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Back Together and Stronger Than Ever



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

This past year at Cardozo has been one of upheaval and constant change as I suspect it has been for many of you. The Cardozo community has been tested, and I'm happy to say we have come through stronger and more resilient. I am particularly proud of the work done by the law school administration under the leadership of our associate deans and Vice Dean Michael Burstein. Working together with the leadership of the University and our dedicated faculty, this team transformed the way we operated. They placed the safety of our community and the best educational outcomes of our students at the heart of every single decision. We owe a great debt to them in overcoming the darkest days of the pandemic.

I am excited and hopeful about the year ahead. After 18 months of hybrid teaching, Cardozo is back. We are vaccinated, masked, and we have safely returned to in-person instruction.

But there is a lot of work still to be done. The pandemic continues to test us in ways we could not have anticipated, both as an institution of higher learning and as a community. And our world is facing many challenges that will have an impact on the law and the legal education we provide to our students. The struggle for equal opportunity continues, and we face threats to our democracy.

Through these tough times, I have been inspired by the character, grit, integrity and unity of our community. Our faculty found innovative ways to teach remotely and have been out in front as thought leaders in the media and as legal scholars analyzing the critical issues of our times. They also came together to revise our classroom curriculum with new approaches to teaching about race and religious discrimination and the law. This long-term endeavor will be supported by Professor Peter Markowitz, the newly appointed Associate Dean of Equity in Curriculum and Teaching.

Our students have faced isolation and uncertainty and have persevered with great dignity. Despite living away from each other at a time when solidarity is critical, they pushed ahead with their studies. Our administrators challenged themselves to develop new ways to connect with students and build bridges to support a community working together, despite being apart. Watching our students and recent graduates press on to build meaningful careers that will serve humanity reminds us why we do what we do and inspires us to bring our best to support them each day.

We continue to thrive and innovate. The incoming 1L class is the most academically qualified in the law school's history, and we launched the E. Nathaniel Gates Scholars Program, designed to support students from underrepresented minority communities and those who are first-generation graduate students.

We came together, and we persevered. We learned new ways to cope, and we built on our traditions and values to come out even stronger than before. To quote our namesake, Benjamin N. Cardozo, in a statement about the merits of perseverance, "There is joy in that success."

I hope that you and your loved ones can also share this spirit of unity as we face the future together. I wish you happiness and safety in the year ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stefanie Lubi". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dean and Dr. Samuel Belkin Professor of Law

Professor Peter Markowitz

Named Associate Dean of Equity in Curriculum and Teaching



New Position to Support Curriculum Changes on Race and the Law

Dean Melanie Leslie announced the creation of a new leadership position at Cardozo to support curricular changes adopted by the faculty earlier this year. **Professor Peter Markowitz** is the inaugural Associate Dean of Equity in Curriculum and Teaching. He will oversee the implementation of additions to the curriculum made to support a broad understanding of the historical context of race and the law. He will also oversee faculty training on issues of race, implicit bias and cultural competency.

“Peter’s experience fighting for immigrant justice and his passion for equity in the law make him the perfect choice for this position,” said Dean Leslie. “It is critical that we develop new pedagogical approaches that squarely address the historical underpinnings of race and racism in legal doctrine.”

Associate Dean Markowitz will work with faculty members on initiatives including the creation of courses to satisfy Cardozo’s new upper-level race and the law requirement, faculty discussion sessions regarding increasing the attention given to race and equity in standard law school courses and organizing faculty implicit-bias training sessions.

“I am excited to work with my colleagues to address issues that have long been neglected in too many law school classrooms,” said Professor Markowitz. “We in the legal community must all work to confront the discrimination and structural racism built into our legal system and to produce lawyers with a deep understanding of how racism has been perpetrated through many of our laws and legal institutions.”

Professor Markowitz will be a member of the dean’s leadership team and a member of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Working Group, helping to formulate policy and create a climate that is welcoming and supportive for all members of the community.

Professor Markowitz is the founding faculty member and co-director of the **Kathryn O. Greenberg Immigration Justice Clinic** at Cardozo. He is a leading advocate for immigration law reform and has played a central role in creating the nation’s first public defender system for detained immigrants. He helped develop the Immigrant Justice Corps and pioneered the legal concept of sanctuary laws, which allow flexibility for cities that wish to disentangle themselves from federal deportation efforts. ■



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Michelle Adams Named to President Biden’s Presidential Commission on the Supreme Court

In April, President Joe Biden signed an executive order establishing a commission to provide an analysis of the principal arguments in the contemporary public debate for and against Supreme Court reform.

The commission is comprised of a bipartisan group of 36 experts on the court and the court reform debate. In addition to legal and other scholars, the commissioners include former federal judges and practitioners who have appeared before the court, as well as advocates for the reform of democratic institutions and of the administration of justice.

Professor Adams is a renowned constitutional scholar who is co-director of the Floersheimer Center for Constitutional Democracy. Her research centers on race discrimination, school desegregation, affirmative action and housing law. She has published in the *Yale Law Journal*, *the California Law Review*, the *Texas Law Review* and other scholarly journals. Her work has also appeared in the popular media, including a recent piece in *The New Yorker* commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act. Her book *The Containment: Detroit, The Supreme Court, and the Battle for Racial Justice in the North* will be published by Farrar, Straus and Giroux.



CHRISTOPHER BUCCAFUSCO
DIRECTOR, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY & INFORMATION LAW PROGRAM

PAY-TO-PLAYLIST: THE COMMERCE OF MUSIC STREAMING
UC IRVINE LAW REVIEW

“A hands-off regulatory approach vis-à-vis streaming payola is also supported by the doctrine of fair use since short-form music videos do not compete with streaming revenue, and because they often involve substantive transformation of the content at issue.”

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DAVID GRAY CARLSON

FRAUDULENT TRANSFER AS A TORT
MICHIGAN STATE LAW REVIEW

“This name change contradicts the judicial movement to transform fraudulent transfer from an in rem property right to a tort. According to the UVTA, fraudulent transfers are not wrongs.”

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Other Papers by David Carlson:

[➔ THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT AND THE “TORT” OF MAKING A FRAUDULENT TRANSFER, 41 *BANKRUPTCY LAW LETTER*, 2021](#)



JOCELYN GETGEN KESTENBAUM
DIRECTOR OF THE BENJAMIN B. FERENCZ HUMAN RIGHTS AND ATROCITY PREVENTION CLINIC

DISAGGREGATING SLAVERY AND THE SLAVE TRADE
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW

“Given that international human rights law applies in times of peace and conflict, the framework offers additional, complementary state responsibility accountability mechanisms to individual criminal liability for more comprehensive redress for slavery and the slave trade as well as human trafficking harms.”

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NGOZI OKIDEGBE

DISCREDITED DATA
CORNELL LAW REVIEW

“Another reason pretrial algorithms produce biased results is that they are exclusively built and trained with data from carceral knowledge sources—the police, pretrial services agencies, and the court system.”

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Other Papers by Ngozi Okidegbe:

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53 CONNECTICUT LAW REVIEW



DEBORAH PEARLSTEIN
CO-DIRECTOR, FLOERSHEIMER CENTER FOR CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY

LAWYERING THE PRESIDENCY
GEORGETOWN LAW JOURNAL

“As scholars and policymakers alike grapple with the apparent fragility of many of the legal rules thought essential to guarding against an authoritarian executive, the post-Trump era is poised to join past periods in U.S. history as a time of sweeping structural reforms aimed at better checking the exercise of presidential power.”

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MICHAEL POLLACK

PROPERTY LAW FOR THE AGES
WILLIAM & MARY LAW REVIEW

“There is significant potential in taking law, land use law, and municipal finance law for localities, states, and regional arrangements to reallocate risk to the better situated and better-equipped developers.”

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Other Papers by Michael Pollack:

[➔ REALLOCATING REDEVELOPMENT RISK](#)
FLORIDA LAW REVIEW, VOL. 73 (2021, FORTHCOMING)



ALEXANDER A. REINERT
DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR RIGHTS AND JUSTICE

NEW FEDERALISM AND CIVIL RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT (CO-AUTHOR)
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW

“Rather than waiting on federal actors to implement such reforms, and thereby effectively acquiescing in the gridlock of a divided government, officials at the state and local level should take responsibility for improving the institutions they manage.”

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DAVID RUDENSTINE

TROPHIES FOR THE EMPIRE: THE EPIC DISPUTE BETWEEN GREECE AND ENGLAND OVER THE PARTHENON SCULPTURES IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM
CARDOZO ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT LAW JOURNAL

“Revising our collective understanding of these historical considerations dramatically reframes the relevant arguments in this epic dispute. No longer is the British Museum able to assert as its essential contention that Elgin’s Acropolis activities were authorized by proper Ottoman authorities.”

[➔ VIEW PAPER](#)



JEANNE SCHROEDER

TAKING MISAPPROPRIATION SERIOUSLY: STATE COMMON LAW DISGORGEMENT ACTIONS FOR INSIDER TRADING
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY BUSINESS LAW REVIEW

“These state law claims that protect the individual private rights of owners of information are inadequate as the basis of a federal securities law concerned with such public policies as market integrity, efficiency and protection of investors.”

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STEWART STERK
DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR REAL ESTATE LAW AND POLICY

INCENTIVIZING FAIR HOUSING
BOSTON UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW

“Tax policy remains an underutilized tool for combatting exclusion. Because economic motives lie behind much exclusionary zoning—and particularly fiscal zoning—economic incentives and disincentives have the potential to alter the calculus facing municipal decision-makers.”

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MATTHEW WANSLEY

TAMING UNICORNS
INDIANA LAW JOURNAL

“Regulation should adapt now that unicorns are multiplying, and we know they are not harmless. Unicorns do not need to be killed, but they should be tamed.”

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Other Papers by Matthew Wansley:

[➔ THE END OF ACCIDENTS, *UC DAVIS LAW REVIEW* \(FORTHCOMING\)](#)



SAM WEINSTEIN

ADDICTIVE TECHNOLOGY AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR ANTITRUST ENFORCEMENT (CO-AUTHOR)
NORTH CAROLINA LAW REVIEW

“Because courts and enforcers have relatively little experience with enforcement in social media markets, more research and learning about the welfare impact of increased consumption of these kinds of addictive and exploitative products is needed.”

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Other Papers by Sam Weinstein:

[THE MERGER REVIEW PARADOX, *GEORGIA LAW REVIEW* \(FORTHCOMING\)](#)

Cardozo Welcomes New Faculty for the 2021–22 Academic Year

Professor Pamela Foohy joins the tenured faculty as a Professor of Law. Her areas of expertise are bankruptcy, commercial law and consumer law. She will teach contracts, corporations and secured transactions this semester and bankruptcy and consumer credit in the future.



Professor Foohy was previously on the faculty of the Indiana University Maurer School of Law, where she taught bankruptcy, contracts, corporations, and secured transactions. Prior to that, she was a Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of Illinois College of Law. She received the Gavel Award for outstanding contribution to the graduating class, the Indiana University Trustees' Teaching Award for excellence in teaching, and the Leon H. Wallace Teaching Award, the highest teaching honor given to Maurer School of Law faculty.

Before teaching, Professor Foohy clerked for the Honorable Thomas L. Ambro of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, worked as an associate in the Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring Group of Dorsey & Whitney LLP in Minneapolis, and clerked for the Honorable Peter J. Walsh of the Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware.

Professor Foohy received a Bachelor of Science degree summa cum laude from New York University's Stern School of Business, where she majored in economics and finance, and a J.D. cum laude from Harvard Law School.

Her research centers on bankruptcy, commercial law, and consumer law. Her work primarily involves empirical studies of bankruptcy and related parts of the legal system, combining quantitative and qualitative, interview-based research. She is a co-investigator on the Consumer Bankruptcy Project, a long-term research project studying people who file bankruptcy. The results of this research have been featured in top media outlets, including *The New York Times*, *Financial Times*, NPR, *U.S. News & World Report* and *The Washington Post*.

Professor Foohy's work in business bankruptcy focuses on non-profit entities, with an emphasis on how churches and other religious organizations use bankruptcy. The results of this research have been featured in media outlets such as Bloomberg, CBS News MoneyWatch and Reveal. She also is a contributor to the blog Credit Slips, a discussion on credit, finance, and bankruptcy.

Professor Foohy is the chair of the Section on Law and the Social Sciences of The Association of American Law Schools (AALS) and is on the executive committees of several other AALS sections. She serves on the editorial advisory board of the *Law & Society Review* and recently completed a three-year appointment to the editorial advisory board of the *American Bankruptcy Law Journal*, a peer-reviewed academic law review published by the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges. In 2019, the American Bankruptcy Institute named her a "40 Under 40" Emerging Leader in Insolvency Practice.

Professor Alma Magaña is the Harold A. Stevens Visiting Assistant Professor of Law. She will teach evidence during the spring semester.

From 2007 to 2020, Professor Magaña worked for The Legal Aid Society, where she represented clients in parole revocation proceedings and clients in criminal court. At Legal Aid, she also served as an attorney advisor, providing counsel to over 200 attorneys on how to represent their non-citizen clients most effectively.

During her final two years with Legal Aid, she was an inaugural member of its Decarceration Project, where she served as counsel on petitions relating to bail and habeas corpus in State Supreme Court and the Appellate Division of New York.

Professor Magaña's research focuses on criminal procedure, immigration, and legal ethics, paying attention to the issue of mass incarceration. She focuses on evaluating the role that system actors play in producing inequities on a large scale. Her work has focused on the injustice perpetrated against the poor, particularly the impact of criminal prosecutions on communities of color, and the subsequent immigration consequences on immigrants and the undocumented. Her scholarship interests are informed by those experiences.

Professor Magaña has a B.A. from Furman University and a J.D. from Penn State University's Dickinson Law. In law school, she was president of the Latino Law Students Association and vice president of the Public Interest Law Fund. ■



Cardozo Ranks 33rd in U.S. for Scholarly Impact

Cardozo Law School's faculty ranks 33rd in the nation for scholarly impact, according to the newly released version of the Leiter Scholarly Impact Score. Cardozo's faculty is ranked No. 22 in the country for scholarly impact by Heald & Sichelman's academic impact rankings of 100 American law schools.

The ten most-cited Cardozo faculty members are listed below, in alphabetical order:



CHRISTOPHER BUCCAFUSCO

Professor Buccafusco is the Director of the Intellectual Property and Information Law Program. His research covers issues of creativity and innovation in intellectual property law. He uses novel social science experiments to explore the nature of innovation markets, copyright, patent, and trademark law, including music copyright litigation, pharmaceutical patents, and protection for industrial design.

MYRIAM GILLES

Professor Gilles specializes in class actions and aggregate litigation, and has written extensively on class action waivers in arbitration clauses. She also writes on structural reform litigation and tort law. She is the fifth most cited civil procedure professor in the country and has testified before Congress on consumer protection.



MICHAEL HERZ

Professor Herz is a former Director of the Floersheimer Center for Constitutional Democracy. He is the former Chair of the ABA's Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice and is a Senior Fellow of the Administrative Conference of the United States. He writes about administrative law, statutory interpretation and environmental impact among other topics.





PETER MARKOWITZ

Professor Markowitz is the Director of the Kathryn O. Greenberg Immigration Justice Clinic. Professor Markowitz's scholarship focuses on immigration and constitutional law. He is the Associate Dean for Equity in Curriculum and Teaching. He writes about barriers to representation for detained immigrants, I.C.E. procedures and policies and other immigration-related topics.



ALEXANDER REINERT

Professor Reinert is the Director of the Center for Rights and Justice. He argued *Ashcroft v. Iqbal* before the Supreme Court, in which he argued that the actions of the Attorney General were discriminatory in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks. Professor Reinert's research focuses on the areas of Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Federal Courts, and Law of Prisons and Jails.

