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DAVID SAMSON '93, PRESIDENT OF MIAMI MARLINS, ELECTED AS NEW CHAIR OF THE CARDOZO BOARD OF OVERSEERS

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CARDOZO LAW ANNOUNCES ELECTION OF DAVID SAMSON '93 AS NEW CHAIR OF THE CARDOZO BOARD OF OVERSEERS

Jeffrey Goldfarb '02 and Jonathan Henes '96 Elected as New Members of Board

June 3, 2014 – NEW YORK, NY – Dean Matthew Diller announced today that David Samson '93, President of the Miami Marlins, has been elected Chair of the Cardozo Board of Overseers.



"I am delighted that David will be leading the Cardozo Board of Overseers," said Dean Matthew Diller. "He has been an energetic supporter of the law school for years, and a champion of many of our most innovative new programs. David will be a wonderful Chair of the Board."

David Samson was elected to the Board of Overseers on December 8, 2010. As a board member, he has been instrumental in helping to shape the long-range goals of the law school and to envision a vital role for Cardozo in the changing legal landscape. A strong proponent of Cardozo's clinical education, he has recently donated significant funds towards the school's experiential education programs, and wants Cardozo alumni to stand out in the employment market. A frequent speaker at law school events (and always a great student favorite), a mentor of students, a 2010 Alumni of the Year and a spirited advocate for Cardozo, David is deeply engaged in the law school at every level.

"I am very humbled and thankful to have been nominated to serve as

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August 16, 2019

[Cardozo Welcomes the J.D. Class of 2022 \(/news/cardozo-welcomes-jd-class-2022\)](#)

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Chairman of the Cardozo School of Law Board of Overseers,” Samson said. “I look forward to working with Dean Matthew Diller and the entire board and to continue the great work of immediate past Chair Leslie Payson. Cardozo is well positioned to tackle the many complex issues that are before it and I am excited to get started.”

David Samson received his J.D. from Cardozo Law in 1993. He has been President of the Miami Marlins since 2002. As President, he played a key role in securing a public-private partnership to build a retractable roof ballpark in Miami, which opened in 2012. He was a force behind the team’s successful rebranding in 2011. In 2003, the Marlins won the World Series with Samson as President. He is one of just eight current team presidents to preside over a World Series Championship.

Previously, Samson was the Executive Vice President of the Montreal Expos from 1999 to 2002. Following his graduation from Cardozo, he founded News Travels Fast, which delivered *The New York Times*, *Barron’s* and *The Wall Street Journal* to Europe daily. In 1997, he joined Morgan Stanley as an investment advisor, and he held that position until he joined the Expos.

Samson was honored as a Cardozo Alumni of the Year in 2010 for his achievements and his many contributions to the law school. A native of New York City, he graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1990 with a B.A. in Economics.

Samson is taking over leadership duties from Leslie E. Payson ’91, Managing Director of Global Operations and Technology at Citigroup, who was Chair of the Board since 2010. Payson’s managerial leadership was vital to maintaining the fiscal health of the school and to the development of new initiatives. She was the first board liaison to the Junior Advisory Board and has been a leader and advocate for advancing the quality of student life at Cardozo.

“Leslie has been a wonderful Chair. During her tenure, she set a high bar – not only for her successor, but also for everyone who served on the board with her. Her energy and her affection for the law school made her a natural leader and an effective motivator,” said Patricia Weiss, Associate Dean of Institutional Advancement and Alumni Affairs. “Leslie knows how to get things done and move us forward, and always with focus and grace.”

Past Board Chairs include Chair Emeriti Kathryn O. Greenberg ’82,

is an annual tradition at the Law School. Led by a student committee, these individuals dedicate their efforts to enhancing engagement and fundraising efforts among classmates, friends and family in our community.

May 29, 2019

[Cardozo Hosts 41st Commencement \(/news/cardozo-hosts-41st-commencement\)](#)

A star-studded line-up kicked off Cardozo’s 41th Commencement Exercises. Graduates received J.D. and LL.M. degrees at Lincoln Center’s David Geffen Hall on May 28.

April 12, 2019

[Randall Rothschild '97 Talks Real Estate, Law and Business \(/news/randall-rothschild-97-talks-real-estate-law-and-business\)](#)

Dean Melanie Leslie interviewed Randall Rothschild ’97 on April 9 as part of the *Pathways* speaker series. Rothschild discussed how Cardozo prepared him for a career in the real estate industry.

Founder and Honorary Chairman, New York Legal Assistance Group and Hon. Earle I. Mack, Senior Partner, The Mack Company.

The Cardozo Law Board of Overseers also elected two new distinguished members, Jeffrey Goldfarb '02 and Jonathan Henes '96.

Jeffrey Goldfarb is Director of Strategic Planning at G-III Apparel Group, which designs, manufactures, imports, and markets men and women's apparel. He joined G-III in 2002 and was named to his current position in 2004. He is a 2002 graduate of Cardozo, and received his B.A. from Boston University.

Goldfarb has been actively involved at Cardozo, participating as a member of the Dean's Advisory Council, a speaker for the Dean's Speaker Series, and an active participant in the Public Service Auction. He has been a driving force in establishing the joint program with the Fashion Institute of Technology and Cardozo Law, and is instrumental in hiring Cardozo student interns.

Jonathan Henes is recognized as one of the nation's top restructuring lawyers. He is a Partner at Kirkland & Ellis LLP, leading some of the most complex restructurings in the U.S. and abroad in a variety of industries, including media, chemicals, energy, manufacturing, real estate, retail, and telecommunications. He is a 1996 *cum laude* graduate of Cardozo, where he was Managing Editor of the *Cardozo Law Review*. He holds a B.A. from Union College.

Henes is a great supporter of Cardozo Law. He is the Chairman of the Advisory Committee for the Samuel and Ronnie Heyman Center on Corporate Governance. Henes frequently organizes major conferences, most recently, "The Wolf of Wall Street: Behind the Scenes at Stratton Oakmont." He often speaks to students as part of the Dean's Speaker Series and Heyman Center Lunch Talks. As an Adjunct Professor, Henes teaches distressed investing and corporate restructuring.

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