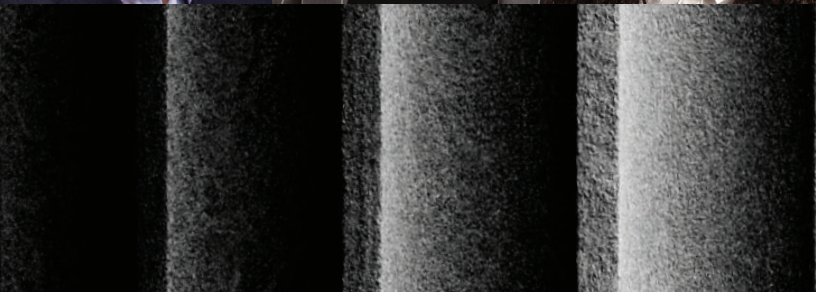


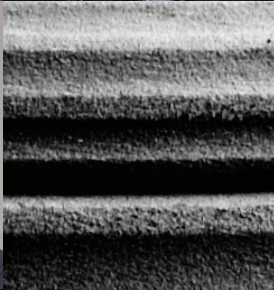
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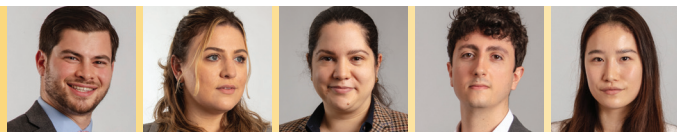
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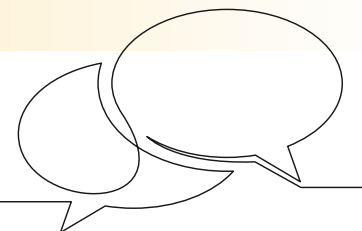
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A Letter from Dean Melanie Leslie



Dear Friends,

It has been an exciting year of growth at Cardozo. This edition of *Cardozo Life* examines the hard work and achievements of our clinical faculty and their students. Cardozo boasts one of the most robust clinical educational programs in the country. In addition to 11 in-house clinics, we continue to be a leader in the creation of new field clinics, in which students work in small teams in legal organizations under the supervision of a practicing attorney in different areas of law.

Cardozo is a leader in the creation of innovative experiential learning. The Innocence Project, our first clinic, radically transformed the criminal justice landscape. The Bet Tzedek Civil Litigation Clinic pioneered legal representation for elderly and disabled individuals and fighting class action lawsuits addressing systemic problems that impact thousands of New Yorkers.

Many of our academic programs and centers have experiential components; Cardozo's renowned intellectual property program includes the Tech Startup Clinic; the FAME Center works closely with the Fashion Law Practicum and the Filmmakers Legal Clinic. The Kukin Program for Conflict Resolution maintains the Divorce Mediation Clinic. This year marks the launch of another innovative pioneer—the Perlmutter Center for Legal Justice at Cardozo Law, which will include the Perlmutter Freedom Clinic and an educational program on scientific evidence for practicing attorneys. The Perlmutter Center for Legal Justice will provide students and professionals with training on how to handle scientific evidence in court in recognition of the tremendous need to improve the quality of scientific evidence in courtrooms across the country. The Perlmutter Center for Legal Justice was made possible through a \$15-million grant from the Laura and Isaac Perlmutter Foundation, the largest single gift the law school has ever received. We welcome civil rights attorney Joshua Dubin as Executive Director along with Derrick Hamilton as Deputy Director. We are deeply grateful to the Perlmutter Foundation and to Laura and Ike Perlmutter for this support, which contributes to Cardozo's five-year capital campaign, "Rise Up for Cardozo."

The capital campaign is on target to meet its goal of raising \$50 million by Cardozo's 50th anniversary in 2026. We have raised over \$31 million thus far. I hope you will consider making your contribution to Cardozo's future. There are three areas to which you may direct your support: student scholarships; faculty attraction and retention; and improvements and renovations to the building. Each of these categories of giving offers naming opportunities. I welcome your participation in this critical campaign. Thank you for being part of the Cardozo community.

This is an exciting time for the law school. Thank you for being a part of this deeply enriching and inspiring community.

With warm regards,

MELANIE LESLIE

Dean and Dr. Samuel Belkin Professor of Law

Innocence Project Wins Historic Victory, Overturning Conviction of Two Men in Malcolm X Killing



The Innocence Project achieved justice in November 2021 for Muhammad Aziz and Khalil Islam, whose convictions for the 1965 killing of Malcolm X were overturned after decades of imprisonment. Aziz and Islam were wrongly convicted in 1966, for the assassination of Malcolm X. Aziz is now 83 and Islam died in 2009.

With the agreement of the New York County District Attorney Cyrus Vance, Shanie Law and the Innocence Project joined in a motion to vacate the 1966 convictions of Aziz and Islam, which was granted by the Honorable Ellen N. Biben, Administrative Judge for the New York County Supreme Court, Criminal Term. The joint motion was the culmination of a collaborative reinvestigation of the case, which began in January 2020 and unearthed new evidence of the pair's innocence, including FBI documents that had been available at the time of trial but were withheld from both the defense and prosecution.

The Innocence Project was founded by Barry Scheck and Peter Neufeld at Cardozo in 1992.



**PROFESSOR REBECCA INGBER
APPOINTED COUNSELOR ON INTER-
NATIONAL LAW WITH THE OFFICE OF
THE LEGAL ADVISER AT THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

Professor Rebecca Ingber, an expert in international and national security law, war powers, and presidential power, was named Counselor on International Law with the Office of the Legal Adviser at the U.S. Department of State in 2021. She assists the Legal Adviser in providing counsel to the Secretary of State, and through the Secretary, advising the National Security Council and the President on the international and domestic law aspects of policy positions and plans. Ingber also helps develop the State Department's position in U.S. litigation involving international and foreign relations law issues, including on matters of war and national security.

Ingber joined the Cardozo faculty as a Professor of Law in 2020. She previously served as an attorney-adviser in the Office of the Legal Adviser at the U.S. Department of State.

Ingber received her B.A. from Yale University, her J.D. from Harvard Law School, and she clerked for Judge Robert P. Patterson, Jr., of the Southern District of New York. Her work has been published in the *Virginia Law Review*, the *Texas Law Review*, the *Iowa Law Review*, the *American Journal of International Law*, the *Harvard International Law Journal*, and the *Yale Journal of International Law*, among others.

In 2018, Ingber testified before the

Senate Judiciary Committee during the U.S. Supreme Court nomination hearing of Brett Kavanaugh, and in 2021 before the House Rules Committee on war powers reform. She was a co-chair of the 2019 Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law. She has held fellowships at the Council on Foreign Relations and at Columbia Law School, serves on the editorial board of the *Journal of National Security Law and Policy* and on the Executive Council of the American Society of International Law, and is a contributor to *Lawfare*, *Just Security*, and other legal blogs.

FAME Center Hosts New York Times Fashion Critic Vanessa Friedman on the Future of Fashion

Vanessa Friedman, Fashion Director and Chief Fashion Critic for *The New York Times*, outlined the future of the fashion industry in a forum in November 2021, presented by Cardozo's FAME Center and co-sponsored by Loza & Loza LLP, the Cardozo Fashion Law Society and the Cardozo Alumni Association Retail and Luxury Alumni Group. Professor Barbara Kolsun, the director of the FAME Center for Fashion, Art, Media and Entertainment Law, moderated a



Vanessa Friedman is the Fashion Director and Chief Fashion Critic for *The New York Times*

lively talk about the intersection of race, gender, politics and fashion, as well as legal issues of the industry and its relevancy in a pandemic-weary world.

When asked about the ways to integrate sustainability and fashion, Friedman argued that there is no such thing. "The term is an oxymoron," she said. "Fashion is something that is predicated on constant change. You can create a sustainable wardrobe, personally, but that is all." Instead, she highlighted the need for responsible fashion, where consumers and companies think critically about their purchasing and manufacturing choices before making decisions.

Kolsun also asked Friedman about

her article on Senator Kyrsten Sinema's style and how women in American government approach fashion. "Women in government usually dress to take clothes out of the conversation," said Friedman. "Sinema has worn all sorts of different wigs, knee high-boots, sleeveless tops and more." Friedman believed Sinema's unusual fashion choices aligned with her political independence.

Moving forward, Friedman predicts a move away from gender-based ideas of fashion, where designers instead focus solely on pieces of clothing on bodies. "However," she added, "I think it will take a while to trickle up to places like law firms, banks and Congress."

DEAN MELANIE LESLIE APPOINTS RACHEL LANDY DIRECTOR OF THE HEYMAN CENTER ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Rachel Landy was appointed Director of the Heyman Center on Corporate Governance and a Visiting Assistant Professor of Law. Landy has been an adjunct professor at Cardozo since 2018, teaching Contract Drafting and Technology Transactions, and as a Visiting Assistant Professor, she will teach Professional Responsibility and Technology Transactions.

Landy is the author of *Beyond the Work Product: A Guide to Relationship-Based Transactional Lawyering* (American Bar Association, 2021). She received a B.M. in music business from New York University and earned her J.D. from UCLA School of Law.



Landy comes to Cardozo from the public policy team at Google, where she managed YouTube's response to legislative proposals globally relating to the platform's business model. Prior to Google, she spent several years as a technology transactions attorney in private practice at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati and Cooley,

advising hundreds of companies on commercial contract and intellectual property matters relating to day-to-day business, mergers and acquisitions, and initial public offerings.



Cardozo Welcomes the Class of 2024—In Person!

Cardozo School of Law opened its doors to the Class of 2024 on August 16, 2021—the first time since March 2020 that a large group of students could be together in the building, due to closures and social distancing restrictions that were implemented during the pandemic.

The 324 students comprise the highest credentialed class in the school's history.

In order to continue with a cautious approach to social distancing as the Delta variant showed cause for concern in New York City, the class was divided into two groups for their orientation activities. Sections A, B and C began their sessions in the morning and Sections D, E and F arrived at 11:30 a.m. for an afternoon of programming.

Dean of Admissions Jeanne Estilo Widerka welcomed the class: "you now all have one thing in common. You're ready to get started on your

journey as a Cardozo student! Be proud of everything you've accomplished—we're here to help you with your struggles and cheer your accomplishments!"

Dean Widerka cited the class members' accolades and geographic diversity, noting that the group hailed from 34 states and numerous countries around the globe including Australia, Brazil, Panama, Ukraine, Zimbabwe and Singapore, among others. Approximately one-third of the class finished their undergraduate degrees in the past year, and the top feeder institutions include Yeshiva University, NYU, University of Michigan and Tulane University.

Dean Widerka praised the students' accomplishments to date, such as those who had already earned masters' degrees in other disciplines including music performance, business and education. The group includes a former US figure skater, a Fulbright scholar and many students, with long histories of volunteerism for various causes including working with terminally ill children, volun-

teering for the Special Olympics, working on crisis hotlines and building homes with Habitat for Humanity.

Dean Melanie Leslie addressed the group and reflected on her own 1L year at Cardozo. She quoted Justice Benjamin N. Cardozo who in writing of the value of steady, plodding perseverance said, "There is joy in that success, and a distinction can come from courage, fidelity and industry."

"Don't forget to be joyful," Dean Leslie said. "What an opportunity this is; embrace it! You are going to learn so much. Enjoy the journey."

Dean Leslie encouraged the students to get to know one another and create their networks, which will support them over the coming years in law school.

Dean of Students Jenn Kim and her team also addressed the group and reminded them that Student Services offers support in all areas of student life, including academics, diversity and inclusion issues and mental health support.

JANE-ROBERTE SAMPEUR IS CARDOZO'S NEW DIRECTOR OF ITAP (INTENSIVE TRIAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM)

Jane-Roberte Sampeur is the law school's new Director of ITAP (Intensive Trial Advocacy Program), a cornerstone of Cardozo's practical skills curriculum. In this two-week immersion course held each January, students learn cutting-edge strategies for courtroom litigation under the instruction of leading jurists and lawyers from across the country.

This year's program, which began on January 3, was conducted virtually due to concerns over the Omicron COVID variant.

Sampeur is Coordinator and Staff Attorney of the Women's Pretrial Release Initiative at the Legal Aid Society. Her current work includes direct bail representation, special litigation, bail reform policy and conducting extensive trainings on women's pretrial detention and sentencing issues and unique bail issues. She began her career practicing on Rikers Island defending individuals in parole revocation proceedings. She then practiced as a Criminal Defense Attorney in the Legal Aid Society's Brooklyn Trial Office where she represented people accused of high-level felonies and misdemeanors. Through her trainings, policy work and service on state and city committees, she is an active voice for reform and transformation within the criminal legal system. Sampeur has a J.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Law.

In a "master class" approach to learning, students practice direct and cross examinations, interviewing and preparing witnesses, selecting juries, dealing with evidentiary issues, and preparing for and presenting bench and jury trials. The course ends with students conducting a full jury trial.

At every step, students are critiqued by judges and lawyers, including individual reviews of student performances on video. The course is taught in small groups to give students direct feedback on their performance from judges and to allow each student to develop confidence in the various roles of being a trial lawyer.



Jane-Roberte Sampeur



Anthony Sebok

Professor Anthony Sebok Appointed Danciger Chair in Law

Professor Anthony Sebok was awarded the Joseph and Sadie Danciger Chair in Law. The Danciger Chair was established in 1981 and was most recently held by Professor Emeritus Monroe Price, Cardozo's former dean.

"One of Cardozo's most cited scholars, Professor Sebok has made significant and lasting contributions to the development of the law and to the Cardozo community, most notably in his role as the co-director of the Jacob Burns Center for Ethics in the Practice of Law," said Dean Leslie. "Professor Sebok is an excellent teacher who has made a lasting impact on generations of law students."

Sebok is a nationally recognized legal scholar in tort law and an expert on legal ethics, litigation finance, and insurance law. Sebok's casebook, *Tort Law: Responsibilities and Redress*, which he co-authored with John Goldberg and Benjamin Zipursky, now in its fifth edition, is used at several leading law schools. His new book on comparative tort law (with Mauro Bussani and Marta Infantino) will be published by Oxford University Press in early 2022. Sebok has also published books on legal philosophy, including *Legal Positivism in American Jurisprudence*. Sebok has had recent scholarly articles published in the *Cornell Law Review*,

University of Illinois Law Review, *New York University Law Review*, *Journal of Tort Law* and *The Review of Litigation*

Sebok began teaching at Cardozo in 2007, and prior to that was the Centennial Professor of Law and the Associate Dean for Research at Brooklyn Law School, where he taught for 15 years. He taught as a visiting professor of law at Cornell Law School, Haifa University in Israel, Tsinghua University School of Law in Beijing, the Free University in Berlin and as a visiting professor of public and international affairs at Princeton University. He was a Fellow in the Program in Law and Public Affairs at Princeton University and a Fellow at the American Academy in Berlin.

Sebok clerked for Chief Judge Edward N. Cahn of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He has served as an expert witness concerning issues of litigation finance and is the Ethics Consultant to Burford Capital. He is a member of the American Law Institute and is a subject expert for the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination for the National Conference of Bar Examiners, and serves on the New York City Bar Association's Professional Ethics Committee.

He earned a J.D. from Yale Law School, a Ph.D. in politics from Princeton University and holds an M.Phil in politics from the University of Oxford.

Patent Diversity Project Helps Build Diversity for Patent Holders

Cardozo's Patent Diversity Project, led by Director Victor Wang '15, secured a patent in fall 2021, on behalf of Rose Coppee, a Black inventor, for a modular hairbrush.

Funded in part by Google, the Patent Diversity Project aims to close the "patent gap" by providing free legal assistance to inventors who have been historically underrepresented, including women and people of color. According to research, Black inventors file for patents at one-third the rate of white inventors in the United States, and women accounted for only 22 percent of patents filed in 2019. Students and faculty at the Project work with entrepreneurs to navigate through the patent system and connect qualifying inventors with lawyers who provide pro bono services. The network of pro bono providers compiled by the Project consists of law firms, solo practitioners and in-house counsel leveraged through Cardozo's deep bench of relationships in the legal community. Through the Project, Coppee, in collaboration with Jones Day who provided pro bono services, received

the expertise to bring her business dreams to reality.

"We're ecstatic for Rose and very thankful to Jones Day for their pro bono assistance," said Wang, who has led the Patent Diversity Project since 2019. Prior to returning to his alma mater, Wang was an IP associate at Baker McKenzie, where he was heavily involved in patent litigation and prosecution in the automotive, telecommunications, electrical control methods, design and oilfield services arts.

Coppee was referred to the Patent Diversity Project in the fall of 2018 through Start Small Think Big, a nonprofit that helps small businesses with high potential and limited access to the resources needed to create thriving businesses. Her product is a hairbrush with a bristled head and a handle that holds styling products and that injects them throughout the bristles when it is pressed. This allows consumers to more easily style, color, bleach or treat their hair.

"I was scrolling through Instagram one day when I saw a regular brush,

and I thought it would be so much easier for women if gel came out of the brush," Coppee said. "I started researching because I thought I would have to do it all myself since I couldn't afford a patent attorney."

"The brush helps consumers apply hair products on a whim without the need to carry bulky pressurized containers or creating a mess associated with other professional products," Wang said. "It seeks, and in my opinion succeeds, in making people's lives easier."

Start Small Think Big is one of many local nonprofits within the Project's network that refer budding inventors seeking business guidance and legal support in obtaining a patent. Students involved in the Project are responsible for handling client intake calls and understanding the needs of these entrepreneurs and small businesses. For many potential patentees, students and lawyers also provide holistic guidance on their business trajectory.