MICHEL ROSENFELD

Professor Rosenfeld is the author of several books, including *Affirmative Action and Justice: A Philosophical and Constitutional Inquiry* (Yale Univ. Press 1991), which in 1992 was named outstanding book on the subject of human rights in the U.S. by the Gustave Meyers Center; *Just Interpretations: Law Between Ethics and Politics* (Univ. of California Press 1998), which was translated into French and Italian; *Comparative Constitutionalism: Cases and Materials*, (3d. Ed., West 2016) (with Baer, Dorsen, Mancini and Sajo); *The Identity of the Constitutional Subject: Selfhood, Citizenship, Culture, and Community* (Routledge 2010).



BARRY SCHECK

Professor Scheck is the co-founder of the Innocence Project. He is known for his landmark litigation that has set standards for forensic applications of DNA technology. Since 1988, his and Peter Neufeld's work in this area has shaped the course of case law across the country and led to an influential study by the National Academy of Sciences on forensic DNA testing, as well as important state and federal legislation. His writings focus on miscarriage of justice and conviction integrity issues.



ANTHONY SEBOK

Professor Sebok is the co-director of the Jacob Burns Center for Ethics in the Practice of Law. He co-authored a casebook, *Tort Law: Responsibilities and Redress*, which is used at several leading law schools. His writings focus on legal ethics, litigation finance, tort law, and insurance law.

STEWART STERK

Professor Sterk is the Director of the Real Estate Law and Policy Program. He is the sixth most cited property law professor in the United States. His writing focuses on a wide variety of areas of law ranging from property and land use regulation to trusts and estates, copyright, and the conflict of laws.



EDWARD ZELINSKY

Professor Zelinsky is the author of *The Origins of the Ownership Society* (Oxford, 2007) and *Taxing the Church* (Oxford, 2017). He is one of the most widely cited professors of tax law in the United States.



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DAVID RUDENSTINE IN *THE NEW YORK TIMES*

Former Dean David Rudenstine is a prominent legal voice on issues of free speech, freedom of the press, national security and terrorism, and is the author of the seminal legal book on the Pentagon Papers, “The Day the Presses Stopped.” Here he is quoted extensively in *The New York Times* on the anniversary of that Supreme Court case.

THE PENTAGON PAPERS DECISION, HAILED AS A FLAT-OUT FREE-SPEECH VICTORY, IN REALITY, HAD A MORE COMPLICATED EFFECT

“What would be the law today if the case had come out differently? It’s very possible that there could have been a prosecution of *The Times*. That would have changed American law quite a lot.”

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KATE SHAW ON ABC NEWS

Professor Kate Shaw has been a news analyst and Supreme Court contributor for ABC News since 2015. She appeared this year on multiple ABC News programs, covering the impeachment trials of Donald Trump, as well as numerous Supreme Court cases. In January she wrote an op-ed piece in *The New York Times* analyzing the Senate impeachment trial. She is the co-host of the Supreme Court podcast *Strict Scrutiny*.

ARIZONA RESTRICTIONS IN MAJOR VOTING RIGHTS, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION CASE

“This is a ruling that definitely will make it easier for states to impose restrictions, harder for plaintiffs and voting rights groups to challenge these kinds of restrictions and could really impact the outcome in close elections going forward.”

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EKOW YANKAH WRITES AN OP-ED IN *THE WASHINGTON POST*

Professor Ekow Yankah has written for *The New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, and *The Washington Post* and has been featured on NBC, CNN, MSNBC, BBC, BBC International and PBS. In *The Washington Post*, he recently commented on the George Floyd murder trial about the Chauvin defense team’s attempts to put George Floyd’s history of drug addiction on the stand:

PRISONS ARE GETTING WHITER. THAT’S ONE WAY MASS INCARCERATION MAY END

“White Americans have been filling jails and prisons at increasing rates in the 21st century. Getting many Americans to stop seeing prisons as a ‘Black problem’ is a key to reform.”

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DEAN MELANIE LESLIE ON CNN.COM

Dean Melanie Leslie is a scholar focusing on fiduciary duties and non-profit governance and was recently quoted on CNN about the internal investigation announced by Activision Blizzard, which has shaken the tech sector.

THE ACTIVISION BLIZZARD LAWSUIT COULD BE A WATERSHED MOMENT FOR THE BUSINESS WORLD. HERE'S WHY.

“Most important, internal investigations do little to get at the real problem—the need to change a particular corporate culture. What’s really needed is effective ethical leadership.”

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PAMELA FOOHEY WRITES AN OP-ED IN *THE HILL*

Professor Pamela Foohey is an expert in bankruptcy, commercial law, and consumer law.

REGULATORS MUST GET AHEAD OF THE COMING WAVE OF LOAN DEFAULTS

“Now is the moment for policymakers and financial regulators to learn from their mistakes during the Great Recession in leaving people on their own to determine how to manage their debts.”

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CHRIS BUCCAFUSCO WRITES AN OP-ED IN *BILLBOARD*

Professor Chris Buccafusco is the director of Cardozo's Intellectual Property & Information Law Program and is frequently in the media writing and speaking about innovation, creativity and intellectual property law.

SPOTIFY'S 'DISCOVERY MODE' IS PAYOLA, JUST NOT THE BAD KIND

“If Congress is worried about music distribution and artist equity, it should focus its attention on the increasing market power of platforms and labels—not on the smaller artists trying to get a leg up.”

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DEBORAH PEARLSTEIN IN ASSOCIATED PRESS

Professor Deborah Pearlstein is the co-director of the Floersheimer Center for Constitutional Democracy. Her work on the U.S. Constitution, international law, and national security has appeared widely in the media including NPR, Bloomberg Law, and ABC News. She serves on the New York State Bar Association task force to protect voting rights and democratic institutions.

REMOTE COURT FIGHT AGAINST GEORGIA VOTING OVERHAUL NO SURE THING

“The cumulative effect of the 2013 decision and subsequent measures enacted by states is to really empower states who are interested in limiting voting to do that with more of a hope that they will be able to survive legal challenges.”

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PETER MARKOWITZ IN USA TODAY

Professor Peter Markowitz is the co-director and founding faculty member of the Kathryn O. Greenberg Immigration Justice Clinic. He has written op-eds appearing in *The New York Times*, *The Nation*, and *HuffPost*. He was quoted recently in *USA Today*.

A PARDON FOR DREAMERS? SOME ACTIVISTS TOUT AMNESTY FOR UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS IF CONGRESS DOESN'T ACT

“Everybody would prefer that this type of durable protection be delivered through legislation. But if that proves impossible, clemency at least gives undocumented immigrants peace.”

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KATE LEVINE IN THE WASHINGTON POST

Professor Kate Levine specializes in policing and has been quoted recently in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Vox* and *Law 360*, and here in *The Washington Post* about the Derek Chauvin trial.

WHEN POLICE KILL PEOPLE, THEY ARE RARELY PROSECUTED AND HARD TO CONVICT

“It will be much harder for Mr. Chauvin to claim the usual justification of self-defense than it is when there are shooting deaths. It’s very hard for him to say, ‘I was in fear for my life when I knelt on this man’s neck.’”

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SAM WEINSTEIN IN *YAHOO! FINANCE*

Professor Sam Weinstein is the co-director of The Samuel & Ronnie Heyman Center on Corporate Law Governance. He has been quoted recently in *The New York Times* and *Bloomberg*.

APPLE CEO TIM COOK IS RIGHT—A MORE OPEN IPHONE COULD CARRY A HIDDEN COST FOR CONSUMERS

“Antitrust courts don’t care so much about safety—they care about competition. So I’m wondering if that’s ever been a persuasive argument.”

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ALEX REINERT IN *THE NEW YORK TIMES*

Professor Alex Reinert is the director of the Center for Rights and Justice. He has been quoted recently in *The New York Times* and *Slate* regarding police officers abusing power, qualified immunity and justice system reforms.

CRACKS IN A LEGAL SHIELD FOR OFFICERS’ MISCONDUCT

“Reinert, the author of a new study on qualified immunity, said it would be a mistake to read too much into two brief orders, both concerning prisoners. ‘The Supreme Court remains very committed to qualified immunity being a forceful defense in civil rights cases and certainly in police excessive force cases,’ he said. His study, which surveyed 4,000 appeals court decisions, found regional variations and a disproportionate tendency of judges appointed by Republican presidents to vote to grant qualified immunity.”

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REBEKAH DILLER AND LESLIE SALZMAN WRITE AN OP-ED IN *BUSINESS INSIDER*

Professors Rebekah Diller and Leslie Salzman are the co-directors of the Bet Tzedek Civil Litigation Clinic. They have both been quoted in numerous outlets, including *The New York Times* and *USA Today*.

IT’S NOT JUST BRITNEY SPEARS—OVER A MILLION ADULTS IN THE U.S. ARE UNDER LEGAL CONSERVATORSHIPS, AND THEY OFTEN FAIL TO PROTECT THOSE THEY ARE MEANT TO HELP

“Today, in most states, courts are supposed to consider less restrictive alternatives and narrowly tailor any guardianship order to preserve maximum autonomy. Yet these reforms, which are often ignored in practice, have not gone far enough.”

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ANTHONY SEBOK IN *LAW360*

Professor Anthony Sebok is co-director of the Jacob Burns Center for Ethics in the Practice of Law.

N.J. FEDERAL COURT MAY REQUIRE 3RD-PARTY FUNDING DISCLOSURES

“I don’t think it’s going to directly affect anyone’s decision whether to seek funding. What I do think it is going to do is indirectly affect whether or not they are offered funding.”

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LAURA CUNNINGHAM ON CNN

Professor Laura Cunningham has written on income tax, partnership tax, estate tax, and trusts and estates, and is a coauthor of *The Logic of Subchapter K: A Conceptual Guide to the Taxation of Partnership and Partners*.

NY ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS BEEN LOOKING INTO THE TAXES OF TRUMP ORGANIZATION CFO FOR MONTHS, SOURCES SAY

“Direct payments for someone else’s tuition from a person to a school would not raise red flags for tax law violations. But it’s a different story if the tuition or medical payments are coming from someone’s employer.”

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LELA LOVE IN *BUSINESS INSIDER*

Professor Lela Love is the director of the Kukin Program for Conflict Resolution.

VC TIM DRAPER JUST GAVE SEED FUNDING TO A STARTUP THAT WANTS TO DISRUPT THE MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR BUSINESS OF SETTLING DISPUTES

“Fairness is based on mutual, contractual agreement in arbitration. It also needs to be a truly neutral mechanism that isn’t swayed by gender, geography, or race, like in jury selection.”

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JESSICA ROTH IN *REUTERS*

Professor Jessica Roth is the co-director of the Jacob Burns Center for Ethics in the Practice of Law. She has appeared on ABC News, Bloomberg, NPR, and has been quoted in *USA Today* and here in *Reuters*.

WITH NO SELF-PARDON IN HAND, PRIVATE CITIZEN TRUMP FACES UNCERTAIN LEGAL FUTURE

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KATHRYN MILLER ON NPR

Professor Kathryn Miller is assistant director of the Criminal Defense Clinic.

SUPREME COURT REJECTS RESTRICTIONS ON LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE FOR JUVENILES

“A lot of times these judges really want to still focus on the facts of the crime even though it is years or decades later. They’re not interested in the rehabilitation narrative.”

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EDWARD STEIN IN *THE NEW YORKER*

Professor Edward Stein is the director of the Gertrud Mainzer Program in Family Law, Policy and Bioethics.

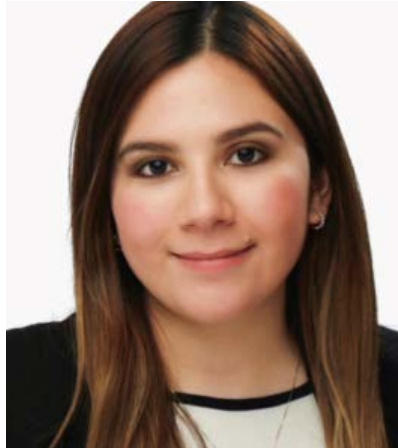
HOW POLYAMORISTS AND POLYGAMISTS ARE CHALLENGING FAMILY NORMS

“Many polyamorists claim to have been drawn to nonmonogamy for as long as they have experienced sexual desire, and that many nominal monogamists have intractable difficulty remaining that way, suggesting that a polyamorous orientation may be both innate and immutable.”

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Andrea Barrientos '21, Sadie Casamenti '21 Receive Prestigious Immigration Justice Corps Fellowship

Andrea Barrientos and Sadie Casamenti have been chosen, along with 26 other graduates from top law schools around the country, as Justice Fellows with the Immigrant Justice Corps program.

They have been active in the Kathryn O. Greenberg Immigration Justice Clinic during their time at Cardozo. The corps program was founded by Robert A. Katzmann, judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, who, during his lifetime, was a frequent guest speaker and supporter of Cardozo's immigration initiatives.



Barrientos will spend her fellowship period working for Make the Road New York. Casamenti will work for the New York Legal Assistance Group. They will serve for two years as staff attorneys providing legal assistance to low-income immigrants in an array of immigration matters, including deportation defense and affirmative applications for those fleeing persecution.

Professor Lindsay Nash, co-director of the Kathryn O. Greenberg Immigration Justice Clinic, said, "Andrea and Sadie have been incredible advocates for their clients and immigrants' rights more generally as part of the Immigration Justice Clinic, and I'm thrilled that they'll get to begin their careers with the Immigrant Justice Corps—an organization doing groundbreaking work in the immigrant representation arena."

Barrientos will be providing immigrant-rights legal services on

Staten Island. "My focus will be on visas for victims of human trafficking and crime, asylum for persons fleeing their home countries, and removal defense for immigrants facing deportation," she said.

She credited her Cardozo clinic experience with teaching her the complexities of immigration law. "I am particularly grateful to Professor Lindsay Nash for mentoring and supporting me and to Mauricio Noroña for teaching me through my first immigration case."

Casamenti also praised the clinic and her professors, who encouraged her to build a career in the immigration justice field. "Now, through IJC, I'm thrilled to join a community of attorneys and advocates who are dedicated to helping each other grow in their commitment towards advancing immigrants' rights," she said.

Her work with the New York Legal Assistance Group will include representing various forms of affirmative and defensive cases, as well as the opportunity to work on federal relief. "I'm excited to leverage the strong foundation of direct services and impact litigation experiences I've gained while at Cardozo in this new role at NYLAG," she said.

Student Achievements

Kathryn O. Greenberg Immigration Justice Clinic Teams Up With Freedom for Immigrants, and Immigrant Defense Project To Co-Author Report on Electronic Ankle Shackling

A new report by the Immigration Justice Clinic leverages surveys of approximately 150 immigrants subject to shackling, data from immigration legal service providers related to nearly 1,000 cases, and qualitative interviews with immigrants subject to shackling. The result is the first empirical study to document the nature and scale of the harms, racial disparities and lack of efficacy of ICE's massive electronic shackling program.

Alisa Whitfield, Clinical Teaching Fellow, said that "the student team did almost all of the original research. This report exposes the myth that ICE's shackling program is a humane alternative to detention. In fact, it is neither. There are profound harms associated with shackling, and instead of reducing detention, ICE's shackling program has been used to virtually confine people who would previously have been at liberty."

The electronic shackling is supposed to improve court appearance rates. But data from the report show that those who are offered

legal counsel and support services such as medical and mental health care, housing, employment assistance, and translators, show up in immigration courts at equivalent rates to those who are shackled by ICE.

