and Society Annual Meeting; Fordham Law School Junior Faculty Colloquium (selected through competitive process); and NYC Family Law Colloquium, Cardozo Law School
- Chair and Discussant, "Caring for Kin: Issues in Parentage, Guardianship and Custodial Care," Law and Society Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN

HONORS/APPOINTMENTS/AWARDS

- Co-Chair of the Feminist Legal Theory Critical Research Network for the 2015 Law and Society Annual Meeting
- Executive Committee Member, AALS Section on Family and Juvenile Law

SELECT MEDIA

- Quoted in several N.Y. TIMES articles: *Reduced Charge for Boy in Fatal Bronx Stabbing*, (June 30, 2014); *Lawyer Says Boy in Killing May Go Before Grand Jury* (June 24, 2014); and *Dispute Over Judges Leaves Family Courts in Limbo* (June 15, 2014)

Joel Gora

PUBLICATIONS

- *An Essay In Honor of Robert Sedler: Fierce Champion of Free Speech*, 58 WAYNE L. REV. 1087 (2013)
- Principal organizer and author, *Comments by First Amendment Advocates on Draft Guidance for Tax-Exempt Social Welfare Organizations on Candidate-Related Political Activities*, filed with the Internal Revenue Service (Feb. 26, 2014)

PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS

- Invited Participant, “Debate on *McCutcheon v. FEC*,” and “Debate on *McCullen v. Coakley*,” First Amendment Salon
- Featured Speaker, “American Democracy in the 21st Century,” 20th Annual Brodsky Legal Conference, Anti-Defamation League

SELECT MEDIA

- *McCutcheon v. FEC and the Fork in the Road*, SCOTUSBLOG (Aug. 15, 2014)
- Op-Ed, *Democracy Will Thrive Post-McCutcheon*, N.Y. DAILY NEWS ONLINE (Apr. 2, 2014)

Susan Herman

PUBLICATIONS

- *TAKING LIBERTIES: THE WAR ON TERROR AND THE EROSION OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY* (Oxford University Press, updated paperback edition, Mar. 2014)
- *Defending Freedom’s Document*, STAND (ACLU Magazine, Summer 2014)

PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS

- Advocate, “Women’s Economic and Health Security,” Senate Democratic Steering and Outreach Committee Roundtable Discussion
- Keynote Speaker, “The Affordable Care Act and the Constitution,” New York University Affordable Care Act Symposium
- Panelist, “Privacy in America: The NSA and the Constitution,” joint Washington Times, Microsoft, and ACLU event
- Panelist, “Supreme Court and Other Significant Cases Update,” Federal Judicial Center Seminar for Federal Defenders, Cleveland, OH
- Debater, “The Clash of Generations: Privacy Is an Outdated Concept,” St. Gallen University Symposium, Switzerland
- Panelist, “The Psychology of the Criminal Justice Process,” Federal Judicial Center National Workshops for District Judges, Washington D.C. and Seattle, WA
- Panelist, “Whistleblowers: Heroes or Villains?,” Shelter Rock Forum, United Universalist Congregation of Shelter Rock, NY
- Keynote Speaker, “Is the Patriot Act Patriotic?,” Public Policy Forum of Crested Butte, CO
- Panelist, “Privacy, Security and Secrecy After Snowden,” Cardozo School of Law
- Speaker, “Government Surveillance, Secrecy and Retaliation Against Whistleblowers: Civil Liberties in the National Security Era,” University of California at Santa Barbara
- Speaker, “Civil Liberties in the National Security Era: What Happened to Edward Snowden?,” CalTech Social Activism Speaker Series

- Speaker, “A(b)judication: The War on Terror, Civil Liberties and the Courts,” University of California at Irvine School of Law
- Speaker, “George Orwell’s 1984: Could It Happen Here? Is It Happening?,” Los Angeles City College Book Program
- Speaker, “An American Tragedy,” Historical Society of the New York Courts
- Opening Remarks, “Legislative Theatre Event,” Theatre of the Oppressed NYC

SELECT MEDIA

- Interview, *Open Mind*, PBS Television (Sept. 13, 2014)
- Interview, ACLU President on Ferguson: “The Beginning of Change is Awareness,” KUOW 94.9, Seattle, WA (Aug. 25, 2014)
- Interviews discussing her book, *TAKING LIBERTIES: THE WAR ON TERROR AND THE EROSION OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY*, Chicago Tonight, WTTW-Channel 11 (Apr. 9, 2014) and *No Alibis*, KCSB 91.9 FM, Santa Barbara, CA (Mar. 12, 2014)

Edward Janger

PUBLICATIONS

- *The Logic and Limits of Liens*, __ U. ILL. L. REV. __ (forthcoming 2015)
- *Silos: Establishing the Distributional Baseline in Cross-Border Bankruptcies*, 9 BROOK. J. CORP. FIN. & COM. L. __ (forthcoming 2015)
- *Ice Cube Bonds: Allocating the Price of Process in Chapter 11 Bankruptcy*, 123 YALE L.J. 862 (2014)
- *Arbitrating Systemic Risk: System Definition, Risk Definition, Systemic Interaction, and the Problem of Asymmetric Treatment*, 92 TEX. L. REV. See Also 217 (2014) (response to Iman Anabtawi & Steven Schwarcz, *Regulating Ex Post: How Law Can Address the Inevitability of Financial Failure*)

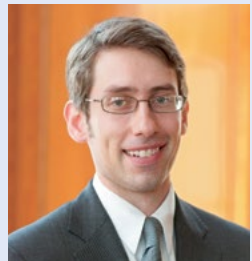
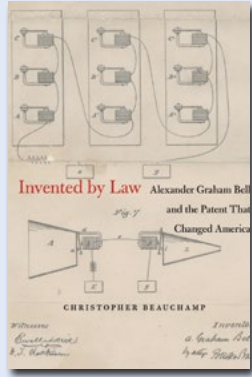
PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS

- Moderator, Financial Housing Markets Panel, American Law Institute Young Scholars Medal Conference — The Ten Trillion Dollar Question: Reforming Housing Finance Regulation, Georgetown University Law Center
- Presenter, “Teaching Compliance: A New Challenge for the Legal Academy” (with James Fanto), Association of American Law Schools Mid-Year Meeting, Blurring Boundaries in Financial and Corporate Law
- “Mediating Residential Mortgages in Bankruptcy: Data from the Southern District of New York” (with S. Block-Lieb, C. Ondersma and R. Ortega), Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, and Eugene P. and Delia Murphy Conference on Corporate Law, Fordham Law School
- “UNCITRAL Projects: A Model Law for Recognition of Insolvency Judgments and Other Recent Developments,” ABA Business Section Meeting, Business Bankruptcy Committee Task Force on UNCITRAL and The International Bankruptcy Sub-Committee, Los Angeles, CA
- Commenter, “The Changing Face of Chapter 11 and the “Ice Cube Bond” Solution,” ABA Business Section Meeting, Administration and Courts Subcommittee, Los Angeles, CA

On the Shelf:

New Books from Professors Beauchamp and Karmel

Beauchamp Examines Bell's Fight for the Telephone Patent



ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL'S INVENTION of the telephone in 1876 stands as one of the great touchstones of American technological achievement. Bringing a new perspective to this history, *Invented by Law* (Harvard University Press, 2014), a new book by **Professor Christopher Beauchamp**, examines the legal battles that raged over Bell's telephone patent, likely the most consequential patent right ever granted.

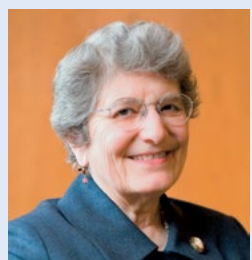
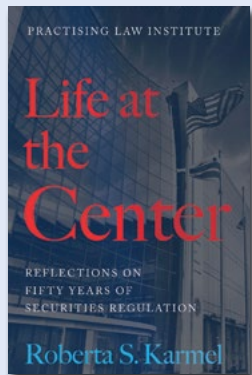
Beauchamp, who teaches and writes in the areas of intellectual property and legal history at the Law School, reconstructs the world of nineteenth-century patent law, replete with inventors, capitalists, and charlatans, where rival claimants and political maneuvering loomed large in the contests that erupted over new technologies. He challenges the popular myth of Bell as the telephone's sole inventor, exposing that story's origins in the arguments advanced by Bell's lawyers. More than anyone else, it was the courts that anointed Bell father of the telephone, granting him a patent monopoly that decisively shaped the American telecommunications industry for a century to come. Beauchamp

investigates the sources of Bell's legal primacy in the United States, and looks across the Atlantic, to Britain, to consider how another legal system handled the same technology in very different ways.

Exploring complex questions of ownership and legal power raised by the invention of important new technologies, *Invented by Law* recovers a forgotten history with wide relevance for today's patent crisis.

Beauchamp joined Brooklyn Law School in 2011 from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he was a Sharswood Fellow in Law and History and a Lecturer in Law. Prior to teaching, he was a Microsoft/LAPA Fellow at Princeton University's Law and Public Affairs Program and a Samuel I. Golieb Fellow in Legal History at New York University School of Law. He earned his Ph.D. in History from Cambridge University. His work has received numerous awards, including the Cromwell Dissertation Prize of the American Society for Legal History, the Yorke Prize of the Cambridge University Faculty of Law, and the Levinson Prize of the Society for the History of Technology. ■

Life at the Center: Karmel on Securities Regulation



ROBERTA S. KARMEL, the Centennial Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Dennis J. Block Center for the Study of International Business Law, has been at the center of U.S. securities regulation throughout her distinguished career as a Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Commissioner, a practitioner, an attorney in the enforcement division of the SEC New York Regional Office, a public director of the New York Stock Exchange, and a prominent academic who has taught at Brooklyn Law School since 1985.

In her new book *Life at the Center: Reflections on Fifty Years of Securities Regulation* (Practising Law Institute, 2014), Karmel addresses the key regulatory issues confronting the SEC over the past 50 years. The book is a compilation, with current commentary, of 190 *New York Law Journal* columns she wrote between 1982 and 2014 and excerpts from law review articles on related topics.

Chapters cover Corporate Governance, Regulation of Financial Institutions, Corporation Finance Policies, International Securities Regulation, Market Structure and Regulation, Insider Trading, Short-Swing Profits and Tender Offers, and Gatekeepers. In addition, Karmel includes a chapter compiling her commentary on Supreme Court cases. In the final chapter of *Life at the Center*, Karmel points to the future and provides 10 principles on how to improve financial regulation in the United States.

"*Life at the Center* provides a thoughtful analysis of and commentary on the key developments in the U.S. and international capital markets as well as the regulatory response to those developments over the past 50 years," said Edward F. Greene, a PLI Trustee, and Senior Counsel, Cleary Gottlieb. "It brings the unique perspective of a distinguished scholar, author, and participant in SEC regulatory issues. It is an invaluable commentary on ongoing securities regulation in the United States." ■

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- “The Logic and Limits of Liens,” ABI/University of Illinois Law Review Symposium on Chapter 11 Reform, Chicago, IL
- Chair and Presenter, “Silos: Establishing the Distributional Baseline in Cross-Border Bankruptcies,” Symposium: Choice of Law in Cross-Border Bankruptcy, *Brooklyn Journal of Corporate, Financial and Commercial Law*, The International Insolvency Institute, and the Brooklyn Center for the Study of Business Law and Regulation

HONORS/AWARDS/APPOINTMENTS

- Member, International Insolvency Institute Delegation to UNCITRAL Working Group V (Insolvency); UNCITRAL Working Group VI (Secured Credit)

Roberta Karmel

PUBLICATIONS

- *Is the Independent Director Model Broken?*, 37 U. SEATTLE L. REV. 775 (2014)
- *A Law Professor’s Perspective on “Too Big to Fail”*, J. BANKING REG. (advance online publication June 4, 2014)
- *Attacked Again, Basic Survives*, 46 SECURITIES REGULATION & LAW REPORT 1347 (July 14, 2014)
- *Rakoff Revisited: How He Changed SEC Settlement Policies*, IFLR (July 8, 2014)
- Columns in the NEW YORK LAW JOURNAL: *Cybersecurity Roundtable and Disclosure* (Apr. 17, 2014); *SEC Disclosure of Conflict Minerals* (June 19, 2014); and *Changing Face of Judicial Oversight of the SEC* (Aug. 19, 2014)
- *Will Law Firms Go Public?*, 35 U. PA. J. INT’L LAW 487 (2013)

PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS

- Panelist, “Exchange SROs,” CFA Institute Program on Self-Regulation in the Financial Markets, Washington, D.C.
- Panelist, “IOSCO’s Response to the Financial Crisis,” AALS Midyear Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- Panelist, “U.S. Regulatory Developments Impacting Asia,” PLI Second Annual Institute on Corporate and Securities Law, Hong Kong
- Panelist, “Public Company Disclosure,” SEC Cybersecurity Roundtable, Washington, D.C.
- Commenter, “Scholars Conference,” Tulane Law School

Adam Kolber

PUBLICATIONS

- *Smooth and Bumpy Laws*, 102 CAL. L. REV. 655 (2014)
- *Will There Be a Neurolaw Revolution?*, 89 IND. L.J. 807 (2014)
- *The Limited Right to Alter Memory*, 40 J. MED. ETHICS 658 (2014)

PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter, “Legal Perspectives on Pain Imaging,” Pain Neuroimaging & the Law Conference, University of Maryland Schools of Law and Dentistry and the American Association for the Advancement of Science