"For some, obtaining a patent may not always be the most strategic first step," Wang said, "which is why this Project is in alignment with the broader work undertaken by Cardozo's Tech Startup Clinic." The Patent Diversity Project contributes to the Clinic's existing suite of services for businesses and investors by offering assistance on trademarks and entity formation, in addition to patents, in order to best support clients.

Since filing her first patent, Coppee has continued to invent. As someone who works in the health-care industry, she has taken steps to apply for a patent for another device that will assist ICU nurses in organizing and keeping track of patient medications. "At first I was scared and intimidated by big lawyers, but this process put me in the mindset to think outside the box and create," she said. "When you do it once, you're not afraid anymore."



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CARDOZO LAW REVIEW AND FLOERSHEIMER CENTER CO-SPONSOR EVENT, FOCUSING ON VOTER SUPPRESSION AND ELECTION REFORM

Voter suppression, gerrymandering and electoral reform were the main topics of discussion at “The Aftermath of the 2020 Election,” a daylong symposium co-sponsored by *Cardozo Law Review* and the Floersheimer Center for Constitutional Democracy. The CLE event was held virtually on January 27 and included three panels, each one moderated by a Cardozo faculty member.

“We focused our symposium on voter suppression and electoral reform to facilitate a much-needed conversation on how to improve the current state of our democracy,” said Gianna Zapata, a 3L student and *Law Review Symposia* Editor. “The outcome of our conference surpassed expectations because the spirit of the panels and the synergy between our speakers inspired the audience not only to discuss ideas, but to take action, too.”

Alma Magaña, Harold A. Stevens Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, moderated the first panel, “The Evolution of Voter Suppression.” Guest panelist Gilda

R. Daniels, a Professor of Law at the University of Baltimore Law School commented during the discussion, “We can’t make voting rights just a Black and White issue and it can’t just be a Republican and Democrat issue. This is an issue that affects our democracy and we need to center the right to vote.” Other panelists included Atiba R. Ellis: Professor of Law, Marquette University Law School; Jorge Vasquez, Jr.: Chair of the Voting Rights Law Section, Hispanic National Bar Association and Luis Fuentes-Rohwer, Professor of Law and Class of 1950 Herman B. Wells Endowed Professor, Indiana University Maurer School of Law.

Panelists discussed the threat of gerrymandering and the misrepresentation of minority communities, and how to thwart manipulative mapmakers during “Redistricting After the 2020 Census: Gerrymandering and Misrepresentation,” moderated by Professor Ekow Yankah. Panelist Michael Pernick, Redistricting Counsel, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. said, “A lot of the redistricting commentary nation-wide is focused, understandably, on congressional redistricting, state legislative redistricting, but there are significant developments happening at the local level

that deserve more scrutiny, more attention.” Other panelists included Kathay Feng, National Director of Redistricting & Representation, Common Cause; Robert Yablon: Professor of Law, University of Wisconsin Law School; Yuriy Rudensky, Counsel, Democracy Program, Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law; and Ming H. Chen, Visiting Professor of Law, University of California Hastings College of Law; Professor of Law, University of Colorado Law School.

Professor Deborah Pearlstein, co-director of the Floersheimer Center, moderated the final panel of the day, “Electoral Reform.” Professor Pearlstein commented as the panel began, “we’re at a pivotal moment in U.S. history, one I have not seen till now.”

The panel included Ciara Torres-Spelliscy, Visiting Professor of Law, American University Washington College of Law, Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law; Kira Romero-Craft, Director, Southeast Region, LatinoJustice PRLDEF; and Gowri Ramachandran, Senior Counsel, Election Reform, Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law.



CLIHHR Panels Focus on Intersections of Mental Health and Public Health

Public Health, Mental Health and Mass Atrocity Prevention, the new book co-edited by Professor Jocelyn Getgen Kestenbaum, examines the role of both public health and mental health policies and practices in the prevention of mass atrocity, including war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide and the crime of aggression.

To explore these ideas in a more in-depth way and highlight specific examples on a global scale, CLIHHR hosted a digital dialogue panel series in the fall of 2021 and in the spring of 2022, inviting co-authors of the book to join in discussions about the bigger picture ideas as well as more specific incidents on which they focus their studies. The second panel discussion in the series, held virtually on

and resolve violent conflict and alleviate human suffering from war and other crises.

Professor Getgen Kestenbaum said, “The goal of this book project, special issue of the *Harvard Health and Human Rights Journal*, and accompanying digital dialogue series covering these writings is to begin the necessary conversations and collaborations across various disciplines that work in the area of prevention of violence rooted in identity, including genocide and other mass atrocity crimes.”

Fuller said at the start of the panel, “as these particular chapters illustrate, 2021 has been a divisive time and we’re at a breaking point. The pandemic has emerged as one of the greatest global disruptions in U.S. history. It’s magnified the health inequities and the stigmatization of marginalized communities.”

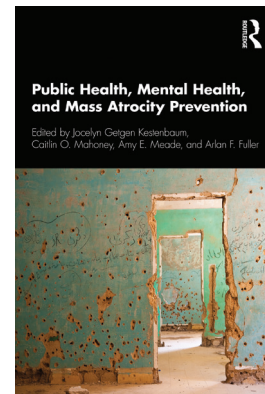
Densley’s chapter in the book focuses on police violence in communities and how it exists as both a cause and a symptom of urban violence. His remarks during the

“The pandemic has emerged as one of the greatest global disruptions in U.S. history. It’s magnified the health inequities and the stigmatization of marginalized communities.”

November 10, welcomed guest speakers James A. Densley, Professor and Department Chair of Criminal Justice at Metropolitan State University and Margareta Matache, a scholar from Romania, director of the FXB Center for Health and Human Rights’ Roma Program, and a Harvard instructor.

Arlan Fuller, lawyer and Chief Operating Officer of Conflict Dynamics International, moderated the discussion. His nonprofit humanitarian organization works to prevent

panel focused on the history of structural and behavioral violence against Black individuals and communities in the United States as a continuum of past atrocity crimes, from slavery and the slave trade to Jim Crow persecution. “You can see law enforcement is present at some of the worst atrocities in American history,” he said, “which usually means the police are suppressing the group at the center of it, and they appear to be on the wrong side of history. Rodney King, George Floyd—



placing it into historical context is really important in terms of why certain groups don’t trust the police and never have.”

Matache said the ideas for her chapter, which focuses on historical and present-day discrimination, violence and atrocities perpetrated against Roma people through the criminalization of identities and blaming of communities for the spread of disease during pandemic crises, started as a conversation about “our concerns and fears, not as a writing project, about many issues occurring in March and April 2020. We started monitoring hate speech and hate crimes, but we tried to identify patterns of race or cultural prejudice that were being used to legitimate racist policy measures. Scapegoating in pandemics is typically not random—it builds on a history of injustice. Anti-Roma racism has been there for centuries since the arrival of Roma in Europe, but during COVID we have witnessed the increase of violence through anti-Roma policies.”

“Our hope,” said Professor Getgen Kestenbaum, “is to elevate these discussions to scholars, practitioners and policymakers in the emerging field of atrocity prevention to help build next practices for effective atrocity prevention and response to laws that perpetuate identity-based discrimination and violence.”

Second Annual E-Law Week Showcases Careers in Entertainment Law

Cardozo held its second annual Entertainment (E-Law) Week in February with a panel of experts in the art, filmmaking and archival industries to celebrate the life and work of Gordon Parks. A photographer, musician, writer and film director, Parks was the first African American photographer for *Life* and *Vogue* magazines. Panelists for the event were John Maggio, Emmy award-winning principal producer, director and writer at Ark Media; Philip Brookman, Consulting Curator at the National Gallery of Art; Julieanna L. Richardson, Founder and President of The HistoryMakers; and photographer Wing Young Huie. Charity Gates '20, Associate at The Nilson Law Group, PLLC, moderated the panel. Art and Advocacy—The Work of Gordon Parks, a Cardozo Art Law Society event, was co-sponsored by the FAME Center, the Black Law Students Association, the Filmmakers' Legal Clinic and The Nilson Law Group, PLLC.

These two events followed an alumni spotlight with Aliya Nelson '01, Partner at Greenspoon Marder LLP, who spoke with Dean Melanie Leslie about her 20+ years of corporate, entertainment and licensing experience.

Gates kicked off the event by showing a clip from Maggio's film *A Choice of Weapons: Inspired By Gordon Parks*, which follows Parks' career from staff photographer for *LIFE* magazine through his artistic development as a novelist and filmmaker. Maggio emphasized the importance of Parks' work in his own filmmaking journey. "As a documentarian, I was encountering his photos all of the time," he said. "I wanted to celebrate him in that way: through the power of imagery."

Gates turned to Richardson, who

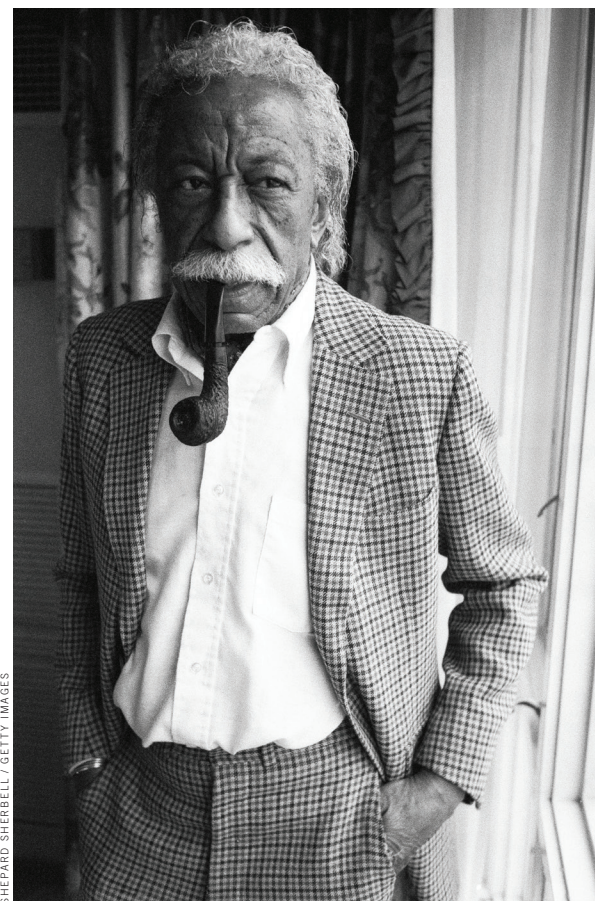
interviewed Parks, and described the transcript as reading like a script. Richardson said his life epitomizes what we think of as the best of the American experience: "He was able to take all of his gifts and cross racial and social boundaries, creating a body of work that will inform us for generations."

"He set out to take a picture of this community that was being ignored, and was not being represented through an African American lens," Brookman echoed.

Huie, whose photography and studio art has been heavily influenced by Parks, shared an excerpt from the foreword he wrote to a 2010 re-edition of *A Choice of Weapons*, Parks' autobiography. He read several passages aloud. "Through Gordon Parks' eyes, which were extraordinary, we saw reality—raw and unfiltered," he remarked. "He showed the world as it is, not how he wanted it to be."

Cardozo Entertainment Law Society presented Diversity in Music, a panel discussion on the roles lawyers can pursue within the music industry. The group discussed the differences between transactional and litigation work as well as the differences between in-house and law firm experiences. Panelists were Brooke Ford '17 and Samantha Dunac of Sony Music Entertainment, Giovanna Marchese '17 of Kuhn Law Group PLLC, Danielle Hardy of Universal Music Group and Carron Mitchell of Hertz Lichtenstein Young & Polk LLP. 2Ls Joseph Bellamy and Brianna Bell moderated the conversation. The panel was co-sponsored by the FAME Center and the Black Law Students Association.

Bellamy highlighted some statistics about the lack of diversity in the music law industry and how



Gordon Parks was the first African American photographer for Life and Vogue Magazines

women, people of color and LGBTQ people are disproportionately underrepresented in the space.

"There has always been a stigma around who your attorney should be and that a woman can't fight for you as hard as a man can," Mitchell responded. "But in the last couple of years, I have seen a shift in artists wanting their representatives to look more like them."

"I'm doing what I can to try to make changes in the spaces I can," said Hardy. "I started an Employee Resource Group at Universal where we connect black executives and colleagues to show that there is diversity here. We might not see it every day, but it exists."


P*LAW Week 2022: Highlights in Public Interest Law

The Center for Public Service Law's annual Public Interest Law Advocacy Week (P*LAW), held January 24–27, was a virtual event series, with the P*LAW Student Planning Team offering a robust schedule that included 14 informative panels focusing on a range of topics that engaged students in the practice of public interest law.

"This year Cardozo's P*LAW program featured fourteen dynamic discussions focused on timely and crucial issues in the public interest law sector," said Alissa Bernstein, director of the Center for Public Service Law. "We were joined by many leading experts and community advocates who addressed issues ranging from restorative justice in the cannabis market, attacks on educational equity, immigration law and policy under the Biden administration, supervised consumption sites for overdose prevention, the crisis at Rikers Island, and more. We are so grateful to the P*LAW Student Planning Team for identifying such engaging topics and panelists to share with the Cardozo community."

"Hate Speech and the U.S. Constitution," included guest panelist Robert Corn-Revere, First Amendment Lawyer and Partner at Davis Wright Tremaine LLP. Corn-Revere said, "The First Amendment isn't a policy document—rather, it is a prohibition against the government controlling public dialogue." He was joined by Alex Morey, Program Officer, Individual Rights Defense Program, Foundation for Individual Rights in Education and the session was moderated by Cardozo Professor Michel Rosenfeld.

Several Cardozo alumni who were formerly public service-focused students participated as panelists, including Nikki Blumberg '98, Chief of the Child Abuse Unit, New York County District Attorney's Office; Sean Parmenter '99, Staff Attorney, Criminal Defense Practice, The Legal Aid Society; Stephanie Alvarez-Jones '18, Staff Attorney Immigrant Justice Project, Southern Poverty Law Center; and Bella Pori '21, State Legislative Fellow, State Policy and Advocacy Team at the Center for Reproductive Rights.



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—Robert Corn-Revere,
First Amendment Lawyer and Partner
at Davis Wright Tremaine LLP



JOURNAL OF CONFLICT RESOLUTION PRESENTS IAP AWARD TO WILLIAM URY

Author, academic, anthropologist and negotiation expert William Ury was selected to receive the 21st International Advocate for Peace award from the *Cardozo Journal of Conflict Resolution*. Ury is co-author of "Getting to Yes: Negotiating Agreement Without Giving In," an international best-selling book considered one of the primary business negotiating texts of the modern era.

"Through his writing and speaking, Ury has helped millions in conflict secure win-win outcomes by influencing those studying negotiation to separate the people from the problem, focus on shared interests, develop fair criteria, discover creative ways to move forward and avoid the creative spiral of conflict," said Alexandra Sandler, Symposium Editor of the *Cardozo Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

"I feel profound gratitude to receive this beautiful award and a considerable dose of humility acknowledging the very painful and tragic wars that are raging as we speak in Ukraine, Yemen and Ethiopia," said Ury during the March 11 award ceremony. "It underscores the critical importance of dedicating ourselves even more deeply to the sacred cause of peace."

The theme of this year's Melnick Annual Symposium, which was held in conjunction with the IAP award ceremony in March, was the "Death and Resurrection of Dialogue," where panelists explored the rise and decline of dialogue in the public and political spheres, in communities and in mediation itself with the disappearance in some quarters of joint sessions.

AELJ and Professor David Rudenstine Host Leading International Scholars on The Parthenon Marbles Case: Policies and Politics

On April 28, the law school hosted a day-long symposium on the legal, ethical, and political dynamics surrounding one of the major cultural property disputes in the art world. Leading scholars, government ministers and cultural advocates discussed the arguments over the rightful ownership of the Parthenon Marbles, which were taken from Greece by England during the British Colonial period. Professor David Rudenstine's decades-long research concluded that the statues should be returned to Greece, and his analysis provided the framework for much of the symposium.

The Sculptures, some of the most significant art from antiquity, were removed from the Parthenon and taken to London in the early 1800s by the British ambassador Lord Elgin, who claimed he had an agreement with the Ottoman Empire, who controlled Greece in the early 1800's. The sculptures were subsequently added to the British Museum's treasures, but have been the source of one of the great disputes of cultural appropriation, and are claimed by Greece.

Professor Rudenstine worked closely with the editors of the *Cardozo Arts & Entertainment Law Journal* (AELJ), one of the top Intellectual Property journals in the country. The AELJ co-hosted the event along with the Benjamin B. Ferencz Human Rights and Atrocity Prevention Clinic and the FAME Center.

Rudenstine, the Sheldon H. Solow Professor of Law and former Dean of Cardozo, presented his historical article "Trophies for the Empire: The Epic Dispute Between Greece and

England Over the Parthenon Sculptures in the British Museum," which was published in a recent edition of the AELJ. The article finds no evidence that establishes that Ottoman officials gave Elgin prior or subsequent written permission to remove the Parthenon Sculptures from the edifice.



The day began with moderator Samantha Anderson '16 and panelists Elena Korka, Honorary Director General at the Antiquities and Cultural Heritage of the Hellenic Ministry of Culture and Sports; Giovanna Bellesia, Department Chair of Italian and German Studies at Smith College; and Professor Rudenstine discussing the disputed history of the removal of the sculptures, and reviewing the evidence for Rudenstine's claim that, "the British Museum misrepresents the historical evidence [for ownership] and hides the evidence that would reveal the misrepresentation."