Tosca Giustini, a rising 3L student who worked on the report, said, "The Immigration Justice Clinic student team had the amazing opportunity to create a first of its kind report about ICE's use of electronic ankle shackles and the impact of the devices on immigrants. We surveyed almost 150 impacted individuals and conducted nine in-depth qualitative interviews to better understand the trauma caused by the shackle. Additionally, we collected data from legal-service providers on almost 1,000 of their clients to analyze the racial disparity in shackle assignment and compare appearance rates of shackled and non-shackled clients. We used all of this original research to write the report with our partners at Freedom for Immigrants and the Immigrant Defense Project."



Sasha Rubman '21 Receives 2021 Mark Whitlock Scholarship

Sasha Rubman '21 was selected as the 2021 recipient of the Mark Whitlock Scholarship.

Rubman is known for her warmth and inclusive spirit within the Cardozo community. As president of OUTlaw, senior staff editor and board member of Moot Court Honor Society, treasurer of the Student Bar Association, Student Admissions Representative, and Gates Ambassador for Cardozo's inaugural Gates Scholars Program, she has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the law school.

The scholarship committee noted Rubman's efforts to mentor, encourage, and positively impact her fellow students, saying, "She maintains a compassionate and considerate heart, listens to those she leads, and ensures that all voices are

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heard.” A committee member added, “She has found every way to make Cardozo a more inclusive place and to uplift and support peers in their endeavors.”

The Whitlock Scholarship was established by the friends and family of Mark Whitlock '10, who died from brain cancer while a student at Cardozo. His family sought to celebrate his joyous spirit and vitality by creating this annual scholarship. It recognizes an outstanding, third-year J.D. student who, through the force of individual effort, energy, spirit, and initiative, contributes to and/or expands and strengthens student life and community at Cardozo.

“I am so honored to serve this community and so humbled to have been selected as a student who carries on the incredible legacy of Mark Whitlock,” Rubman said.



Bella Pori '21 Receives 2021 Paris Baldacci Scholarship for Outstanding Work on LGBT Rights

Bella Pori '21 is the recipient of the 2021 Paris Baldacci Scholarship for Outstanding Student Work on LGBT Rights, which was created in honor of Paris Baldacci, beloved professor emeritus who died on Sept. 6, 2020. During his lifetime, he was always present during the ceremony when the scholarship was awarded.

Pori has been an active member of the Human Rights and Atrocity Prevention Clinic at Cardozo, in addition to serving as a research assistant for Professor Kate Shaw. Pori received her B.A. from Barnard College in 2015 and spent several years before law school in New York politics working for Assemblymen Phil Goldfeder and Walter Mosley, and during law school, was an intern at the Center for Reproductive Rights.

“I’m honored to have been awarded the Paris Baldacci Scholarship,” she said. “Professor Baldacci brought so much to Cardozo through both his work as a clinical professor and by being a positive openly gay role model for the students he taught and those he did not. I know that my ability to be openly gay and to work on LGBTQ+ rights issues is due in part to him and other courageous LGBTQ+ people, and I hope to someday contribute to the wonderful legacy Professor Baldacci and others have left.”

The Baldacci Scholarship is awarded each year by a committee chaired by Professor Edward Stein, director of the Gertrud Mainzer Program in Family Law, Policy and Bioethics. “The committee was especially impressed with Bella’s combination of writing projects on LGBT-related topics and her work on reproductive justice,” Professor Stein said. “We were impressed with the research she has conducted on the AIDS epidemic, producing a college curriculum that focuses on the federal government’s failed response to the health crisis between 1982 and 1985.”

She is writing an article about the Motion Picture Production Code of the early 20th century and how it impacted which cases were chosen by the LGBTQ+ rights movement as test cases at the Supreme Court.

Stein praised her writing and her public service work with the Center for Reproductive Rights and the ACLU. Her work focuses on access

to abortion as being connected to reproductive justice more generally and on expanding and ensuring rights for LGBTQ+ people.

The Baldacci Scholarship was created in honor of Professor Baldacci who taught at Cardozo from 1991 until 2015 and who pioneered new programs for housing rights and gay rights as a clinical professor of law. Professor Baldacci was a supervising attorney in the Bet Tzedek Civil Litigation Clinic and established a Housing Rights Clinic and the LGBT Litigation and Leadership Practicum, which he directed until he retired in 2015.

Previous award recipients include: Eugenia Fowlkes '20, Assistant Corporation Counsel, New York City Law Department (not yet admitted); Eva "Chava" Thomas '19, associate, A.Y. Strauss LLC; Daniel Sinasohn '18, attorney advisor, U.S. Small Business Administration—Office of Disaster Assistance; Sam Stanton '17, policy advisor at the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs; Elias Shebar '16, attorney, Office of the Cook County Public Guardian; Francesca Acocella '16, director of student life, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law; and Sanam Assil '15, associate, Tannenbaum Helpern Syracuse & Hirschtritt LLP.



Jhaton White '22 Makes History as *Cardozo Law Review's* First Black Editor-in-Chief

When 2L student Jhaton White found out that he had been elected as the first Black editor-in-chief of the *Cardozo Law Review*, he said, "My dad called me a legend and compared me to Barack Obama. He still hasn't stopped, and it's kind of sweet. My mom was really excited as well. We hugged, she told me how proud she is to be my mother and that she knew I would get the position. We also had a quick dance party in the kitchen, then I had to jump on Zoom and join Volume 42's election process."

White said being elected to this role has tremendous meaning for him for two reasons. "The first," he said, "is representation. For the first time, Black students are seeing someone who looks like them at the head of Cardozo's prestigious Law Review. I hope that me being the first Black EIC lets Black first-year law students know that they are also

capable of achieving this. CLR went from having no Black staff editors to having its first Black EIC, a Black guy from the Bronx, NY, and if I can do it, I want Black law students to know that they can, too."

"The second reason is access," he continued. "The Black experience is a very unique experience, and with that comes unique insight, which I hope will be reflected in my work as EIC. Being passed over for opportunities and experiencing various microaggressions because of your race helps you understand the importance of equity and parity. So being the first Black EIC means that I can use my unique experiences to diversify not only the scholarship that CLR publishes but also the authors that we publish as well."

When asked why he wanted to go to law school, White said, "I grew up idolizing lawyers. I have a first cousin on my dad's side who has been a lawyer since I was born, and I remember being in awe of how smart he sounded whenever he spoke. I've also watched more law and crime shows than I care to admit. But what solidified my interest was going to school in Albany, where I had the opportunity to work with lawyers, judges, politicians, community organizers, and community-based organizations. Through those experiences, I realized that learning the law is comparable to learning another language. And the prospect of learning their language and existing in their world instilled a sense of

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passion in me. At that point, I knew I had to go to law school.”

White said his goals for the Law Review include bringing parity and transparency to the Writing Competition, which is why CLR Vol. 43 introduced Journal Week, which debuted April 5. The five-day event was designed to expose first-year law students to the work of Cardozo’s journals and to provide an introduction to the Bluebook rules relevant for the Writing Competition.

“Journal Week is our way of leveling the playing field,” he said, “especially for those unfamiliar with this type of legal writing. This approach should also increase the competitive nature of the Writing Competition, which could strengthen the overall applicant pool and provide journals the opportunity to be staffed by the best candidates. His second goal is to make CLR’s election process earlier, “so we are on par with other elite journals. By the time a new CLR board is elected, some other journals have already elected a board, transitioned, and opened and closed their submissions process. This means that CLR could be losing out on great articles because of the timing of our elections process. Our journal’s ranking is directly tied to the number of times we are cited, so access to the pool of articles that are submitted prior to when our current submissions process begins could mean access to new and interesting legal scholarship.”

White has advice for 1L students at the start of their journey: “Be patient with yourself,” he said. “One of the wonderful things about Cardozo is that so many people are invested in your success. So find your community and support each other the entire way because you are going to have plenty of late nights studying the law, but it’s a bit easier when you’re doing it with people you care about and who care about you.”



Moot Court Honor Society Team Places 2nd in Regionals at Trademark Competition

Cardozo’s Moot Court Honor Society competition team came in second in the regional round of the International Trademark Association (INTA) 30th Annual Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition, held in February. The event hosts 80 teams from six regions around the country. Cardozo’s second-place finish qualified the team for the national competition. At the national round, Oralists

Nigel Pura-Bryant ’22 and Matthew Jacobs ’22, competed against the top teams from each region.

In addition to Pura-Bryant and Jacobs, the team included the head coach, JoHanna Rothseid ’21; assistant coaches, Mendel Epstein ’21 and Tiffany Cheung ’21; and opposing brief writers, Elizabeth Soclof ’22 and Matthew Nosenchuk ’22. Professor Burt Lipshie is the faculty advisor.

The team focused on three separate issues: whether there was a likelihood of confusion between two businesses, one named NORMM and the other THE NEW NORM; whether THE NEW NORM willfully infringed upon NORMM’s registered trademark; and, whether there should be equitable remedies awarded.

“We were honored to represent the New York region and Cardozo at the national competition,” Rothseid said. “We benefited from the generous help of Cardozo alumni—all trademark practitioners, who attended our practices as guest judges and provided valuable feedback—Vanessa Ignacio, Abraham Lichy, Jessie Maihos, and Scott Sisun.”

ADR Competition Honor Society Team Wins Best Negotiation and Best Overall at UCLA Transactional Law Competition

Cardozo's ADR Competition Honor Society's team, which included Geena Caporale '21 and Victoria Sadosky '22, won "Best Negotiation" and "Best Overall" at this year's UCLA Transactional Law Competition on Feb. 26, during which 18 schools and 26 teams competed.

Marisa Masters '21 and Michael Silbert '21 served as coaches.

"The win was incredibly exciting for us considering this was the first time the ADR Competition Honor Society participated in a transactional competition," Sadosky said. "There was a steep learning curve in such a short period of time, so it was a true team effort for us, and in the end, I think it was the ADR sensibility that helped us succeed. We were also very fortunate to have Professor Jill Gautier assist us in preparing for the competition. She not only helped us in the drafting and mark-up stages but also provided great insight so we could develop the best negotiation strategy and focus on the most important issues."

The competition is based on the national LawMeets competition and challenges students to draft and negotiate a simulated M&A transaction. Students, representing either the buyer or seller, draft an acquisition agreement, mark up an

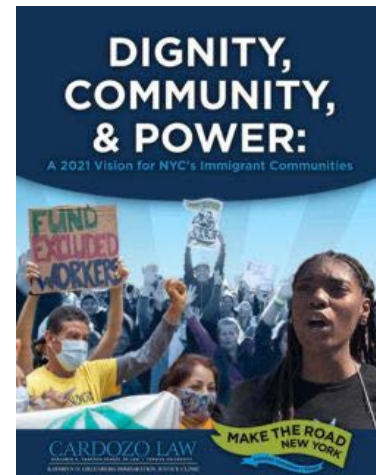
opposing team's draft of the acquisition agreement, and finally partake in two rounds of negotiations against other teams.

Each round was scored by three judges who are M&A practitioners and partners from prominent law firms. This year, the case statement concerned a medical device company acquiring a manufacturer focused on the development of medical diagnostics for the treatment of diabetes.

The ADR Competition Honor Society had a fruitful year, despite the transition to virtual competitions. Student Tae Joon Chang was a semi-finalist in the University of Houston Law Center Mediation Competition. The team also competed at two more virtual competitions: the CPR International Mediation Competition in São Paulo, Brazil and the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna, Austria.

Kathryn O. Greenberg Immigration Justice Clinic and Make the Road New York Release White Paper to Future NYC Leaders on Protections for Immigrants

Cardozo's Kathryn O. Greenberg Immigration Clinic and Make the Road New York released a white paper detailing key policies that the next administration should prioritize to ensure the well-being of immigrant communities across New York



City and to provide them with opportunities. Dignity, Community, and Power: A 2021 Vision for NYC's Immigrant Communities presents a roadmap showing how the next mayor and City Council can and must take bold action for immigrant communities.

Cardozo students Jessica Wang '22, Adam Coretz '22, and Sadie Casamenti '21 wrote the white paper, participated in a news conference March 3, and conducted briefings with City Council members and NYC mayoral candidates.

Professor Lindsay Nash, co-director of the Immigration Justice Clinic, said, "The students did an incredible job of working with our partner, Make the Road New York, and members of the immigrant community to develop a bold municipal agenda that covers a range of critical areas and centers the needs and goals of people who are too often denied rights and shut out of important relief programs."

In an interview with Politico, Casamenti, a student in the Immigration Justice Clinic, said,

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“The pandemic and its economic fallout have exacerbated what was already a deeply inequitable situation for many immigrant New Yorkers. This white paper provides an action plan for the city to better protect immigrant community members, create durable rights, and establish models for progressive cities and states around the nation.”

Key policy proposals in the report include ensuring that immigrant New Yorkers, regardless of their immigration status, can vote in municipal elections; disentangling local law enforcement from federal immigration enforcement; expanding access to counsel for New Yorkers facing deportation; and increasing access to community-driven health services.

Cardozo Students Compete Virtually in Annual Monrad G. Paulsen Competition

Cardozo’s Monrad G. Paulsen Competition, an intramural competition named after Cardozo’s first dean, was held Nov. 4, 5 and 9, 2020, in a virtual format.

It is sponsored by Moot Court Honor Society, which provides a forum for students to compete for recognition as Cardozo’s best advocates.

Entrants write briefs, which are evaluated by the Moot Court Honor Society Editorial Board and faculty members. They then participate in an “elimination-style” oral advocacy tournament judged by faculty, practicing attorneys and judges.

Students submit a brief on one of the two issues of law before the court and orally argue both issues over several nights. Students with the best oral and written scores advance progressively to semi-final and final rounds. On the basis of their performance, some participants are invited to join Moot Court Honor Society.

Jonathan Tilles won Best Oralist; Julie Tervala won Runner-Up Best Oralist; Elizabeth Soclof ’22 won Best Brief; and Laurel Hardy ’22 won Runner-Up Best Brief. Faculty judges included Professors Burt Lipshie and David Rudenstine, and Adjunct Professors Ralph Fabrizio and Julie Interdonato served as judges.

Mia Bornstein ’22, who competed, said, “This year’s Paulsen Competition was challenging, rewarding, and so much fun. I am beyond grateful to have had the chance to connect with peers and professionals alike, and I could not have felt more supported by the Cardozo community. It is an experience I won’t forget!”

Bornstein, Hardy and fellow students Brian Massey ’22 and Adam Schuler ’22 were accepted into the society.



Harold Kang '21 Is New York Winner of ADR Law Student Writing Competition

Harold Kang won the Alternate Dispute Resolution writing competition for his paper, *Hong Kong and China: Building Bridges Between Two Systems in One Country*.

The American College of Civil Trial Mediators and the New York State Bar Association sponsor the event to heighten interest in, and competence related to, student writing about alternate dispute resolution.

Kang said, “My note proposes a potential framework through which Hong Kong and China can achieve reconciliation and resolution of the conflict arising from their ‘one country, two systems’ arrangement. Using The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law’s Divided Community Project as a model, I incorporated ideas from two-level game diplomacy and controlled communication to create a dispute-resolution apparatus by which Hong Kong and China can begin

cooperative and collaborative dialogue. Ideally, the framework I propose would enable these two parties to resolve both the surface-level and foundational issues that have culminated in the Hong Kong protests that began in 2019.”

Kang added that “gaining recognition for this award is an incredible honor, and I’m very grateful to the ACCTM/NYSBA Law Student Writing Competition Committee for selecting me as the NY Winner.”