- Presenter, “Will There Be a Neurolaw Revolution?,” Loyola University Chicago Law Journal Annual Conference
- Presenter, “Smooth and Bumpy Laws,” Randall Park Speaker Series, University of Kentucky College of Law

HONORS/AWARDS/APPOINTMENTS

- Appointed to the editorial board of the peer-reviewed *Journal of Science and Law*

Rebecca Kysar

PUBLICATIONS

- *The ‘Shell Bill’ Game: Avoidance and the Origination Clause*, 91 WASH. U. L. REV. 659 (2014)

Brian Lee

PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS

- “Compensation for Emergency Destruction,” presented at Private Law Theory Workshop, William & Mary School of Law and the Colloquium on Property Law & Theory, George Mason University School of Law

Gregg Macey

PUBLICATIONS

- *Air Concentrations of Volatile Compounds Near Oil and Gas Production*, __ ENVTL. HEALTH __ (forthcoming 2014)

PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS

- “Unconventional Extraction in Comparative Context,” Hydraulic Fracturing: A Comparative Assessment Research Workshop, IUCN Academy of Environmental Law 12th Annual Colloquium, Spain
- “Real-Time Right-to-Know,” Societal Management of Natural Hazards, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Roger Michalski

PUBLICATIONS

- *Trans-Personal Procedures*, 47 CONN. L. REV. __ (forthcoming 2014)

PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS

- “Plausibly Denying Access to Justice: *Twombly* and *Iqbal* at the State Level,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN and the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- Commenter, “Panel on Topics in Law and Jurisprudence,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL

Melissa Mortazavi

PUBLICATIONS

- *Consuming Identities: Law, School Meals, and What It Means to Be American*, 24 CORNELL J.L. & PUB. POL’Y 1 (2014)

PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter, “Institutional Actors and Protecting Clients in a Post-Monopoly World,” International Legal Ethics Conference VI

Christina Mulligan

PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter, “The Ghost of Camara, or The Legality of Non-Particularized National Security Searches of U.S. Persons,” Privacy Law Scholars Conference, George Washington University Law School
- Presenter, “Disfavoring Personal Property Servitudes: Lessons for Intellectual Property and the Internet of Things,” Association for Law, Property & Society, University of British Columbia Law School
- Panelist, “ABC v. Aereo Supreme Court Case,” “Cell Phones: Warrants Required?,” and “Trans-Pacific Partnership: IP Negotiations in Secret,” Electronic Frontiers Forum, DragonCon, Atlanta, GA

SELECT MEDIA

- Guest, discussing net neutrality and the FCC’s revised telecommunications rules, Episode 258, THIS WEEK IN LAW Podcast (May 9, 2014) and Episode 10, ORAL ARGUMENT Podcast (Mar. 1, 2014)

Samuel Murumba

PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS

- “Conflict-Resolution at the Human Rights/IP Intersection: A Tri-Regime Account and Derek Parfit’s Triple Theory,” Association for Law, Property and Society Conference, University of British Columbia

Minor Myers

PUBLICATIONS

- *Appraisal Rights*, in RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS (Claire Hill & Steven Davidoff Solomon eds., forthcoming 2015)
- *Appraisal Arbitrage and the Future of Public Company M&A*, 92 WASH. U. L. REV. __ (forthcoming 2015) (with C. Korsmo)
- *The Structure of Stockholder Litigation: When Do the Merits Matter?*, 75 OHIO ST. L.J. __ (forthcoming 2014) (with C. Korsmo)
- *Fixing Multi-Forum Shareholder Litigation*, 2014 U. ILL. L. REV. 467 (2014)

PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS

- Panelist, “Making Sense of the World of Delaware Corporate Litigation,” Bloomberg/BNA Seminar, New York, NY
- Presenter, “Appraisal Arbitrage and the Future of Public Company M&A,” American Law & Economics Association Annual Conference, University of Chicago
- Presenter, Conference on Multi-Jurisdictional Deal Litigation, Dallas, TX
- Moderator and Co-Organizer, “Fighting for Veterans: Meeting the Need for Legal Services in New York City,” Brooklyn Law School

Professor Karen Porter Appointed to Governor’s Task Force on Life and the Law



PROFESSOR KAREN PORTER, Executive Director of the Center for Health, Science, and Public Policy, was recently appointed by Governor Andrew Cuomo to serve on the New York State Task Force on Life and the Law.

Porter joins 22 of New York’s foremost authorities in law, religion, philosophy, medicine, nursing, and bioethics. As volunteers on the Task Force, they will assist in developing public policy around medicine, law, and ethics.

Past issues addressed by the Task Force have ranged from assisted suicide and genetic testing to organ transplantation and the allocation of ventilators in an influenza pandemic. Many of their recommendations have been adopted as legislation

or regulation, cited in seminal federal and state court decisions, and referenced in medical, legal, and social science literature.

At the Law School, Porter teaches the Health Law Clinic, a Health Law Practicum, and Public Health Law and Policy. Prior to teaching, she held a post-doctoral fellowship at Montefiore Medical Center/The Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Department of Epidemiology and Social Medicine. Her background also includes work as a senior policy analyst and staff counsel to the National Commission on AIDS, and she has written extensively on AIDS policy. ■

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Professor David Reiss Featured as Leading Commentator in Media



IN THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS issues related to housing policy, real estate finance, and consumer protection have dominated the news. As a leading authority in these and other areas, Professor David Reiss is regularly called upon to share his expertise. In the last nine months alone, his commentary and analysis

has appeared in approximately 70 prominent news stories directed at the general public, consumers, and industry insiders. Included below are just a few noteworthy news stories featuring Reiss.

In a *Bloomberg* article, Reiss commented on the Department of Justice's recent expansive use of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act (FIRREA) in cases arising out of the financial crisis. Discussing a recent ruling that imposed a \$1.7 billion dollar penalty pursuant to FIRREA on Bank of America's Countrywide unit, Reiss said, "The ruling pushes the balance of power in favor of the government by expanding the definition of a civil penalty."

In a *Christian Science Monitor* article, Reiss commented on a new Census Bureau report on "poverty areas." One in four Americans lives in these areas, signifying an uptick in numbers since 2000. Professor David Reiss suggests that changes to homeownership policies could help offset the trend: "Federal and state housing programs could do more to support a market for well-maintained rental units for low-income households."

In an *American Banker* article, Reiss discussed the lawsuits brought by shareholders of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the two gargantuan housing finance companies that were placed in conservatorship during the financial crisis. Speaking of the lead plaintiffs, Reiss said, "The hedge funds have this incredibly sophisticated, multi-pronged strategy—lawsuits, legislation, academics on the payroll, funding anonymous PR campaigns, offering to buy the companies. They're coming at it from all angles."

Reiss is the founding director of the Community Development Clinic, and teaches a Property Law Colloquium. He is the Research Director for the Center for Urban Business Entrepreneurship (CUBE). He blogs regularly at www.refinblog.com/author/david-reiss. ■

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SELECT MEDIA

- Interview, *Who Loses in HP's Failed \$48M Lawyer-Pay Plan?*, Bloomberg Television (Aug. 25, 2014)
- Quoted in *Hewlett-Packard Takes Aim at Deloitte UK over Autonomy*, FINANCIAL TIMES (Aug. 26, 2014) *Big Payoffs in HP Suit, For Lawyers*, N.Y. TIMES (Aug. 22, 2014); *Tough Judge on Deals Scene: J. Travis Laster*, WALL ST. J. (July 14, 2014); *Fine Legal Point Poses Challenge to Appraisal Rights*, N.Y. TIMES (May 30, 2014)

Arthur Pinto

PUBLICATIONS

- "Corporate Law (public traded)," in INTERNATIONAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (J. Wright ed., forthcoming 2015)
- *Protection of Close Corporation Minority Shareholders in the United States*, 62 AM. J. COMP. L. 361 (supplement 2014)

PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS

- "Protection of Close Corporation Minority Shareholders in the United States," 19th Congress of the International Academy of Comparative Law, Vienna, Austria

Norman Poser

PUBLICATIONS

- *Lord Mansfield and Chief Justice Vanderbilt*, JUDICATURE (Mar./Apr. 2014)

PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS

- Speaker, "Lord Mansfield and Religious Freedom," Oxford University Law Faculty, Oxford, England
- Speaker, "Lord Mansfield and Human Rights," Law Faculty of University of Essex, Colchester, England
- Special History Lecturer, "Lord Mansfield: Justice in the Age of Reason," University College London, England

SELECT MEDIA

- LORD MANSFIELD: JUSTICE IN THE AGE OF REASON (2013) was reviewed in THE TIMES OF LONDON (May 17, 2014); THE NEW CRITERION (May 2014); THE LAW SOCIETY GAZETTE (May 12, 2014); and THE TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION (May 29, 2014)
- Panelist, "18th Century Crime and Punishment," BBC RADIO 3: FREE THINKING (Apr. 17, 2014)

David Reiss

PUBLICATIONS

- *An Overview of the Fannie and Freddie Conservatorship Litigation*, 10 NYU J.L. & BUS. 471 (forthcoming 2014) (symposium issue)
- *The 10 Trillion Dollar Question: Who Should Be Providing Mortgage Credit to American Households?*, 89 TUL. L. REV. ___ (forthcoming 2014)
- *REMIC Tax Enforcement as Financial-Market Regulator*, 16 U. PA. J. BUS. L. 663 (2014) (with B. Borden)
- *The Future of the Private Label Securities Market*, Comment Letter to Department of Treasury (Aug. 11, 2014)

- *Unarmed or Harmed by Knowledge? A Comment on the FHA's Housing Counseling Pilot Program*, Comment Letter to Federal Housing Administration (Jul. 14, 2014)

PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS

- Invited Participant, "The Ten Trillion Dollar Question: Reforming Housing Finance Regulation," American Law Institute Young Scholars Medal Conference
- Speaker, "Just Do It? Whether to Incorporate Social Justice Theory in Every Clinical Experience and If So, How," AALS Clinical Conference
- Commentator, "New Directions: Land Use and Housing in the de Blasio Era," Center for Urban Business Entrepreneurship, Brooklyn Law School
- Invited Participant, "Weil, Gotshal & Manges Roundtable," Yale Law School

SELECT MEDIA

- Quoted in *FIRREA-Fueled Penalty Against BofA Signals More Risk for Large Institutions*, BNA's BANKING REPORT (July 30, 2014); *Census Outlines 'Poverty Areas': Which States Hit Hardest?*, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR (June 30, 2014); *History also Parts City, Church in Stadium Dispute*, ORLANDO SENTINEL (June 15, 2014); *'Generation Rent' Trend Changes The Housing Game*, MSN.COM (June 13, 2014); *The Issue: Prepaying Your Mortgage*, NEWSDAY (May 25, 2014); *The Government as Defendant: Breaking Down Fannie-Freddie Lawsuits*, BLOOMBERG (May 22, 2014); *Everything Banks Need to Know About the GSE Shareholders' Lawsuits*, AMERICAN BANKER (Apr. 21, 2014); and *Small Interest Rate Changes Mean Big Money for Home Buyers*, ABC NEWS (Mar. 29, 2014)

Elizabeth Schneider

PUBLICATIONS

- *Revisiting the Integration of Fact and Law in Pretrial Federal Civil Litigation*, __ NEV. L. REV. __ (forthcoming 2014) (symposium honoring Steve Subrin)
- Book Review: *Jeffrey B. Morris, Leadership on the Federal Bench: The Craft and Activism of Jack Weinstein*, 64 J. LEGAL EDUC. 339 (2014)
- *Procedure as Substance*, 64 DEPAUL L. REV. __ (forthcoming 2014) (Clifford Symposium on Tort Law and Social Policy)

PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter, "Procedure as Substance," Clifford Symposium on Tort Law and Social Policy, Judge Jack Weinstein's Impact on Civil Justice in America, DePaul University College of Law
- Presenter, "Revisiting the Integration of Fact and Law in Pretrial Federal Civil Litigation," Through a Glass Starkly: Civil Procedure Re-Assessed (Celebrating Steve Subrin), Northeastern University School of Law
- Presenter, "Gender Equality and Family Law," Ankara Bar Association, Ankara, Turkey
- Presenter, "Gender Equality and Domestic Violence," Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey
- Presenter, "Where Mental Health Meets the Lawyer: Gender Bias in the Legal Profession," Thomson Reuters / Johnson Woods Webinar

Lisa Smith

PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter, Sexual Assault on College Campuses, ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence
- Presenter, Externships: Do They/Should They Directly or Indirectly Impact Job Placement?, Externships 7, The University of Denver, Sturm College of Law

HONORS/AWARDS/APPOINTMENTS

- Co-Chair, Placements Prototype Committee, and Co-Chair, Clinical Sub-Committee, New York State Pro Bono Project

SELECT MEDIA

- Quoted in *Will the NFL's Domestic Violence Rule Backfire?*, THE NEW REPUBLIC (Aug. 29, 2014)
- Featured in *The Perfect Crime*, Freakonomics Radio Podcast (May 2014)

Lawrence Solan

PUBLICATIONS

- *Judging Language Plain*, in ENS QUEDA LA PARAULA: ESTUDIS DE LINGÜÍSTICA APLICADA EN HONOR A M. TERESA TURELL (R. Casenoves, M. Forcadell & N. Gavalda, eds., 2014)
- *Is It Time for a Restatement of Statutory Interpretation?*, 79 BROOK. L. REV. 733 (2014)
- *Must Torts Be Wrong? An Empirical Perspective*, 49 WAKE FOREST L. REV. 1 (2014) (with J. Sanders, M. Kugler and J. Darley)

PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter, "Statutory Interpretation: Why We Can't Avoid Pragmatics," Pragmatic Turn Conference, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC
- Presenter, "Europe, Babel and Beyond: Statutory Interpretation in Multilingual Legal Regimes," University of Greifswald Faculty of Law, Germany
- Presenter, "Interpreting Laws in a Multilingual World," China University of Political Science and Law, Beijing, China
- Keynote, "Multilingual Legislation: Some Costs and Benefits," International Roundtable on the Semiotics of Law, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- Presenter, "Legal Interpretation: What Goes Wrong," Harvard-Yenching Institute Workshop on Language and Law, Harvard University

OTHER PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Visiting Professor, Greifswald University, Germany

Nelson Tebbe

PUBLICATIONS

- RELIGIOUS LIBERTY AND SECULAR GOVERNMENT (forthcoming 2015) (with F. Gedicks, R. Tuttle, and M. Schwartzman)
- *Associations and the Constitution: Four Questions About Four Freedoms*, 92 N.C. L. REV. 917 (2014) (solicited response to John Inazu, *Four Freedoms and the Future of Religious Liberty*, 92 N.C. L. REV. 787 (2014))

PROGRAMS & PRESENTATIONS

- "Religion and Social Coherency," Annual Law & Religion Roundtable, Washington University in St. Louis School of Law

Professor Janet Sinder Receives Hicks Award for Contributions to Law Librarianship

JANET SINDER, DIRECTOR OF THE LIBRARY and Associate Professor of Law, received the Frederick Charles Hicks award from the Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL-SIS). The award was presented at a ceremony held in San Antonio, Texas in July.