A second discussion centered on whether the British Museum should return the Sculptures to Athens, moderated by Michael McCullough

and featuring panelists Irini Stamatoudi, Professor of Law at University of Nicosia; Elizabeth Marlowe, Associate Professor and Program Director of Museum Studies at Colgate University; and Kris Tytgat, President at the International Association for the Reunification of the Parthenon Sculptures. "Should it matter if this was a colonial-era theft?" McCullough asked. "And if so, who should get involved? The United Nations UNESCO, British Law?"

"If you want to make progress, you have to set up the system," Stamatoudi responded. "We can look at NAGPRA for precedent in the United States, where Native American communities worked with museums to resolve these issues," Marlowe echoed.

During the luncheon address, Lina Mendoni, the Minister of Culture and Sports in the Cabinet of Kyriakos Mitsotakis spoke to attendees about the "blatant act of serial theft" by Elgin. The removal of the Sculptures, she said, "distorts and impairs the messages and symbolism of the Parthenon itself."

The afternoon started with "The Universal Museum Myth," moderated by Stamatoudi. Korka, Patty Gerstenblith, Professor at DePaul College of Law and Joe Baker, Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Lenape Center served as panelists. Gerstenblith is a renowned scholar and expert on cultural heritage law and restitution.

The day concluded with a discussion about "Cultural Property & International Human Rights Trends," moderated by former Cardozo Adjunct Professor Sandy Cobden '90, former Senior Vice President and GC at Christies. The panelists were Lawrence Kaye, Managing Member at Kaye Spiegler PLLC; Leila Amineddoleh, Founder of Amineddoleh & Associates LLC; and Kristen Carpenter, Professor of Law at the University of Colorado.



Michael Pollack

**PROFESSOR MICHAEL POLLACK
APPOINTED ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR
FACULTY DEVELOPMENT**

Dean Melanie Leslie appointed Professor Michael Pollack Associate Dean for Faculty Development, replacing Professor Christopher Buccafusco, who held the post for the past four years, and recently accepted an offer to teach at Duke Law School.

“I am very pleased that Professor Pollack will be joining my leadership team,” said Dean Leslie. “I created this position to ensure that the junior faculty have the support they need and to assist the entire faculty in promoting their work to a national audience. Michael’s strong record of scholarship combined with his warmth, enthusiasm and facility for creative problem solving make him a natural for the role.”

Professor Pollack teaches Property, State and Local Government Law, and Elements of Law. He was voted Best First-Year Professor by the students of the Classes of 2020 and 2021. He is also the co-director of Cardozo’s Floersheimer Center for Constitutional Democracy. In that capacity he has organized and moderated a wide range of events, including a 2020 conversation with Canadian Supreme Court Justice Rosalie Abella and U.S. Supreme Court Justice

Sonia Sotomayor, for whom Pollack clerked in 2014–15 at the Supreme Court.

Pollack is a prolific scholar whose articles have appeared in the *University of Chicago Law Review*, *New York University Law Review*, *William & Mary Law Review*, *BYU Law Review* and *Florida Law Review*, among other publications.

Prior to his career at Cardozo, Pollack taught at the University of Chicago Law School as a Bigelow Fellow and served as an attorney in the Federal Programs Branch of the U.S. Department of Justice, defending major legislative and regulatory initiatives from constitutional and statutory challenges. He graduated summa cum laude from the NYU School of Law, where he served as an Articles Editor on the *NYU Law Review*. In addition to clerking for Justice Sotomayor, he clerked for the Honorable Janice Rogers Brown on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

Cardozo Rises in *U.S. News* Rankings

Cardozo School of Law continued on an upward trajectory in the 2023 *U.S. News & World Report* Law School Rankings, rising to **#52 in the nation**, up one point from #53 in the 2022 rankings.

Cardozo’s Alternative Dispute Resolution program was ranked **fourth nationally and first in New York City**, and the Intellectual Property program was ranked **eighth nationally and second in New York City**.

Cardozo Launches the

Perlmutter Center for Legal Justice

**with a \$15-Million Gift
from the Laura & Isaac
Perlmutter Foundation**

Law school's largest-ever gift will help train lawyers in the proper use of forensic evidence in the courtroom

A \$15-million gift from the Laura & Isaac Perlmutter Foundation has funded the Perlmutter Center for Legal Justice at Cardozo Law, which will train law students and practicing lawyers in the correct use and evaluation of forensic evidence, and advocate for justice reform on issues involving scientific evidence. The Perlmutter Center for Legal Justice will work to improve the handling of scientific and forensic evidence in courtrooms around the country and expose the frequent misuse of so-called “junk science” in cases. Contrary to popular public perceptions in the media, misapplied scientific evidence frequently has a detrimental and underreported impact on individuals in the legal system. The Center will focus on correcting the misuse of scientific data, research and analysis in the pursuit of justice.

“It is essential that trial lawyers have a deep understanding of scientific evidence. The acceptance of and reliance on junk science has caused untold damage to the legitimacy of the court system and countless lives,” said Melanie Leslie, Dean of Cardozo School of Law. “The Perlmutter’s generous gift, and the new team at the Perlmutter Center for Legal Justice, will enable Cardozo to train generations of lawyers in the proper use of forensic science.”

The Perlmutter Center for Legal Justice will be overseen by Executive Director Joshua Dubin, a prominent civil rights attorney and trial strategist. Derrick Hamilton, who spent over 20 years in prison for a murder he did not commit, will serve as Deputy Director. Hamilton studied the law while incarcerated and has worked on many appeals and parole cases. He was exonerated in 2015 after successfully convincing prosecutors of his innocence and received a \$7 million settlement from New York State.

The Perlmutter Center for Legal Justice at Cardozo Law will include an online and in-person continuing legal education program for practicing attorneys as well as the Perlmutter Freedom Clinic, a rigorous field clinic for Cardozo students. In the clinic, students will work on pro bono cases involving individuals facing imprisonment and those incarcerated through the improper use of forensic science and other deficiencies in the criminal legal system.

“The Perlmutter Freedom Clinic will provide students with hands-on experience integrating



Joshua Dubin, Executive Director of the Perlmutter Center for Legal Justice at Cardozo Law and civil rights attorney



Derrick Hamilton, Deputy Director of the Perlmutter Center for Legal Justice at Cardozo Law and exoneree rights attorney

scientific evidence into legal decision-making and provide them with an understanding of how courts employ scientific proof,” said Dubin. “Students will play a role in working to exonerate the wrongfully convicted and learn how to make a successful challenge and admit evidence based on forensic science.”

The Perlmutter Freedom Clinic will also work on clemency cases for those serving unfair sentences, building on Cardozo’s rich criminal justice offerings for students which include the Criminal Defense Clinic and the nationally recognized Intensive Trial Advocacy Program, one of the most comprehensive boot camp programs in the country training law students as trial lawyers. Additionally, the Perlmutter Center for Legal Justice will support the work that Cardozo has been doing for over a decade with the National Forensic Science College in partnership with the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the Federal Defender Office. “We are going to give justice to those who have been forgotten and who have no other recourse,” Hamilton said. “We are going to be able to open doors for a lot of people who are forgotten and in prison.”

The Perlmutter Foundation and its founders, Laura and Isaac “Ike” Perlmutter, have generously supported a diverse spectrum of causes, including the Perlmutter Cancer Center at NYU Langone Health, the Innocence Project, as well as universities, cultural centers and first-responder organizations. ■

Faculty Scholarship with Impact

One way to assess the excellence of any law school is to look at the engagement of its faculty members in advancing legal scholarship in their writings. The Cardozo faculty placed #33 in the nation according to the Sisk and Leiter Report scholarly impact rankings. Cardozo professors are shaping the intellectual discourse on law, democracy, culture and public policy. **Following are some of their recent contributions to law school journals.** ➡



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PAMELA FOOHEY (co-author)

Credit Scoring Duality

Law and Contemporary Problems

“Without widescale reforms of public policies, pointing to credit scoring, of any variety, as a way to help the economically disenfranchised will perpetuate the idea that merely ranking people has the potential to improve access and financial outcomes. In reality, the range of credit scoring techniques serve as another cog in wealth and economic inequality.”



JOCELYN GETGEN KESTENBAUM

Prohibiting Slavery & the Slave Trade

Virginia Journal of International Law

“Realist and critical legal scholars often have pointed out that over-legalization and over-judicialization are inappropriate, expensive, and possibly even counterproductive ways to address human rights violations. Little evidence exists, however, to suggest that international human rights law is over-legalized or over-judicialized.”



YOUNG RAN (CHRISTINE) KIM (co-author)

State Digital Services Taxes: A Good and Permissible Idea (Despite What You Might Have Heard)

Notre Dame Law Review

“The rise of the digital economy and the corresponding tax challenges requires new solutions. In response to the specific obstacle of untaxed consumption in the digital platform economy, policy makers in Maryland and abroad have found such a solution in the form of a DST. DSTs provide a reasonable answer to this problem (and others) and should not be dismissed easily.”



BETSY GINSBERG

Pandemic Rules: COVID-19 And the Prison Litigation Reform Act's Exhaustion Requirement

Case Western Reserve Law Review

“The COVID-19 pandemic has placed in stark relief just how difficult it is for those in prison to get a hearing on the merits of their claims for emergency relief. The three types of solutions proposed in this article—the interpretative solution, the state or local solution, and the federal legislative solution—either alone or in combination, would alleviate some of the difficulties faced by incarcerated

plaintiffs seeking emergency relief, increasing the possibility that courts would hear prisoner rights cases on the merits.”



MICHAEL HERZ (co-author)

The False Allure of the Anti-Accumulation Principle

Boston University Law Review

“Separation of powers may be a splendid or flawed system for allocating authority among the constitutionally established branches of government. But that the framers adopted a particular structure for the apex of government—and grounded it in the idea that the accumulation of different types of power in the same hands is to be avoided—provides no grounds to suppose that the internal structures of the component parts must also follow those same lines.”



KATE LEVINE

The Progressive Love Affair with The Carceral State

Michigan Law Review

“The criminal legal system remains an addictive ‘solution’ for progressives engaged in work on behalf of those denied their rights, and sometimes their humanity, by our

FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP with impact

heteropatriarchal, white-dominant society. As I have argued, breaking this addiction is central to the work of radical decarceration.”



ALMA MAGAÑA

Public Defenders as Gatekeepers of Freedom

UCLA Law Review

“Although many public defenders strive to exemplify the ideals of zealous advocacy, many act as gatekeepers of bail litigation, substituting their own decisions over whether to seek pretrial release over those of the people they represent.”



**JEANNE SCHROEDER and
DAVID CARLSON**

Third Party Releases Under the Bankruptcy Code After Purdue Pharma

American Bankruptcy Institute Law Review

“Was Purdue Pharma a theft plan? We say no. The plan as written just expresses the concept of *res judicata*. It does not release third parties from

tortious behavior they themselves committed. It gave precious little or no protection to the Sackler family, to the extent the Sacklers were tortfeasors.”



ANTHONY SEBOK

The Rules of Professional Responsibility And Legal Finance: A Status Update

Wake Forest Law Review

“Too little attention has been paid to the fact that funders seek to bind lawyers with agreements intended to protect the funder’s interest in receiving their property held by the lawyer after the resolution of their clients’ matters. This is especially true in the case of consumer legal finance, where the client may not fully appreciate the acknowledgments and side contracts that lawyers are asked to sign at the same time the client contracts with the funder.”

The Public Right and Wrongs: Tort Theory and the Problem of Public Nuisance

Journal of Tort Law

The Deep Architecture of American COVID-19 Tort Reform 2020–21

DePaul Law Review



KATE SHAW

A Mystifying and Distorting Factor: The Electoral College and American Democracy (Reviewing Jesse Wegman, “Let the People Pick the President: The Case for Abolishing the Electoral College”)

Michigan Law Review

“The presidency is a massively powerful institution. We can debate the desirability of that power and its consistency with constitutional design, but no one should want an unchecked president. It is a truism that the people represent the ultimate check on the president. As long as we have the Electoral College, that is no meaningful check at all.”



STEWART STERK

Mitigating Catastrophe Risk for Landowners

Hastings Law Journal

“Not all disasters, however, are created equal. Although advances in modeling technology and judicious use of modern financial instruments expand the availability of insurance against disasters, some risks may remain uninsurable.”

Sterk is the 6th most cited property law scholar in the U.S.,

according to the Sisk and Leiter
Report scholarly impact rankings.



MATTHEW WANSLEY

Moonshots

Columbia Business Law Review

"If venture carveouts successfully commercialize AVs, the engineers who built the technology will rightly receive credit. But they should save some champagne for the lawyers."



SAMUEL WEINSTEIN (co-author)

**Dynamic Pricing Algorithms,
Consumer Harm, and Regulatory
Response**

Washington University Law Review

"We identify a more fundamental challenge posed by algorithmic pricing: in many markets it will raise prices for consumers even in the absence of collusion. The result could be a massive redistribution of wealth from buyers to sellers."

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PAMELA FOOHEY

J&J Competing Cancer Victim Groups Complicate Unit's Bankruptcy

Bloomberg Law

"Tort victims in general want their own committee apart from unsecured creditors because they're often looking to get different information from the debtor. The problem is that every committee that is appointed is a financial drain on the business, so there's less money for everyone to go around."



MYRIAM GILLES

#MeToo Bill Poised To Shake Silicon Valley

Politico

"Many startups continue to force arbitration in situations of alleged sexual misconduct. We're going to see a ton of emails go out in the next week indicating that this is now the law. I'm concerned that the bill leaves out the people who are most deserving of judicial adjudication in the tech industry and beyond."



BETSY GINSBERG

Arizona's Privatized Prison Health Care Has Been Failing For Years. A New Court Case Could Change That

PBS NewsHour

"It's a huge case and it covers an entire system. And it's a system that has resisted reform of its medical practices for so many years. I don't think Arizona is so unusual. I have never encountered a system that I thought did a good job."



BARBARA KOLSUN

What A Company Says About Responsible Fashion Must Be More Than Messaging

The Global Legal Post

"One of the biggest legal challenges for the luxury sector is dealing with the sustainability factor or, as Vanessa Friedman from *The New York Times* puts it, 'responsible fashion.' We must deal with waste and climate change and undertake responsible manufacturing, working with factories that play by these rules."



KATHRYN MILLER

Ghislaine Maxwell Lawyers Defend 'Villainized' Client By Attacking Victims

Bloomberg

"The confrontational process of cross-examination can be seen by the jury as retraumatizing or blaming the victim, particularly when defense counsel is male and the victim is female. Defense teams will often elect to have a female member cross-examine alleged sexual abuse victims to diminish these concerns. Seeing a female team member express doubt about the witness's story gives the jury permission to do the same."



DEBORAH PEARLSTEIN

Biden Refuses To Assert Privilege Over Trump Documents Sought By January 6 Committee

CNN

"If the sitting president has said he's not going to assert privilege, then there's a certain amount of time (before) the documents then have to be released unless the former President succeeds in getting a court order, an injunction, for example, prohibiting their release. That would require a pretty significant ruling by a federal court."

FACULTY IMPACT in the media



MICHAEL POLLACK

Breyer's Befuddling Hypotheticals Reverberate Through The Halls Of SCOTUS

ABA Journal

"Every justice has their own approach to hypotheticals. Some justices go in the opposite direction of Justice Breyer and go for things that are in the public eye at the moment. I think that can be very effective."



ALEXANDER REINERT

To Reform Policing Accountability, States Need Not Wait On Supreme Court And Congress

USA Today Op-Ed

"With so little progress made at the federal level, state leaders should step up, demonstrate that their words have meaning, and support local legislation that will bring some justice and accountability to their own backyards."



GABOR RONA

Russia, The Int'l Criminal Court, and The Malign Legacy Of The U.S. "War on Terror"

Just Security Op-Ed

"The risk: An erroneous ruling by the Court would do severe damage to the Georgia and Ukraine investigations and international humanitarian law more generally. The opportunity: a proper ruling by the Court could help guide the United States and others away from the flawed alternative interpretation of the law."



JESSICA ROTH

Was It Surprising That The Judge Favored Unsealing Portions Of The Affidavit?

NPR

"I think it is very telling that Trump's lawyers are not taking a position in court when they clearly could do so. It is hard to imagine that there's anything in this affidavit that is beneficial for Trump to be released. So I think that they may be trying to benefit strategically from sort of publicly calling for its release."



LESLIE SALZMAN

What Can Britney Spears Do Now? Buy A House. Get Married. Sue Those Who Controlled Her Life

Los Angeles Times

"It remains to be seen whether Britney's case makes long-term change to conservatorship. But this case raised the consciousness of the fundamental problems with this approach."



ANTHONY SEBOK

We Must Fight The Phantom Threat Of Texas' Abortion Law

Law360 Op-Ed

"There is nothing new about elected officials sincerely disagreeing with the Supreme Court about whether the Constitution provides a right to abortion in the first trimester. What is new and troubling about S.B. 8 is not that it expresses an opinion about Roe, but that it makes conduct in reliance on the Supreme Court's authority a statutory tort."



KATE SHAW

Some Republicans Continue To Push For 'Decertification' Of 2020 Election
ABC

"The Constitution contains no mechanism for decertifying an election. Article II and the 12th Amendment, together with the Electoral Count Act, set forth the steps for counting state electoral votes and naming the president. That happened in January 2021, and that bell cannot be unrung, whatever transpires in the states afterwards."