Students Discuss Achievements at Clinics’ Spring Luncheon

MEDIATION CLINIC:

Raquel Vasinkevich ’21 and Sean McLaughlin ’21 spoke at the Spring 2021 Clinics Luncheon, held on Zoom on April 19, to discuss the Mediation Clinic’s work during the past year. The 16 students in the clinic qualified as peace mediators, and the clinic was the first law-school program to receive cases to mediate remotely from small claims court in spring 2020.

During the pandemic, the clinic, part of the school’s Kukin Program for Conflict Resolution, has continued mediating for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission over the Zoom platform.

Clinic Director Donna Erez-Navot said, “It was seamless. We were settling cases even when the hearings at EEOC were suspended.”

Cardozo’s Civil Rights Clinic, partnering with lawyers from the New York City office of Hogan Lovells and New Orleans lawyer Nicholas Trenticosta, won a settlement in which a federal judge in Louisiana ordered a number of changes for prisoners in solitary confinement, 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; congregate religious worship and contact visits.

Civil Rights Clinic students have been working on this case since before it was filed in 2017. Several of these students 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 Rubenstein, Keegan Stephen, Meg Tiley and David Stillman.

Current clinic students will continue to work with Professor Betsy Ginsberg to enforce the terms of the settlement.

Gila Sohn ’20, who worked with the clinic on the EEOC cases, said, “I read through the case materials and helped prepare for the mediation by speaking to both of the parties’ attorneys to get a better sense of what their interests were before mediating the case.”

She watched Professor Erez-Navot chair the mediation. “I got to see how a seasoned mediator navigates sensitive issues involving employment,” she said. “This was also the first time that I was part of a mediation that involved lawyers on both sides, so it was eye-opening to see the roles that lawyers play in mediations.”

TECH STARTUP CLINIC:

When Kyle Bersani was seeking summer employment, his clinical work paid off. “My experience in the Tech Startup Clinic was the one thing that blew employers away,” he said.

He talked about his work, which included, along with other tasks,

employment law consultation, creation of liability waivers and trademark search.

CIVIL RIGHTS CLINIC:

Kira Brekke ’21 and Clare Hough ’21 spent last year working in Cardozo’s Civil Rights Clinic, fighting for rights of incarcerated people. “This whole clinical year has been a meaningful experience for both of us,” Brekke said. She discussed the work the students did on behalf of Metropolitan Detention Center prisoners who lived without basic needs like heat and running water during a period in winter 2019. A class-action lawsuit is ongoing for incarcerated people at the center who experienced this, and they are represented by Professor Betsy Ginsberg, director of Clinical Legal Education and director of the Civil Rights Clinic, and Professor Alexander Reinert, who have served as plaintiff’s counsel since 2019.

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Madison Marlow '23 Works with Manhattan Borough President's Office To Install 19th Amendment Statue in Central Park

Madison Marlow's first week at Cardozo coincided with an important milestone in New York City: the installation of a statue in Central Park commemorating the 19th Amendment Centennial that represents "real" women—Sojourner Truth, Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton. Prior to this, the statues in the park of women

were representations of fictional characters.

Marlow attended the unveiling of the statue on Aug. 26, 2020.

Marlow '23, who grew up in Colorado and California, worked in marketing and event planning with Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer's office before starting law school and was part of a team from Brewer's office that helped oversee the statue project.

She worked under the direction of colleague Penelope Cox and the nonprofit Monumental Women, which raised funds for the statue

and is rolling out an education campaign for New York City schools about women's suffrage.

"I helped see this statue through its final stages of approval and completion," Marlow said. "One memorable moment of working to get the statue in the park was reading a letter of testimony on behalf of Mayor David N. Dinkins at a Public Design Commission hearing. During my time at the borough president's office, I also joined a few meetings with Skadden lawyers to discuss contracts related to the statue. Those are only two examples of the immense amount of work that myself and others put into the process."

She noted that the statue's unveiling coincided with her first week of law school. "Even before classes began, thoughts of, 'do I belong in law school?' weighed on me," she said. "Impostor syndrome is common for women to experience in all types of settings, and I am no stranger to it. My hope is, when girls and women walk by this monument in Central Park and observe these three valiant figures, they recognize that they also belong—in a park, on a voting ballot, and in a law school classroom."

Marlow, who graduated from Columbia University in 2018, is involved in the Women's Law Initiative.



New Gates Scholars Program Will Support Students from Underrepresented Backgrounds

Law school is challenging and can be especially so for students from backgrounds that are traditionally underrepresented in higher education. The E. Nathaniel Gates Scholars Program was launched in the spring to support students from underrepresented backgrounds throughout their law school years. It is designed to help students build powerful support networks and make lasting connections for successful legal careers.

The innovative approach is interdepartmental and intergenerational to provide social support, community, and networking opportunities. The Gates Scholars approach is rooted in the belief that community drives success in law school. Students may apply if they are from backgrounds that are underrepresented based on race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation or other criteria, such as those from immigrant backgrounds or who are the first generation in their family to enter a higher-education institution.

Associate Dean of Student Services Jenn Kim said the Gates Scholars Program will provide mentorship and build community to support underrepresented and first-generation students and help them navigate the unique and specific challenges of law school.

The program is named in honor of the late Professor E. Nathaniel Gates, who died in 2006 and served as an advisor to student initiatives and organizations, including the Diversity Coalition and the Black, Asian, and Latino Law Students Association, and who, at the time of his death, was working on a sweeping examination of race in American law dating to the colonial period.

The Gates Scholars Program includes:

- Pre-orientation community-building events
 - Membership in affinity groups
 - Educational opportunities for foundational tools
 - Networking and social events
 - Mentorship support
 - Elected Gates Scholar Leaders who will interface with law school departments
 - A directory to access other Gates Scholars and alumni for job opportunities and support
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Innovative New LL.M.

It's been a busy year for Associate Dean Val Myteberi. The pandemic hit every department of the school, but for programs that are designed for international students, the turmoil it caused was monumental. But Dean Myteberi and her team managed the workload and even expanded Cardozo's LL.M. program by developing and launching Cardozo's first all-online programs. Cardozo's world-renowned intellectual property program was a natural starting place since the LL.M. in Intellectual Property is recognized as a top-10 program in the country. Cardozo now offers an online LL.M. in IP Law as well as an M.S.L. in Data Law and Privacy, both of which are asynchronous programs.

Dean Myteberi is a member of the law school's senior leadership team, where she plays a critical role in strategic innovation. As a graduate of Cardozo's LL.M. program, and an international student originally from Albania, she understands how to support students who come to Cardozo from all parts of the world—at last count 33 countries are represented. Her LL.M. concentration was in corporate law, and she is the former program director of The Samuel & Ronnie Heyman Center on Corporate Governance, where she worked on an international roster of symposia that spanned academic, research, diplomatic and non-governmental channels. At The Heyman Center, she helped launch and teach ITRANS, Cardozo's simulation course in business dealmaking.

Q: What made you decide to get an LL.M. in corporate law at Cardozo, and how did that inform your desire to become engaged in the international business and legal world?

A: I fell in love with Cardozo right from the start. I had visited many NYC law schools and audited some classes to get a feel for each school, but none impressed me as much as Cardozo with its warmth and its unique sense of community. I felt right at home and that I belonged here. When studying law in a big city like New York, you are fortunate to be exposed to some of the best professors and brightest legal minds in the world. There are excellent law schools all over the city but studying law—especially as a foreign law student—doesn't have to feel intimidating or [be] a cold experience. This is a profession where we serve people from all backgrounds and all walks of life, and I was looking for a school that was diverse and welcoming to international students.

In addition, Cardozo allowed LL.M. students to start on a General Studies program and discover their passions along the way. So, in the first semester I focused on courses that would allow me to explore different areas of law without jeopardizing my New York Bar requirements. I took IP, corporate law, and even trial and advocacy courses, so that I could find my passion, and I chose corporate law and finance because it offered a rich

and practical curriculum—relevant to what was happening in the world at the time, right at the start of the global financial crisis in 2008.

Q: You recently oversaw the creation of Cardozo's first fully online graduate program in IP and an M.S.L. in data and privacy law. How did the school decide to do this and why the focus on IP?

A: Under the leadership of our brilliant IP faculty, Cardozo has built an excellent IP curriculum that is recognized, admired and praised all over the world. In the last 20 years, the advancement of various technologies and the digitalization of businesses on a global scale have rendered IP law more complex and very fast changing. Lawyers who wish to enter this area of law, or those who wish to specialize further in IP, find it hard to stay on top of the latest developments on their own. And just like in tax law, more and more employers have an expectation now that an LL.M. degree in IP should be on your resume if you are planning to serve clients in this area of law. However, for many lawyers, it is cost prohibitive to leave their jobs and/or move to New York City to pursue an LL.M. degree.

Responding to this global demand for more learning in IP, we took our rich curriculum and brought it to a fully online, asynchronous and flexible format that allows lawyers to pursue their training while keeping



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their jobs and their preferred schedules, wherever they are in the world. And by asynchronous learning, we don't mean the boring videos that often lawyers have to take as part of their continuing legal education training. Our platform uses advanced technology and smart tools for a highly engaging and fun student experience. The learning is truly transformative, just like our experience on our campus.

Similarly, the M.S.L. in data law and privacy was recently launched in response to the increased complexities in managing data risks, not only by lawyers and legal teams, but also by operational and IT teams at various corporations. Our digital and global economy is fueled by big data and its collection, storage, use, and monetization impacts almost every single operation of a multi-national corporation. With Cardozo's M.S.L. degree, you don't have to be a lawyer, but you can still understand the complex regulations governing data today and help your organization build an infrastructure that protects customers' data and respects privacy laws for your day-to-day operations.

Q: What is the key attraction for students to come to New York City to study, and what does Cardozo offer them that is special?

A: New York offers students the unique opportunity to study in one of the most important, diverse and

connected cities in the world. In any given year, students arrive to Cardozo from more than 30 countries, forming an active and diverse intellectual community that enriches your learning beyond the walls of the classroom. Under the tutelage of our brilliant faculty, students are constantly exposed to a rich and innovative curriculum that prepares them for success in whichever area of law they choose to pursue: intellectual property, public service, corporate and securities law, technology law, dispute resolution, real estate, entertainment law, etc. And throughout this journey of learning and transformation at Cardozo, students are not alone. Dedicated faculty and experienced administrators are here to guide them towards academic and professional success.

Q: You were recently able to attend Cardozo's first Commencement post pandemic, and your LL.M. students were thrilled to see you. What have they told you about the experience of studying during the pandemic, and how are they doing now?

A: This is an important question because it goes back to the reason why I chose Cardozo in the first place. The pandemic brought unprecedented challenges for many of our students. Overnight, they had to switch to a fully online schedule—taking Zoom courses in odd hours of the day—in all time zones around the

globe. Some of them lost loved ones to the virus, and the experience of mourning the loss of a family member or attending a funeral via Zoom was extremely heartbreaking to watch. Yet, no matter the hardships, we all pulled together as a community and made sure that every student received the care and attention they needed in order to graduate successfully. The Commencement ceremony in Central Park was the culmination of a beautiful celebration of the strength in our community.


Q: Cardozo's LL.M. students are working all over the world, and you keep close contact with them. What are they seeing in terms of how the regions of the world are doing as the world climbs out of the pandemic?

A: With vaccination rates continuing to rise in richer countries, lawyers there naturally feel more optimistic about the direction their economy will take after the pandemic. But there are countries where vaccination rates are as low as 1 percent or less, and lawyers there worry that this gap will result in many more deaths and a prolonged pandemic for the world. We are still in a global pandemic, and so far only 24.6 percent of the world population has been vaccinated. We have a long way to go. ■



After 15 Months of Isolation, Joy and Hugs Mark Co

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Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman, President of Yeshiva University, with Dean Melanie Leslie, members of the faculty, associate deans and alumni representatives at the graduation of the Class of 2021 in Central Park.

Yeshiva University's 2021 In-Person Graduation in Central Park

CELEBRATION 2021

Sunny skies appeared over New York City on Tuesday, June 1 just in time for Cardozo's 43rd Commencement, as Dean Melanie Leslie told the class of 2021, "You are the bright light around which our community focuses today, in a spirit of celebration and pride."

It was an event like no other in the school's history, marking the first time in 15 months that most students were able to see their classmates in person, in an open-air ceremony in Central Park, where hugs, handshakes, and laughter became moments of infectious joy.

After over a year of virtual learning at the law school due to the COVID-19 pandemic, state and city regulations were lifted, allowing for a graduating class of 321 J.D. students, 52 LL.M. degree recipients, and one student receiving a J.S.D., the legal equivalent of a Ph.D.

Professor Christopher Buccafusco served as the herald for the day, welcoming the class and their guests.

Dean Leslie praised the class of 2021 for enduring the fear, isolation and hardships of the past 15 months with determination and grit: "I'd like you to think back to the day you started at Cardozo. Visualize where you were ... One thing you were not thinking was that in 15 to 18 months there would be an international pandemic that would turn our world upside down and would change and challenge everything you thought you knew."

Dean Leslie also spoke of the last in-person event before the pandemic, which had been held in February 2020, when U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor and Canadian Supreme Court Justice Rosalie Abella visited Cardozo, just three weeks prior to the law school and New York City shutting down. She drew parallels from those two women's stories of overcoming adversity through optimism, fearlessness, compassion, and grit.

"Little did we know how much we would need those lessons. These last 15 months have tested you. But you got through it. You got to this day," she said. "You learned to focus on what you could control and to find hope for the future as you surmounted each obstacle. In the midst of great uncertainty, tumult and upset, you kept going. You are ready to face challenges that seem insurmountable and overcome them. You have proved it."

Justice Abella addressed the graduates virtually as this year's keynote speaker, offering inspiring words as she talked about her own journey into the world of law. "I've always seen lawyers as democracy's warriors, the people who protect rights and justice," she said. "Without democracy there are no rights, without rights there's no

tolerance, without tolerance there's no justice and without justice there's no hope."

Justice Abella is the first Jewish woman and the first refugee to sit on the Canadian Supreme Court, and she is that country's longest sitting justice. She was born in a displaced-persons camp in Germany after World War II, to parents who survived the concentration camps of the Holocaust. A leading champion of human rights, she told the graduates, "The public trusts us to protect justice. Justice is of the people and for the people, and you as lawyers must deliver it to them fearlessly."

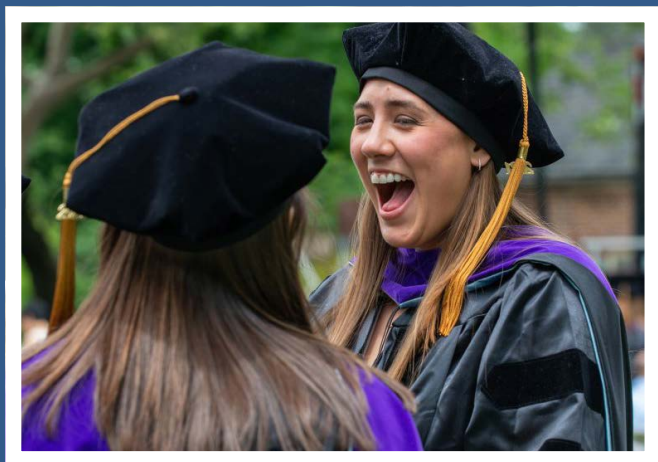
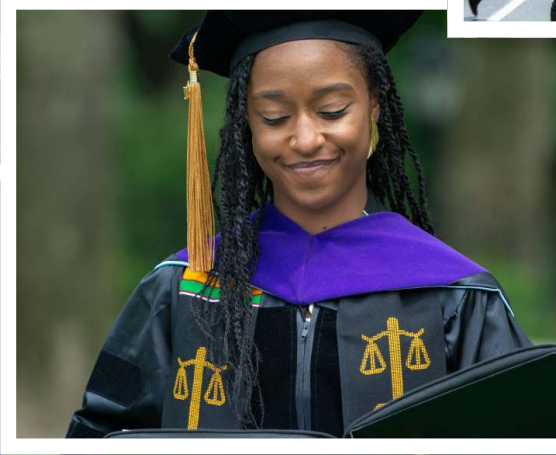
Yeshiva University President Rabbi Dr. Ari Berman told the graduates, "The fact that this is so joyful is not simply because it is in person; it represents something bigger because you represent something bigger. Each of you is a potential hero in the great story of humanity, each in your own way with your own distinct qualities and strengths. You'll have great opportunities for impact, to be an influencer in very public and private ways, in grand scales and in quiet kindnesses. Seize those moments. Be the hero in somebody else's life; be the hero our society needs."