The annual Award for Outstanding Contributions to Academic Law Librarianship recognizes an individual or group who has made outstanding contributions to academic law librarianship through continued efforts to improve law librarianship. The award is named in honor of Frederick Charles Hicks, the first great American law librarian/scholar who was also the first academic

law librarian to serve as president of the AALL.

An active member of the AALL, Sinder served as the editor of *Law Library Journal*, the association's official journal, from 2007 to 2013, and is now on the *Journal's* Board of Editors. Since joining the faculty in 2012, Sinder has been exploring ways to increase library services through technology and has implemented several new initiatives

including a Demand-Driven Acquisitions program; the creation of a "Tech CoLab"—a computer- and projector-equipped room where students can work on group projects involving technology or participate in group video conferences; and the Law School's participation in Digital Commons.

"Janet has made a tremendous contribution to the profession of law librarianship," said the AALL in a press release. "She has dedicated her career to developing the profession." ■



(Nelson Tebbe continued)

- "Marriage Equality Statutes and Religion," Columbia Law School Colloquium on Rights and Religion, and Conference: Religious Accommodation in the Age of Civil Rights, Harvard Law School
- Panelist, "The Contraceptive Mandate in the Supreme Court: *Sebelius v. Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc.*," Federalist Society, Religious Liberties Practice Group Teleforum

HONORS/AWARDS/APPOINTMENTS

- Appointed to the Board of Consultants of the *Journal of Religion*, University of Chicago (2014–19)

SELECT MEDIA

- *The New Law of Religion*, SLATE.COM (July 3, 2014) (with R. Schragger and M. Schwartzman)
- *Hobby Lobby's Dangerous Precedent*, N.Y. DAILY NEWS (July 1, 2014) (with R. Schragger and M. Schwartzman)
- *A Prayer for Liberals: Why Are Some Liberals Conceding That It's Their Fault for Objecting to Legislative Prayer?*, SLATE.COM (May 7, 2014) (with M. Schwartzman)

Aaron Twerski

PUBLICATIONS

- CHOICE OF LAW: CASES AND MATERIALS FOR A CONCISE COURSE ON CONFLICT OF LAWS (West Publishing, forthcoming 2014) (with N. Cohen)
- *Sufficiency of the Evidence Does Not Meet Daubert Standards: A Critique of the Green-Sanders Proposal*, 23 WIDENER L. REV. 641 (2014) (with L. Sapir)
- *Fixing Failure to Warn*, 90 INDIANA L.J. ___ (forthcoming 2014) (with J. Henderson, Jr.)

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Endowed Scholars Reception Brings Together Generous Donors with Grateful Students

IN MARCH, THE LAW SCHOOL hosted its 33rd Annual Endowed Scholarship Reception in Feil Hall's Forchelli Conference Center. The popular event drew a large crowd of scholarship benefactors and recipients who were excited to meet each other and to share their respective Brooklyn Law School experiences.

Dean Allard opened the program thanking Brooklyn Law School's generous alumni and friends and the impact they have had on past and future students. Erin Ogburn '14 and Andrew Ceppos '14 then spoke on behalf of the scholarship recipients. Ms. Ogburn noted, "I, like many of the amazing students in this room tonight, could not have attended law school without the scholarships Brooklyn Law School has offered me. Because of your generosity and support, I have been able to pursue my legal career full time, allowing me to actively participate in a clinic, an externship, pro bono opportunities, and various student organizations and activities." Mr. Ceppos added, "it is the generosity of people like you who gave me that first opportunity—the opportunity to walk through the doors of 250 Joralemon as a law student. Because of your generosity and devotion, my classmates and I have had countless opportunities to not just receive a legal education—but to make the most out of it. And for that, we cannot thank you enough."

Attendees also had the opportunity to hear from two benefactors. Bernard Nash '66, a partner in the Washington, D.C. office of Dickstein Shapiro LLP, spoke about the scholarship he and his wife Phyllis established in grateful recognition for the scholarship assistance he received while a student. Their scholarship is awarded to a student who is in need of financial assistance and has demonstrated academic excellence. Nash imparted a bit of advice to the students, telling them not to look far into the future, because the future is unpredictable, but to look at today and to distinguish yourself. "You will be recognized by your peers and get



CLOCKWISE, FROM TOP LEFT: Bernard Nash '66 with a recipient of his scholarship, Andrew Ceppos '14; The Welling family (Thomas, Thomas Jr. '07 and Helen) along with this year's Kate Welling Fellowship recipient, Kaitlyn Vidasolo '14; Jack Schwartz '59 and his wife, Ellen, with the recipient of the Ronald A. Jacobson Memorial Scholarship, Connor O'Shea '15.

New Endowed Scholarships

The Law School was especially pleased to award three new scholarships in 2013-14:

- **The Irving Friedberg Scholarship**
- **The Kanter Kornblau Scholarship**
- **The Lawrence A. Sucharow International Business Law Fellow**

If you are interested in setting up a scholarship, please contact Michael Cahill, Vice Dean and Acting Director of Development, at 718-780-4943 or michael.cahill@brooklaw.edu.

the opportunities you never thought about." He added: "When you do succeed you should look back and remember how your law school education helped you get there and to give back as so many of your predecessors did."

Jack Schwartz '59, a founding partner of Jacobson & Schwartz, spoke about the scholarship he was instrumental in creating in memory of his classmate, friend, and law partner, Ronald Jacobson, who was killed in a tragic accident in 1993. The scholarship is

awarded to a second- or third-year student. Schwartz spoke about the good that arose through this horrible tragedy—the pleasure he feels being able to help others in memory of his great friend. As he closed his speech he also gave a few words of advice. He noted that Brooklyn Law School gave him and his classmates the tools not only to be good practitioners, but to also be better citizens and better people and to lead fuller lives and that this education would serve the students well. ■



Class Reunions

IN MAY, members of the Classes of 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004 and 2009 celebrated their reunions in the New York Public Library's majestic Astor Hall. There was a palpable sense of excitement in the air as graduates gathered to reconnect with friends, classmates, and professors. The beautiful setting, large crowd, and delicious food and drink made for a wonderful evening. ■



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Members of the Class of 1994; Hon. William C. Thompson '54 and Hon. Barbara I. Panepinto '84; and 2004 Members (left to right) Eric Chafetz, Jamie Brody-Johnson, Morgan Frohman, Christopher Gorman, and Glenn Opell.



1. Members of the Class of 2009
2. Members of the Class of 1984
3. Guests enjoying the evening
4. Members of the Class of 2009: (LEFT TO RIGHT) Joshua Messian, Veronica Lau, and Kiran Gore
5. Members of the Class of 1964, celebrating their 50th Law School Anniversary
6. Members of the Class of 1984: (LEFT TO RIGHT) Adam Pollack, Mitchell Paluszek, Lawrence Gottesman, and David Howe
7. Members of the Class of 1994: (LEFT TO RIGHT) Marie Watson, Allyson Sackey, Casilda E. Roper-Simpson, Narda Jones, and Karlene Dennis



Alumni Events

Mothers and Sons

THANKS TO Valerie Fitch '88, President-Elect of the BLS Alumni Association, who connected the Law School with Broadway producer Jack Thomas, graduates enjoyed a very special April evening on Broadway. They attended a performance of Terrence McNally's *Mothers and Sons*, starring Tyne Daly. Immediately following the show at the Golden Theatre, guests participated in an exclusive discussion with the Tony-award winning playwright Mr. McNally, cast member Bobby Steggert, and Mr. Thomas. Prior to the performance, a private reception was held at a nearby restaurant, and alumni had an opportunity to socialize before the show. ■



AT THE RECEPTION: Linda Wintner '86, Dean Nick Allard, Ramon Alvarez, and Amy Posner '85.

Top Brass from Brooklyn D.A. Address Criminal Law Society



IN APRIL 2014, Mark Feldman '75, Chief Assistant District Attorney at the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office and Renee Gregory '97, First Assistant District Attorney in the Office, met with students from the Criminal Law Society to share with them their work experiences and to discuss how to become a prosecutor. Students were thrilled to gain valuable insight and advice from graduates with key leadership positions in the DA's Office. ■

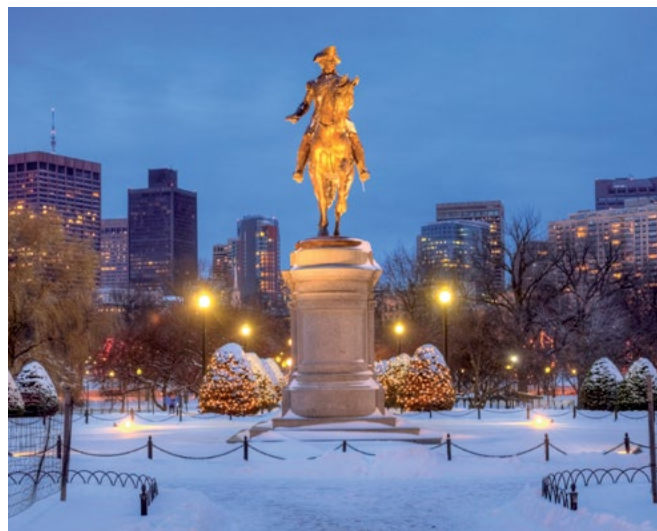
Recent Graduates Gather at Hill Country

THIS PAST SPRING, Brooklyn Law School hosted a reception for recent graduates at the new Hill Country Brooklyn. Located just across the street from the Law School, Hill Country Brooklyn brought alumni back to their old stomping ground, where they were joined by Dean Allard and his wife Marla, along with several faculty members. Guests sampled some of Hill Country's terrific pit barbecue, complemented with margaritas and a variety of beers from the Lone Star State. Many in the crowd stayed after the event to enjoy the live band playing at the bar. ■



ABOVE: John Keneally '13, Veronica Kapka '13, and Frank Marallo '13.

ON THE ROAD: Boston



IN FEBRUARY, Boston area graduates attended an alumni reception hosted by Russell Pollock '89 at his firm, Bergstresser & Pollock LLC. Russ' wife, Amy Gogonian '89, Richard Goldstein '85 and Christopher Massey '04 helped to organize the reception and were instrumental in securing a great turnout. Graduates were excited to meet each other and to hear news about the Law School. The event was such a success that another one was planned for this fall. Mark Whitney '93 hosted a reception at his firm, Morgan, Brown & Joy LLP, in October. ■

If you are interested in hosting one of our “On the Road” events in your city or town, please contact Caitlin Monck-Marcellino '02, Director of Alumni Relations, at 718-780-0322 or by email at caitlin.monck-marcellino@brooklaw.edu.

Good Sport: In Conversation with Stan Wilcox '88

On Thursday, April 24, the Black Law Students Association and the Brooklyn Entertainment and Sports Law Society co-sponsored an evening of conversation with Florida State University's Athletic Director Stan Wilcox, Class of 1988. Wilcox was named Athletic Director at Florida State University last year, becoming the first African American in the school's history to hold the title.

At the talk and cocktail reception, which was held at the Law School's Subotnick Center, Wilcox spoke about his role at the helm of the Seminoles, his early life as a basketball player at Notre Dame, and his days with the NCAA (as a legislative assistant) and then with the Big East (as their representative to the NCAA Management Council).