MATTHEW WANSLEY

Founders Get Blamed For Start-Up Scandals, But Where Were The Investors?
CNBC

"If you're a company that everyone wants to invest in, one of many ways that you can get leverage over investors is by saying, 'Let's make the due diligence requests a little more modest here.' If you are working at a private company and you know that fewer people are investigating you, it's a lot easier to conceal misconduct, and conceal it for a longer period of time."



SAMUEL WEINSTEIN

Frontier, Spirit Announce Merger To Create Fifth-Largest U.S. Airline
The Washington Post

"The government could take the view that 'these are the two most important of the ultra low-cost carriers and we don't want to see them merged,' but I doubt that would happen."



AARON WRIGHT

DAOs Aren't A Fad—They're A Platform
Forbes

Wright points out that the U.S. legal system is more DAO-hospitable than those in Europe, since in the U.S. you can create member-managed companies that don't designate a single manager or CEO. He helped write a new Wyoming law that allows for LLC DAOs but says the Delaware law is just as flexible.



EDWARD ZELINSKY

Expand The Taxation of Educational and Other Charitable Endowments
Tax Notes

"However well-meaning the advocates of the BBBA's section 137702 may be, they have picked the wrong vehicle for regulating college and university scholarship practices. Section 4968 should remain intact as the initial extension beyond private foundations of the revenue taxation imposed by section 4940."

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THE POWER OF CARDOZO

CLINICS

Supreme Court Justice Benjamin N. Cardozo famously said, “The final cause of law is the welfare of society.” The quote adorns the Fifth Avenue center window of the Law School. In addition to celebrating the rule of law, Cardozo’s words capture the spirit of benevolence and ambition active in the Law School’s clinical and experiential programs. Each year, aspiring lawyers matriculate to Cardozo and conduct clinical work that prepares them to become leaders in the legal field, representing society’s most vulnerable and those who lack resources for navigating legal challenges.



Samantha Chase '22, Se Won Park '23, Jordan Stark '23, Mediation Clinic



Lisa Gluzman '23
Bet Tzedek Civil Litigation Clinic



Brett Jones '23
Benjamin B. Ferencz Human Rights and
Atrocity Prevention Clinic



Frechette Wallen '23
Securities Arbitration Clinic



Rebecca Tunis '22
Criminal Defense Clinic

THE POWER OF CARDOZO

CLINICS

BY KATE MACKEN

HISTORIC LEGACIES

Cardozo's clinical program started in 1978 when Professor Barry Scheck founded the **CRIMINAL DEFENSE CLINIC**. In 1992, the Law School became the birthplace of the Innocence Project, which was co-founded by Scheck and Peter J. Neufeld to provide legal assistance to incarcerated people who could be proven innocent through DNA testing.

"The Innocence Project taps into something very fundamental on a spiritual level ... the struggle of our clients to engage in the process and overcome injustice," said Scheck. "We knew that this new DNA technology would not only prove people guilty but also prove people innocent."

In its first year, with only three lawyers on staff, the Innocence Project trained 20 Cardozo students and remarkably exonerated 10 wrongfully convicted individuals. Little did the students know that they were revolutionizing the American criminal justice system with the use of DNA evidence. Now, 30 years later, countless Cardozo students have helped overturn over 193 wrongful convictions through clinical work with crime labs, prosecutors and defense lawyers. The clinic teaches students to litigate in trial and appellate courts on the complex procedural and constitutional

issues that arise when getting access to evidence, testing and proving innocence. There are now 69 member organizations nationally that constitute the Innocence Project as it stands today. But it all started here at Cardozo.

Soon after the Criminal Defense Clinic came the **BET TZEDEK CIVIL LITIGATION CLINIC**. Professor Emeritus Toby Golick, an expert in welfare law, was hired to lead the clinic in 1985. She later became the Director of Clinical Education, part of her 30-year tenure at Cardozo. Bet Tzedek's initial goal, according to Golick, followed in the footsteps of the Criminal Defense Clinic and the Innocence Project. The clinic worked to prevent the institutionalization of the elderly by helping them to remain in their homes and communities. In the clinic's early years, there was only Golick, a few students and one other lawyer who worked part time.

"While other law schools were starting to add experiential programs to their curriculum, Cardozo was one of the better ones," said Golick. "We were committed to working for live clients, that is, not only externships and simulation courses, but in-house clinics."

These early Cardozo clinics focused on social justice and cemented Cardozo's name as a leader in the experiential education movement. The Law School gained notoriety as a place where casework to help clients was becoming part of

the ethos. Each year, the Innocence Project's exonerations would make headlines, bringing a slew of handwritten notes from the wrongfully convicted in the mail.

Despite the remarkable outcomes, these were difficult cases. It could take years before students saw any progress for their clients. Participants logged many hours, sifting through court records and evidence files, and then handed over their work to the next class of students. But it was tremendously gratifying work, and countless students applied for coveted spots. The demand for clinical experience became so high that soon Cardozo's program needed to expand. Professor Lela Love was hired to create the **MEDIATION CLINIC**, another innovative move for the young Law School on the rise.

CARDOZO CLINICS ON THE RISE

Thirty years after the Innocence Project's historic founding, the Cardozo clinical program is moving full speed ahead. "These are really meaningful experiences for the students," said Professor Betsy Ginsberg, who became Director of Clinical Education in 2020. The Law School continues to take a pioneering approach to hands-on learning and remains a leader in the formation of unique and varied experiential training programs. In addition to 11 in-house clinics, Cardozo offers a wide variety of field clinics, externships and simulation courses with hundreds of placements annually, ranging from government agencies, public service organizations and district attorneys' offices to legal work in the entertainment and fashion businesses, finance and securities, the film industry and tech startups. Cardozo's clinical faculty are leaders in their fields, teaching students to think critically, work collaboratively, develop contacts, litigate, advocate, mediate and fight for justice. Cardozo students are making a difference in people's lives.

"What stands out about Cardozo clinics is not just the incredible breadth of experiential learning opportunities—from immigration to criminal defense, civil rights, elder law, tech law, entertainment law and to so many others," said Professor Peter Markowitz, Co-Director of the Kathryn O. Greenberg Immigration Justice Clinic and Associate Dean of Equity in Curriculum and Teaching, "but that Cardozo's clinical faculty also has a deep commitment to providing students with the opportunity to truly lead the legal work on cases of enormous consequences."

This hands-on learning gives Cardozo students an advantage in the job market when it comes to real-world experience. They are unlikely to encounter the same balance of support and supervision anywhere else in their

legal careers. As a result, many alumni consider their clinic experience the highlight of their legal education. As the Innocence Project continues to reach new heights, newer clinics embody the spirit of its work and mission. Students continue to pursue justice and fairness in society, working with clients from a multitude of industries.

In the past year, students in Cardozo's clinics have continued to bring law to life by improving their clients' lives while sharpening their own legal skills and building a strong foundation for their future careers.

A COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE

Students in Cardozo clinics are helping those in need. **THE CIVIL RIGHTS CLINIC, BET TZEDEK CIVIL LITIGATION CLINIC, KATHRYN O. GREENBERG IMMIGRATION JUSTICE CLINIC** and **CRIMINAL DEFENSE CLINIC** work to protect society's most vulnerable.

In September 2021, Cardozo's Civil Rights Clinic, led by Professor Betsy Ginsberg, won a major settlement in a class-action lawsuit on behalf of those on death row at Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola. Clinic students began the process of filing suit in 2017, challenging automatic solitary confinement for those on death row by citing violations of the 8th and 14th Amendments of the U.S. Constitution.

The settlement reached by the parties required a number of changes, including congregate tier time, outdoor recreation and religious worship; contact visits; and group academic classes.

Ginsberg said, "The students who worked on this case got to understand the workings of a major piece of litigation where we sought to make change through the courts."

Lekha Menon '18 and Keegan Stephan '19, students who worked on the case and traveled to Louisiana to tour the prison and meet with their clients, recently returned to Cardozo to share their experiences.

"I think the ability to actually work on a case that isn't hypothetical is not something you get in any other way," said Menon. "The impact of what you're doing is real."

Stephan agreed, adding that "my experience in the Cardozo Civil Rights Clinic was a great way to become a better lawyer, make connections and learn lessons that I will definitely take with me for my entire legal career."

This year, Civil Rights Clinic 2L Isaac Strauss and 3L Miles Dixon-Darling filed a federal lawsuit with the New York Civil Liberties Union challenging the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) for censorship of "Blood in the Water: The Attica

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Louise Williams '23
Kathryn O. Greenberg Immigration Justice Clinic



Miles Dixon-Darling '22
Civil Rights Clinic



Isaac Strauss '23
Civil Rights Clinic



Sophie Dizengoff '23
Divorce Mediation Clinic



Madeline Nelson '22, Criminal Defense Clinic

CARDOZO CLINICS BY THE NUMBERS

50%

Average rate of case dismissals secured by Criminal Defense Clinic students each year.

198

Number of cases settled by students in the Mediation Clinic.*

193

Number of people in the United States who have been exonerated by the Innocence Project through DNA testing.

70

Number of people on Death Row in a Louisiana prison freed from indefinite solitary confinement through a lawsuit filed by the Civil Rights Clinic.

200+

Number of entrepreneurs and tech innovators served by the Tech Startup Clinic since 2013.

Thousands

Number of immigrants released from detention as a result of a class action lawsuit won by the Immigration Justice Clinic.

Hundreds

Number of elderly and disabled NYC Medicaid recipients whose home care services were restored by the Bet Tzedek Civil Litigation Clinic.

275+

Number of films represented by the Filmmakers Legal Clinic since 2011.

1.5M

Value of legal services provided by the Divorce Mediation Clinic, more than 500 couples helped.

164

Number of Cardozo students trained in international human rights law and atrocity prevention by the Benjamin B. Ferencz Human Rights and Atrocity Prevention Clinic since 2008.

More than
\$2.3M

Amount recovered by the Securities Arbitration Clinic for fraud victims since 2005.

*2021-2022

Prison Uprising of 1971 and Its Legacy,” a Pulitzer Prize-winning book by Dr. Heather Ann Thompson. The DOCCS does not allow prison libraries to carry the book.

“Words have the power to liberate, and access to reading material is a fundamental human right,” Dixon-Darling said. “It speaks volumes that DOCCS continues to deny tens of thousands of incarcerated New Yorkers the right to read about Attica.”

Strauss added that “we hope that this case will help bring public attention to the all-too-often arbitrary violations of incarcerated individuals’ right to free speech guaranteed by the United States Constitution.”

As a result of the suit, the book will now be available to incarcerated people in New York with a two-page map of the Attica Correctional Facility excised.

In the Bet Tzedek Civil Litigation Clinic, students continue to represent elderly and disabled people seeking health, disability and housing benefits. Under the supervision of Co-Directors and Professors Leslie Salzman and Rebekah Diller, students work on adult guardianships, Social Security, deed theft and fair housing. 2L Lisa Gluzman and 3L Nathaniel Raizen are co-counsels to a person under guardianship who is seeking to surcharge her guardian for failure to make efforts to help her locate affordable housing

and maintain her benefits, as required by the guardianship order in the case. The guardian’s poor performance left the person under guardianship with depleted funds and facing eviction from her apartment. Gluzman and Raizen engaged in informal discovery processes, appeared in virtual court conferences and successfully secured the client temporary safety from eviction proceedings by persuading the guardian to submit a hardship declaration.

The Kathryn O. Greenberg Immigration Justice Clinic, under the leadership of Professors Peter Markowitz and Lindsay Nash, represents immigrants facing deportation before federal immigration courts and in the U.S. Courts of Appeals. The clinic has received numerous awards, including the Daniel Levy Award for outstanding and innovative advocacy, and has been recognized by the New York City Council for groundbreaking work on behalf of immigrant communities.

“Faculty who lead Cardozo clinics have already done distinguished work in the field,” said Professor Emeritus Toby Golick. “Markowitz and Nash have excellent reputations in immigration justice.”

This year, 2Ls Lindsay Brocki, Paloma Bloch, Jack Sorensen and 3L Kate Belsito worked, with co-counsel organizations, on a transparency project for Black immigrants in Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention. Through this project, students filed a complaint in federal court, litigated a number of related Freedom of Information Act requests and sued ICE. As a result, they learned how to work as an advocate for their clients, which they found rewarding.

The clinic also navigated the overlapping fields of criminal justice and immigration law. 2L Louise Williams worked with a client who was deported decades ago on the basis of unjust—and, as the students ultimately showed, unconstitutional—convictions. In representing their client, the students filed a motion in state court and ultimately succeeded in vacating the unlawful convictions that led to their client’s deportation and filed a motion before the Board of Immigration Appeals that resulted in the vacatur of his deportation order. Through this work, they restored their client’s lawful status in the United States and have enabled him to return to his family and home.

In the Criminal Defense Clinic, students work with Professors and Co-Directors Jonathan Oberman and Kathryn Miller in Manhattan Criminal Court to represent misdemeanor cases from inception through final disposition. A companion seminar offers intensive instruction in criminal law, criminal procedure and evidence. The clinic provides students with the opportunity to take on real clients and experience firsthand what it takes to be a practicing criminal defense lawyer, representing clients from inception through disposition.

CARDOZO CLINICS

**BENJAMIN B. FERENCZ HUMAN RIGHTS
AND ATROCITY PREVENTION CLINIC**

BET TZEDEK CIVIL LITIGATION CLINIC

CIVIL RIGHTS CLINIC

CRIMINAL DEFENSE CLINIC

DIVORCE MEDIATION CLINIC

FILMMAKERS LEGAL CLINIC

INNOCENCE PROJECT

**KATHRYN O. GREENBERG IMMIGRATION
JUSTICE CLINIC**

MEDIATION CLINIC

SECURITIES ARBITRATION CLINIC

TECH STARTUP CLINIC



Miriam Frei '22
Divorce Mediation Clinic



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Heidi Sandomir '23
Criminal Defense Clinic



Gloria Medina '22
Divorce Mediation Clinic



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Sarika Andavolu '23
Filmmakers Legal Clinic



Marc Siegel '23
Securities Arbitration Clinic



Lindsay Brocki '23
Kathryn O. Greenberg Immigration Justice Clinic

3Ls Madeline Nelson and Rebecca Tunis helped a client prepare for his parole hearing after he had served 25 years for a crime he committed when he was 17.

"Through the clinic, I have gained a greater appreciation not only of how the criminal legal system affects my clients' lives, but also the historical and cultural factors that have made the system what it is," said Tunis. "The clinic has prepared me for what I hope is a long career as a public defender, fighting for people who have been marginalized by the criminal legal system."

MEDIATING CONFLICT

Beyond helping society's most vulnerable, Cardozo clinical students are representing clients who are going through the most challenging experiences in their lives. Divorce is one of those times. There is a surplus of time, money and emotion spent on the dissolution of a marriage and agreement on custody of children. According to *U.S. News & World Report*, the average couple spends \$15,000 to cover attorney fees and court costs.

Students in the **DIVORCE MEDIATION CLINIC**, led by Professor of Practice Robert Collins, know how complicated these cases can be for families. They also see firsthand how the clinic benefits couples and their children.

"It's not about what happened but how the couple moves forward," said 2L Sophie Dizengoff, who worked with 3Ls Gloria Medina and Miriam Frei. Families benefit from the reduced cost and flexibility of the clinic. Couples can schedule their own meeting times and attend virtual sessions from wherever is most convenient. The clinic eases court schedules by keeping resolvable cases out of court, and children are shielded from the trauma of litigation. Students in the clinic had the opportunity to negotiate settlements, draft contracts and file divorce papers. They provide a priceless service to their clients, supporting them as they navigate this difficult period in their lives while also providing expert legal advice.

Similarly, in the Cardozo Mediation Clinic, students are trained and supervised in mediating cases at community dispute resolution centers, small claims court and civil court. Throughout this process, they study the broad field of alternative dispute resolution under supervision of Professor Donna Erez-Navot, Director of the clinic.

Recognizing a need for alternatives to litigation, Cardozo, in 1985, was one of the first schools in the nation to establish a Mediation Clinic. In the 2023 *U.S. News & World Report* Law School Rankings, Cardozo's Alternative Dispute Resolution program was ranked fourth nationally and first in New York City. This year, 3L Samantha Chase and 2Ls Se Won Park and Jordan Stark took on new case types, including custody and visitation, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and Mediating Establishment and Neighborhood Disputes (MEND). The EEOC allows parties to request mediation at any point in the complaint and investigative process, and at least one party is represented. These are sophisticated and complex cases with long records and investigations, where students engage in record review, case development and mediation.

ADDRESSING SYSTEMIC INJUSTICE

In the **BENJAMIN B. FERENCZ HUMAN RIGHTS AND ATROCITY PREVENTION CLINIC**, students address systemic human rights violations facing marginalized populations. It is named after Benjamin Ferencz, the last surviving Nuremberg trial prosecutor, who funds the clinic. He led the prosecution of the Einsatzgruppen case at Nuremberg in 1947 and 1948, convicting Nazi war criminals in the aftermath of World War II.

Professor Jocelyn Getgen Kestenbaum is the Director of the clinic, which this year focused on addressing the crisis of missing and murdered indigenous people. 2L Brett Jones and 3L Sheryl Wallin researched the lack of scholarship analyzing missing and murdered indigenous people (MMIP) in



DID YOU PARTICIPATE IN A CLINIC AT CARDOZO?

The Cardozo Memory Project is collecting memories of the law school's clinical program in honor of Cardozo's 50th anniversary. Scan here to share a story.