LL.M. class speaker Enkeleda Smakaji urged her classmates to "lead with law. Kindness and compassion will always have a significant impact in this world."

J.D. student speaker Taylor Dumpson said, "We developed tunnel vision amidst the darkness of COVID and met our challenges face-to-face. We took on journals, clubs, clinics, externships and began our concentrations. We challenged systems and structures and asked complex questions like what does justice look like? We learned that law is not always black and white and learned how to tackle the gray areas."

Student Bar Association President Andrew Windsor announced the faculty winners of the SBA awards, who included Best First Year Professor Michael Pollack; Best Adjunct Professors Brian Farkas and Jillian Gautier; Best Administrator Dean Carey Bertolet Grand; Outstanding Assistance to the Student Body Award Winner Dean Jenn Kim; and Best Professor Stewart Sterk.

"Soon we'll be doing the work we believe in, thanks to these award recipients and the rest of the Cardozo faculty," he said. "We'll get there soon, but now it's time to celebrate." 📌



Professor David Rudenstine's *Trophies for the* Challenges British Museum's Claims to Parthenon Marbles



Prof. Rudenstine

The British Museum is hiding behind misleading historical evidence and a fraudulent document to justify the retention of one of the greatest collections of ancient art in the world. Cardozo's former dean and renowned legal scholar David Rudenstine argues in an article in Cardozo's *Arts & Entertainment Law Journal* that there is no documentary evidence to support their ownership claim.

"The British Museum misrepresents the historical evidence and hides the evidence that would reveal the misrepresentation. The museum utilizes its prestige and prominence to wage an aggressive public relations campaign to defend its continued retention of the stolen art," Rudenstine writes.

The early nineteenth century stripping of the marbles from the Parthenon's edifice at Lord Elgin's behest, the British ambassador to the Ottoman Empire, was, apart from the seventeenth century bombing of the Parthenon, the most destructive blow to the iconic monument since its construction during the Age of Pericles. Elgin claimed to have obtained a document from the Ottoman Empire giving him permission to dismantle and remove sculptures from the Athenian Parthenon. These sculptures were



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subsequently added to The British Museum's permanent collection. Today, the debate continues over which nation, England or Greece, can claim true ownership of the artifacts.

Rudenstine's article—*Trophies for the Empire: The Epic Dispute Between Greece and England over the Parthenon Sculptures in The British Museum*—was presented at a panel discussion on March 1 that was co-sponsored by *Cardozo's Arts & Entertainment Law Journal*, FAME Center and the Art Law Society.

Panelists included Frank Lord, The Law Office of Frank K. Lord IV, PLLC and Michael McCullough, partner at Pearlstein McCullough, LLP and adjunct professor at Cardozo School of Law. The panel was moderated by Samantha Anderson '16, Vice President, Fiduciary Client Group at Sotheby's, and concluded with a discussion about restitution.

The article was published in June in a special issue of the *Cardozo Arts & Entertainment Law Journal* and is based on decades of historical research.

Rudenstine assesses the legality of the taking and argues that, contrary to conventional narrative, there is no evidence that establishes that Ottoman officials gave Elgin

prior or subsequent written permission to remove the Parthenon sculptures from the edifice. The British Museum continues to misrepresent the essential facts, he says, adding that its misrepresentations are knowing and deliberate. Rudenstine further asserts that the purchase of the marbles from Lord Elgin by the British Parliament was based on a falsified document.

"There is no evidence to support the position that the Constantinople Ottoman officials gave Lord Elgin prior written permission to dismantle the Parthenon of its historic sculptures, as claimed by the British Museum," he states. Rudenstine further asserts that the 1816 British Parliamentary Committee that recommended the purchase of Elgin's collection by the British government altered a document that was central to the question of whether the Ottomans granted permission to take the sculptures. Rudenstine says in the article that this fraud undermines the integrity of the 1816 Parliamentary vote to purchase Elgin's collection.

The article will intensify claims made by the Greek government against Britain to restore the marbles to their country of origin. [▶](#)

The 20 years since the tragedies of 9/11 have brought some profound changes to the world and to many of the legal issues of our day. But the deep experiences of those in our community who were at the school are still vivid. We invited Cardozo professors to share their remembrances of that time.

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REMEMBERS



Cardozo honors the memory of the two members of our community who lost their lives that day.



Barbara Bracher Olson '89 was a conservative television political commentator and author and had previously served as chief counsel to the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee and at the Washington law firm, WilmerHale (then called Wilmer Cutler and Pickering). She was on American Airlines Flight 77 when it flew into the Pentagon. She spoke to her husband, Solicitor General Ted Olson, in the last moments of the flight. The Cardozo community held a memorial service for Olson and Zucker in January 2002.



Andrew Zucker '99 was an associate at Harris Beach and was in the firm's office on the 85th floor of the World Trade Center when it was struck. He had been trained as a volunteer firefighter and was helping evacuation efforts when the building collapsed. Seven of his colleagues at the firm said they survived because he told them "don't stay put, get out of the building." His wife, Erica, was pregnant at the time with their son, Andrew Jr., who was born in 2002.

If you would like to share your experiences from that time, we invite you to join the conversation [here](#).

**PROFESSOR DAVID RUDENSTINE,
FORMER CARDOZO DEAN**

The memories are vivid.

I was on a downtown subway when the first plane hit. I watched the flames from the corner of 6th and 12th. I was inside Cardozo when the second plane hit. I was outside the law school watching the burning towers when they fell. Words fail. Clouds of dust covered our area. Before leaving Cardozo, I had a brief exchange with one of our professors. I said something like: 'Things will never be the same.' He thought I exaggerated. Professor Eva Hanks and I walked past hundreds of people lined up on Sixth Avenue to donate blood at St. Vincent's Hospital as we headed to the West Side. By the time we got to Midtown, folks were at outside restaurant tables drinking and discussing what was happening. No one knew as the day unfolded whether bombs would explode the bridges and tunnels linking Manhattan to New Jersey, the Bronx and Brooklyn. Within some days, we opened again (we were below 14th Street), and we invited anyone who wished to post a notice on the third floor. Hundreds were posted. In early 2002, we had an event marking the tragedy. Among the speakers was the former Solicitor General Ted Olson, whose wife, Barbara Bracher Olson, was a graduate of Cardozo and was killed in the Pentagon plane crash.

PROFESSOR EDWARD ZELINSKY

When Mayor Rudy Giuliani announced that Grand Central was open, David Rudenstine announced that I would walk up to Grand Central with whomever needed to go home that way.

With a handful of students, I walked from Cardozo to 42nd Street. It was truly a ghost town.

When I got to Grand Central, a very polite but frazzled MTA cop told me that all trains were stopping everywhere. I made sure that the students were boarded and then got on a four-hour train trip, standing all the way to New Haven.

When I got home, I took out the flag the Marine Corps gave my mom at my dad's funeral in 1963. It is still up in our front window.

PROFESSOR JOCELYN GETGEN KESTENBAUM

I was a Peace Corps volunteer in Ecuador, and I had never felt so torn to have been away from our country in such a time of grief, loss, and need.

I stayed and served two more years because I felt that at that time more than ever, we needed Americans on the ground who were helping to build global community and peace in a positive and practical way. There were many difficult conversations about the U.S. government's place and influence around the world, and those conversations have forever impressed upon me the importance of power and politics in international law, while at the same time feeling that with such power comes great responsibility to serve.

When I eventually visited the 9/11 memorial museum, I was horrified to see how that day and its aftermath were recounted and remembered in parts of the museum. As a lawyer who cares about atrocity prevention, the way we remember past atrocities is important for healing and prevention of future atrocities. We have far to go on both fronts.

PROFESSOR GABOR RONA

On 9/11, I was the only American lawyer in the legal division of the ICRC, the organization mandated by the Geneva Conventions to monitor compliance with the law of armed conflict.

As we gradually absorbed the extent to which the U.S. began to institutionalize arbitrary detention, torture, and trials in violation of international due-process standards, it became increasingly clear that 9/11 would have major negative and global consequences for the future of international human rights and humanitarian law.

In 2005, I returned to the U.S. to become the international legal director at Human Rights First. My trips to Guantanamo to monitor military commission proceedings confirmed that the practice was even worse than what the new enabling legislation contemplated. My interactions with DOD General Counsel Jeh Johnson and other

mid-level officials in the State Department confirmed that US policy was to view all counterterrorism through an armed-conflict lens, rather than a human-rights-law lens, meaning that people could be targeted and detained on the basis of their perceived status as 'enemy' rather than based on their actual conduct.

PROFESSOR PETER GOODRICH

I was outside the North Tower at 8:40 a.m. and looked up to watch a passenger plane screech, line up and smash into the North Tower.

A weird silence, and then clatter and debris fell. It was my son Ronnie's first full day of kindergarten, and he had just filed crocodile-style into the School, P.S. 234, when the plane hit. We ran in. He was not in his classroom, but we found him after some searching. His class was being read a story about frogs for the purpose of calm. We were told to stay inside but decided to leave, corralling Ronnie, and heading out of the school at the precise moment that the second plane hit the South Tower. I grabbed him, and we ran, my wife, Linda, remarking to a friend who was thinking of going to a work meeting that it was unlikely to happen, but we would take her son with us if she wished: 'Today will go down in American history as one of its most tragic.' Ronnie looked back over my shoulder at people jumping from the North Tower. We lived just up the street and so had left without wallet or money, Linda in slippers, for the short walk to the school. Now we were exiled without ID or credit cards, and our apartment was in the Red Zone and could not be accessed for the next two weeks. We stayed with friends in an NYU apartment, borrowed money, bought clothes, stayed with other friends and after a week managed to sneak into Tribeca on a side street and persuade a firefighter to escort us and let us briefly into our apartment. The terrorist leader Mohammed Atta's passport was found outside our building, and one of the plane engines went through the roof of our building which, being in the Red Zone and later Ground Zero, could not be repaired for several months. We were out of the apartment for a little over two months, and when we returned, we had to show identification to soldiers before returning home in the evenings. I organized a conference on Nietzsche and Law the following summer and held a party under the soubriquet Downtown Lives for the participants from Cardozo itself. The *Law*

Review carried the papers the following year. I have a fond memory of running into one of my students shortly after 9/11 who had said that she and some others had been talking about the limbo experienced after the attacks and wondered what their professors were doing. They decided that I was probably organizing a conference on juris-astrology or post-feminist critique. Close enough.

PROFESSOR BURT LIPSHIE

I was in Los Angeles.

I had flown from a San Francisco meeting on the 10th to do a deposition program for my Los Angeles office's junior litigators. At 6 that morning, I was awakened in my hotel room by a phone call from a good friend in New York to tell me that her son-in-law had been able to get out of the building. That was how I found out. Of course, the TV was on for the rest of the day. My L.A. office is in the Century City 'twin towers.' So, it was shut down for the next several days, and all I wanted to do was get home as soon as possible.

That turned out to be an adventure. My new best friends at American Airlines kept telling me that if they could get me out of L.A., they could get me home. The problem was that LAX was the last airport to function again. Finally, on Saturday night, there was a flight from LAX to DFW, and I could get home from there. We did not take off until close to dawn. When we landed at DFW, all passengers had to file out, past security, and come back again, going through screening again, twice, surrounded by huge Texas Rangers armed with Uzis. And nothing at all could be carried on. No one spoke, at all, during the entire flight. And then, flying over New York to get to LaGuardia, we could see, out the window, the black smoke billowing out from Ground Zero. Lots of sobbing. Still no talking.

My office is at the foot of Maiden Lane. We reopened quickly, because we are on the same grid as the stock exchange, and that got opened early on. It was eerie being downtown with absolutely no vehicular traffic. It was like being on a movie set instead of the real streets. My very sharpest memory was walking out of the office the first few days we were there, together with one of my older partners, who was a concentration camp survivor. As we walked up Maiden Lane, he stopped, sniffed the air, and muttered, 'I remember that smell.' There was nothing left to say.

PROFESSOR LELA LOVE

On 9/11, I saw both the planes crash into the WTC from windows near the back elevators on the 11th floor at Cardozo, as well as the buildings fall as I stood on Fifth Avenue a little later.

When the first plane collided, I didn't even think about terrorism. I recall going back to my work task at hand. By the second, though, it was clear. I had a daughter in Stuyvesant that day, and I tried very hard to figure out the game plan for Stuy kids, via Internet, phone calls, etc. with the help of some excellent Cardozo students nearby. In the end, I walked to Stuyvesant against the foot traffic that was headed north and then pursued rumors as to where the kids were sent. In the end, I found my daughter at home on the Upper West Side with some other students/friends.

PROFESSOR BARBARA KOLSUN

On 9/11, I was out of the country about to get on a plane back to the U.S. The flight was canceled, and I was unable to get home for several days.

My husband, a psychologist and advisor to the FDNY, was in Brooklyn at work when he heard the news and immediately sought to locate our children, one of whom was at the firehouse in Harlem—he is now a lieutenant with the FDNY, and I am sure 9/11 had something to do with his career path. The other was in eighth grade at the UN School on 23rd and the East River in Manhattan. My brother, who worked near the UN, walked to the UN School and walked him and another friend home. My husband was able to get on a subway from Brooklyn to Midtown Manhattan, where we live, that night. From our window on the 45th floor of our apartment on 43rd and 9th, he and our younger son watched the buildings burn and the smoke billow over the next several weeks. I was unable to reach any of them until late that night. The younger son was afraid to ask if I was on one of those planes. The day after 9/11, my husband was

asked by the FDNY to come downtown and be available to firefighters for counseling. He went but reported that they were all hands on deck at the site digging and searching and not seeking advice from a psychologist, which he had predicted. The camaraderie and fraternity of the FDNY are well documented. Neither son talked about 9/11 for months. At our younger son's graduation, one of the students described that day—and the fact that the eighth graders were on the roof of the school when the second plane hit. Whether this was ill-advised or an appropriate strategy, only time will tell.

PROFESSOR LESTER BRICKMAN

The next day, I took a walk around the neighborhood.

The scene from Sixth Avenue headed south was eerie. Not a car was moving. I had an unobstructed view all the way to where the towers had stood, and the flames from the crash site were clearly visible. Of equal memory was the unique smell.

Our daughter Anna (Cardozo '08), was doing an internship at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative. When the planes hit, she was in the White House. She recalls that there was much confusion, and her group was eventually escorted out of the White House to a shelter.

Among the many conferences, speakers and symposia that the law school held close to that time, Professors Michel Rosenfeld and Richard Weisberg, working with The Floer-sheimer Center for Constitutional Democracy, organized a conference on "Fundamentalisms, Equalities and the Limits of Tolerance in a Post 9/11 Environment" at Cardozo in April 2002. It included a heated debate between Sandy Levinson and Alan Dershowitz about the latter's arguing for the legitimacy of torture to prevent another 9/11 or worse.