Students were eager to get some one-on-one time with Wilcox, keeping him at the event past the evening's close. Wilcox, enjoying the continuing conversations, gladly stayed on to answer questions and chat with students, faculty, and alumni. “It was a great honor to be back at the Law School and to share thoughts on my career and memories of my time at Brooklyn Law,” he said. ■



Q&A

Finding a Way to “Yes” A Conversation with Noah Hanft '76

President and CEO, International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution



CAN'T WE ALL JUST GET ALONG? If Noah Hanft has anything to do with it, the answer is: YES. Hanft has devoted much of his career to finding the most effective and efficient resolutions for business disputes and was just appointed President and CEO of the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution (CPR), an international nonprofit coalition of corporate counsel, top law firms, judiciary and academics, dedicated to providing resources and information in commercial conflict prevention and dispute management. Simply put, he's paid to help people make up nicely.

Hanft started his career as a trial lawyer with The Legal Aid Society, chasing a passion for the law nurtured as a young boy who worshiped President Abraham Lincoln. "I read everything I could about Abe Lincoln and his career, not only as President but as a lawyer before that." Hanft attended the American University School of Government, and went straight to BLS where he found professors who fueled his interest in advocacy. "I loved Dick Farrell's New York Practice and Dean Prince's Evidence. I found every minute of Dean Prince's class both captivating and fascinating," he said. "That's kind of what led me towards litigation, and trial work."

Hanft spent five years at Legal Aid working on the front lines of criminal defense, but he was also nursing an interest in intellectual property; he completed an LL.M. in Trade Regulation from NYU at night. He recalled his demanding schedule: "We'd just had our first daughter, I'd be on trial during the day, at school at night, and then typing motions for a mistrial at 3am." After five years at Legal Aid, Hanft joined the firm of Ladas and Parry, doing trademark and copyright litigation and counseling. A couple of years later, he was ready for a new challenge. "It was a valuable experience, but I thought it would be really cool to actually be in a situation where I could shape business decisions; not to just clean up the pieces, but actually prevent them from falling apart."

In 1984, he joined MasterCard as Counsel and remained there, other than a three-year stint to launch AT&T's credit card business in 1990, for 27 years. Over those two decades, he held positions of increasing responsibility within MasterCard, including that of Senior Vice President and U.S. Counsel and Assistant General Counsel, ultimately becoming General Counsel and Chief Franchise Officer in 2001, where he was responsible for overseeing legal and regulatory affairs, public policy and compliance. Hanft also had responsibility for Franchise Development and Integrity, Global Diversity, Corporate Security and Information Security. In addition, he was a member of the company's Executive and Operating Committee.

BLS LawNotes Managing Editor Andrea Strong '94 chatted with Hanft recently about the benefits of alternative dispute resolution, the complexities of modern business transactions, and how to get a three-year old to say yes, instead of no.

You were trained as a trial lawyer. How did you develop an interest in ADR?

I came to MasterCard with a traditional litigation mindset, but over time I came to realize two things: first, the best resolution to conflicts are often through a negotiated process facilitated by a third party mediator, and second, the early consideration of mediation almost invariably led to a better result. This was, not only in terms of reducing the financial and disruptive impact on a company, but also in terms of lessening the rupture of ongoing business relationships.

We live in a fairly litigious society. Are you fighting an uphill battle advocating for ADR?

I don't think so. I don't pretend that overcoming that instinctive reaction to run to court is easy, but with mounting legal costs, overloaded court dockets and increasing dissatisfaction with litigation, more and more companies are seeing ADR as the future. Law firms supporting ADR may seem surprising,

but progressive-minded firms realize serving their clients requires embracing ADR, and of course corporations see the financial and business benefit and join CPR for that reason.

What exactly does CPR do?

CPR is a nonprofit organization whose mission, from the time it was formed over 30 years ago, is to find better and more effective ways to resolve disputes. It is a very unique organization in that it pursues its mission in multiple ways. It strives to encourage and educate legal systems around the world to understand and utilize ADR. At the same time CPR is an “all-in-one” provider to the business community of ADR services. This encompasses making available its extraordinary panels of both mediators and arbitrators. Perhaps most important, corporations and law firms can become members of CPR and receive a vast array of services and resources including the necessary tools and training to have a dynamic and effective ADR program. The goal is to help our members take preemptive steps to avoid conflicts, to promote preventative lawyering, and to really help companies find, create and develop the right end-to-end processes so that they are best equipped to avoid disputes, and when they do occur to manage them in a more effective way.

As the new President of CPR, what are your goals?

My personal goal is to do everything that I can to drive the business community to embrace alternative ways to resolve disputes that avoid the cost and the disruption of contentious litigation. As a former general counsel, I believe that in-house lawyers are in a position to lead the charge in finding the most effective and efficient ways to resolve inevitable business disputes. In so doing they will be doing a service to their company and collectively we will be encouraging the business community to put more dollars towards jobs, innovation and other productive initiatives, and fewer dollars towards legal fees. At MasterCard I built a team that prided itself on being solution oriented. Our goal was to recognize and address risks, but our priority was always enabling business—rather than seeing the concerns and impeding business—finding a way to get to yes. ADR is at bottom simply a better way of enabling business and fostering commerce.

Was there anything specific during your time at MasterCard where ADR was a help?

Until 2006, MasterCard was owned and governed by many hundreds of financial institutions around the world. The most challenging, grueling and ultimately gratifying experience in my career was formulating and executing the strategy that led to our successful IPO. The process was incredibly complicated and involved jumping over multiple hoops to get the transaction approved by regulators, all those financial institutions that were owners and licensees and ultimately the courts. It led to the success of MasterCard today, but as a result of our prior structure, we faced multiple litigations with the government and private plaintiffs, both before and after the IPO. Every one of those lawsuits was resolved through a mediation process, and it allowed me the opportunity to work with and become friends with some of the great mediators of our day including Ken Feinberg,

Professor Eric Green, and Judge Layn Phillips who helped resolve many of our cases.

Shortly before I left MasterCard, we resolved a class action case brought on behalf of merchants challenging the establishment of fees for payment card transactions. The defendants were MasterCard, Visa and almost every major financial institution in the U.S. that issued payment cards. The damages claimed were to the tune of many, many billions of dollars. At first the issues seemed intractable and a trial inevitable. But rather than waiting, we began a mediation process very early on in the process. It took several years of mediated negotiations, but we secured a resolution before most of the key motions were ruled upon. The business terms of the settlement illustrated the advantages of mediation and looking to a resolution that addresses the interests of the parties as opposed simply to a linear “legal rights” based outcome. Both sides secured terms, rights and protections that a judgment at trial could not have afforded.

ADR sounds like a no-brainer. Why is anyone still in court?

That's a good question. I think there is still a natural tendency for some companies and litigation counsel to think of the courtroom as the ultimate place to resolve disputes. People often say, 'I don't want to settle until after discovery when I know exactly what's on the table,' but by then both sides are spending money on legal fees, and the math doesn't work. An early settlement is almost always the best approach for all sides, and, as I mentioned, the beauty of mediation is that you can come up with a resolution that is much more creative and nuanced than a court judgment. There will always be, and should be, those cases that must proceed to trial. But today, some 98% of all civil cases get settled anyway, so the question becomes simply, earlier or later?

What advice do you have for law students thinking of a career in ADR?

First, consider working as an intern for CPR. Although we can only afford unpaid interns, it's a fun and interesting place to get exposure to the ADR world with a small but talented and dedicated staff.

As far as the selection of law schools, more and more have ADR programs from arbitration classes to mediation clinics. So prospective law students should look into which schools have the most advanced programs.

You have three daughters. I imagine that some ADR training might have come in handy when they were little?

Well, I'm not sure. They were out-negotiating me from a very young age. I really never had a prayer against them. Maybe today, after years of experience and training I would have been more adept, but it's not likely. One of my three daughters is getting a graduate degree in counseling and two are lawyers so the combination of psychology and legal skills simply continues the mismatch. But overall I do think that the skills one gets from mediation training are invaluable in terms of life experience, just not with three-year-olds, or family members. ■

ClassNotes

1950 Dorothy T. Eisenberg retired as a U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge in the Eastern District of New York after serving for 25 years on the bench. Prior to her appointment, she served as the first woman partner at the Long Island firm of Shaw, Licitra, Eisenberg, Esernio & Schwartz, P.C. and she was also a member of the Committee on Character & Fitness, Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department and a Panel Trustee for the U.S. Bankruptcy Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York.

1951 Edward L. Schiff, counsel in the Real Estate Practice at Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP, joined Mediation.com and Arbitration.com, as a member in June 2014. Schiff specializes in cooperative and condominium law, and in the early 60s he was the attorney for the first conversion of an apartment building to a condominium in the United States.

1955 Larry A. Silverstein, chairman of Manhattan-based real estate development and investment firm, Silverstein Properties, Inc., appeared on *Crain's* "The View on Real Estate" in the spring, where he spoke about the financing of one of the firm's commercial properties at 3 World Trade Center.

1960 Sheldon Lobel, founder of New York City zoning, land use, and real estate law firm, Sheldon Lobel, PC, was featured in *The Wall Street Journal's* "Dynasties" section (8/17/14). Lobel represents a broad range of clients, real estate professionals, owners, developers, managers, architects and engineers, in securing zoning, land use, tax and other regulatory relief. He has also served as President of the New York City Zoning Advisory Council since 1996.

1965 Roy S. Sanders retired as a commercial bankruptcy attorney and creditor's right's litigator and is writing the final book to his spy series, The Black Mystery Series. The new book, titled *Pirate Red*, will be published in the fall. His first book,

Gone, was released in May 2013 followed by *Perfect Pearls* in December 2013, all under the same independent publishing platform, CreateSpace. Sanders is also negotiating with a major film studio for rights to the series.

1967 Paul I. Weiner, a founding partner of the Morristown, NJ firm Weiner & Weiner, joined Mediation.com. Weiner specializes in labor and employment law and has served as the chair of PLI's Employment Discrimination Litigation Program for over 30 years. Prior to forming his firm, he served as in-house corporate labor and employment counsel at Nabisco Brands and GAF.

1968 Sidney D. Bluming, a partner at Meister Seelig & Fein LLP, was named an arbitrator to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). He has served on the American Arbitration Association Commercial Panel of Arbitrators for over 20 years, and he was also recently named to the CPR Trademark and Commercial Arbitration Panels. Bluming focuses his practice in the areas of corporate, commercial, and intellectual property law.

Peter I. Reiter, previously with Hofheimer, Gartlir & Gross, LLP, joined Romer Debbas, LLP as a partner. He focuses his practice on real estate transactional work including both office and retail leasing, acquisitions and dispositions, and service agreements.

Alan E. Weiner, partner emeritus at Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP, was appointed to a sixth term as a judge of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants' Excellence in Financial Journalism Awards Committee. Weiner was the founding tax partner of Holtz Rubenstein Reminick, which became a part of Baker Tilly in June 2013.

1969 Charles L. Lerner, founder and principal of Fiduciary Compliance Associates, and a regulatory consultant to financial institutions, was appointed to

the board of directors of The Chester River Health Foundation. The Foundation serves the fundraising needs of Shore Medical Center and Shore Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, both located in Chestertown, MD. Prior to starting his own company, Lerner served as head of Employee Retirement Income Security Act enforcement at the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, D.C.

1971 Leonard D. Duboff, founding member of the Portland, OR firm The Duboff Law Group, LLC, will publish a revision of the treatise, *Deskbook of Art Law*, (Oxford University Press) in early 2015. The Deskbook has been described as the most authoritative text on art law. An expert in the area of art law, Duboff regularly lectures on the topic and is a prolific author in the area as well.

1972 Richard G. Fromewick, a member of Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C. and chair of the firm's Tax Certiorari and Condemnation Practice, was re-elected to positions on the boards of the Barry and Florence Friedberg Jewish Community Center and Temple Avodah, in Oceanside, NY in June 2014.

1973 Jane A. Kanter, previously a partner in the Financial Services Group at Dechert LLP, joined ARK Investment Management as its Chief Operating Officer/Legal Counsel. ARK is a registered investment advisor and privately held investment firm focused on thematic investing. Kanter's background also includes serving as Vice President and Legal Counsel at T. Rowe Price and Associates and as Special Counsel and Head of the Disclosure Study in the SEC's Division of Investment Management.

1974 Walter R. Marcus, previously with Costello, Shea & Gaffney, LLP, joined the Mineola, NY office of Rawle & Henderson. He focuses his practice in the area of personal injury law.

1975 Gurdhan S. Khalsa, previously with Yogi Tea, joined the Arizona-based Wisdom Natural Brands as its Vice President of Sales. Khalsa leads the multi-product brand sales of the company, including SweetLeaf Stevia Sweetener and Wisdom of the Ancients herbal teas.

Lawrence A. Sucharow, chairman of Labaton Sucharow LLP, a boutique plaintiffs' securities and antitrust class action firm, was ranked by *Chambers @ Partners USA* as a "Senior Statesman" nationwide and in New York for Securities: Plaintiffs Litigation. *Chambers* described Sucharow as "an immensely respected plaintiff advocate" and "renowned figure in the securities plaintiff world."

1976 Clifford G. Benson, Chief Development Officer with the Buffalo Sabres, joined the board of trustees of Penn State University and will serve in this role until July 2016. Benson oversees the Buffalo Sabres Foundation and other initiatives throughout the Buffalo and Western New York communities.

David E. Leach III was promoted to Regional Director of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB)'s Regional Office in Newark, NJ (Region 22). Leach joined the NLRB in 1976 as a field attorney in the New York Regional Office and he has held positions of increasing authority, most recently serving as Regional Attorney. He is also a member of the adjunct faculty at Brooklyn Law School, where he teaches a collective bargaining seminar and an advanced labor law course.