New York City and began to map its impact. Their research spanned public awareness, government accountability and the impact of laws. They found that MMIP cases in urban areas are grossly underreported. Although there are 111,749 American Indian/Alaska Native people in New York City, the city has never been included in an MMIP study. The vast majority of states in the country have fewer American Indians/Alaska Natives than New York.

Heidi Sandomir and Mika D'Angelo, 2Ls, studied the intersection of gender-based violence and the law. They examined colonialism and its impact on sexual and gender minorities in India. Because of this research, they had the opportunity to work with Dr. Tlaleng Mofokeng, the United Nations' Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health.

"It was tremendously rewarding to see the Special Rapporteur's final report on violence and its impact on the right to health published to the UN General Assembly, knowing the role that our research and writing had on this project," said Sandomir.

D'Angelo said, "It was not only immensely rewarding but felt like proof of how much we'd grown from our first day of research."

TRANSACTIONAL LAW

In recent years, the Law School has taken a cutting-edge approach to building on its social justice-focused clinics by adding transactional clinics. Every year, hundreds of thousands of small investors lose money from their retirement accounts or other invested funds due to fraud, malpractice or mistakes on the part of brokerages and other investment advisors. For clients with low incomes, a mistake in a retirement account or losses resulting from financial fraud can lead to enormous hardship.

In the **SECURITIES ARBITRATION CLINIC**, under the leadership of Professor Elizabeth Goldman, students represent clients in adversarial proceedings in front of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and state and federal court. Many of these clients have fallen victim to complex securities fraud schemes that target vulnerable Americans. The clinic meets with financial industry regulators, such as the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, to advocate for regulatory change that will benefit all kinds of investors.

2Ls Marc Siegel and Frechette Wallen worked with a client who was tricked by a fraudulent Instagram user posing as an investment professional, a growing area of social media financial scams. The clinic strives to engage with the broader investing community to promote financial literacy and protect people from this kind of financial fraud.

"Coming to law school, it was a goal of mine to find a way

to use my newfound knowledge of the law to help as many people as possible," said Wallen. "The clinic greatly assisted in these efforts by addressing the issues facing our clients and finding solutions to prevent predatory practices."

The Securities Arbitration Clinic has recovered more than \$2 million for fraud victims since its founding in 2005.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

In keeping with its reputation as a powerhouse for intellectual property law, Cardozo has moved in recent years to produce creative lawyers for creative industries, focusing on inventors, independent filmmakers and startup tech companies in need of assistance with legal matters to see their vision come to life.

The **TECH STARTUP CLINIC** is directed by Victor Wang '15, who supervises students to guide high-potential startup companies through entity formation, funding questions, intellectual property issues, commercialization strategies and operational and employment matters. This year, Cardozo's Patent Diversity Project, which is part of the clinic, secured its first patent on behalf of Rose Coppee, a Black inventor, for a modular hairbrush. The project aims to close the "patent gap" by providing pro bono legal assistance to inventors who have been historically underrepresented in patent applications.

"Working with the Patent Diversity Project was so helpful," said Coppee. "My deadline was in four months, and they were able to get me a lawyer in just a few days." She invented a hair gel-application brush. Since filing her first patent, Coppee has continued to invent. As someone who works in the health care industry, she has taken steps to apply for a patent for another device that will help ICU nurses organize and keep track of patient medications. "At first I was scared and intimidated by big lawyers, but this process put me in the mindset to think outside the box and create," she said. "When you do it once, you're not afraid any more."

Professor Michelle Greenberg-Kobrin leads the **FILMMAKERS LEGAL CLINIC**, which provides free transactional, intellectual property and First Amendment legal services to visual advocates, filmmakers and video journalists working to move the social justice needle and diversify the stories that are told through media. 2L Sarika Andavolu provided legal support for a short film in production at New York University's Program in Culture & Media that examines societal beauty standards and how they are reinforced through the retouching industry. Andavolu focused on distribution for the film, including errors and omission insurance, title search and negotiation.



Nathaniel Raizen '22, Bet Tzedek Civil Litigation Clinic



Liliana Martinez '23
Kathryn O. Greenberg Immigration Justice Clinic



Justin Gendler '22
Criminal Defense Clinic

"This is the critical piece of the clinic experience—and how the clinic really shapes us as future attorneys," she said. "We work directly with the clients to understand their needs and their goals and work together as a legal team to figure out how to best draft agreements that meet those goals."

LOOKING AHEAD

The excellence of Cardozo's clinics is due not only to the world-class faculty who provide students with hands-on learning opportunities but also the supporters of the Law School whose continued generosity makes this program possible.

With the launch of the Rise Up for Cardozo capital campaign, the Cardozo community continues to invest in pioneering, rigorous clinical programs.

The newest addition is a field clinic arising out of this year's launching of the Perlmutter Center for Legal Justice, which will help train lawyers in the proper use of forensic evidence in the courtroom. With a \$15-million gift from the Laura & Isaac Perlmutter Foundation, the Law School's largest-ever, students will represent clients and advocate for justice reform on issues involving scientific evidence. The center will work to improve the handling of scientific and forensic evidence in courtrooms around the country and to expose the frequent misuse of so-called "junk science" in the courts.

The Perlmutter Center for Legal Justice, under the direction of Josh Dubin, a prominent legal strategy trial consultant, will supervise the Perlmutter Freedom Clinic. Cardozo students will work on pro bono cases involving individuals incarcerated through the improper use of forensic science and other deficiencies in the criminal legal system. To read more about the Perlmutter Center for Legal Justice, see the news article in this issue.

Cardozo has come a long way since the early days of its clinical program. Today, our clinics stand tall among many other older and larger law schools in the United States. Through hands-on learning at in-house clinics and field clinics, Cardozo students receive the legal education they need to be the next generation of leaders. From helping elderly New Yorkers stay in their apartments through the Bet Tzedek Civil Litigation Clinic to protecting the integrity of an inventor's idea through the Tech Startup Clinic, Cardozo students are learning first-hand how to fight for justice across criminal, civil and transactional law.

And they're not done yet. ■

Cardozo Welcomes the Class of 2025 and the New LL.M. Class



The Year the Supreme Court Overturned *Roe*

CARDOZO FACULTY ADDRESS THE MOST CONSEQUENTIAL SCOTUS DECISION

On June 24, 2022, the Supreme Court of the United States' decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* overruled its decisions in *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, eliminating the federal constitutional right to abortion that has been established law for five decades and upending the landscape of women's reproductive health in America.



On July 7, Professors Deborah Pearlstein, Michael Pollack and Kate Shaw, who all have clerked for SCOTUS justices, held an event sponsored by the Floersheimer Center for Constitutional Democracy to discuss the *Dobbs* decision, answer students' questions and analyze its likely impact as states are granted increased power to regulate and ban abortion.

Prior to this event and immediately following the court's decision, Shaw spoke with a number of top-tier media outlets, including ABC News and *The Washington Post*, and appeared as a guest on Good Morning America and The Ezra Klein Show.

"This is one of the most important decisions of the last half century," Shaw told students. "You're in law school at a time of enormous flux both as to this particular constitutional right and as to constitutional interpretation and methodology more broadly."

Shaw highlighted *Griswold v. Connecticut* as the most important antecedent to *Roe*. In that case, the court ruled that married couples can buy contraception. *Griswold* was built on even earlier cases that have to do with rights such as the ability to guide and direct the upbringing of children.

Pearlstein focused on the significant impact of the decision on multiple aspects of constitutional law.

"It would be a mistake from a constitutional law point of view to see the significance of this decision as solely because it overturns the right to abortion," she said. Pearlstein argued that it sets at least two largely consequential precedents for constitutional law: how the court will determine going forward whether the Constitution protects any fundamental right, and the role of *stare decisis* as a meaningful limit on the court's authority.

In conversation with their professors, students asked about the decision's implications on federalism and criminal law, the legal perspective on interstate travel for abortions, court packing, religious liberty and more.



Deborah Pearlstein

"What this decision says, point blank, is what matters is whether the very specific right to abortion is rooted in the history and tradition of the United States at the time that the relevant provision of the Constitution was ratified," Pearlstein continued.

"In the case of the 14th Amendment [on which reproductive rights are based], that's 1868."



Michael Pollack

"The notion that a person does not have these rights to protect their own physical autonomy seems out of step with what the concept of freedom and liberty mean."

PROFESSOR KATE SHAW APPEARS AS THE FEATURED GUEST ON THE EZRA KLEIN SHOW EPISODE, 'THE SINGLE BEST GUIDE I'VE HEARD TO THE SUPREME COURT'S RIGHTWARD SHIFT'

Professor Kate Shaw, who is an expert in reproductive rights and justice and co-host of the legal podcast "Strict Scrutiny," spoke with Ezra Klein about the Supreme Court's conservative shift.



Kate Shaw

"*Casey* said this is fine, putting a thumb on the scale to try to convince women to continue pregnancies rather than to terminate them. So even in those cases, the court goes very far out of its way to accept and credit countervailing interests, and these are not in any way absolutist opinions. ... the *Dobbs* majority seems to characterize *Roe* that way, but that's just not remotely a faithful reading of *Roe*."

Shaw made clear that the court's decision in *Dobbs* sets a new precedent for future challenges to cases such as *Obergefell v. Hodges*, which guaranteed the right to same-sex marriage.

"The only question is how much of an obstacle *stare decisis* is because it did come before a different court, and it did get decided the way that court decided it. I don't think there's any reason to take too much comfort in the court's reluctance to overturn its precedents in light of cases like *Dobbs*. Now, I think with *Obergefell*, the court might be more receptive to some of the reliance interests."

Cardozo Welcomes Six New Professors

The hiring of new faculty members is one way to think about the future of Cardozo. This year the law school hiring committee, chaired by Professor Stewart Sterk, identified six professors, the largest number of new faculty members since the law school's founding faculty were hired in the 1970s and early 1980s. Together, these esteemed professors represent the next phase of growth for our community. The faculty voted to admit each of the six, an expression of faith that they will contribute to Cardozo's legacy of serious academic scholarship and teaching excellence.

IP and Conflict Resolution Programs Under New Leadership

PROFESSOR ANDREA KUPFER SCHNEIDER became Director of the Kukin Program for Conflict Resolution in June, taking over the role from Professor Lela Love, who founded the program and built Cardozo's conflict resolution program into a top 10 program in the field.

Love will continue her work at the law school as Founding Director of the Kukin Program.

Schneider's appointment as Professor of Law by the Cardozo faculty came after a national search for a successor to direct the Kukin Program. She is renowned in the field of conflict resolution for having built

and directed the nationally ranked ADR program at Marquette University. At the Wisconsin school, Schneider taught ADR, Negotiation, Ethics, and International Conflict Resolution. She was also the director of the Institute for Women's Leadership at Marquette.

Love and Schneider have worked together on numerous projects over the years. "It is wonderful that Andrea will be part of the Cardozo community," said Love. "I am confident she will continue to expand on the positive trajectory of our ADR programs. We are so excited to welcome her."

Since 2005, Schneider and Love have been part of the co-author team for three textbooks in the field, *Dispute Resolution: Beyond the Adversarial Model* (with Carrie Menkel-Meadow and Michael Moffitt) as well as *Negotiation: Processes for Problem Solving* (with Menkel-Meadow), and *Mediation: Practice, Policy, and Ethics*, (with Menkel-Meadow). They are all in their third editions.

"I'm delighted to step into this exciting position and honored to build on the legacy of my friend Lela Love, with whom I've enjoyed collaborating for many years," Schneider said.

In 2009, Schneider was awarded the Woman of the Year Award by the *Wisconsin Law Journal* and the Association for Women Lawyers. She was named the 2017 recipient of the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution Award for Outstanding Scholarly Work, the highest scholarly award given by the ABA in dispute resolution.



Andrea Kupfer Schneider

"Andrea Schneider is the perfect person to step into this role," said Dean Leslie. "Her outstanding scholarship, many achievements in the field, and her experience building a national program in dispute resolution will ensure the continued growth of our ADR program, which is undoubtedly one of Cardozo's most renowned successes."

Schneider's recently published works include *Discussions in Dispute Resolution: The Foundational Articles*, edited with Art Hinshaw and Sarah Cole (Oxford University Press, 2021); *Negotiating Crime: Plea Bargaining, Problem Solving, and Dispute Resolution in the Criminal Context* with Cynthia Alkon (Carolina Academic Press, 2019); *Negotiation Essentials for Lawyers* (ABA Book Publishing, 2019) and *The Negotiator's Desk Reference* (DRI Press, 2017), both co-edited with Chris Honeyman.

Her other textbooks include *Dispute Resolution: Examples & Explanations*, which she co-authored with Michael Moffitt. She also

recently co-authored the book *Smart & Savvy: Negotiation Strategies in Academia* with her father, David Kupfer.

Schneider has published numerous articles on negotiation, plea bargaining, negotiation pedagogy, ethics, gender, and international conflict. She serves as the co-editor of the *ABA Dispute Resolution Magazine* and on the Board of Advisors for the Saltman Center for Conflict Resolution at UNLV School of Law. She is a founding editor of *Indisputably*, the blog for ADR law faculty, and started the Dispute Resolution Works-in-Progress annual conferences in 2007. In 2016, she gave her first TEDx talk titled *Women Don't Negotiate and Other Similar Nonsense*.

She received her A.B. cum laude from Princeton University's School of Public and International Affairs and her J.D. cum laude from Harvard Law School. She also received a Diploma from the Academy of European Law in Florence, Italy.

SAURABH VISHNUBHAKAT joins Cardozo as Professor of Law. He was appointed director of the Intellectual Property Program, ranked #10 in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*. He was previously a Professor of Law and Professor of Engineering at Texas A&M University. He is also a Research Fellow at the Duke Law Center for Innovation Policy.

Vishnubhakat's expertise is in the areas of intellectual property, administrative law, and federal litigation, especially from an empirical perspective. His legal writings have been cited in federal judicial opinions, agency regulations and over two dozen Supreme Court briefs. His latest work is published or forthcoming in the *Indiana Law Journal*, the *Washington and Lee Law Review* and the *Iowa Law Review* as well as the peer-reviewed *Journal of*



Saurabh Vishnubhakat



Young Ran (Christine) Kim

the Copyright Society and *Journal of Law and the Biosciences*.

His research explores the interaction of the U.S. intellectual property system with federal courts and agencies, among other topics. With a background in the natural sciences, Vishnubhakat brings a scientific mindset to legal thinking and is dedicated to teaching students how to build arguments with analytical rigor.

"I look forward to joining the Cardozo community and helping our students solve problems they have not seen before," he said. "Good lawyering takes patience, perspective and keen insight. I am deeply honored for the chance to impart those values as a member of this incredible faculty."

Prior to his appointment at Texas A&M, Vishnubhakat served in the United States Patent and Trademark Office as principal legal advisor to that agency's first two chief economists. He was also a faculty fellow at Duke University School of Law, where he co-taught patent law, and was a postdoctoral associate at the Duke Center for Public Genomics, where he researched law and policy issues surrounding innovation in genetics and biomedicine.

He holds a J.D. and LL.M. in intellectual property from the University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law, where

he was an editor of the *Law Review*. He also holds a B.S. in chemistry from Georgia Institute of Technology. He is admitted to the bars of Texas, Illinois, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and the Supreme Court of the United States.

YOUNG RAN (CHRISTINE) KIM will serve as Professor of Law, specializing in tax and business law. She comes to Cardozo from The University of Utah, S.J. Quinney College of Law, where she taught Federal Income Tax, Taxation of Business Entities, and International Tax Law.

"I have been a big fan of the excellent student body and highly accomplished faculty members at Cardozo, and I am thrilled to be a part of a strong tax cohort here," Kim said. "It is also exciting to be back in the Village."

Kim's research centers on international tax, business tax, and taxation in the digital economy. Her paper (with Darien Shanske) "State Digital Services Taxes: A Good and Permissible Idea (Despite What You Might Have Heard)" is forthcoming in the *Notre Dame Law Review* in 2023. Her work has been published in the *UCLA Law Review*, *UC Irvine Law Review*, *Alabama Law Review*, *UC Davis Law Review*, *Harvard International Law Journal* and *Virginia Tax Review*,

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among others. Her paper “Blockchain Initiatives for Tax Administration” is forthcoming in the *UCLA Law Review*.

Kim is actively involved in the American Bar Association Tax Section. She has been a Guest Blogger for TaxProf Blog’s Weekly SSRN Tax Article Review and Roundup and has been quoted numerous times in *Law360* and *Bloomberg Law*.

Kim received her LL.B. *summa cum laude* from Seoul National University in Seoul, South Korea. She has a J.S.D. in tax law from NYU School of Law and a LL.M. from Harvard Law School, where she was awarded the Landon H. Gammon Fellowship for academic excellence. She is a member of the Korean Bar and the New York Bar and has worked at Caplin & Drysdale, and Sullivan & Cromwell. She also worked in Seoul as a law clerk at Seoul Central District Court and as Deputy Prosecutor at Seoul Central District Prosecutor’s Office.

EMMANUEL HIRAM ARNAUD joined the Cardozo faculty this summer as an assistant professor on the tenure track.

He was previously a Visiting Assistant Professor at Cornell Law School, where he taught Criminal Law and a class called Race, the

Constitution and American Empire. He has a B.A. from Columbia University and a J.D. from Cornell Law School.

After earning his J.D., Arnaud worked as a fellowship attorney at Justice 360, where he assisted in post-conviction proceedings and conducted mitigation investigations throughout South Carolina in support of people who were on death row and people who were sentenced as juveniles to life without parole.