Professor Rosenfeld also organized an international weeklong conference on "Terrorism, Globalism and the Rule of Law" sponsored by The Rockefeller Foundation and held in Bellagio, Italy in 2005. Participants included U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer and some 20 judges and scholars from many countries as well as then-Dean David Rudenstine and former Dean Paul Verkuil. This conference also resulted in a Cardozo Law Review Symposium, with an introduction by Justice Breyer, 27 Cardozo L. Rev. 1981 (2005–2006). ■

Alumni

Movers



➔ Alexandra Margolis '85

Alexandra (Alex) Margolis '85 looks back fondly at her student experience at Cardozo and at her 35-plus-year career in corporate law. Her career as a corporate attorney, however, wasn't exactly what she was planning as an undergraduate fine arts major.

"It was not my expectation when I entered college to go to law school, but various influences and opportunities encouraged me to attend Cardozo, which launched a career that I found to be stimulating, rewarding, enjoyable, multi-faceted and intellectually engaging," she said.

Margolis is newly retired and looking back at a meaningful career in law which began with a clerkship

for a bankruptcy judge in Houston. Her experiences interning while a student, she says, led to the unique clerkship opportunity.

Margolis said, "Cardozo provided me not only with an outstanding legal education but also practical experience that was invaluable as I entered the legal profession. During my second and third years at Cardozo, I interned for three different judges: the chief bankruptcy judge in the S.D.N.Y., a magistrate in the E.D.N.Y., and a surrogate court judge. Cardozo afforded me the flexibility and support to take advantage of these opportunities and the experience enabled me to obtain my clerkship in Houston after graduation. I highly recommend judicial internships and

clerkships as a starting point for practicing law—they offer both excellent experience and the opportunity to interact and develop relationships with your judge and with practicing attorneys."

Her clerkship in Houston led to an opportunity to join Weil Gotshal and Manges' restructuring practice, where she worked in both the Houston and New York offices. She subsequently joined Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom in New York where she was counsel, initially in the corporate restructuring practice and later in the banking and finance practice. She joined Nixon Peabody in New York as a banking and finance partner in 2014. Margolis encourages young lawyers "to be adaptable enough to assess and seize opportunities they encounter, and to recognize when certain changes in their career path are advantageous."

Margolis said, "My practice focused on domestic and international financing transactions, including acquisition financings, asset-based lending, investment fund financings, business reorganizations and restructurings and debtor-in-possession credit facilities. I was fortunate in my career to have been able to work on many exciting high-profile deals as a member of a multi-disciplinary team, frequently utilizing cutting edge legal theories."

At the time of her graduation in 1985, Cardozo was a fairly young law

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school, with its first graduating class emerging in 1979. The benefit of a large and diverse alumni community that students now can utilize was not available during her time at Cardozo, and she encourages students to take advantage of the mentorship program. She currently mentors several Cardozo students, who have shared with her the numerous opportunities that Cardozo now offers for classes, clinics, internships and pro bono work. Margolis attributes the school's exciting growth of these diverse programs and courses "to its entrepreneurial spirit."

Margolis has been an active alumna, supporting many initiatives through the Alumni Association as well as mentoring students. She says that giving back to the law school gives her a sense of fulfilling a responsibility. In particular she praises the scholarship fund that helps students make their legal studies more affordable. Her generosity is an example of one way Cardozo alumni continue to have an impact on the law school and help Cardozo maintain its status in the legal community.

Margolis considers the challenge faced by recent law school graduates entering the legal profession at a time when many attorneys are working

remotely, to be a big one, and her advice to new lawyers at firms is to be "extremely proactive to make sure your colleagues know you as someone who is passionate and energetic about the firm and your work. If you're not busy don't just wait for the next assignment—reach out to senior attorneys to volunteer your assistance! Get to know as many attorneys within the firm as possible. Find a mentor. Introduce yourself to junior members of your client team and keep in touch with them regularly. Join professional organizations such as the American Bar Association which enable you to network with attorneys at other firms and institutions. Publish articles on current issues in your practice and seek out opportunities to make presentations so that you become known for your expertise. Take every opportunity to challenge yourself even if you internally lack confidence—that's how you grow. You get ahead by expanding your skills and expertise."

When she started practicing law in the late '80s, Margolis said that attorneys were focused on maximizing office face time and racking up billable hours. "Now," she said, "an ability to timely produce consistent high-quality work, independently and unsupervised, in any work environment, and excelling at communication skills in virtual spaces is valued. Lawyers also will need to be proactive and creative to get to know

clients, senior attorneys and other professionals personally while people are working remotely."

Margolis has maintained strong involvement with pro bono work, and during her career she handled matters for KIND (Kids in Need of Defense), Her Justice, The Innocence Project, the Clemency Project and Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence, among other organizations. She urges new lawyers to "volunteer for pro bono matters that interest you—pro bono work is a great way to develop meaningful relationships with other lawyers at your firm who you may not meet otherwise through your billable practice."

Margolis said, "Lawyers play an important role in preserving constitutional rights and I feel particularly strongly about the protection of voting rights and free and fair elections—essential components of a functioning democracy which are hanging by a thread these days."

Margolis began working in 2000 with the Election Protection program of the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights and regularly volunteered on voter protection hotlines and as a poll observer and took part in other pro-voting initiatives throughout her career.

In retirement, Margolis has continued her engagement with voter protection activities through active involvement with the Democratic National Committee, the NY

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Democratic Lawyers Council, Fair Fight Action and various state Democratic parties. She said “that work has given me real insight into the barriers that voters habitually encounter in navigating idiosyncratic state voting laws and accessing the ability to vote. Guiding voters on how, when and where to register and be able to vote—and to overcome obstacles to voting imposed in many states—is extremely satisfying to me. Without voting rights, and the unobstructed ability to exercise those rights, we do not have a democracy.”

➔ Daniel Dominguez '05

Daniel Dominguez's Cardozo experience was not a run of the mill law school journey. He transferred in from another school after the first year and he said, “what helped shape me was the focus on finding students opportunities outside of the walls of the building. The career groups and curriculum groups helped me land a second circuit judicial externship and I might not have otherwise looked outside the walls of the building.”

Those walls continued to expand and Dominguez '05 is now a partner at Latham & Watkins in its Washington, D.C. office. He's the Local Co-Chair of the Litigation & Trial Department, a partner in the Litigation Department, and a member of the White Collar Defense & Investigations Practice, primarily advising clients on white collar defense, internal investigations, and enforcement actions by the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Dominguez, who is originally from Miami, Florida, didn't know as an undergraduate at American University that he wanted to go to law



school. He originally thought he wanted to pursue government and legislation, so he worked on Capitol Hill early in his collegiate career. He also thought about pursuing journalism. After a stint working in between college and law school at a small personal injury firm, he decided the best way to maximize his skills and attributes was to go to law school.

Sixteen years after graduating from Cardozo, and reflecting on the past year and a half during the pandemic, Dominguez is proud of the success the firm has had working through the pandemic's challenges. “My main focus as the co-chair of litigation,” he said, “is on making sure we're taking as much of the flexibility and learnings from the COVID environment. We were incredibly successful at finding ways to marry that against the core pillars of our organization—training, mentorship of junior lawyers and topnotch work for our clients.”

After seven years and a rise to Senior Associate at Latham & Watkins, Dominguez switched gears to work as Associate Counsel for President Barack Obama, from April 2013 through October 2015, which he described as “the professional privilege of my life; to be able to work in public service, with the goals of an administration that I was aligned

with, personally and professionally, was very gratifying.”

Dominguez was in congressional oversight, working with a portfolio of agencies to ensure that the prerogatives of the executive branch were being carried out. He remembers one of the most impactful moments at the job, which occurred two weeks in. “The meeting for senior advisers was at 7:30 a.m. every day. I frequently got early morning calls. They had a question for me, and one person said, ‘I need the answer to this now because I'm seeing the boss in 15 minutes.’” The boss was President Obama.

Dominguez has donated much time and dedication to Cardozo, both before the pandemic serving on a panel that spoke to Cardozo students visiting Washington, D.C, and also over recent months, speaking to students, helping to get them hired, and supporting BALLSA fundraising efforts.

He urges new lawyers not to worry about feeling like they need to have all the answers. “Just because you have a JD doesn't mean you have all the answers right away—you're going to spend the next several years doing more learning than you did during the last three,” he said.

Young lawyers should feel assured that they belong, and affirm that they

worked hard and paid their dues, Dominguez said. “Don’t question if you’re cut out for where you hope to go—If you’re questioning it, remind yourself of the body of work you did that provides overwhelming evidence that you do belong. Never lose that edge of being hungry, you’re at a place that turns out grinders.”

He also encourages new lawyers to ask informed questions—not ones that suggest “let me Google that. People expect questions, they only sharpen substantive thinking,” Dominguez said.

Dominguez urges the importance of maintaining relationships because “you never know who you’ll end up working for.” As a junior lawyer, he worked for someone at Latham & Watkins who became White House Counsel—and she asked him to join the White House team after he did high-quality work with her during their early firm years. He advises, “You never know what doors will open from your effort and commitment, from the networks you create and your reputation for excellent work.”

➔ Susan Cohen '85

Susan Cohen '85 has made her mark in immigration law, rising to become member and founding chair of the Immigration Section at Mintz Levin in Boston. But when she was studying at Cardozo, she thought she wanted to be a litigator, and didn’t even take an immigration law class. She quickly discovered, however, that litigation wasn’t the right route for her.

“As a young associate, I got to work on an immigration case for an exceptionally talented potter from Japan who was an artist-in-residence at Harvard. We very rarely took in immigration cases at that time as our

firm had not developed an immigration practice, but for some reason a partner in the firm had accepted this case. I volunteered to do his green card case, and it was my first case. We celebrated when his green card came through, and I realized how meaningful it was to positively impact someone else’s life in such a major way. Corporate litigation just didn’t resonate as much to me. I found a way to help people more directly.”

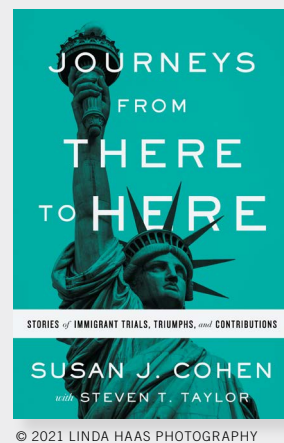


Cohen’s forthcoming book, “Journeys from There to Here,” co-authored with writer Steven Taylor, highlights in detail the people she has helped directly during her career. It features 11 clients, most of whom were asylum cases that Cohen worked on pro bono. From all over the world, they faced substantial hardships.

“They all have amazing stories and are true examples of fortitude,” she said. “They’re making incredible contributions to our country.”

The idea for the book arose during the Trump presidential years. “That time was so brutal, and there was so

much xenophobia and violence towards immigrants,” Cohen said. “I was not just representing my clients and fighting for them one at a time but joining forces with the ACLU in Massachusetts to file broader-impact lawsuits to protect immigrants’ rights. It was a big victory in the district court of Massachusetts, when we got a temporary restraining order against Trump’s travel ban on



the day after it was issued. Since then, we have filed other lawsuits together to require the government to provide constitutionally sufficient bond hearings to

detained immigrants. Filing class-action litigation that can positively affect so many lives feels like the loftiest use of the law to achieve social good, and takes me full circle to my early days at Cardozo when I studied the philosophy of the law.”

Cohen earned her undergraduate degree in Spanish and Latin American literature from Brandeis University. She worked as a paralegal and for an immigration lawyer in Boston, and enrolled in Cardozo after she and her husband came to New York where he was starting work on a Ph.D. at Columbia University.

“Cardozo turned me into an extremely results-driven, analytically oriented person,” Cohen said. “It helped break down the formula of the starting point to end-result in the legal world. Cardozo helped me think in a totally new way—that’s why law school was so stimulating. The summer before my first year, I read works written by great legal thinkers

and was blown away by the philosophy of the law and the idea that you can use the law to make fundamental changes in systems.”

The pandemic has presented challenges for the legal community, and Cohen commiserates with young lawyers who might need to be mentored remotely.

“But everyone is facing an unprecedented challenge,” she said. “My group has been meeting by remote video calls throughout, and one of the challenges with immigration law is that it requires hard-copy filings for the government, so we have had people in the office during the entire pandemic, working on that. We do such a huge volume of work.”

Cohen advises lawyers who are starting out to “get some experience and think about specializing—don’t go to your dream job right away.”

Cohen credits Cardozo with teaching her a lot about strategy. “I’m a creative, out-of-the-box thinker, and I’m considered to be one of the most strategic immigration lawyers in the country,” she said. “I think broadly about how to find the way to the result, and I think Cardozo helped me do that.”

In her early days as an associate at Mintz Levin, Cohen wrote a detailed proposal on how the firm could benefit by developing immigration expertise, to capture immigration business from existing corporate clients that were sending their immigration work to boutique firms. She was 28 and a junior associate, but so passionate about this vision that senior management took a chance on her idea.

After that, she said, “I never wanted to work anywhere else. They were like Cardozo was when I was a student—people-oriented, willing to take a chance and invest in their employee’s ideas.”

During her law school days, she participated in moot court, prosecutor practicum, and law review. Cohen

gives back to Cardozo as a mentor and a financial supporter of public interest stipends.

“I love Cardozo,” Cohen said. “It’s such an awesome law school and gave me such a superb education—they hired amazing people to teach—I took Telford Taylor’s Constitutional Law class when I was there when I was a student—and I want others to have those opportunities to get that education.”

➔ Wesley Cheng '08

Wesley Cheng’s journey through the legal world has taken him from public service to the private sector and from the East Coast to the West. Now, 13 years after graduating from Cardozo and serving as corporate counsel for Apple in Cupertino, Calif., he credits Cardozo with preparing him for success at every turn. He maintains a strong connection to Cardozo, serving on BALLSA’s Advisory Committee, and is a mentor to students.

“My Cardozo education provided me with a foundation and method of thinking that has stayed with me for more than a decade,” Cheng said. “Specifically, 13 years after graduating from Cardozo and passing the New York bar exam, I took the California bar exam and had to relearn many of the subjects I had learned at Cardozo, plus a few extra. But much like riding a bike, I used the same studying methods I learned in law school and applied it to bar study all these years later. I am now admitted in both New York and California.”

Cheng grew up on Long Island and studied journalism at Syracuse University. After graduating from Cardozo, he worked as an assistant district attorney in the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office—first in the trial division and then in the special

investigations bureau of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor for the City of New York, where he stayed until 2014. He then spent a year at the MTA Inspector General’s office, moved to the New York State Attorney General’s office in 2015, and returned to the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office in 2016.

Cheng’s recent move to the West Coast, into the private sector after 12 years working in New York, was motivated by the career opportunity he received from Apple in early 2020.

“I was interviewing for three other positions at the time that were on the East Coast,” he said, “but I felt Apple was an opportunity I could not pass up.”

During law school, Cheng was a member of the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA) and Trial Team.

“I met many friends and met mentors through APALSA,” he said. “Trial Team helped me prepare to be a trial attorney at the Manhattan DA’s office, and my coach ended up being my deputy bureau chief at the DA’s office.”

Cheng also credits his participation in Cardozo’s Prosecutor Practicum with being instrumental in his career development.

“Single-handedly, it was the most important part of what shaped me as an attorney,” he said. “The clinic, done at the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office, provided a first-hand look at the type of work I would be doing, and when I joined the office following graduation, I felt very prepared not only in the work, but I had already established mentors and friends within the office. My clinic supervisor remains an exceptional mentor and friend who I have always relied on for guidance with my career.”

As a rising 2L, Cheng interned for a federal judge, a former prosecutor who told him that the greatest thing about being a prosecutor is that the



work is guided by doing the right thing.