Gary S. Moriwaki joined Windels Marx as a partner in the firm's Private Clients Services and Estates and Trusts Practice Groups. Moriwaki was previously a founder and partner at the firm Young Moriwaki & Greenfader prior to its merger with Fox Rothschild. He also served as general counsel to a major multi-national Japanese corporation and he was a member of the Games Organizing Committee of the 2005 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Nagano, Japan. He is the immediate past President of the Japanese American Association of New York, a Trustee of the Japanese American National Museum, Vice Chair of the Asian American Federation, Vice Chair of the

U.S.-Japan Council and a member of the Japan Society.

Stephen J. Silverberg, who maintains an estate planning and elder law firm in Roslyn Heights, NY, was named a 2015 *Best Lawyer in America* in the practice area of Elder Law. Silverberg is a past President of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) and was selected as a NAELA Fellow, its highest honor.

Jack Stern, a named partner in the Staten Island, NY firm O'Neil, Stern & O'Neil, was elected chairman of the board of trustees of the Eger Lutheran Homes and Services, a leader in care and service to post-acute, long-term, independent and end-of-life residents. Stern is also President of Hillel of the College of Staten Island.

1977 Charles S. Cohen, President and Chief Executive Officer of the commercial real estate firm Cohen Brothers Realty Corporation and founder of the theatrical film distribution and production company Cohen Media Group, was featured in a *New York Times* article, "Real Estate Developers in Movieland" (3/21/14). Formed in 2010, Cohen Media Group released more than 15 foreign and indie films to theaters in the last year.

1978 Louis Sherman and Suzanne M. Wismer '03, both formerly with Hofheimer Gartlir & Gross LLP, joined Romer Debas LLP. Sherman is a partner in the firm's Real Estate Practice, where he focuses on shopping center acquisitions, construction lending, leasing, purchasing and selling of properties, and cooperative and condominium offerings. Wismer is counsel in the firm's Trust & Estates and Estate Planning Practice working in the areas of trusts & estates, estate administration, and elder law.

Lawrence W. Sherlock, a shareholder in the Houston, TX office of Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Aughtry, was named to the 2015 *Best Lawyers in America* list by *U.S. News @ World Report* in the area of litigation and controversy-tax. Sherlock focuses his practice on negotiating and litigating federal tax disputes, representing businesses and individuals before IRS agents, the IRS

Appeals Office, the U.S. Tax Court, U.S. Court of Federal Claims, Federal District Courts, and Federal Courts of Appeal.

Jared H. Wolovnick was promoted to Vice President and Associate General Counsel at Verisk Analytics, a global leader in risk analytics and insurance. Wolovnick joined the company following graduation and he currently manages the Corporate Division within the Law Department, where he oversees contracts, employment law, real estate, intellectual property and mergers & acquisitions.

1979 Frederick J. Pomerantz, previously with Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP, joined the New York office of Goldberg Segalla as a partner in the firm's Global Insurance Services Practice Group. Pomerantz represents insurance companies in transactional and related regulatory matters.

1980 Steven M. Berlin, formerly with Martin Clearwater & Bell LLP, joined the New York office of Gordon & Rees LLP as a partner in the firm's Employment Practice. Berlin represents clients in restrictive covenants, executive compensation, wrongful discharge, sexual harassment, and age, disability, gender, sexual orientation, and racial discrimination claims.

Carol Buell, a founding partner of Weiss Buell & Bell, was awarded a 2014 Leading Practitioner Award by the National LGBT Bar Association at the Lavender Law Conference in August 2014. The award recognizes attorneys for improving the lives of the members of the LGBT community through outstanding legal work. Buell practices in the areas of residential real estate and estate planning. She also has a special expertise representing non-traditional families in domestic partnership, second parent adoption, and other family law matters.

Susan E. Wells co-founded the firm Wells & Gerstman in Phoenix, AZ. Wells focuses her practice in the area of corporate and business law, including contracts, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, financings, leases, regulatory compliance, choice of business entity, corporate governance, and day-to-day operations.



Vivian Maese '82

A FinTech Pioneer

Vivian Maese, Wall Street's leading FinTech lawyer, has spent her legal career at the cutting-edge of technology in the financial services industry working at Salomon Brothers (which became Citigroup), the New York Stock Exchange, Morgan Stanley, BIDS Trading, and most recently, Dechert LLP. This July, she brought her unique expertise to Latham & Watkins as a partner in its Corporate Department.

Maese grew up in Brooklyn and was encouraged from an early age to believe in herself. "I always had that incentive to strive for excellence and that comes from my father," she said. After graduating pre-law from Hunter College, Maese accepted an offer from Irving Trust Company. The bulk of the interesting work, she recalled, was in systems. "I had no background in technology, but that is where the action was so I went there and learned on the job," she said.

She attended law school in the evening, working for McDonnell Douglas Automation during the day as part of a team that was developing a custom software case tracking system for its client, the City of New York. When she graduated in 1982, she possessed a then-unique background in both technology and law and was hired as a technology lawyer by Salomon Brothers. It was the beginning of a wave of technological innovation on Wall Street; her cubicle was in a room next to a massive data center, and she sat across the aisle from a young man named Peter Bloom.

A few years later, Bloom would be asked to lead an effort to reinvent the trading floors at Salomon Brothers. At that time, desktop computers had become powerful, data was now capable

of being delivered in digital form, and a young Silicon Valley company called Teknekron had figured out how to move information on a network from point to point. The effort became known as the Fulcrum Project, which won a Carnegie Award. "I still feel lucky to have been assigned to be the lawyer on the team," she said.

After Fulcrum, Maese began to think about the legal positioning of her client in contracts, policies, and practices in the context of laws that had not yet caught up to technological advancement. "I was the lawyer predicting where the law would go," she said. "My role has always been to try to make analogies from the physical world to how the law should apply to the electronic world. Most of the time, I have been right."

During her tenure at Citigroup, as Managing Director and Divisional General Counsel, Maese led her team of lawyers handling groundbreaking strategic corporate transactions and the formation of many financial services industry consortia. She was a leader identifying and thinking through solutions for issues raised by the ubiquitous use of technology in the context of intellectual property protections and operational risks such as the quality of the code, cybersecurity, disaster recovery, and privacy. She led the way as the needs of the business team required navigation through competing and conflicting legal regimes, and she unraveled business problems on a global scale.

Maese credits much of her success to her earliest hiring decisions. "It takes a team to do anything, and two of my key hires at Salomon Brothers were graduates of BLS: Lou Ricciardi '87 and Lou Trotta '89. I would not have gone anywhere without them."

Maese's career since Citigroup has continued to provide challenging opportunities. As Senior Vice President and Associate General Counsel at the NYSE/Euronext, she spearheaded several complex initiatives, including winning approval from the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for a new market model; leading the team in the competitive acquisition of Wombat Financial Software, Inc.; and serving as a pivotal player in the establishment of the New York Block Exchange, a collaborative venture between NYSE/Euronext and BIDS Holdings, L.P. These were transactions that required nuanced negotiation and intricate knowledge of the law. "A lot of success has to do with what you know about the law, but it's more about what you know about people and building relationships that can move you forward," said Maese.

As General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of BIDS, a broker/dealer operating as an Alternative Trading System regulated by the SEC, Maese advised the Board of Directors and CEO and prepared formal comments on important market structure rules promulgated by the SEC. In 2011, Maese joined Dechert LLP where she was given the opportunity to apply her entrepreneurial skills to the law.

It's no surprise that Maese was strongly recruited by Latham this July. Maese is a leader with deep roots and a robust network in an industry that in effect grew up on her watch. "I am so excited to be at Latham now," she said. "Our society is on the cusp of yet another wave of innovation enabled by technology and accommodating financial services regulation that will transform the industry yet again in the coming years. I feel privileged to have a front row seat." ■

1981 Karen W. McFarlane, a former NYC trial lawyer, appeared in the play, *Birds Should Fly Free*, at the NY International Fringe Festival in August 2014. The play also had a short run at The Connolly Theatre in New York City. McFarlane has appeared in several other plays, including *Medea*, *Vera Takes A Seat/Check Please* and in film and television, including *Drifting Mind*, *With Love, Marty*, and *Vodka 7*.

Katherine R. O'Brien, Chief Human Resources Officer at New York Life, was appointed to the company's Executive Management Committee. O'Brien joined New York Life in 1995 as a litigator, specializing in employment litigation and benefits compliance, and has held roles of increasing responsibility. She has served as Senior Vice President and Chief Corporate Counsel in the Office of the General Counsel, where she led all the office's corporate practice teams, and she was the company's first Chief Diversity Officer in the Human Resources Department.

1982 Lisa E. Roday, a time management, client cultivation, and fundraising consultant to a Florida-based hedge fund, was appointed by the governor of Virginia to the William & Mary Board of Visitors for a four-year term, beginning July 2014.

1983 Steven Richman, General Counsel for the NYC Board of Education, was elected Vice Chair of the Section Delegates Caucus of the NYSBA's House of Delegates.

1984 Ann T. Pfau, Acting NYS Supreme Court Justice in Kings County and the Statewide Coordinating Judge of the New York Medical Malpractice Program, retired in May. Pfau previously served as the NYS Chief Administrative Judge from 2007 to 2011. She joined the bench in 1997 when she was appointed as a judge of the NYC Civil Court.

1985 Robert G. Leonard, previously a partner at Bingham McCutchen LLP, joined Proskauer Rose LLP as a partner in its Hedge Funds Group. He structures, organizes, and represents hedge funds and

other private investment funds and investment advisers.

Ellen G. Makofsky, founding partner of the Garden City, NY estate planning and elder law firm Raskin & Makofsky LLP was appointed Chair of the Resolutions Committee of the New York State Bar Association.

Harry Steinberg, a partner at Lester Schwab Katz & Dwyer LLP, published an article in the *New York Law Journal*, "What's Your Problem? Are you Aggrieved?" (8/25/14). Steinberg focuses his practice on the areas of personal injury, negligence, products liability, construction accident, and insurance law.

1986 Eric L. Altman, previously with Epstein, Becker & Green, P.C., joined the New York office of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP as a partner in the firm's Health Care Practice, which was recognized in January 2014 by *Law360* as U.S. Health Law Practice Group of the Year. Altman represents clients in connection with large institutional facilities, clinics, assisted care facilities, and medical office buildings to help manage their health-care-related real estate assets.

Joseph G. Hughes became a partner in the Red Bank, NJ firm Zager Fuchs, P.C. Hughes focuses his practice on the areas of personal injury, worker's compensation and disability, wills and estates, real estate, general litigation, and business law.

Elena Karabatos, founding partner of the Garden City, NY matrimonial firm Schlissel Ostrow Karabatos PLLC, was installed as Treasurer of the Nassau County Bar Association. Karabatos also serves as President-elect and Treasurer of the New York Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

Carlos F. Ortiz, previously with Edwards Wildman, joined the New York and Princeton, NJ offices of Blank Rome LLP as a partner in its White Collar Defense and Investigations Group. He focuses his practice on matters relating to the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, allegations of fraud against government agencies and financial institutions, securities and healthcare fraud, as well as high-risk tax controversies.

Joseph Potasnik was honored at an event at Borough Hall in April in recognition of his 42 years of service as Senior Rabbi at Congregation Mt. Sinai in Brooklyn Heights. Potasnik also serves as the Executive Director of the New York Board of Rabbis, the largest international body of its kind in the world. He co-hosts WABC's Talk Radio "Religion on the Line" and is the religious commentator for 1010 WINS Radio.

1987 Theresa J. Baker, Assistant General Counsel at MetLife, was nominated by MetLife as its 2013 Working Mother of the Year for *Working Mother Magazine*. Baker was recognized for her work handling complex litigation and regulatory matters while also having triplets and a husband in the Army Reserves who was deployed to Iraq when the children were 19 months old.

Gregg S. Peterman, Supervisory Assistant United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota, was awarded a 2013 Attorney General's Director's Award for Superior Performance in Indian Country, one of the highest awards that can be bestowed upon an Assistant U.S. Attorney. The U.S. Attorney's Office in South Dakota prosecutes felony crimes on nine Indian reservations throughout the state. Peterman has served in the Justice Department for over 19 years.

1988 Jill D. Block, previously with Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP, joined the New York office of Mayer Brown & Platt LLP as a partner in its Real Estate Practice. Block represents institutional and private investors, developers, lenders and servicers in the acquisition, sale, financing, and development of real estate.

1991 Thomas (Tad) A. DiBiase, Deputy General Counsel at the U.S. Capitol Police, will publish a new book, *No-Body Homicide Cases: A Practical Guide to Investigating, Prosecuting, and Winning Cases When the Victim is Missing* (CRC Press Nov. 2014). DiBiase previously served for 12 years as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, where he prosecuted homicides. He is

considered one of the world's leading experts on no-body murder cases.

Michael B. Mirotznik, a partner at the Long Island, NY firm of Mirotznik & Associates, LLC, was appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors of Nassau University Medical Center (NuHealth), a public teaching hospital affiliated with the North Shore-LIJ Health System. Mirotznik focuses his practice in the areas of civil, criminal and medical malpractice litigation. He also serves as the village prosecutor for the Village of East Rockaway.

Elyse G. Strauss joined Massey Knakal Retail Leasing Services as a Director of Retail Leasing. Strauss previously worked in China as Executive Director Legal Counsel at Earth Bender Student Travel.