He went on to work as a law clerk for Judge Nelson S. Román at the U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York and then as Appellate Counsel at the Center for Appellate Litigation. He was a litigation associate at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison and was a law clerk for Judge Juan R. Torruella at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

While in law school, Arnaud won the Freeman Award for Civil-Human Rights. The Freeman Award is given annually to the law students who have made the greatest contributions during their respective law school careers to civil and/or human rights. He served as a Notes Editor for the *Cornell Law Review* and President of Cornell Law’s LALSA from 2014–15. He was a legal intern at several organizations, including LatinoJustice PRLDEF and The Bronx Defenders.

“I am absolutely thrilled to join the

Cardozo Law community,” he said. “The premier faculty and diverse student body make Cardozo the ideal institution for me. Moreover, Cardozo’s longstanding support for students from underrepresented and historically excluded backgrounds, as well as the faculty’s commitment to forming a curriculum rooted in anti-racist pedagogy, perfectly align with my personal and professional values.”

LUÍS CARLOS CALDERÓN GÓMEZ joined the Cardozo faculty as an Assistant Professor of Law.

Calderón Gómez was previously a Visiting Assistant Professor of Tax Law at the NYU School of Law. He has taught Tax Policy Seminar and Taxation of Property Transactions, and his research centers on tax law, law and philosophy, and international law.

Calderón Gómez’s work has been featured (or is forthcoming) in *The Yale Journal of International Law* and *the Tax Law Review*. He is pursuing projects on tax exemptions and their policy justifications and on the compatibility of virtue ethics with free-market orthodoxy.

“I’m beyond excited to join a diverse community of scholars and students committed to excellence and the public good—both inside and

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outside the classroom,” he said.

Prior to joining the NYU School of Law, Calderón Gómez was an associate in the tax department of Cravath, Swaine & Moore.

He holds a J.D. from Yale Law School, where he was the Articles Editor of *The Yale Law Journal*, and a B.A. from Vanderbilt University, where he graduated magna cum laude and majored in economics and philosophy (highest honors).

JACOB NOTI-VICTOR joins the Cardozo faculty as Associate Professor of Law. He was previously an Assistant Professor of Law at Rutgers Law School, where he taught property and intellectual property. Noti-Victor’s research focuses on how the law impacts innovation, culture and the deployment of new technologies.

Noti-Victor taught at NYU School of Law and Albany Law School and was an Associate at Kirkland & Ellis LLP in the intellectual property group, where he litigated copyright, trademark and trade secret cases and advised clients in entertainment, art, music, technology and advertising. He also served as a law clerk for Second Circuit Judge Pierre N. Leval, widely considered one of the country’s most influential judges on issues related to intellectual property.

His most recent articles have appeared in the *Minnesota Law Review* and the *Stanford Law Review*. He is pursuing research projects related to how copyright, trade secret and antitrust law can best adapt to the policy challenges of the digital age.

Noti-Victor graduated from Yale Law School in 2014, where he was an Essays Editor of *The Yale Law Journal*, a Coker Fellow, a member of the Media Freedom and Information Access Clinic and an OutLaws board member. He received an A.B. in Social Studies magna cum laude from Harvard College in 2009.



Professor Laura Cunningham Retires

PROFESSOR LAURA CUNNINGHAM, a member of the Cardozo faculty since 1992, retired from teaching after 30 years as a professor, mentor, dedicated Cardozo supporter and treasured faculty member.

Cunningham, a nationally recognized expert in partnership tax law, is a California native who received a B.S. from UC Davis and a J.D. from UC Hastings College of Law. After earning her J.D., she practiced at Janin, Morgan & Brenner in San Francisco, with a focus on tax and estate planning. She moved to New York in 1987 and earned her LL.M. from NYU School of Law, where she taught until 1991.

Cunningham began her Cardozo experience as an assistant professor in January of 1992 and served as the law school’s vice dean from 2001–2006. In 2006 and 2022, she was awarded the Monrad Paulsen Award at Commencement. The award is named for Cardozo’s first dean and is given to a member of the faculty for devoted service to the continued vitality of the ideals and purposes of legal education.

“I enjoy the process of explaining difficult concepts to students in an

understandable way,” Cunningham said. “I had the best job in the world. I enjoyed my students, every year, and I stay in touch with a number of alumni, and I’m grateful for that.” Her favorite classes to teach include federal income tax, which, she said, “inspired some students to start a career in tax law,” and partnership tax.

Cunningham has written extensively on income tax, partnership tax, estate tax, and trusts and estates, and is the co-author of *The Logic of Subchapter K: A Conceptual Guide to the Taxation of Partnerships*.

The Cardozo community, including students, faculty and staff, marked Cunningham’s retirement with a celebration on May 24.

“I cannot thank Professor Cunningham enough for her dedicated years of service to Cardozo,” said Dean Melanie Leslie. “In addition to providing generations of our students with superb teaching skills, she has been an outstanding colleague and a true friend over the years. We will miss her very much.” ■

“I had the best job in the world.”



with Professor Myriam Gilles



Professor Myriam Gilles is one of the leading experts in the country specializing in tort law. She has testified numerous times before Congress on consumer protections, most recently in March 2022 before the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. She is ranked the #5 most cited civil procedure professor in the country. Her scholarship focuses on class action lawsuits and aggregate litigation.

Gilles teaches Torts, Product Liability, Class Actions & Aggregate Litigation, and she served as Cardozo's vice dean from 2016–2018. Her scholarly articles have appeared in numerous law review journals, including Chicago, Columbia, Michigan and Penn.

Cardozo Life asked her about the impact of the *Ending Forced Arbitration of Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Act of 2021 (H.R. 4445)*.

Q: You've written and spoken about forced arbitration for many years. What are your thoughts on the new law?

A: Since about 2005, I have written extensively about the harmful effects of pre-dispute mandatory arbitration clauses on consumers and workers. These are provisions hidden in the fine print of standard-form contracts that forfeit a consumer's right to a judge and jury, forcing them into a privatized, invisible and often inferior forum in which they are less likely to prevail.

The new law eliminates forced arbitration for victims of workplace harassment and assault. This is important because these are precisely the sorts of claims that should be adjudicated in a public court—so the employer, the company's shareholders, policymakers and the public may understand the incidence of harassment in the workplace. This will help deter future violators and may give other women the courage to step forward.

Q: What does the new law do that previous legislation hasn't done? What will this new law do for victims of harassment?

A: It protects victims of sexual assault or harassment. Rather than being forced into a confidential process not of their choosing—often without the benefit of an attorney or the

procedural protections offered in court—victims are free to pursue their claims and confront wrongdoers in a public forum. And companies would no longer have the option to shield perpetrators of sexual misconduct from public censure, which should enable greater deterrence against future harm.

Q: Do you feel your testimonies, and those of others in the field, before the Senate committees helped spur this?

A: While I certainly hope that congressional testimony from lawyers and scholars helps educate representatives about the nature of forced arbitration, I think the words of survivors of sexual assault were the most impactful to passage of this piece of legislation. These brave women—who were only able to come forward in compliance with a congressional subpoena—shared their experiences about assault, discrimination and retaliation in the workplace. And they explained that, by forcing them into the secret proceedings, their employers denied them the right to confront their attackers in a public hearing. I believe the brutally honest testimony of victims moved the needle for some representatives.

Q: You've testified before Congress several times. What are your impressions of the process?

A: Over the past seven years, I've testified twice in the House and five times in the Senate—and it hasn't lost its luster. It's thrilling to be part of the information-gathering stage of the legislative process—and to get to chat with representatives and senators whose careers and work I deeply admire.

Q: How does your scholarship inform or supplement the work you do in the classroom? Does the fact that you are engaged in the public debate help students understand the impact of what they are learning in law school, and the connection between theory and practice?

A: I think my work definitely informs my teaching. This past fall, I was teaching both Civil Procedure and Torts when I was invited to testify on the bill—and many of my 1L students watched the testimony, and we discussed its stakes upon my return. I hope that having professors who teach—but who are also engaged in scholarship, legislative advocacy and litigation—enables students to recognize the breadth of options that are open to them when they graduate from law school and the many, many ways they can work to make the world a better place. ■

Commencements



Class of 2020 Commencement Ceremony, Delayed by Pandemic, Highlights the Achievements of the Graduates

After nearly two years of a global pandemic, Cardozo was finally able to celebrate the Class of 2020 with an in-person ceremony in October 2021 at Yeshiva University's Lamport Auditorium. "Finally, we are all together," Dean Melanie Leslie told the class. "We are here today to celebrate your tenacity and goodwill amidst the most significant hardship in our school's history."

In a spirit of celebration and pride, Cardozo administrators and faculty took to the decorated stage to commemorate and mark the Class of 2020's law school graduation. This was the first recognition of this milestone in person, with all attendees required to be fully vaccinated and don masks throughout the ceremony. Professor Christopher Buccafusco served as the herald for the ceremony, welcoming class members and their guests.

In her remarks, Dean Leslie lauded the class for persevering and overcoming the myriad challenges of the pandemic. "You made it through online classes, virtual moot court and clinics, the bar exam and job searches," she said. "You could not have imagined the challenges you would take on during your final months of law school, but as a result of your experience you have become better lawyers and better people."

Dean Leslie highlighted the class members' commitment to helping each other through this difficult period and speaking out about racial injustice and anti-Semitism in their communities. "You have shown us nothing but fearlessness, compassion and grit. You have already succeeded in so many ways. This is only the beginning. We cannot wait to see what comes next!"

Following Dean Leslie's remarks, David Huntley '90, Senior Executive Vice President



**Student Bar Association
President Hallelujah Lewis '20**



**David Huntley '90, Senior
Executive Vice President and Chief
Compliance Officer at AT&T Inc.**



and Chief Compliance Officer at AT&T Inc., gave the keynote address.

Huntley called on the Class of 2020 to always choose a path of continuous learning. “After three years of learning how to think, I’m here to tell you that the thinking process is just beginning,” he said. “Remember to rethink what you think you know. The one who stays curious about the world will be the one to change it.”

Huntley also advised the Class of 2020 to make decisions in their profession that are not only legally sound, but also the honorable thing to do. “I challenge you all to do what you do with compassion. You’re leaving Cardozo prepared for what lies ahead. We know you will go out and make a difference in this world.”

LL.M. class speaker Simone Morabito addressed the audience and thanked Cardozo for arming his class, whose graduates come from all over the globe, with the power to believe, endure and shine. J.D. class speaker Monique Gillum commended her classmates for their resiliency over the past 20 months and encouraged the graduates to build better futures for themselves and those to follow.

Student Bar Association (SBA) President Hallelujah Lewis led the Class of 2020 in presenting the SBA Awards. “Today we celebrate these individuals who have contributed to our time at Cardozo in unique ways,” said Lewis. Awardees included Best First Year Professor Michael Pollack, Best Professor Alexander Reinert, Best Adjunct Professor Gary Galperin, Best Administrator Jenn Kim, dean of students and Outstanding Assistance to the Student Body, then-Director of Diversity & Inclusion Nicole Seawright.

Following the conferring of LL.M., M.S.L. and J.D. degrees, Shoshana Bookson '82, a member of the Cardozo Board of Overseers, delivered the alumni remarks. “I know from my own experience that everyone sitting here today has achieved the great measure of success in graduating, but you did it standing on the shoulders of giants. The giants in your lives—parents, brothers, sisters, caregivers, dear friends and family and others who encouraged, supported and cheered you on,” she said as the crowd cheered. “They did not let you down, and I know you will want to thank them as you now join a family of over 14,000 Cardozo graduates.”

Dean Leslie thanked Bookson for her remarks and closed out the ceremony: “Thank you to all who made this day so special. It has been an honor to be with you to mark this special occasion.”



Judge Eunice C. Lee,
United States Court of Appeals
for the Second Circuit



Judge Eunice C. Lee,
Dean Melanie Leslie '91 and
Yeshiva University President
Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman



Cardozo Celebrates the Class of 2022 at the 44th Annual Commencement

Graduating from law school is always an impressive achievement," said Dean Melanie Leslie '91. "But what this class has accomplished today is momentous!"

On May 31, Cardozo School of Law hosted its 44th annual commencement ceremony at United Palace in Upper Manhattan. Cardozo's Class of 2022 spent its entire 2L year learning remotely.

Judge Eunice C. Lee, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, gave the commencement address. Nominated by President Joe Biden, Judge Lee is the only Black woman serving as an active judge on the Second Circuit, and the first since 2002. She is the longest-serving public defender to serve as a judge on any U.S. Court of Appeals.

Lee spoke about her decades-long career as a public defender, where she represented indigent clients on appeal at all levels of the New York State court system and in habeas proceedings in federal court.

"The advice I would offer to today's graduates is: figure out what's meaningful to you," said Lee. "That doesn't mean you have to know what your passion or perfect job is,



Dean Melanie Leslie '91

but you need to know what values and experiences matter to you and you need to be clear on your motivations.”

The ceremony celebrated the graduating class of 287 J.D. students, 50 LL.M. degree recipients, and one student, receiving a J.S.D., the legal equivalent of a Ph.D.

The president of the Student Bar Association, Nigel Pura-Bryant '22, presented the Class of 2022 awards to faculty and administrators. The Best Professor Award went to Michelle Adams, Best First Year Professor went to Michael Pollack and Best Adjunct Professor went to Moshe Horn and Brian Farkas. The Best Administrator Award went to Jenn Kim, dean of students, and the Award for Outstanding Assistance to the Student Body went to Francesca Acocella '16, director of student life.

Before the conferring of degrees, Yeshiva University President Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman addressed the audience, highlighting Dean Leslie's leadership of the Law School and Cardozo's world-class faculty. He spoke about Cardozo's Kathryn O. Greenberg Immigration Justice Clinic, which represented a client who was deported for 20-year-old charges for crimes he did not commit.

“Our students left no stone unturned in reinvestigating this case and tracking down witnesses who confirmed the client was innocent,” Berman said.

The clinic students worked to vacate his convictions, and through collaboration with Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the client has now permanent residency status in the United States and can be reunited with his family.

“Our graduates leave Cardozo knowing they will fight for their clients with a full knowledge of the law and all of its details,” said President Berman. “And by doing so, you will create a more productive economy, increase human flourishing, protect those most vulnerable from harm and defend all who have been mistreated.”

Cardozo Civil Rights Clinic Wins Historic Settlement Improving Conditions of Incarcerated Individuals on Death Row at Angola Prison in Louisiana

Cardozo's Civil Rights Clinic, led by Professor Betsy Ginsberg, won a major settlement in a class-action lawsuit on behalf of those on death row at Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola.

A federal judge in Louisiana found the settlement reached by the parties in a lawsuit brought by people sentenced to death to be fair and in the interest of justice. This order follows litigation by Cardozo's Civil Rights Clinic, partnering with lawyers from the New York City office of Hogan Lovells and New Orleans lawyer Nicholas Trenticosta.

Prior to this settlement, people on death row in Louisiana were held in permanent solitary confinement,

which limited their time out of their cells to one hour per day on their tier by themselves. They received outdoor recreation in solitary cages and took meals in their cells. The settlement requires a number of significant changes, including a minimum of four hours of congregate tier time seven days per week; a minimum of five hours per week of congregate outdoor recreation; and congregate religious worship and contact visits. Further, individuals on death row will have the opportunity to attend group classes, including enrollment in GED programs and other available academic courses.

"This settlement reflects a substantial change in the conditions

for people on death row in Louisiana," said Ginsberg. "We are grateful that officials have been willing partners on this, though we hope that they and other states will recognize how the provision of even greater access to exercise, recreation, education, religious worship and socialization is critical to the physical and psychological health of the people in their custody."

Researchers have found that the effects of this kind of extreme isolation are similar to those of physical torture. As a result, in 2011, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Torture called for a ban on solitary confinement of more than 15 days.

Civil Rights Clinic students have been working on this case since before it was filed in 2017. Several of them went to Angola to meet with the named plaintiffs and the other members of the class to hear from them about their experiences in isolation. The students who have handled this case are Emily Margolin, Sarah McClellan, Lekha Menon, Hasnaa El Rhermoul, Scott Miller, Stephanie Morales, Lindsey Rubinstein, Keegan Stephan, Meg Tiley and David Stillman.

Current clinic students Rebecca Barrett and Fatima Oudregaodo will continue to work with Ginsberg to enforce the terms of the settlement.

The settlement also includes the addition of certain recreational equipment, including a basketball hoop and weights, and the creation of a grassy area as part of the outdoor space. Individuals will also be able to share one congregate meal per day. This is a large-scale change for the Louisiana death row system as there were no group activities.



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Cardozo's Alternative Dispute Resolution Competition Honor Society Returns from October 2021 Competitions with Multiple Wins

The ADR Competition Honor Society was busy in October 2021, racking up wins at competitions around the nation.

Anna Chen '22, Antranik Chekemian '22, Senior Editors, and Mieola Easter, a 2L Staff Editor, competed virtually at the St. John's University School of Law Carey Center/FINRA Securities Dispute Resolution Triathlon on October 17-18. They won first place in Arbitration Advocacy. The team was coached by Daniel Jones and Shawn White, Senior Editors of the ADRCHS team, and advised by Professor David Weisenfeld.

2L Staff Editors Ilona Ehrlich, Lisa Gluzman and Jordan Stark won multiple prizes at Brenau University's 19th Annual INADR Invitational

Mediation Tournament, held in person October 8-9 in Gainesville, Georgia. Stark won first place in Top Overall Mediator category; Stark and Gluzman won third place in Top Advocate-Client Pair; and Stark and Ehrlich won 10th place in Top Advocate-Client Pair.