“That advice always stayed with me,” Cheng said. “The right thing wasn’t always about pursuing a maximum sentence or seeking a conviction at trial; it could be offering a more lenient plea bargain or choosing not to pursue a case at all. My most memorable moment as a prosecutor was a case that I dismissed after a thorough investigation, not a trial that I won.”

His work in the private sector has a different kind of impact as he supports and conducts investigations into intellectual property and trade

secret theft, which in turn, he said, “allows Apple to deliver a better product to our customers. This has been especially important in the pandemic, when we’ve relied on technology as our conduit for work, entertainment and human interaction.”

Cheng noted that the pandemic has undoubtedly changed the way we work, and that includes the way lawyers can serve their clients.

“Prior to the pandemic, attorneys went into their offices and worked a rigid work schedule, with times when they were ‘on’ and ‘off,’” he said. “That’s not the case as we emerge

from the pandemic as law firms, government offices and companies have learned how to be flexible to our clients both in space and in time. As a profession, we’ve proven that we can remain highly productive in remote settings, even while juggling our often blurred personal and professional lives.”

He wants new graduates to know it takes time to sharpen their skills.

“I always liken being a new attorney to being a white belt in a martial art,” he said.

“Everyone shows up to their first Brazilian jiu-jitsu class wanting to submit their opponent on a gogoplata (a martial arts maneuver). But it takes years to build up to that point. As a white belt, you spend months learning the basics such as how to pass the guard, shrimp and bridge. It’s the same for being an attorney. We all want to be an elite type of attorney who can argue whether biometric features are inherently non-testimonial before the Supreme Court of the United States, but start with getting a thorough understanding of the De Bour analysis first and build your skill set. You’ll get to the gogoplata one day, but not your first one.”

Cheng takes tremendous pride in being a Cardozo graduate “because of the rich history of the school, the outstanding alumni, and the caliber of our current students.”

He said alumni have a duty to help shape the next generation of attorneys and leaders, as previous graduates did with him and his classmates.

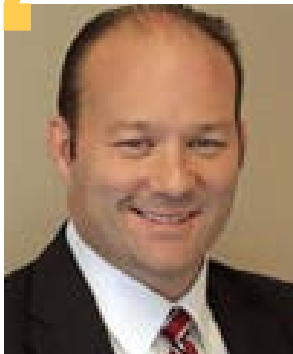
“It’s this cycle,” he said, “that will continue to make Cardozo a special place to attend and graduate from. Hiring recent graduates is just another offshoot of this. We know that Cardozo graduates are well trained and eager to begin their legal careers and will grow to become exceptional attorneys.” ■

As the pandemic enters its next phase, we asked a sampling of outstanding Cardozo lawyers for their advice to graduates and their thoughts about its impact on the legal profession today.



Speaking of

CARDOZO LAWYERS WEIGH IN ON THE POST-PANDEMIC LEGAL LANDSCAPE



Jon Lenzner '04 is Acting U.S. Attorney for the District of Maryland, where he has worked since 2018. He has been a member of Cardozo's Board of Overseers since 2015. In 2013, prior to becoming First Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Maryland, Lenzner took the helm of IGI/The Lenzner Firm, the preeminent corporate investigations and risk advisory firm founded by his father, Terry Lenzner, former Senate Watergate Committee counsel. Before leading IGI, he served as a prosecutor in the New York County District Attorney's Office and with the U.S. Department of Justice. Lenzner also was the director of national press advance for a presidential campaign, a press secretary on Capitol Hill, and an earned media specialist with a political consulting firm.

What are your thoughts on the impact of the pandemic on the legal profession?

The pandemic has forced us to become more nimble, creative and innovative in the practice of law. Tasks that were previously completed with ease, such as meeting with an incarcerated defendant or interviewing a witness overseas, became more challenging when society shut down and the Internet became overwhelmed with a significantly larger virtual workforce. The pandemic has reminded us that there is always a more efficient and productive way to accomplish even the most fundamental tasks and processes, whether conducting a hearing, taking a deposition or editing a document among a group. New leaders and innovation in the legal profession have been born out of the pandemic, and there will continue to be opportunities for creative, solution-oriented problem solvers to stand out from their crowded field of lawyers. The pandemic has also highlighted vulnerabilities and disparities that exist in our profession, and we must be sure to continue prioritizing them when business and dockets pick up again.

What advice can you offer to students who are recent graduates and are new lawyers?

In addition to finding and holding on to great mentors, I would advise recent graduates to be open to challenging opportunities that take them out of their comfort zones. Your professional skills and confidence tend to grow exponentially from a challenging experience, where the path to success was not clear at the outset and only achieved through perseverance. You will develop more quickly as a professional, and both current and future employers will take notice.

How did your legal education help you as you achieved your personal goals and professional accomplishments?

Participating in practical offerings at Cardozo such as clinics and ITAP (Intensive Trial Advocacy Program) gave me the skills and confidence as a young lawyer to take on challenging cases and trials in my first years out of law school.



Phillip C. Hamilton '09 is a managing partner at Hamilton Clarke LLP. Hamilton began his legal career at The Bronx Defenders, working within its Criminal Defense Practice. While there, he successfully defended over 2,000 clients, and tried several cases to acquittal. Hamilton is an Adjunct Professor of Law at Cardozo School of Law and regularly guest lectures trial advocacy and negotiation seminars in law schools around the New York City metropolitan area. As a board member of the Metropolitan Black Bar Association, Hamilton has screened and interviewed judicial candidates vying for election to the New York State Supreme Court, and has testified in support of systemic reform to the New York State Senate Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

What are your thoughts on the legal profession as we come out of the pandemic?

Because the legal profession is so precedential by nature, it has generally been quite traditionalist in practice. Thus, it's of no surprise to me that the profession has historically been slower to utilize technology to bolster overall efficiency, especially in the realm of litigation and courtroom practice. Pre-pandemic, there was a tangible stigma attached to the idea of virtual court appearances, virtual depositions, and virtual meetings. In many respects, the pandemic upended that world and pulled the legal profession into the digital future. Coming out of the pandemic, I believe that the court system will ultimately get back to pre-pandemic norms because constitutionally and procedurally

speaking, virtual practice brings a lot of conflict. With respect to the business of law, however, I believe that law firms—and particularly small ones—that did not use the pandemic to invest in a more digital presence and practice will find that they missed a golden opportunity to get ahead of the pack. And in the years to come, as Millennials and Generation Z gain more economic clout, that missed opportunity will have a bottom-line effect on profitability.

What advice can you offer to students who are recent graduates and new lawyers?

Network, network, network. If you don't have the right relationships within the legal profession, you will only be able to go so far in your legal career, and that's true whether your class standing is average, or Order of the Coif. Currently speaking, the dominant stakeholders within the legal profession tend to be Baby Boomers and Generation X. Both of these generations made a lot of their money and early career advancements maneuvering in a pre-social media world. With no Facebook or LinkedIn, these generations had—and still like—to personally introduce themselves to colleagues and power players at bar associations, alumni events, and any legal-oriented gala you can imagine. Thus, as the world continues to more fully open up, these are the places you need to be if you're trying to rise to the top of your practice area within the next five to seven years. Moreover, make sure that you are taking the time—even if only for a 15-minute Zoom session—to sit down and speak with the power players in your practice area so that you can learn from them and not have to reinvent the wheel on the way to success. Persistence is often the key to getting their time, but most people at the top, a la Michael Jordan to Kobe Bryant, are willing to give you their time and knowledge when they see that you are dedicated to being successful at their level.

Indeed, it's often a form of flattery. And the more people you know at the top, combined with the stellar legal education that Cardozo provides, the better your chances of ultimate career success.

How did your legal education help you as you achieved your personal goals and professional accomplishments?

What I loved about my time at Cardozo is that nothing was ever handed to us on a silver platter. Let's be frank: We are in the backyard of Columbia and NYU, and [working] in a city that attracts top graduates from every Top 10 law school in the nation. In order for us to make it as young attorneys, we had to show it on merit and ability a lot more than our Ivy League contemporaries. And without question, Cardozo more than prepared us for the task. During my time as a supervising attorney at The Bronx Defenders, I can't tell you how many times I encountered interns preparing to graduate from Top 10 institutions, some with circuit-level clerkships lined up, who couldn't write, argue, or even think like an effective lawyer. Meanwhile, Professor Sterk painstakingly taught me how to framework a legal argument. Professor Yankah taught me how to think about the law at a moral and philosophical level. And Professor Oberman taught me how to persuasively write and advocate for my clients at the highest levels. So much so that when I walked out of the SDNY with an acquittal for one of my clients a few months ago, I couldn't help but think of all three of those professors. In sum, without Cardozo, I would not be where I am in my career now, and I've certainly cherished every step along the way.

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Francesca Witzburg '14 is a partner at Loza & Loza LLP. She advises clients in the entertainment, fashion, beauty, luxury, technology, and consumer product industries on all aspects of intellectual property and related transactional matters. Her practice includes trademark and brand protection, enforcement, strategy, and monetization. Prior to joining Loza & Loza, Witzburg was a Managing Associate at the international law firm, Dentons. She was an adjunct professor at Cardozo in 2018. While a student at Cardozo, she received the E. Nathaniel Gates Scholarship and was the editor-in-chief of the *Cardozo Arts & Entertainment Law Journal*.

What are your thoughts on the legal profession as we come out of the pandemic?

The pandemic accelerated the legal industry's acceptance of a virtual environment—whether it be remote working, electronic filing systems, or embracing the use of social media for online marketing. It has forced lawyers and law schools alike to rethink how they run their businesses and institutions. It's an exciting time, one that will make way for newer and more efficient business models to be embraced.

What advice can you offer to students who are recent graduates and are new lawyers?

Take advantage of the virtual networking opportunities. If you do not already have a professional social media presence, create one on LinkedIn and another platform such as Instagram. Use that to engage with lawyers in the industry.

How did your legal education help you as you achieved your personal goals and professional accomplishments?

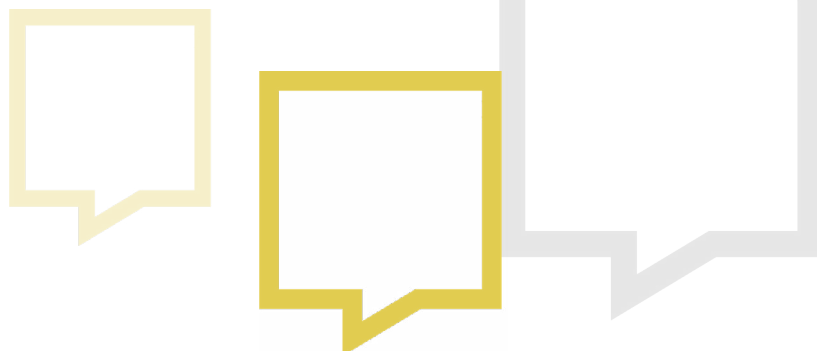
Law school teaches you to use every resource available to you to get to the best answer and find all supportive evidence and arguments to support that answer. In particular, Cardozo's extensive network of alumni taught me very early the importance of networking and building authentic relationships. I attribute the school's alumni and extended network for most of my legal opportunities throughout my career.



Lee Licata '10 is an Attorney Advisor at the U.S. Department of Justice. He currently works in the Department of Justice National Security Division, Foreign Investment Review Section, where he focuses on Team Telecom national security and law enforcement reviews. He predominantly focuses on cyber issues that pertain to the information and communications technology and services supply chain and cyber issues that are specific to the telecommunications services sector.

What are your thoughts on the legal profession as we come out of the pandemic?

Many of the lawyers in D.C. don't work for traditional law firms or in house for companies (though we have plenty of those types of lawyers here), but most lawyers in D.C. serve in various branches of the U.S. government. Emerging from the pandemic, this is a particularly excellent time to join the federal civil service as an attorney. There are more than 500 vacant attorney positions in the U.S. government, ranging from entry-level honors attorneys to senior executive-level legal positions. Many experienced attorneys left the civil service during the last few years, leading to significant loss of institutional legal knowledge. Now the new administration is seeking to refill many of those positions and, post-pandemic, is considering a host of measures to improve the quality of life for government employees, including partial or full-time remote work, better maternity and paternity leave policies, and higher salaries. As this



administration is looking to pivot policy in critical areas such as climate change, cybersecurity, immigration, and infrastructure, it will require a robust legal workforce to support these initiatives.

What advice can you offer to students who are recent graduates and are new lawyers?

Don't worry if your first job isn't your dream job—it's probably not going to be. Use your first job out of law school to consider what sort of work you like or don't like. Start to think about the type of employer and position you'd eventually like to end up with and consider the skills you can build in your current position to move towards those goals. Spend some time identifying formal and informal mentors both in your organization and in your legal community; these should be individuals who can share some of their own career experience and provide objective career advice. Finally, start building your professional network. Engage other professionals in your legal field, including other Cardozo alumni, and begin to build meaningful, long-term relationships with these individuals.

How did your legal education help you as you achieved your personal goals and professional accomplishments?

Cardozo provided me with a solid foundation that has proven invaluable to my legal career so far. For example, some of my Cardozo courses such as Administrative Law, International Law, International Trade, Fact Investigation, and Pre-Trial Practice have helped provide me with some of the substantive legal knowledge and strong technical legal writing, research, and oral advocacy skills that I rely upon daily in my work with the U.S. government. But more than that, I have found that Cardozo generally produces students with a certain grit, hustle, and creativity towards their legal careers. I think this comes from Cardozo students having to navigate such a competitive legal market in New York.



Harold Gordon '88 is a Partner at Jones Day. He has more than 25 years of experience successfully defending clients in multiple federal and state court jury trials, including groundbreaking trials in New York and other jurisdictions. He also has defended clients in SEC, state attorney general and internal board committee investigations, and enforcement proceedings and in high-stakes financial services and securities litigation matters. He is a member of the Jones Day's Training Committee and a Loss Prevention (Ethics) partner for Jones Day's New York office.

What are your thoughts on the legal profession as we come out of the pandemic?

As the pandemic started to ease, lawyers provided invaluable assistance in helping clients monitor and interpret reopening guidelines and in formulating related workplace policies. Clients also turned to lawyers for Covid-related litigation, ranging from commercial and residential landlord-tenant disputes, to Covid-related insurance coverage disputes. The pandemic also revealed how much we as lawyers can accomplish remotely, from corporate closings and due diligence, to depositions, hearings and even trials. Some remote lawyering will likely persist post-pandemic, which will be a good development for certain tasks to the extent it reduces the client expense and wear and tear on lawyers from business travel. Hybrid office and work-from-home schedules may assist work-life balance, although I worry about the detrimental impact it may have on lawyer

training and collaboration, and office cohesion and culture, especially for younger lawyers. What the pandemic has not changed are the skills and labor-intensive tasks required for effective lawyering, whether those tasks are accomplished at home, in the office, boardroom or courtroom.

What advice can you offer to students who are recent graduates and are new lawyers?

The first decade of your practice—the formative professional years—is important in allowing you to build your lawyer tool kit required to practice. You should look for legal positions that will allow you to acquire those essential legal skills, whether it is taking fact and expert depositions, preparing and arguing motions, trying cases, or, if you are a transactional lawyer, negotiating deals, preparing related deal documents, and making effective board and other client presentations. Remain alert to opportunities to expand your professional tool kit and be proactive in asking supervisors for such opportunities.

How did your legal education help you as you achieved your personal goals and professional accomplishments?