Sonia M. Valdes, Vice President of Claims at Medmarc Insurance Group, led a webinar, *Recalls @ Life Sciences Companies: A Guide to Effective Preparation and Execution*, for the company in August 2014. Valdes is responsible for medical device claim investigation and settlement oversight, defense counsel selection, litigation management, trial preparation/supervision, and claim reserve audits and assessments.

1992 Marci S. Waterman joined insurance brokerage SterlingRisk as Managing Director and Practice Leader of Sterling Analytics, the brokerage's legal consulting firm. Waterman, who also owns a divorce consulting company, Marriage Management, LLC, leads Sterling Analytics' divorce program. She previously served as an Assistant District Attorney in Brooklyn's Major Narcotics Division and was the death penalty sentencing commentator for Court TV.

1993 Jewell L. Esposito, a partner in the Washington, D.C. Region office of Jackson Lewis P.C., was selected as a winner of the 2014 Power Players of the Year Award for Attorneys by *Washington SmartCEO*. The award recognizes 45 of the D.C. region's most enterprising attorneys, bankers, and accountants for their leadership, accomplishment, innovation, and success. Esposito practices in the areas of ERISA, Executive Compensation, and Tax law.

Scott L. Feuer, previously with Lazer, Aptheker, Rosella & Yedid, P.C., joined the Uniondale, NY office of Rivkin Radler LLP as a partner in the firm's Real Estate, Zoning, and Land Use Group. Feuer concentrates his practice on commercial real estate transactions including the purchase and sale, financing, and leasing of office buildings, shopping centers, and multi-family residential properties.

Steven L. Schultz, a named partner in the Hotchkiss, CO firm of McCarthy & Schultz, was appointed a judge of the Seventh Judicial District Court in Colorado, effective January 2015. Prior to forming his firm, he worked for 11 years at Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP in its Litigation Department.

Felice A. Sontupe was appointed Chief of the Kings County District Attorney's newly created Frauds Bureau. The Bureau has broad responsibility for investigating and prosecuting all forms of fraud. Sontupe was previously Section Chief in the Labor Bureau and Deputy Chief in the Medicaid Fraud Bureau at the New York State Attorney Generals' Office, where she served for 12 years.

1994 Carolyn Pokorny, previously the Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office, EDNY, joined Levine Lee LLP as a partner. She focuses her practice in the areas of white collar criminal defense, securities and enforcement matters, internal investigations, and complex commercial litigation. During her 14 year career at the U.S. Attorney's Office, Pokorny also held the positions of Chief, General Crimes; Senior Litigation Counsel, Public Integrity; Chief, Narcotics and the International Narcotics Strike Force; and Deputy Chief, Narcotics.

1995 Jennifer E. Braccia joined the Charlotte, NC office of Moore & Van Allen as an attorney with the firm's Litigation Team. Braccia previously served as a law clerk for several United States District Court Judges and Magistrate Judges in the Western District of North Carolina. She also served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of California in San Diego, CA.

Michael R. Gordon, formerly a litigation partner in the Research Triangle Park, NC office of K&L Gates LLP, joined Chiesi USA, Inc. as Vice President of Legal Affairs and General Counsel. Headquartered in Cary, NC, Chiesi is a specialty pharmaceutical company focused on commercializing products for the hospital and adjacent specialty markets.

Benjamin J. Stone, an attorney in the Seattle, WA law firm, Veris Law Group PLLC, was named a 2014 Super Lawyer by *Washington Law and Politics* for employment litigation defense. Stone focuses his practice on defending employers against employment-related claims in court and before administrative agencies. He also maintains a blog, *The Washington Job Law Blog*.

1996 Steven K. Gendal, co-portfolio manager at the investment firm Whippoorwill Associates, Inc., was appointed to the board of directors of Niko Resources Inc., a Calgary, Canada-based independent international oil and gas company with assets in India, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Trinidad, Madagascar, and Brazil.

Ari J. Markenson, previously deputy general counsel at Cypress Health Care Management LLC, joined the New York office of Duane Morris LLP as a partner in its Health Law Practice Group. Markenson focuses his practice in the areas of healthcare M&A, regulatory work, and private equity. He was also appointed as Vice Chair of the Editorial Board of the ABA's publication, *The Health Lawyer*.

Tod M. Melgar was promoted to counsel in the New York office of Chadbourne & Parke. A member of the firm's Intellectual Property and Commercial Litigation Practice Groups, Melgar represents clients in a wide range of technology areas, including consumer products, computer hardware and software, and telecommunications.

1997 William D. Gardner, previously with Yorkville Advisors LLC, joined the Milwaukee, WI office of Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek S.C. as a member of the firm's Commercial Finance and Business Restructuring Creditors' Rights

and Bankruptcy Teams. Gardner represents bank and non-bank lenders in commercial loan originations, corporate restructurings, and bankruptcies.

1998 Lisa F. Garcia joined the Washington, D.C. office of Earthjustice, a preeminent environmental earth law organization, as its new Vice President of Litigation for Health. In this newly created role, Garcia leads the organization's litigation on clean air, toxic chemicals, pesticides, and issues of environmental justice. Garcia previously served as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Associate Assistant Administrator for Environmental Justice.

Boyd L. Rogers was promoted to Vice President of Labor and Employer Relations at JELD-Wen, Inc., a global manufacturer of windows and doors. Rogers recently relocated with his wife and three children to the company's global headquarters in Charlotte, NC.

Jordan S. Rosenthal is a partner in the Washington, D.C. and New York City offices of Empire Search Partners, LLC. Rosenthal focuses on the company's National Partner Practice, and he also represents senior attorneys in the federal government seeking to enter private practice with a focus on the energy sector. Rosenthal previously served as a director in the Partners, Groups & Mergers Division in the Miami and Washington, D.C. offices of Mestel & Co, a legal recruiting firm.

Lawrence T. Shepps, previously with Wachtel Missry LLP, joined Belkin Burden Wenig & Goldman, LLP as of counsel in the firm's Real Estate Transactional Practice. Shepps advises and represents clients in all aspects of transactions involving the acquisition, disposition, financing, leasing, and licensing of commercial real estate properties.

Richard J. Sobelsohn, Team Lead and Group Director of the Financial Practice Area Modules at Lexis Practice Advisor, spoke at a number of programs this past spring: ABA ethics CLE, "Identify Your Clients and Work Effectively With Them," Fidelity National Title Insurance Company program, "No Good Deed Goes Unpunished-Ethical Challenges for Real

Estate Attorneys," and the BuildingsNY Conference panel, "Using AIA Tools to Manage Legal Issues on Sustainable Projects," in March 2014. Sobelsohn is a member of the adjunct faculty at Brooklyn Law School.

1999 Marc J. Block accepted an invitation to serve as a WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization) Neutral with the United Nations. WIPO Neutrals are attorneys from over 70 countries sanctioned by the United Nations to help resolve disputes between nations and/or businesses regarding intellectual property and commercial disputes. Block also maintains his own practice focusing on real and intellectual property and commercial litigation.

Stacy L. Weinberg Dieve joined the Ann Arbor, MI office of Cisco Systems as the Trade Strategy Manager of the company's Global Tax Customs Group. She is responsible for ensuring compliance with customs and global trade requirements. Dieve previously worked on the Global Customs & Compliance team in the San Francisco area office of Hewlett-Packard.

2000 Anjanette Cabrera, a shareholder in the New York City office of the employment and labor firm Littler Mendelson P.C., was recently elected to the Executive Committee of the Hispanic National Bar Association as its National Vice President of Membership for the 2014-15 term. Cabrera represents Fortune 500 and other clients in various industries against claims of discrimination, harassment, retaliation, and denial of employee benefits.

2001 Evan F. Barnes was promoted to special counsel in the Stamford, CT office of Kelley Drye & Warren LLP. Barnes advises broker-dealers, traders, and investment advisers in connection with regulatory, securities enforcement, litigation, and transactional matters.

Adam Silvera, formerly with the personal injury firm Paul B. Weitz & Associates, was elected a judge of the New York City Civil Court in November 2013.

2002 Adam M. Adler joined claims and noticing agent Prime Clerk as its Director of Quality Control and Legal Affairs. Adler previously served as a partner in the Corporate and Private Investment Funds Group at Bracewell & Giuliani.

Kenneth J. Anand, a partner at Vandenberg & Felieu, LLP, co-founded FutureHits.tv with 13-time Emmy-award winning music and audio professional, Andy "A.J." Gundell. He is also serving as its Chief Operating Officer. Futurehits.tv holds a collection of independent music available for exclusive licensing to the visual media and for sale and download to the music consumer. Anand represents companies, as well as individual entrepreneurs and executives, on a full range of employment, intellectual property and other business legal matters.

Stephen M. Lasser and **Joshua A. Messian '09** formed the real estate and construction law firm Lasser Law Group. Lasser acts as legal counsel to developers, lenders, landlords, commercial tenants, cooperatives, condominiums, and homeowners associations. Messian concentrates his practice in the representation of cooperatives, condominiums, homeowners associations, landlords, and developers.

Thomas S. Onder, a shareholder in the Princeton, NJ office of Stark & Stark, co-chaired a panel discussion on the legal challenges and negotiation strategies within retail leasing at the International Council of Shopping Center's national conference in July 2014. Onder is member of the firm's Commercial, Retail and Industrial Real Estate, Litigation and Bankruptcy & Creditor's Rights Groups.

Joseph W. Price, formerly with Kirkland & Ellis, LLP, joined the New York office of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C. as a partner in the firm's Corporate and Securities Section. He concentrates his practice on debt financing transactions with special emphasis on both the private equity sector and restructuring matters.

Marvin N. Romero, previously with Simmons Jannace LLP, joined the Garden City, NY firm of Goldberg Segalla as an associate in the firm's General Liability Practice Group. Romero represents



Jeremy Attie '05

A Crusader for Civil Rights

“As long as I can remember I have wanted to work in government and public service,” said Jeremy Attie '05, who became Governor Andrew Cuomo's Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights in May.

The road from Brooklyn Law School to the Governor's Office was not exactly typical. After graduating from law school, he joined the prominent litigation boutique of Judd Burstein P.C. Over his seven years there, he served as lead associate on a variety of complex civil matters in both state and federal court. In 2011, he learned that Alphonso David, the Governor's Deputy Secretary and Counsel for Civil Rights, was looking to hire an attorney. Attie had an undergraduate degree from Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations, and had a longstanding interest in civil rights and labor issues, but only had general civil litigation experience. Undeterred, he applied anyway.

“I knew no one at the Governor's Office,” he said. “I had learned of the opening through networking and just emailed in my resume, cold.” Fourteen months later, after nearly a half dozen interviews, Attie was hired. “I think they were looking for a smart lawyer with good judgment who was willing to work hard to get the job done,” he said. “I am a strong believer that one of the

valued skills of a good litigator is to be able to pick up and learn any substantive area very quickly.”

Attie sees his path to the Governor's Office as a lesson for law students today. “It's important to pursue opportunities that interest you, regardless of whether you have experience in a specific area of law,” he said. “What matters most is the ability to think critically, learn quickly, and use good judgment, which are skills that all good lawyers have.”

These are skills Attie credits to his time at BLS. A strong student, Attie received several academic awards of excellence. He was mentored by Professors Joel Gora, the late Michael Madow, and Gerald Shargel. “My law school experience was fantastic, and it was heavily influenced by these professors who really took an interest in my career,” he said.

Attie admits that the initial months at the Governor's office were not easy. There was a steep learning curve, but it's one he climbed with agility. After several months, Attie began working on much needed reform of the state's Unemployment Insurance laws. “When we started out, employers owed \$3.5 billion to the federal government, the maximum unemployment benefit had not been raised in 15 years (it was stuck at \$405/month), and the trust fund was insolvent,” he said. Attie played an instrumental role in developing and negotiating an unemployment insurance reform package that would bring relief to both New York State businesses and workers, all while teaching himself the ins and outs of unemployment insurance. It was no small task.

Together with the Deputy Secretary and Counsel for Civil Rights, Attie worked on creating a framework for reform, garnering support from both business and labor advocates, and negotiating with the New York State Assembly and Senate to pass landmark legislation. “The Governor signed into law a reform that saves New York State businesses over \$400 million, causes the maximum unemployment benefit for workers to increase each year into perpetuity, and puts the trust fund on a path to solvency,” said Attie. “With the Governor's leadership, we were able to solve an incredibly complex problem and achieve a result that we are quite proud of.”

In addition to his current responsibilities, Attie is also a principal member of a small inter-agency executive team tasked with reforming New York State's solitary confinement policy. In this capacity, Attie played an important role in negotiating an interim settlement with the New York Civil Liberties Union, which modified the state's solitary confinement policy for offenders who are 16 or 17 years old, pregnant or who lack mental capacity. “The interim agreement reached with the New York Civil Liberties Union puts New York State on the forefront of solitary confinement reform nationwide,” he said.

In May, at the age of 33, Attie was promoted to Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights. He now serves as the chief advisor to Governor Cuomo's Deputy Secretary and Counsel for Civil Rights. “Civil Rights touches almost every substantive area of the law, and affects everyone,” said Attie. “It's a fascinating job, and I really love it. Each day brings new challenges and an opportunity to make a real difference in people's lives.” ■

corporate, municipal, and individual clients in a variety of civil litigation matters, including insurance law, municipal law, premises liability, discrimination, negligence, and product liability claims.