The entire team won third place for Top Overall Advocate-Client Team and fifth place for Top Overall Mediation Team. The team was coached by 3L and Managing Editor Kristin Moriarty and 3L and Senior



Editor Trenton Hanifin. Professors Lela Love and Donna Erez-Navot, as well as former ADRCHS Editors-in-Chief Krysta Hartley and Sean McLaughlin, gave extensive feedback during moots.

2L Staff Editors Jaimie Mayer and Jason Siev (Team 1), 2L Staff Editors Hannah Petitti and Alec Neimand (Team 2), with their respective 3L Senior Editor coaches Kelsey Keane and Massy Vainshtein, traveled to San Diego to compete in the Thomas Jefferson School of Law National Sports Law Negotiation Competition October 22-24.

"We are so proud of them for their many weeks of preparation and especially excited for Team 1, which advanced to the finals and finished in third place overall out of the 36 teams in attendance," said Gloria J. Medina, a 3L student and Editor-in-Chief of the ADR Competition Honor Society.

TAE CHANG '22 TAKES FIRST PLACE IN 2021 AMERICAN JOURNAL OF MEDIATION NATIONAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION WRITING COMPETITION

TAE JOON CHANG '22, former Mediation Clinic student, won first place in the 2021 American Journal of Mediation National Dispute Resolution Writing Competition with his article "Risk Analysis, Reality Testing, and Mediation."

Professor Donna Erez-Navot, Mediation Clinic Director, said, "The American Journal of Mediation National Dispute Resolution Writing Competition is one of the most prestigious ADR law student writing awards. Tae worked tirelessly to analyze risk and its implications in the mediation process. We are so proud of him and of this paper, and we are excited that it will be published soon."

"Having my paper recognized by the American Journal of Mediation in their National Dispute Resolution Writing Competition is extremely personally fulfilling and rewarding," Chang said. "I learned so much about dispute resolution theory and practice from Professor Donna Erez-Navot at the Mediation Clinic and from my colleagues at the ADR Competition Honor Society. I wrote about risk analysis, reality testing, and mediation because it was interesting to me and important to consider as a set of tools for mediation."

SEAN MCLAUGHLIN '21 WINS 2021 ABA JAMES B. BOSKEY LAW STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST ON DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Sean Lauron McLaughlin '21, a student in Cardozo's Kukin Program for Conflict Resolution, won the 2021 A.B.A. James B. Boskey Law Student Essay Contest on Dispute Resolution. McLaughlin's paper is titled "Preserving the Promise of Spring—Lessons from Tunisia and Egypt on the Early Application of the National Dialogue Model." He received a \$1,000 prize, and his paper will be published on the American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution website as well as in the section's weekly email to its members.

McLaughlin served as the editor-in-chief of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Competition Honor Society. The competition is intended to create greater interest in the field of dispute resolution among J.D. students nationwide.

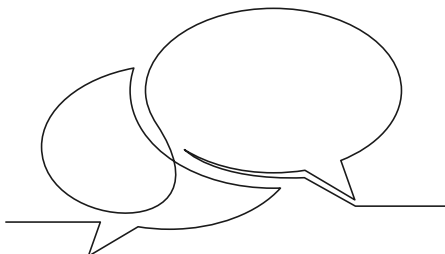
2L STAFF EDITORS VICTORIA BUDHAN AND NOAH PAGE WIN REGIONALS, ADVANCE TO NATIONALS AT ABA NEGOTIATION COMPETITION

The Cardozo ADR Competition Honor Society achieved a victory at the American Bar Association's Regional Negotiation Competition in fall 2021, with 2L Staff Editors Victoria Budhan and Noah Page, coached by 3L Senior Editor Alexandria Becker, taking first place in the final round, and advancing to nationals. The competition was hosted virtually by the Regent University School of Law.

Six team members including 2L Staff Editors Maurice Elbaz, Carly Shapiro and Steven Schwartz, as well as 3L Associate Editor Xinyi Shen, competed. The team was supported by its coaches, 3L Senior Editors Alexandria Becker and Victoria Sadosky.

"Participating in the ABA Negotiation Competition was such a great opportunity to practice and improve my skills," said Budhan. "I learned a lot about different negotiation styles and methods while competing against other students this past weekend."

Page said, "Having the opportunity to take part in the Regional ABA Negotiation Competition was a fantastic experience. Competing against law students from other schools exposed us to a variety of negotiation techniques, while allowing us to showcase the skills we have been practicing all semester. It was incredibly rewarding to perform so well, and a testament to the amazing ADR team we have here at Cardozo."



Immigration Justice Clinic Files Suit to Highlight Inhumane and Discriminatory Treatment of Black Immigrants in Detention

Cardozo's Kathryn O. Greenberg Immigration Justice Clinic is looking for answers from the federal government about the abuses perpetrated against Black immigrants detained in immigration detention centers.

The clinic's student team filed suit against ICE and the Department of Homeland Security in the Eastern District of New York on November 10, 2021 with and on behalf of their clients and co-counsel, Black Alliance for Just Immigration (BAJI) and the American Immigration Council (AIC).

The student team, supervised by clinic co-director Professor Lindsay Nash, included 2L students Lindsay Brocki, Paloma Bloch, Jack Sorensen and 3L Katherine Belsito. The team conducted underlying research for, drafted the complaint and filed the suit.

"Our ultimate goal for this project is to bring light to inhumane and discriminatory treatment of Black immigrants in detention," said Brocki. "This is crucial because the government cannot take meaningful steps to remedy this abuse if it remains hidden."

BAJI and AIC filed FOIA requests seeking information about a range of types of harms—including use of violent force and restraints, denial of medical care and use of segregation—used against individuals in eight ICE

detention centers in the southern United States in order to uncover instances of abuse of and discrimination against Black immigrants.

Because ICE failed to respond to these FOIA requests, the Cardozo clinic, along with counsel at BAJI and AIC, filed the suit. Nash said, "We're proud to support our clients in the effort to expose these injustices and to see the students' incredible work to prepare and file this case within a few short months of joining the clinic."

The students wanted to highlight the egregious and inhumane treatment that ICE inflicts on Black immigrants in detention. They conducted research from reports and complaints submitted by advocacy organizations as well as some reports from federal agencies to understand the broader issues and identify examples of Black immigrants being abused in each of the detention centers. The harms done to these immigrants included physical abuse, withholding/improper medical treatment, use of solitary confinement and the use of threats and coercion to compel consent to deportation.

"It is time that the racist abuses and harms wrought against Black immigrants in detention centers are brought to light," Bloch said. "Our hope is that this project will accomplish just that and serve as a stepping stone to change."

Bet Tzedek Clinic Files Amicus Brief on Behalf of Deaf Student Denied a Sign Language Interpreter in School

On January 18, 2022, the Bet Tzedek Civil Litigation Clinic, co-directed by Professors Rebekah Diller and Leslie Salzman, filed a U.S. Supreme Court amicus brief in support of certiorari in the case of a deaf student who suffered 12 years of isolation and distress because his school refused to provide him with a qualified sign language interpreter (*Perez v. Sturgis Public Schools*). The clinic filed on behalf of 23 law professors who argued that the court's intervention was needed to ensure that disabled students can pursue damage claims when their rights are violated in school settings.

The clinic works on behalf of clients in need, often representing elderly and disabled people seeking health, disability and housing benefits that they could not get without clinic assistance.

At issue is the intersection of two laws designed to protect the rights of disabled students—the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), which requires that special education services be provided, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which ensures equal access and effective communication in public settings, including schools. Here, the student plaintiff brought claims under both laws. But, because he settled his special education claims through the IDEA administrative process prior to a hearing, the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that he had not exhausted administrative remedies and was therefore barred from bringing an ADA disability discrimination claim for damages in federal court. As the brief argues, this ruling is contrary to Congress's intent, the court's prior rulings and established principles of statutory interpretation. In addition, without intervention from the Supreme Court, the circuit court ruling will frustrate the IDEA's goal of encouraging settlement so that students with disabilities can get needed services quickly.

"This case raises an issue of exceptional importance for students with disabilities who experience discrimination in school," Diller said. "Disabled students—like the plaintiff here who suffered years of isolation due to being deprived of a qualified sign language interpreter—should be able to vindicate their rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act and other civil rights laws."

Rebecca Kanner '22, who worked on the brief, said, "While researching and drafting the amicus brief, I learned about the procedural obstacles that sometimes can frustrate the most compelling civil rights claims. This case presents an important issue because the Sixth Circuit's decision impacts children with disabilities who have been discriminated against by their home school district because of their disability. After accepting a settlement of special education claims from their school district, these children will be unable to obtain other forms of relief under statutes such as the ADA due to a misinterpretation of the exhaustion provision of the IDEA. Writing this amicus brief has given us the opportunity to bring issues to the attention of the court on behalf of professors who specialize in disability rights and related areas." In addition to Kanner, Bet Tzedek students Sara Lerner (3L), David Rudolph (2L) and Shelley Wu (2L) worked on the brief.

If the Supreme Court grants certiorari and then decides in his favor, the student will be able to assert his claim for monetary damages for 12 years of suffering without any reasonable means of communicating with others.



MARIA F. GARCIA-SYNGROS '22 IS NAMED A 2022 EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS FELLOW

Maria F. Garcia-Syngros '22 was named a 2022 Equal Justice Works Fellow. She will represent and advise low-income immigrant women and children placed in time-restricted proceedings in Immigration Court and pursue impact litigation to ensure systemic failings in these proceedings are addressed. Garcia-Syngros will be hosted by the New York Legal Assistance Group and her Equal Justice Works Fellowship is sponsored by Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel.

"I am incredibly honored to be an Equal Justice Works Fellow," Garcia-Syngros said. "This fellowship has allowed me to meet a need in the immigration system that would otherwise go unaddressed."

Each year, Equal Justice Works selects a class of public service leaders who have designed two-year projects in partnership with legal services organizations to help build sustainable solutions in the communities they serve. These projects are funded by law firms, corporations, foundations and individuals. This year, 84 new public interest lawyers were selected from over 385 applications.

"We are so proud that Maria will be joining the Class of 2022 Equal Justice Works Fellows," said Alissa Bernstein, director of the Center for Public Service Law. "Her unwavering commitment to assisting immigrant communities, coupled with her strong legal advocacy skills, have prepared her to make an incredible impact during her fellowship and beyond."

Eddie Pruette '21 Receives the 2021 David Rudenstine Postgraduate Fellowship

Eddie Pruette '21 received the 2021 David Rudenstine Postgraduate Fellowship and pursued his fellowship year working at Equal Justice Under Law in Washington, D.C.

Pruette got his undergraduate degree from University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and while a student at Cardozo he was involved in the Bet Tzedek Civil Litigation Clinic and the Criminal Appeals Field Clinic, where he had an internship at Appellate Advocates of New York.

Pruette started his fellowship on January 3 and will continue there until the end of 2022. "As a Rudenstine Legal Fellow at Equal Justice Under Law, I will be working to challenge the criminalization of poverty through class action impact litigation in federal courts," he said.

"I feel so privileged to have this incredible opportunity to build my legal skills while serving an important cause. I owe my deepest thanks to the Susan Halpern Foundation and Cardozo School of Law for supporting this work."

One Postgraduate Fellow is selected from each year's graduating class by members of the Cardozo administration. The fellowship provides funding for the student to pursue work in the public sector for one year and is made possible by an endowment from Susan Halpern. The fellow commits to working for one calendar year at a nonprofit organization or government agency that, in turn, will commit to hosting the fellow, providing him or her with training, supervision by an attorney and workspace. In applying for the David Rudenstine Fellowship, the fellow proposes a specific project that

will address a need that can be executed at the host organization.

Alissa Bernstein, director of Cardozo's Center for Public Service Law, said, "We are thrilled to award Eddie the 2021 David Rudenstine Fellowship for his work with Equal Justice Under Law. The focus of his work on ending money bail and cost-prohibitive expungement practices nationwide is exciting and crucial to eliminating the criminalization of poverty. Throughout his time at Cardozo, Eddie was a committed public service student, with an unwavering commitment to serving indigent clients through his internships and clinic experiences. We look forward to the impact that Eddie will make for the clients served by Equal Justice Under Law, and we are proud to support this important work."

GRAYSON MORONTA RECEIVES THE MARK WHITLOCK SCHOLARSHIP FUND AWARD

At Cardozo's first annual "Serving Up Scholarships" event, Dean Melanie Leslie announced the recipient of the 2022 Mark Whitlock Scholarship Fund award, which went to 3L Grayson Moronta.

The Whitlock Scholarship was established by the friends and family of Mark Whitlock '10, who passed away from cancer just two weeks before graduating from Cardozo. His family sought to celebrate his joyous spirit and vitality by creating this fund, designed to recognize an outstanding third-year J.D. student who makes efforts to strengthen the life of the Cardozo community through the force of individual effort, energy, spirit and initiative. Each year, members of the 3L class nominate their peers.

"He was a wonderful, vibrant person," said Dean Leslie. "Someone who was magnetic and drew people to him."

Dean Leslie invited Mark's sister, Sarah Whitlock, to join her on stage as she welcomed Moronta.

Moronta is Chair of the Equity and Inclusion Com-



Mark Whitlock Award recipient Grayson Moronta '22, Dean Leslie and Mark's sister Sarah Whitlock

mittee at *Cardozo Law Review*, a Senior Teaching Assistant with the Legal Writing Program, a Beatrice Potter Scholarship recipient and President of the Labor and Employment Law Society.

"I couldn't think of a better person to carry on Mark's memory," said Dean Leslie.

Cardozo's Civil Rights Clinic and the NYCLU File Lawsuit Challenging Unconstitutional Censorship in NY Prisons

The New York Civil Liberties Union and the Civil Rights Clinic filed a federal lawsuit on March 31, 2022, challenging the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision's (DOCCS') blanket censorship of *Blood in the Water: The Attica Prison Uprising of 1971 and Its Legacy*, the Pulitzer Prize-winning book by professor and historian Heather Ann Thompson.

Since its publication in 2016, *Blood in the Water* has been banned at DOCCS facilities across New York, despite its widespread availability in other prison systems around the country. *Blood in the Water* offers the most comprehensive account in existence of the 1971 uprising of those incarcerated at the Attica Correctional Facility in upstate New York, relying heavily on firsthand accounts due to the fact that New York State has largely kept records from the public. That uprising, which the state ended with a brutal crack-down by an all-white police force and the indiscriminate killing of 39 men, led to an array of critical reforms in prisons across the country, including the implementation of grievance systems and the right to soap and hygiene supplies.

Beginning the year *Blood in the Water* was published, DOCCS censored it at prisons around New York, often without the notice required under DOCCS's own policies. Among other instances of censorship, DOCCS has repeatedly blocked Thompson, a professor at the University of Michigan, from sending copies of *Blood in the Water* to incarcerated New Yorkers.

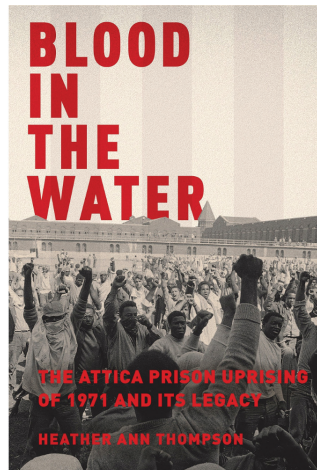
"People have a right to read, and people have a right to history," said Thompson. "We also have a right to have our books read. It's a shame we

live in a country where we censor people and ideas."

"Attica is the defining event in the history of the fight to improve conditions and strengthen the rights of incarcerated people in America, and the issues that impacted people 50 years ago persist for the people in New York's prisons today, who are still predominantly Black and Brown," said NYCLU executive director Donna Lieberman. "DOCCS cannot censor an important histori-

similar legal challenge filed by Thompson in 2018.

"Words have the power to liberate, and access to reading material is a fundamental human right. It speaks volumes that DOCCS continues to deny tens of thousands of incarcerated New Yorkers the right to read about Attica," said Miles Dixon-Darling, legal intern at Cardozo's Civil Rights Clinic. Co-intern Isaac Strauss added, "We hope that this case will help bring public attention



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cal text like *Blood in the Water* just because it doesn't like the content."

Civil Rights Clinic Director Betsy Ginsberg said that "*Blood in the Water* is a carefully researched account that includes the perspectives of incarcerated people, prison guards, their families, government officials and members of the public. It is, simply put, a history book, and its denial to incarcerated people runs counter to this country's core values."

The lawsuit alleges that DOCCS's censorship of copies of *Blood in the Water* violates the First and Fourteenth Amendments, and follows a

to the all-too-often arbitrary violations of incarcerated individuals' right to free speech guaranteed by the United States Constitution."

"Prison officials are not exempt from respecting the Constitution," said NYCLU senior staff attorney Antony Gemmell. "DOCCS's ban on *Blood in the Water* is irrational and unlawful, and it should be lifted now." Thompson was the lead historical consultant for *Attica*, the 2021 Oscar-nominated documentary revisiting the Attica uprising on its 50th anniversary.

Alumni

Rossana Gallego-Manzano '16

*Assistant District Attorney,
Bronx County District Attorney's
Office*

Matias Gallego-Manzano '16

*Litigation Associate,
Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner*

Rossana and Matias Gallego-Manzano met on the first day of orientation at Cardozo, where they began their legal education in 2013.