My legal education gave me the confidence to learn how to practice upon passing the bar, including, most fundamentally, effective legal research and writing and effective oral advocacy. Law school also exposed me to key legal subjects—from contracts to securities regulation, bankruptcy, New York civil practice and procedure, and the list goes on—providing me with a basic familiarity and starting point with legal issues and concepts I have encountered in practice. ■

Professor Richard H. Weisberg, Renowned Scholar and Founder of Cardozo Law Institute in Holocaust and Human Rights, Assumes Emeritus Status

Richard H. Weisberg, the Walter Floersheimer Professor of Constitutional Law, retired from teaching after a distinguished career at Cardozo as a teacher, program director and world-renowned scholar.

Among his many accomplishments, Weisberg is widely praised for his legal scholarship and litigation on behalf of victims of the Holocaust and their heirs, providing a measure of justice and compensation for families whose possessions were taken as a first step in systematic genocide of European Jews.

Weisberg was honored with the Monrad Paulsen Award at Cardozo's Commencement in June for his service to the law school.

"Richard has inspired generations of Cardozo students," said Dean Melanie Leslie. "His contributions have had an enormous impact on the reputation of this law school. He has helped shape our understanding of human rights, specifically with respect to the horrors of the Holocaust, and has made important contributions to modern legal and ethical theory."

Weisberg was an inaugural co-director of the Floersheimer Center for Constitutional Democracy, established in 2000 by Dean Paul Verkuil. The center is the law school's hub for scholarship, symposia and events that advance the functioning of constitutional democracies in the United States and abroad. Under Dean David Rudenstine's tenure, Weisberg also founded the Cardozo Law Institute in Holocaust and Human Rights, formerly the Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights Program.

Weisberg's scholarly research and litigation advanced Jewish restitution claims in Europe, establishing him as a leading legal authority in the field. He helped establish

Cardozo's early reputation as a global center for the study, teaching, and promotion of human rights and the Holocaust. Some of the unclaimed funds awarded to victims of banks that liquidated Jewish assets during World War II, cases in which Weisberg was instrumental, were granted to Cardozo for establishment of the institute.

INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

Weisberg received the French Legion of Honor in 2008 from French President Nicolas Sarkozy in recognition of his work uncovering the insidious inner workings of French banks during the Holocaust to confiscate Jewish bank accounts. President Barack Obama appointed Weisberg to the U.S. Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, recognizing him for his work as a legal scholar and litigator on behalf of Holocaust survivors and their looted art and possessions. Weisberg was honored as a keynote speaker in 2019 at a ceremony sponsored by the French government that commemorated the 20th anniversary of the restitution agency which he helped oversee.



LITIGANT FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST

Many of the big banks of Europe during World War II cooperated and conspired in the liquidation of Jewish assets to produce profits. Weisberg and other lawyers brought critical cases against the banks, which included not only 23 major French banks but also JPMorgan Chase and Barclays. The cases led to a settlement and the creation of a reparation fund for victims and their survivors. Weisberg, part of the plaintiffs' counsel in *Bodner v. Banque Paribas*, was a signer of the multinational agreement resolving the case and setting up the machinery for French payment to victims.

Weisberg spoke of his legal work in testimony before the



U.S. Congress in the late 1990s, describing how he had discovered culpability of the French legal and financial industries. “I entered into the nitty-gritty of everyday anti-Semitism in the courts and the agencies, in the government ministries and the halls of academia, in private law firms and corporations, and in the public records of French jurisprudence,” he testified.

Weisberg’s meticulous work exposed the use of more than 200 French laws passed by the Vichy government during World War II to persecute French Jews, deprive them of their property, and ultimately send 75,000 people to death camps outside of France. He helped uncover the evidence that led to the creation of a compensation fund for the victims. The fund was paid primarily by the same banks that had confiscated Jewish property during the war.

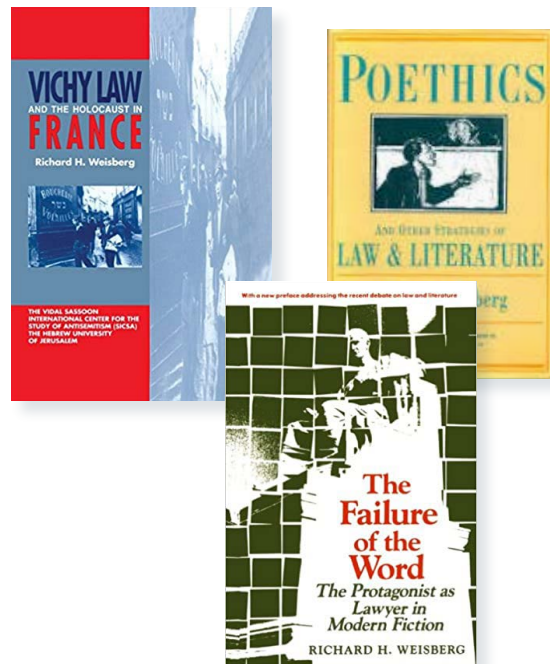
Weisberg’s book *Vichy Law and the Holocaust in France* has been widely translated and is an authoritative work on how the law was used by French attorneys under Nazi occupation to victimize French Jews. In 2014, he published *In Praise of Intransigence: The Perils of Flexibility* (Oxford University Press), which argues that a willingness to embrace intransigence allows us to recognize the value of our core beliefs. His essay, *Thoughts on Kristallnacht, 2018: In View of the Pittsburgh Tragedy*, was published in the aftermath of the Tree of Life synagogue shooting massacre in Pittsburgh.

SCHOLARSHIP IN LAW AND LITERATURE

In the late 1970s, Weisberg was among the founders of the field of law and literature, and he has remained at the forefront of scholarship in this area. His pioneering books in this movement include *The Failure of the Word* and *Poethics*. The peer-reviewed journal *Cardozo Studies in Law and Literature* was founded under his leadership and is in its fourth decade of consecutive publication. His 1984 book, *The*

Failure of the Word, examines the corruption of justice through legalistic language as depicted in great works of literature and is considered one of the key primary law and literature texts, having inspired countless responses from leading legal and literary scholars around the world (it has been translated into German, Italian and French). The field of poethics—now taught in well over 100 U.S. law schools and in such law schools and literature departments as those in the Netherlands, Scandinavia, Brazil, Canada, Germany, France, China, and Italy—has been guided into second and third generations of “narrative jurisprudence.”

A Festschrift celebrating the academic career of Weisberg was held in April 2016. ■



CLASSnotes

Class of 1982

Jay Kalish was appointed General Counsel and COO at Fluency.

Class of 1984

Martin W. Aron was recognized in the 2021 Edition of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*. Aron is a Principal and Litigation Manager of the Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, office of Jackson Lewis PC.

Class of 1986

Stephanie Cooper was awarded the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award in 2020 from Marquis Who's Who.

Class of 1988

Lawrence A. Cunningham was a guest on PBS's *WealthTrack* discussing his book "The Essays of Warren Buffett—Lessons for Corporate America."

Mark R. Osherow and a colleague of his firm, Osherow PLLC, won a damages award of \$525,608 for Aquastar Holdings LLC against Avant Design Group Inc. He also received a 2022 Best Lawyers in America Award for the eighth year in a row in the area of business litigation.

Class of 1989

Sara M. Richmond was elected a Partner of Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC in the New York City office.

Class of 1991

Dennis O'Donnell has joined DLA Piper as a Partner in the firm's Restructuring practice group in New York.

Class of 1997

Grace E. Robson was selected again by her peers for inclusion in the 2022 edition of *Best Lawyers in America*. Additionally, Robson received the Lawyer of the Year designation in Fort Lauderdale, an award presented to only one individual in a given geographical region and practice area.

Class of 2001

M. Ali Panjwani was named Partner and Co-Chair of the Corporate Group at Pryor Cashman in New York.

Class of 2003

Amoy Chambers was hired as Head of Legal—Structuring and Distribution at Triterras, a leading fintech company focused on trade and trade finance.

Class of 2005

Jeffrey K. Cassin joined Norris McLaughlin PA as Partner.

David H. Siegel joined Norris McLaughlin PA as Senior Counsel to the Intellectual Property practice group.

Class of 2007

Benjamin Fliegel was promoted to Partner at Reed Smith LLP in the firm's Los Angeles office.

Kimberly N. Grant was named Partner at Pryor Cashman in New York.

Class of 2008

Lawrence Bluestone was promoted to Partner at Genova Burns LLC in the Complex Commercial Litigation and Appellate practice groups.

Joshua N. Paul was promoted to Special Counsel at Kasowitz Benson Torres LLP in New York.

Class of 2009

Anya Endsley was elected to Partner at Verrill Dana LLP.

Scott C. Hollander was selected for inclusion in the 2021 edition of *New Jersey Super Lawyers—Rising Stars*, which recognizes the top 2.5 percent of lawyers who are under 40 or who have been in practice for 10 or fewer years.

Matthew J. Weldon was appointed Co-Chair of the International Arbitration Group at K&L Gates.

Class of 2010

Joshua Gajer was promoted to Counsel at White and Williams LLP in its Philadelphia office.

Class of 2011

Kaveri B. Arora was promoted to Counsel at Pryor Cashman in New York.

Katie Pandolfini joined Blank Rome LLP as an Associate with the Matrimonial and Family Law group in the Los Angeles office.

Patrick J. Quinn was elevated to Member of Cole Schotz PC. He is a part of the Real Estate Department in the firm's New Jersey office.

Carly S. Weiss was named Partner with Markowitz Ringel Trusty & Hartog PA in Miami, Florida. She practices in the Probate and Guardianship group.

Class of 2012

Ryan G. Rudich was promoted to Partner at Freeborn & Peters LLP in the Chicago office.

Chauniqua D. Young was promoted to Partner at Outten & Golden LLP.

Class of 2013

Anatoliy Rozental was promoted to Partner at Reed Smith LLP in the firm's New York office.

Travis Triano was elected Partner in Davis Polk's Executive Compensation practice group in New York.



A Tribute to Judge William Pauley

By Greg Weiss '04

On July 6, 2021, Southern District of New York Judge **William H. Pauley, III** passed away at age 68. I interned for Judge Pauley in the summer of 2002, after my first year at Cardozo Law School, and his passing brought back many fond memories.

As an intern in Judge Pauley's chambers, I was most taken by his focus on the human element of the cases before him. Judge Pauley always wanted his interns to be in the courtroom watching trials. His authentic style on the bench and innate sense of fairness meant every person in his courtroom was heard. I remember him struggling with the sentencing of defendants. He saw humanity in people and believed in redemption, but he also understood the plight of victims and wanted to ensure that justice was served. I remember a day when the interns told Judge Pauley a juror was sleeping through a white-collar trial in his courtroom. Instead of embarrassing the juror, he excused the juror and praised him for attempting to fulfill his civic duty while balancing three other jobs to support his family.

For Judge Pauley, administering justice was a team effort. He was very proud of his law clerks and trusted and relied on them deeply. Interns assisted the clerks in drafting opinions and read all the cases cited in the parties' briefs. But Judge Pauley also valued the role that interns could play as acute observers of a trial. Often when we returned to chambers during a court recess, Judge Pauley would pepper us with questions. This was not a quiz but rather an opportunity for Judge Pauley to understand how non-lawyers (i.e., law students) may have experienced a

lawyer's questioning or the judge's overruling of an objection. He wasn't looking for compliments but rather fairness in the proceedings and appreciated every perspective.

Judges—in their long black robes—typically carry an aura of mystique, but Judge Pauley was friendly and low-key. I remember eating lunch with the law clerks and Judge Pauley outside the courthouse, and Judge Pauley, who was next to me, asking, "Do you mind if I have a fry?" I replied, "Help yourself, Your Honor," because what else do you say to a federal judge who wants one of your fries? He had a great sense of humor and an unusual ascent to the bench that he liked to share. He didn't come from a top white-shoe firm. He worked in local government and built his own complex litigation practice from the ground up.

Over the years since my internship, I found that Judge Pauley was a role model for me as I steered my own legal career. When I read about his unexpected and untimely passing, I was shocked. I thought back to those days sitting in his courtroom where he was fully in control, and we knew justice would be administered fairly. I thought back to his warm and collegial approach with his interns and law clerks, and how seriously he took his judicial oath. Judge Pauley was a principled jurist who made a human connection with all those who entered his courtroom. He will be missed by the legal community and beyond.

Greg Weiss, Cardozo '04, is an Assistant General Counsel at AIG, where he has worked for the last 12 years.

Class of 2014

Evan Rabinowitz, Associate at Rivkin Radler LLP, was named to Ones to Watch by *Best Lawyers in America* for 2021 and 2022. He is part of the Banking and Real Estate practice groups in the Uniondale, New York office.

Class of 2015

Paula I. Brueckner will serve on the New Jersey Women Lawyers Association's Board of Directors for the 2020–2022 term.

Class of 2016

David B. Shepherd joined Norris McLaughlin's Real Estate and Finance Practice Group in the New York office as an Associate.

Class of 2021

Kharis Lund won the 2020 ABA essay contest. Lund's essay, "Wolves in Sheep's Clothing: How Religious Exemption Laws for Discriminatory Private Agencies Violate the Constitution and Harm LGBTQ+ Families," won first place in the Section of Family Law in the Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest.

IN MEMORIAM

Sandra Feuerstein

Beloved Cardozo alumna **U.S. District Court Judge Sandra Feuerstein**, 75, who presided over federal cases in Central Islip for nearly 20 years, died after being struck in a hit-and-run car accident in Boca Raton, Florida on April 9.

"We are devastated by this tragic news and extend our deepest sympathy to Judge Feuerstein's family," said Dean Melanie Leslie. "She was a pioneer who was dedicated to serving the cause of justice throughout her life and was an inspiration to all. She will be deeply missed by the Cardozo community."

Judge Feuerstein was elected to the Nassau County District Court and served from 1987 to 1993. She was elected a state Supreme Court justice in 1993, and appointed to the Appellate Division in the Second Department in 1999, the first woman from the 10th Judicial District. Former President George W. Bush appointed Feuerstein to the federal bench in 2003. She oversaw many high-profile criminal cases and lawsuits in her time on the bench, including terrorism trials of those convicted of joining Al-Qaeda, trials involving sex trafficking ring leaders, and a lawsuit over federally protected wildlife involving Piping Plovers on Fire Island.

Born in New York City, Judge Feuerstein received her undergraduate degree from the University of Vermont. Prior to law school she was a teacher in New York City schools in the 1970s. She remained close to Cardozo throughout her career and she hired several Cardozo graduates as law clerks.

Judge Feuerstein told *Cardozo Life Magazine* that as a member of Cardozo's first graduating class she was always aware that she was entering a profession dominated by men. But she never felt deterred by it.



"I came from a background where women were expected to do their best," Judge Feuerstein said. "There was no question." She became a member of the Cardozo Board of Overseers in 2001 and was named an Honorary Member in 2009. In March 2021, during Women's History Month, she participated in Cardozo's Alumnae on the Bench event, part of the Women Lead the Law series.

One of her early accomplishments and a personal point of pride was starting a volunteer landlord-tenant project that trained volunteer lawyers to represent tenants who were not receiving adequate representation in the District Court in Nassau County. That experience sparked Judge Feuerstein's appreciation for public service.

A dedication to the law runs in Judge Feuerstein's family. Her mother, Annette Elstein, was an immigration judge who graduated law school in 1940 and became a judge in 1986. They are believed to be the first mother-daughter judges in the nation's history. Judge Feuerstein noted the difference in time that it took her mother to become a judge after graduation compared with her own timeline. "I was on the cusp of that time when women were first being accepted," Feuerstein said. She was the former president of the Nassau County Women's Bar Association as well as vice president of the New York State Women's Bar Association.

In a 2019 interview Judge Feuerstein offered advice to Cardozo graduates, telling them to always "keep in mind all of those whom your actions reflect, including your school. Be a great representative of everyone you represent," she said. "You never know who is taking notice of what you're doing." ■

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