Candace C. Sady, formerly senior counsel at Kraft Foods, joined Colgate-Palmolive as Global Oral Care Counsel. Sady oversees matters relating to advertising law.

2003 Brian J. Gershengorn, a partner in the New York office of Ogletree Deakins Nash Smoak & Stewart, P.C., is running in the 2014 NYC Marathon as part of a team sponsored by the Burke Rehabilitation Center to raise funds to create and build a lower extremity robotics program at Burke. Gershengorn represents clients in employment, wage and hour, class action and traditional labor matters.

David I. Keusch became a partner at Kriss & Feuerstein LLP. He focuses his practice on complex commercial real estate transactions, including the acquisition, sale, leasing, and financing of commercial property.

Joshua R. Kopelowitz, a member of New York real estate law firm Rosenberg & Estis, P.C., published an article in the *New York Law Journal*, "Are Yellowstone Waivers Enforceable?" (4/10/14). Kopelowitz focuses his practice in the area of commercial litigation, real estate litigation, and landlord/tenant litigation.

Val Kleyman, founder of the firm Kleyman & Associates, P.C., formed Libra Network, a professional organization focused on helping law students, attorneys, and other legal industry members to connect and grow their careers through an online platform and monthly networking events. Kleyman focuses his practice in the areas of commercial litigation and bankruptcy.

Winston M. Paes was promoted to Deputy Chief of the Business and Securities Fraud Section of the U.S. Attorney's Office, EDNY. Paes joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in 2008 and from 2012 until 2014 he served as the Office's Health Care Fraud Coordinator and supervised the Medicare Fraud Strike Force in that capacity.

2004 Eoin P. Beirne became a partner in the Boston, MA office of Mintz Levin. He specializes in white collar criminal investigations, regulatory enforcement proceedings as well as corporate and securities litigation.

Cassandra Porter, counsel in the Roseland, NJ office of Lowenstein Sandler LLP, was named a 2014 NJ Rising Star by *SuperLawyers* and a 2013 New Leader of the Bar by the *New Jersey Law Journal*. As a member of the firm's Bankruptcy, Financial Reorganization & Creditors' Rights Department, Porter focuses her practice in the areas of bankruptcy, restructuring, debtor-creditor law, and bankruptcy litigation.

Alexander H. Ryley, Director of the VOLS' Elderly Project, spoke at a forum hosted by New York State Senator Liz Kreuger in September 2014 titled "Housing Issues for Older Adults." The Elderly Project provides free legal advice and other services to low-income Manhattan residents aged 60 and over, and to the social workers and advocates who assist them.

Ryan D. Thompson, previously the legal editor at the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, was named Assistant General Counsel at Niagara University. Thompson also serves as the director of a recently launched Continuing Legal Education program at the University as well as an adjunct writing professor.

Arik Hirschfeld joined Guggenheim Partners as its Chief Compliance Officer for GS Gamma and Director in Compliance for Guggenheim Partners Investment Management. Hirschfeld previously served as a Vice President at Barclays Capital and an associate at Sidley Austin LLP.

Jennifer R. Kasman, previously a partner at Friedlander Misler, launched JR Kasman, PLLC, her own real estate and business law firm in Washington, D.C. Kasman represents sophisticated entities, individuals, and entrepreneurs as lead counsel on real estate, finance, creditors' rights, and corporate transactions across the country.

Jared A. Kasschau, previously with Jaspan Schlesinger, joined the Uniondale, NY office of Harris Beach PLLC as a partner in the firm's Business and Commercial

Litigation and Government Compliance and Investigations Practice Groups. He concentrates his practice in the areas of commercial litigation and civil rights litigation.

Odelia Levy was appointed Executive Director of the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity Management at the New York City Department of Education. Levy leads policy implementation and counsels the agency relating to EEO, diversity, and compliance with federal, state and local law. She joined the NYC Department of Education in 2009 as an Equal Opportunity Attorney.

Zachary C. Warzel was named a shareholder of the Denver, CO law firm of Roberts Levin Rosenberg PC. Warzel specializes in the areas of insurance bad faith, insurance coverage, and personal injury.

2006 Emily L. Auletta (Orfinger) joined the NYS Office of the Attorney General in its Consumer Frauds Bureau. She previously served as an Assistant District Attorney in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office.

Gregory W. Fox, previously with Stutman Treister & Glatt, joined the New York office of Goodwin Procter LLP as an associate in the firm's Financial Institutions Group. Fox represents both debtors and creditors in bankruptcy proceedings and out-of-court restructurings and represents parties in bankruptcy-related litigations.

Daniel K. Wiig joined The Municipal Credit Union as In-House Counsel and the faculty of St. John's University School of Law as an Adjunct Professor of Law, where he teaches a course titled, Litigation in New York's Commercial Division. He was also appointed a trustee of the Riot Relief Fund and to the Executive Committee of the New York County Lawyer's Association, where he serves as its Chair of Membership.

2007 Amy F. Altman, an associate at Herzfeld & Rubin, PC, published an article on *Law.com*, "Art Law Part 1: From Eagles to Ivory, the Art of Lost Value" (5/12/14). A member of the firm's Tax and Estates Department, Altman specializes in probate and estate administration, contested



Nithya Das '06

There's an App for That

You've heard of Google, Facebook, and Twitter. If you haven't heard of AppNexus yet, it's just a matter of time. In September, the Flatiron-based company that powers Internet advertising raised its valuation to \$1.4 billion, making it the most valuable company in Silicon Alley. "AppNexus' round propels it to the highest ranks of Silicon Alley," wrote *Crain's* this August. At the heart of much of this activity is the company's General Counsel, Nithya Das, Class of 2006.

Following the August round, Das helped lead the company through a strategic acquisition of the premium ad-serving technology, Open AdStream®, from WPP/Xaxis. The deal further augments AppNexus' position as the industry's largest independent ad technology company. Thirty billion ad impressions are transacted on its platform each day, with more than \$1 billion in ads spent on the platform in 2013 and over \$2 billion estimated for 2014.

Das joined AppNexus as In-House Counsel in 2011 from Goodwin Procter's Technology Practice where she led numerous growth equity financings, mergers and acquisitions and public equity offerings and helped create the Founder's Workbench, a free, online resource that helps entrepreneurs navigate legal and operational challenges commonly faced by startups. "I knew that I wanted to go in-house to a private tech company and take it from venture-backed startup to enterprise," she said. Das was

instrumental in developing AppNexus' legal strategy during a period of high growth. She was promoted to General Counsel and a member of its Global Leadership Team in April.

Today, she runs a team of five in-house lawyers and oversees the company's global corporate, commercial, intellectual property and regulatory legal affairs, which consists of over 600 employees in 10 global offices. As a member of the company's leadership team, Das is also involved in projects that are not decidedly legal, such as strategic planning, corporate development, diversity and inclusiveness programming, and recruiting for the company's board of directors. She's even served on the company's People and Culture Team helping put together "meeting goals," which you'll find in every conference room across AppNexus' global offices, which include: "Meeting Tips: Start on time, Restate the purpose, Take and share notes, Be focused, Close with next steps."

Das was an International Business Law Fellow at the Law School and recalled two professors who were particularly inspiring. "Professor Fanto made corporate law really interesting," she said. "He taught us about the nuts and bolts of corporate law—from governance to M&A—with practical real world examples, and that was what first really got me interested in the practice of corporate law." Das was also mentored by Professor Karmel. "She is a dedicated mother and grandmother, a terrific wife, and also a trailblazer in her own right having been the first woman SEC Commissioner. She mentored me professionally but also on a personal level of balancing being a mom and having a career."

Das had her daughter, Surya, who is now 4 and $\frac{3}{4}$, while she was an associate at Goodwin. "The balance is tough," she said. "I sometimes don't sleep a lot, but I like being a hands-on, involved mom. I do a lot with her. I take her to school most days, and on nights when I won't be home to put her to bed, she comes here to visit me at the office and have a snack in our cafe."

It's no wonder Surya loves to play at AppNexus. People skateboard through the open workspace, bring in their pets, and work while sitting cross-legged in bright orange floor-to-ceiling pods.

“I work in a really dynamic environment where there's still a lot of room for growth... I don't think it gets much better than that.”

Hipster playroom appearances aside, given the value of the company, serious work is being conducted, and Das is thriving. In addition to leading one of New York City's most impressive tech companies, Das is also a leader in both the AppNexus Women's Network and Parents Network. In May, Das was one of six named to the 2014 "Women of Power and Influence" by the National Organization of Women. "I work in a really dynamic environment where there's still a lot of room for growth, and I get to wear jeans to work," said Das. "I don't think it gets much better than that." ■

probate and contested accountings proceedings, estate planning, and a variety of guardianship matters.

Steven J. Auletta joined the Albany, NY office of Cater Conboy as an associate. Auletta practices in the areas of medical and professional malpractice, health care law, product liability, trucking and transportation, and general civil litigation. He previously served as an Assistant Corporation Counsel for the NYC Law Department in both the Tort Division and the Special Federal Litigation Division.

Benjamin D. Battles, previously an associate at Boies, Schiller & Flexner, became an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Vermont. Battles focuses on administrative and appellate litigation on behalf of the Vermont Department for Children and Families.

2008 Ariel L. Aranda, previously at Shearman & Sterling LLP, joined the New York office of Gibson Dunn in its Real Estate Group. Aranda counsels clients in a wide range of real estate transactions, including acquisitions and dispositions, joint ventures, financings and leasing and development matters.

Seth L. Cardeli, an associate in the Baltimore, MD office of Janet, Jenner & Suggs, LLC, was named a Maryland "Top 40 Under 40" lawyer by the National Trial Lawyers. Cardeli focuses his practice in the area of medical negligence.

Victoria R. Eisner created and serves as the CEO of GLAMSQUAD, an app-based, on-demand beauty delivery service that is based in New York City and will soon be expanding to Los Angeles. The company has been featured in various publications including, *Forbes*, *Town and Country*, *Business Insider*, and *In Style*.

Lauren A. Jones, an associate in the New York office of Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith, LLP, wed **Marley Watkins '09**, an account executive at CT Corporation, in July 2014.

Kenneth M. Rice was promoted to the rank of Detective in the NYC Police Department in June. He works in the newly-created Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Collaborative Policing, performing both legal and policy work.

Prior to becoming a police officer in 2012, Rice served as civilian attorney for the NYPD for several years.

2009 Jonathan J. Anastasia, previously an associate at Crowell & Moring LLP, joined MasterCard as Senior Counsel, Global Emerging Payments. Anastasia manages legal aspects of new product development from conception to launch, including advising on legal issues associated with products and structuring agreements for provision and distribution of products.

Michael C. German, an associate in the New York office of Arnold & Porter LLP in its Litigation and Products Liability Litigation Practice Groups, wed Vanessa Delaney, Senior Director and Employment Counsel at Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of New York, in May 2014.

Julie F. Schechter, an associate in the New York coop and condo law firm of Schechter & Brucker, PC, published *Off the Charts Law Summaries: An All-In-One Graphic Outline of the 1L Law School Courses*. The book contains a comprehensive set of charts that graphically present the key concepts in all five core legal subjects for first-year law students, bar exam preparation, and practicing attorneys.

Lindsey Utrata joined the New York office of Baker & McKenzie LLP as an associate in the firm's Intellectual Property Practice Group. Utrata previously worked in the Trademark Department at Colgate-Palmolive Company.

2010 Michael P. Furdyna joined the Garden City, NY office of Goldberg Segalla as an associate in the firm's Workers' Compensation and General Liability Practice Groups, where he represents large insurance companies, self-insured employers, and third-party administrators. He was previously an associate at Morrison Mahoney LLP.

Matthew G. Miller joined the New York office of Goldberg Segalla as an associate in the firm's General Liability Practice Group. Miller previously served as an Assistant District Attorney in the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office.

2011 Jennifer Hays, an associate in the New York office of Winston & Strawn LLP, and **Christopher Bouriat '11**, a trial attorney for the NYC Law Department, were married in June 2014.

Carmen E. Jule, previously an agency attorney at the NYC Human Resources Administration, joined the Great Neck, NY office of Garfunkel Wild, P.C. as an associate in its Health Care and Compliance and White Collar Defense Practice Groups. Jule advises clients in criminal, civil and regulatory government actions, and she also assists them in implementing fraud and abuse compliance programs.

2012 Faisal Alam, a practicing attorney with EPIQ Systems, has been performing stand-up comedy for over a year. He is producing a monthly comedy show at the C.O.W. (Celebration of Whimsy) Theater in New York City.

Miles D. Schreiner, an associate in the New York office of Faruqi & Faruqi, LLP, published an article on *Law360*, "Money-Back Guarantees Unlikely to Satisfy 'Superiority'" (8/5/14). Schreiner practices in the area of complex litigation.

2013 Yakov (Koby) Sabghir, an associate at Law Offices of Steven Cohen LLC, and his wife, Dr. Arianna Sabghir, welcomed their second child, Ayala Tamar, born this past April.

Michael J. Russo, previously an associate at Grunfeld, Desiderio, Lebowitz, Silverman & Klestadt, joined the New York office of Davis Polk as an associate in the firm's Capital Markets Group. Russo focuses his practice on structured products and derivatives.

Chase J. Sandler joined Brown & Altman LLP as an associate practicing in the areas of land use and zoning, commercial transactions, financing, leasing, and commercial litigation.

