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## Campus News

### [Professor Betsy Ginsberg Speaks to \*Daily News\* Regarding Prisoner Who Was Denied Compassionate Release and Comments on Testing Protocols](#)

[Professors Betsy Ginsberg](#) and [Alex Reinert](#) represented Hassan Chunn as part of a class action petition against the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Chunn was released April 8 but was initially denied compassionate release several weeks earlier. Professor Ginsberg told the *Daily News*, "It is hard to fathom why he [the warden] took that position, given that Mr. Chunn was two weeks from release and in poor health. In a follow-up article, a judge ruled that the Federal Bureau of Prisons must provide protocols for when they test inmates held in Brooklyn's federal jail for coronavirus.

### [Professor Deborah Pearlstein Speaks out on Government Leaders' Responses to Pandemic on \*We The People\* Podcast](#)

[Professor Deborah Pearlstein](#) was a guest on the National Constitution Center's "We The People" podcast to discuss government leaders and responses to the pandemic.

### [Cardozo Student Works with Boutique Law Firm to Help Small Businesses During Pandemic](#)

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, Slarskey LLC focused the firm's efforts on handling pro bono legal work for small businesses in New York City impacted by the market dislocation. Tyler Kamperschroer, a Cardozo 1L student, joined their efforts and has been balancing class work with practical legal work.

### [Professor Kathryn Miller and Criminal Defense Clinic Students Work to Help Incarcerated People During Crisis](#)

Students in [Cardozo's Criminal Defense Clinic](#) partnered with the [Office of the Appellate Defender](#) to outline legal strategies to advocate for the release of incarcerated people who are vulnerable to harm from COVID-19. "The students worked around the clock to produce this memo. Their work was sophisticated, concise and

critical during a time when many organizations were scrambling to determine the best path forward for their clients," [Professor Kathryn Miller](#) wrote.

### [Cardozo Alumni Offer Pro-Bono Services to Small Business Owners During the Crisis](#)

Cardozo alumni are taking the lead in a pro-bono project to help small business owners affected by COVID-19. "We are grateful for the opportunity to be able to give back to these hardworking people by providing high-quality free legal advice and assistance," said Jacqueline Haberfeld '91, Pro Bono Counsel at Kirkland & Ellis LLP.