In their 1L year, they took Professor Stewart Sterk's Property Law together.

"We were friends," said Rossana. "But more in passing."

They soon became involved with the Latin American Law Students Association (LALSA) and joined the leadership team in their 2L year. After graduating in 2016, they married in 2018 and welcomed their second child this year.

They share a favorite class at Cardozo: Federal Income Tax Law with Professor Mitchell Engler.

"That's a class I would strongly recommend to students because it has real-life applications," said Rossana. "It also gave us an opportunity to study together."

Throughout their time at Cardozo, they were very involved in on-campus activities: Rossana was a Student Bar Association Senator and participated in Moot Court; and Matias worked in the Kathryn O. Greenberg Immigration Justice Clinic

(IJC) and was a member of the *Cardozo Law Review*.

Matias, who is an immigrant, said the IJC was "exactly the sort of clinical work I was looking to do and the most rewarding part of my law school experience." He wrote portions of a bill that was introduced into the state legislature, which



would have granted state citizenship regardless of immigration status to individuals who, among other things, resided in New York State and paid New York State taxes for at least three years. He also represented two minors in immigration proceedings and developed a strong relationship with clinic Founder and Co-Director, Professor Peter Markowitz.

Matias said Markowitz, who was

his mentor, taught him the importance of attention to detail, legal writing and thinking outside the box, skills he uses every day as an attorney.

Six years after graduating, Rossana is an Assistant District Attorney at the Bronx County District Attorney's Office, and Matias is a



Litigation Associate at Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner.

Rossana works in the Public Integrity Bureau, where she investigates government employees who may be misusing their positions.

"Investigative work gives you an opportunity to get to the root of what's going on," she said. "To see whether the actions of those I investigate amount to criminal conduct

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and attempt to decipher the right thing to do under these set of facts is challenging but engaging work.”

Rossana brings each case to life through extensive information gathering, which includes connecting with crime victims and witnesses; drafting search warrants, memorandum and applications to the court; trial preparation and gathering discovery. Through this process, she is able to see firsthand how her work makes a difference.

Matias focuses on complex commercial and real estate disputes, including commercial foreclosure and landlord/tenant disputes, with some environmental and copyright work. Day to day, he manages all aspects of litigation, including case strategy, discovery plans, witness preparation and depositions, and drafting settlement agreements, dispositive and non-dispositive motions and pleadings.

What stands out the most about the Gallego-Manzanos is not just their professional accomplishments but also their involvement in their communities, including Cardozo, and commitment to giving back.

As busy lawyers and parents, they still have found time to serve as Co-Chairs of the Young Lawyers Division for the Hispanic National Bar Association, where they planned events to connect other young lawyers in the New York area.

Moreover, Rossana has served on the White Collar Criminal Law

Committee of the New York City Bar, and Matias has served as a big brother for the Big Brothers Big Sisters program since 2017 and currently chairs the Lawyers of Color Committee at his firm's New York office.

“When you’re in law school and surrounded by schoolwork, what helped me the most was to be involved in events and network,” Rossana said. “Talking to other lawyers and Cardozo alumni gave me faith in my success.”

Matias also appreciates his Cardozo community. He was a recipient of the E. Nathaniel Gates Scholarship, which recognizes outstanding potential in those who are first-generation graduate students or who come from backgrounds underrepresented in the legal profession.

“I’ll always be grateful to Cardozo,” he said. “The Law School saw potential in me even though my LSAT and GPA weren’t the best, and I ended up graduating in the top 5% of our class.”

Now, he pushes his firm to fill the gaps he sees in its hiring and retention policies.

Rossana and Matias remain thankful to Cardozo for the professors, courses and experiential learning opportunities that have shaped who they are today.

“Today I look back and think Cardozo is a strong school that builds well-rounded attorneys,” Rossana said. “If I hadn’t gone to Cardozo, I

wouldn’t be the lawyer I am today.”

Matias agreed, adding, “Cardozo will always be home.”

Skyler Salamon '12

*Senior Vice President,
Business and Legal Affairs,
Universal Music Group*

Skyler Salamon has always been a performer. When she was growing up, she commuted from New Jersey to take classes at the School of American Ballet and perform with the New York City Ballet at Lincoln Center where she fell in love with the arts. After graduating from Cornell University with a degree in



Communication and Media Studies, she came to Cardozo to study Music Law, where she knew she could combine her creative and academic prowess as an entertainment lawyer.

"I knew Cardozo had a really strong Intellectual Property program," said Salamon. "And through networking at Cornell, I knew a lot of prominent entertainment attorneys who went to Cardozo and had a great experience."

As a law student, Salamon dove into the IP courses and electives and was involved in the *International & Comparative Law Review*. Little did she know that she would soon intern with a major record label that would kickstart her career as a music lawyer and lead to nearly eight years and counting with the company.

"Every chance I got, I was interning," she said.

Through one of Cardozo's networking panels, she connected with an entertainment lawyer who offered her an internship at Universal Music Group (UMG), a world leader in music with a broad array of businesses engaged in recorded music, music publishing, merchandising and audiovisual content in over 60 countries. During her 2L summer and into her 3L year, Salamon got her foot in the door and gained an understanding of recording agreements, a crucial skill for a label lawyer. She made meaningful and lasting connections with her colleagues that would prove to be invaluable to her career.

A little over 10 years later, she's still at UMG. Now, in a corner office.

Upon graduating from Cardozo, Salamon spent two years as an Associate in Fox Rothschild LLP's Entertainment Law Practice. Then she got the call from UMG that it was time to come back; this time as the Director of Business and Legal Affairs. Although her experience at Fox was irreplaceable—she was the firm's first associate in a brand new

practice area, working for three top partners representing superstars like Stevie Wonder and Blondie—she knew the move to UMG was the right choice.

Since returning to UMG, Salamon has risen from Director to Senior Vice President, where she is the lead attorney for Island Records, one of UMG's three East Coast music labels. She is not only signing new stars but also managing the business affairs of Island's roster of artists, including Shawn Mendes, Demi Lovato, The Killers and Bon Jovi.

"I spent a lot of time as a junior attorney drafting and negotiating various types of agreements," she said. "Now I'm able to delegate more and spend time thinking strategically and helping label executives make smart business decisions."

The work as an entertainment attorney can be rigorous and challenging, she said, "but law school prepares you for that life." The late nights studying at Cardozo gave her the stamina to make it through midnight negotiating sessions at UMG to sign new artists to the label quickly before competitors.

"It wasn't always easy and opportunities in Music Law are hard to come by for new attorneys straight out of law school, but I always kept my goal at the forefront," Salamon said.

Now, every day, she's doing what she loves. One of her proudest accomplishments to date has been her work on the song "Stuck with U," a collaboration between superstars Ariana Grande and Justin Bieber that raised \$3.5 million for the First Responders Children's Foundation during the onset of COVID-19 in the United States. UMG's legal team made the project come to life during a time when most Americans were faced with a steep learning curve as people adjusted to the new normal of working from home.

In 2021, Salamon also worked on

the "Space Jam: A New Legacy" soundtrack album, a complex project that involved a number of high-level stakeholders, including Warner Bros. Pictures and LeBron James.

Salamon credits Cardozo with teaching her how to not only understand legal materials but also to be a problem solver. Whether it's signing the next musical artist you haven't even heard of yet, mentoring younger women in the field or participating in Cardozo's alumni events, Salamon is swiftly making her mark on entertainment law.

Josh Sussberg '03

Partner, Kirkland & Ellis LLP

Josh Sussberg has been ranked one of the nation's leading restructuring lawyers by Chambers USA every year since 2011. Now a partner in Kirkland & Ellis LLP's restructuring practice group, Sussberg wasn't sure what to expect when he started his Cardozo journey in 2001. In fact, after he graduated from Syracuse University and applied to law school, he was waitlisted at Cardozo. Fate intervened while getting ready for his first day at a different law school, when Sussberg got the call from Cardozo telling him he was admitted. He said that decision led to his successful career—and to his marriage to Jennifer Nelson Sussberg, a fellow student who graduated from Cardozo in 2004.

"I can't say enough about my Cardozo experience," Sussberg said. "It led me to find a practice I never even knew existed. I owe a ton to Cardozo and I'm so appreciative of all the opportunities that were presented along the way. After marrying my wife, it was the best decision I ever made."

One of those early opportunities was his first foray into restructuring and bankruptcy, with a summer



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associate position at Weil Gotshal & Manges LLP in 2002 after finishing his 2L year. That experience led him to a job with the firm, where he stayed for nearly four years after getting his J.D. He then went to Kirkland & Ellis LLP where he helped build the upstart restructuring practice in New York and now serves on the firm's 20-person Executive Committee.

Sussberg said his Cardozo professors made a tremendous difference, teaching him a different way to

think. “Cardozo 100 percent prepared me for my career,” he said. “I had no idea what I was interested in when I was a summer associate, and I tried all the practice areas. I really liked the mix of litigation and corporate law once I tried it. I liked being an advisor; you can help clients navigate whatever situation they face.”

While at Cardozo, Sussberg was involved with the Student Bar Association and was the Symposia Editor for the *Cardozo Law Review* during his 3L year. He participated in the Langfan Competition, which asks students to write and present a short uninterrupted speech analyzing a contentious constitutional issue. He was also the student speaker at Cardozo's commencement in 2003.

He found that the educational community was “both competitive and collaborative” and he enjoyed all aspects of life at the law school. “There are so many opportunities you'll only get by taking advantage of what's outside the classroom,” he said. “Cardozo conditions its students in the right way to learn everything—you can see this by how successful the alumni are. It's a function of the way students are instilled with the competitive vibe.”

Sussberg has interviewed many Cardozo graduates over the years for jobs and found that, “the Cardozo

folks are always focused and ready to learn their craft. I always think the Cardozo interviewee has an edge.”

As the Class of 2022 heads into the job market, Sussberg advises graduates to “find something you love to do. We work too hard to not enjoy it. And take advantage of the alumni network, it's so important to the existence of the school.” Sussberg is active in Cardozo's alumni network as a member of the Alumni Association Executive Committee, Dean's Advisory Committee and Campaign Planning Committee.

Sussberg was ranked Band 1 in Restructuring nationwide and in New York. He was recognized by *The Deal* as the 2021 Debtor Counsel of the Year (Large Cap), a Law360 2021 MVP and a “Market Leader” in the 2021 IFLR1000. In 2017, Sussberg was selected for the American Bankruptcy Institute's inaugural “40 Under 40” list recognizing bankruptcy, insolvency and restructuring professionals from around the world and was named an Outstanding Restructuring Lawyer by *Turnarounds & Workouts* in 2018, which recognized 15 lawyers nationwide who are leaders in the bankruptcy field. Sussberg was recognized as a “New York Super Lawyer” in *Super Lawyers* magazine's 2013–2022 rankings. ■

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Stephen J. Blumert received the JCC Allan Weissglass Distinguished Leadership Award, which honors individuals who have supported the mission of the JCC and served as leaders in the Staten Island community.

Class of 1985

Robyn Lederman was elected to Brooks Kushman's Executive Committee. She has served as Co-Chair of Brooks Kushman's trademark department since 2018.

Class of 1986

Janet Pearsall was named Citizen of the Year by the Oceanside Chamber of Commerce for her work in the Long Island, New York community, which includes years of volunteering with the Oceanside PTA and library.

Class of 1988

Debra Marcus was promoted to Partner at Marshall Dennehey in the Roseland, New Jersey office.

Class of 1995

Tama Beth Kudman is Managing Partner at the Florida office of Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti LLP.

Class of 1999

Delton Henderson became the first General Counsel for the American Society of Music Arrangers and Composers in Los Angeles, California.

Class of 2000

David Bomzer was promoted to Partner at Cantor Colburn LLP.

Menashe Shapiro joined Mayor Eric Adams' administration as Deputy Chief of Staff in New York City.

Class of 2001

Timothy M. Gladden joined Davis & Gilbert's Corporate Practice Group as Partner. His practice focuses on mergers and acquisitions, venture capital and private equity investments and securities transactions.

Jodi Kimmel began a four-year term as Bedford Town Justice on January 2, 2022. She is the first woman justice to hold this position in Bedford, New York.

Rachel Jaffe Mauceri was promoted to Partner at Robinson & Cole's Philadelphia office.

Judge Dan Regan replaced Judge Alan Hertzberg as one of the two asbestos judges in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. He was elected to the bench in November 2015 and was previously assigned to the Family Division.

Marc Simon was named to *Variety's* "Legal Impact Report 2022: Top Attorneys Winning Cases and Making Deals in Hollywood" for the fourth consecutive year. This list spotlights top attorneys, financiers, executives and entrepreneurs who have forged major deals that change the entertainment landscape.

Class of 2004

Lennie A. Bersh was promoted to Partner at Greenberg Traurig, LLP, in its Florham Park, NJ office.

Jonathan Lenzner was appointed as Chief of Staff to FBI Director Christopher Wray. He previously served as Acting U.S. Attorney and First Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Maryland. Lenzner is a member of Cardozo's Board of Overseers.

Zachary Streit co-launched Way Capital, Inc., a strategic capital markets advisory firm. He will serve as Managing Partner.

Class of 2005

Rebecca Benghiat was named President and COO of The Jed Foundation.

Anne Sekel was named Managing Partner of Foley & Lardner LLP's New York office.

Eric Seltzer was promoted to Director at the Goulston & Storrs New York office. He will continue to grow his global real estate practice, which focuses on commercial real estate transactions.

Wendi Oppen Uzar was elected Partner of Riker Danzig's Intellectual Property Group in its Morristown, New Jersey office.

Class of 2006

Andrew Morris joined Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP as a Partner in the Global Tax Practice in New York.


Elizabeth Yoo was promoted to Partner at Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC.

David Satine was promoted to Partner at Saiber LLC.

Class of 2007

Prem Amarnani received a Cornerstone Award from Lawyers Alliance for New York. Awards are given to outstanding business and transactional lawyers who have provided superior pro bono legal services to nonprofits that are improving quality of life for low-income New Yorkers.

Alon Goldberger rejoined Dechert LLP as Global Finance Partner in its Philadelphia office.



Jodi Morales was confirmed as Democratic Commissioner of Elections of the Board of Elections for Bronx County.

Jennifer R. Sharret was promoted to Counsel at Kramer Levin on the Bankruptcy and Restructuring team in New York.

Class of 2008

Daniel Shternfeld joined Mitchell Sandler upon expansion of its Mortgage Industry and Litigation Practices. Shternfeld serves as Counsel in their General Litigation and Employment and Labor Practice Group.

Class of 2009

Ellie Kang was promoted to Partner at Torsys' New York office, focusing on executive compensation and employee benefits.

Maurice Robinson was appointed by New York State Chief Judge Janet DiFiore to a three-year term on the Board of Governors of the Part 137 Fee Dispute Resolution program. The board adopts guidelines and standards to provide fee dispute resolution services, including prescribing standards for training arbitrators and monitoring the performance of arbitration programs.

Danielle Vrabie was promoted to Partner at Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP. Vrabie is a member of the firm's Business Trial Practice Group and Healthcare team.

Class of 2010

Giyang An was appointed Criminal Court Judge by then-New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio.

Adam Silverman was elected Partner in Wiggin and Dana's New Haven office.

Benjamin Tievsky was promoted to Partner at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP. His practice focuses on policyholder-side insurance recovery and litigation.

Class of 2011

Emily Bennett was named the Managing Attorney at Howard & Howard's Chicago office. Bennett has worked across several of the firm's practices, including the Litigation and Labor and Employment Groups.

Neha Bhalani was promoted to Partner of Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC.

Eric Katz was promoted to Counsel to the Majority of the New York State Senate. In this role he works as the chief attorney for legislative and policy matters for the New York State Senate Majority and oversees a team of lawyers and policy advisors working on behalf of the Senate.

Patricia Pazner became Attorney-in-Charge of Appellate Advocates, one of New York City's four appellate defenders and the primary institutional provider in the Appellate Division, Second Department.

Casey Servais was promoted to Partner at Cadwalader in its New York Office.

Class of 2012

Nathan Davis was promoted to Partner at Pasich LLP in its Los Angeles office.

Adán Soltren was appointed by New York City Mayor Eric Adams as a tenant member on the New York City Rent Guidelines Board.

Daniel J. Studin was promoted to Partner at Morrison Cohen LLP in its New York office.

Class of 2013

Sheri Adler was elected Partner of Troutman Pepper's Executive Compensation Practice in New York.

Joseph Micali was promoted to Counsel at Pryor Cashman's New York office in their Intellectual Property and Litigation practice group.

Class of 2016

Harbani Ahuja was offered an Artist in Residence position at the International Center for Advocates Against Discrimination (ICAAD). Her latest project, entitled *Dicta*, is a legal poetry series that was launched in a virtual exhibit.

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William M. Greenblatt '82
Chairman, Montague Street Capital



We met at Cardozo through the Latin American Law Students Association (LALSA). LALSA was an integral part of our law school experience, and the Black Asian Latino Law Students Alumni Group continues to be a large part of our lives. Cardozo is committed to diversity, inclusion, and equity in the legal profession and we support those efforts by donating to the BALLSA Scholarship Fund.

Kristen Ramos '14
Real Estate Attorney

Jon English '13
Senior Associate, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP



Whether it's co-chairing the Cardozo Women alumni group, supporting the scholarships provided by Black Asian Latino Law Students Association Group or working with the Summer Law Institute to introduce underserved New York City students to the law, investing in the Cardozo community is how we pay it forward and support the next generation of leaders to build a stronger Cardozo community.

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