Dwayne A. Thomas started his own practice in Queens, NY. He is performing contract assignments for attorneys while building his practice focusing on criminal defense, small business and estate planning and administration.

Cameron B. Weil joined the New York office of Kaye Scholer LLP in its Real Estate Department. ■

Brittany McGrath '14



IN AUGUST, the Brooklyn Law School community tragically lost one of its shining stars, Brittany McGrath, Class of 2014, who was killed along with her father, Edward, in a traffic collision in Massachusetts. They were riding a motorcycle that was struck by an SUV driven by an allegedly drug-impaired driver.

“Brittany’s untimely death touches us deeply, especially because she was so well known and has been such a vibrant member of our community,” said Dean Allard in a message to the BLS Community. “Her cruelly random death reminds us not to take for granted our friends and family. By any measure she embodies the best of Brooklyn Law School.”

Brittany graduated *magna cum laude* in June, and received numerous Commencement Prizes and Awards. She served as an Articles Editor on the *Brooklyn Law Review* and as the First-Year Coordinator on the Moot Court Honor Society. She was a member of the 2013 Price Media Law Moot Court Team that won the Americas Regional Round of the Price Media Law Moot Court Competition and traveled to Oxford University in April 2014 to compete in the international rounds of the competition. She served as a member of the Brooklyn Law School Dean Jerome Prince Memorial Evidence Moot Court Competition problem committee. She also served as a research assistant to Visiting Professor of Law Stephan Landsman. Brittany was to become a first-year associate at Allen & Overy this fall.

Outside of the Law School, Brittany volunteered for the Coalition for the Homeless, was a member of the board of directors for the Harlem Youth Baseball Organization, and was an advocate for animal rights.

“Brittany dedicated her life to kindness—kindness to friends and colleagues, to strangers, and to animals of all kinds,” said Elaine Driscoll '14, a close friend. “I am in awe of her kindness and intelligence, her compassion and sincerity, and know that

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—Elaine Driscoll '14

to live life like she did every single day would be to live a life of love, charity, and joy. I will miss her for the rest of my life.”

“I find it incredibly hard to sum up in a few words just how extraordinary Brittany was,” said Rebecca Naeder '15, the current president of the Moot Court Honor Society. “She was a born advocate and had a way of listening to others and giving advice that made every person who met her instantly feel connected to her. I feel honored to have had the opportunity to know Brittany for as long as I did. I can honestly say that without Brittany, I would not be where I am today.”

Brittany is survived by her mother, Iris McGrath, sister Chelsea McGrath, and her partner, Juan Reinoso. ■

Robert Seavey '52

ROBERT SEAVEY, a member of the Class of 1952 and lifelong supporter and friend of Brooklyn Law School, died on June 24, 2014. He was born and raised in New York City and earned a bachelor’s degree from the City College of New York. As a law student, he served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Brooklyn Law Review* and graduated first in his class. At the time, he also met his wife of 61 years, Phyllis Mehler Seavey '52, who passed away in 2013. They married soon after graduation and moved to Okinawa, Japan, where Seavey was a U.S. Air Force Captain in the Judge Advocate General’s Office during the Korean War. They returned to New York in 1956. The couple was featured as part of a Spring 2010 *LawNotes* story entitled “Mergers &

Acquisitions: Lawyers in Love: Alumni who Met at BLS and Married.”

Seavey’s legal career spanned over 50 years, throughout which he was an accomplished and respected lawyer, real estate developer, and public servant. He was a pioneer in the development of affordable and subsidized housing, building thousands of units in Harlem and Queens, including Harlem’s landmark apartment complex, Esplanade Gardens. He served as Chairman of Battery Park City during its construction, Chairman of the Real Estate Advisory Committee for New York State’s Common Retirement Fund, and Chairman of the Citizens Housing and Planning Council of New York,

in addition to advising countless local policy makers.

Throughout his distinguished career, Seavey remained dedicated to the Law School. For many years, he taught real estate law and business law as an Adjunct Professor at BLS. He and his wife also established the Phyllis Mehler Seavey and Robert W. Seavey Scholarship Prize, which is offered each year to students who have excelled in the Land Finance and Urban Law courses.

Seavey is survived by his children Nealle Beth Seavey '84 and her husband Eric Seltzer '84; Avery Seavey and his wife Dr. Emily Senay; and his grandchildren, Veronica Jean, Bryn, Harry, Lucy and Ruby. ■

Lea S. Singer '42

LEA S. SINGER, a distinguished member of the Class of 1942, died on December 21, 2013, at the age of 95. Early in her legal career, she paved the way for female attorneys, confronting gender discrimination in the courtroom and becoming one of the first women to join the Brooklyn Bar Association.

Singer clerked for Judge David Edelstein of the Southern District of New York, worked for Charles J. Hynes in the Special Prosecutors Office, was an attorney with the Model Cities Administration, was the Pro Se Clerk for the Southern District of New York, and worked for the New York City Corporation Council.

Singer later had a private practice while holding leadership positions within the legal community. She was the first woman Vice President of the Federal Bar Association, Region II. She served as President of the Medical Jurisprudence Society, as a Trustee of the New York Legislative Service, and as a Justice of the Village of Plandome Heights.

She is survived by her sons David '69 and Robert; her daughters-in-law Mary Ellen Bontempo-Singer and Lynn Singer; her four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. ■

1941

Joseph Goldstein
May 29, 2014

1944

Edith Burns
October 4, 2014

1949

Robert J. Magnum
October 2, 2014

1950

Louis A. Bedford, Jr.
April 10, 2014

1951

David A. Greene
April 2, 2014

Benjamin D. Share
June 17, 2014

1952

Ralph Kamon
June 29, 2014

Martin Stewart
September 7, 2014

1953

Henry P. Lucas
June 24, 2014

Solomon Reiffe
June 30, 2014

1954

Max Wasser
May 31, 2014

Jay Segal
July 23, 2014

1956

Jerome Josefson
June 12, 2014

1959

Michael Standard
July 2, 2014

Richard P. Gumson
August 28, 2014

Arthur I. Farber
September 15, 2014

Robert J. Moore
September 30, 2014

1968

Stuart A. Shaw
May 16, 2014

Robert J. Seligman
September 14, 2014

Paul S. Mirman
September 27, 2014

1969

Peter Stephen Shukat
June 7, 2014

1971

Carl M. Erman
September 2, 2014

1973

James W. Herman
September 1, 2014

1978

Florence Roberts
June 1, 2014

Michal L. Bobryk
June 8, 2014

1987

James V. Derosa
July 16, 2014

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Closing Arguments

By Professor Nelson Tebbe

Hobby Lobby's Dangerous Precedent

The court gives no principled reason why religious exemptions cannot be claimed all over the place

» In June, the Supreme Court handed down big win for corporations in the Hobby Lobby case. The result is unprecedented—and the court's reasoning threatens to dramatically expand the ability of religious businesspeople to get special relief from laws that apply to everyone else.

The case, of course, concerns the so-called contraceptive mandate, a part of Obamacare that requires employers to provide insurance coverage for FDA-approved contraceptives. Hobby Lobby, a large retail business, asked the court for special relief from the obligation to provide forms of contraception that offend its managers' religious beliefs. A 5-4 majority ruled in its favor, saying that religious freedom law protects the company from having to provide full coverage to its roughly 13,000 employees.

This result is unprecedented because the Supreme Court has never granted a religious exemption to a for-profit business. In an important earlier precedent, the court specifically held that "[W]hen followers of a particular sect enter into commercial activity as a matter of choice," they cannot superimpose their "conscience and faith" onto laws that everyone else must follow.

In this particular situation, the harm of exempting Hobby Lobby from the contraception requirement is likely to be limited. After the decision, the Obama administration can enact regulations guaranteeing that Hobby Lobby's employees receive coverage. After all, the government has said that it is cheaper for insurers to provide contraception for free than to cover costs associated with unwanted or accidental pregnancies.

Yet even if that is true, the court's reasoning today is "startling" and even "radical," as Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg says in her dissent.

First, the court gives no principled reason why large publicly-traded companies could not bring similar claims for religious freedom exemptions from economic regulations.

What if a company objects to the minimum wage, or to employment discrimination laws? The court says that such challenges are unlikely as a practical matter, but it provides no legal bulwark against them.

Second, the court says that the government can be required to pay for any costs that may result from a religious freedom claim—at taxpayer expense. True, the cost of providing coverage to employees in this case may not be prohibitive, if the government's accounting is right.

But in future cases addressing other situations, the court says that government expense—even large expenses that may have to

be borne by us all—are no obstacle. That's not just unfair to other corporations and businesses that don't have a religious objection, it forces the American taxpayers to pay for the owners' religious objection.

Finally, nothing the court says is necessarily limited to the topic of women's health, pressing as that concern is. All manner of economic and civil rights legislation could conceivably be vulnerable, according to the rules laid out today.

A big part of the reason that the court has never granted religion exemptions in the commercial realm before today is that they are hard to cabin. As the dissent points out, there is no good way for the court to distinguish between good and bad religious beliefs without favoring one religion over another, in violation of the Establishment Clause of the Constitution.

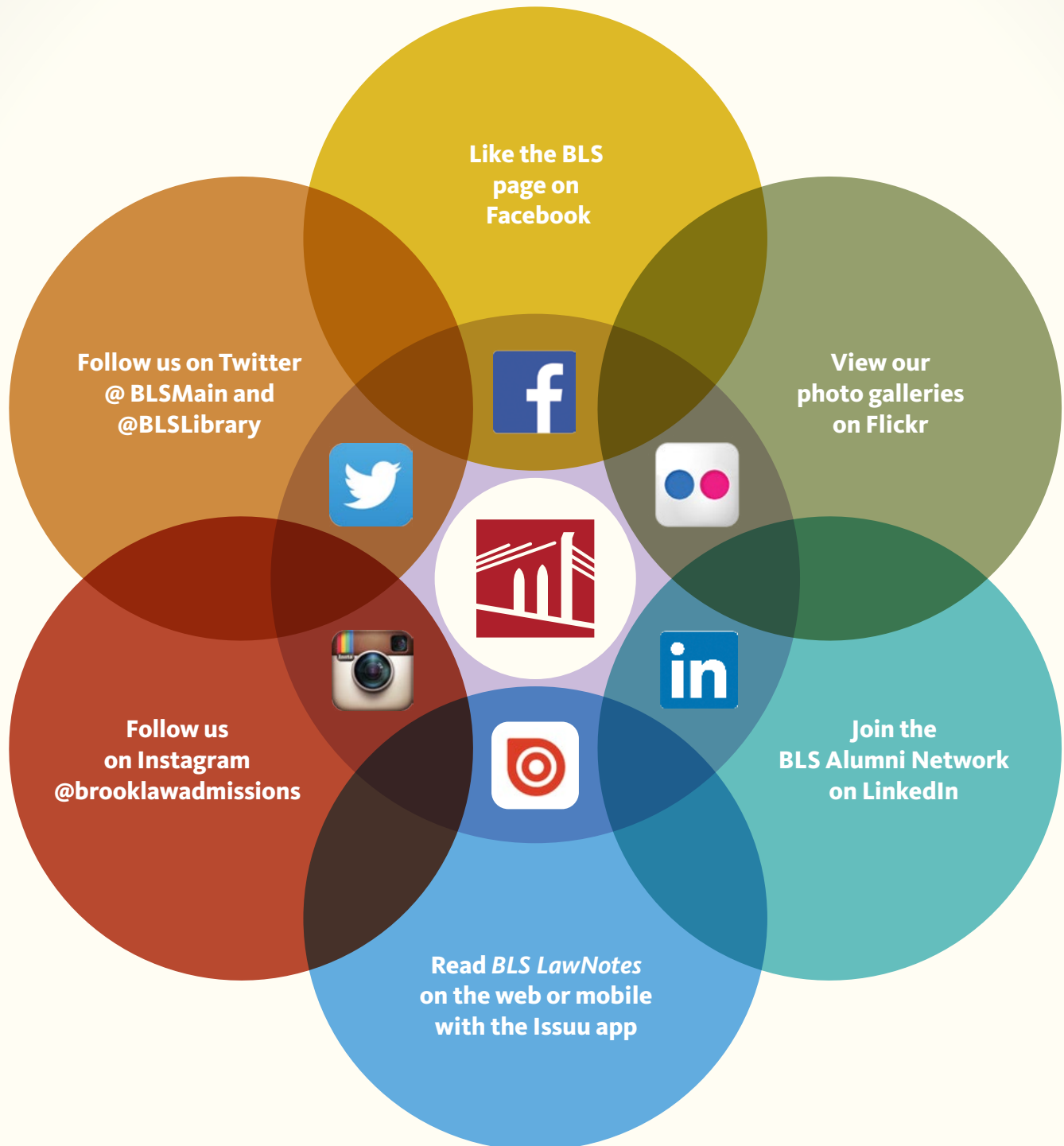
Notably, challenges could arise to civil rights laws that protect gay men and lesbians, especially in the context of marriage equality. We have already seen claims by for-profit business owners who believe they should be exempt from civil rights laws because they are religiously opposed to marriage between people of the same sex or gender. The court's decision will encourage those making such claims.

Hobby Lobby is the most sweeping religious exemption case in modern constitutional history. The full significance of the decision will rest on how its scope is extended (or limited) in future cases. But for now, Hobby Lobby has unsettled the law by greatly expanding the rights of corporations, presenting serious risks for employees, and imposing costs upon us all. ■

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