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In the News

Dean Melanie Leslie Appoints Jeanne Estilo Widerka Associate Dean of Admissions

"It has been a true pleasure to work with this team and to bring so many talented students to Cardozo and to watch them thrive and achieve," said Dean Widerka. "I am honored to serve Cardozo and I am committed to continuing on the path we set with my dear friend and wonderful colleague Dave."

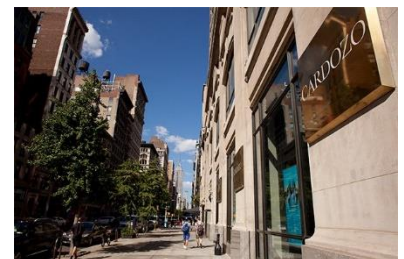
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A Message About Hate Crimes Against Asian Americans

"This disturbing trend demands forceful and thoughtful responses from the criminal justice system, political leadership and society at large," says Dean Melanie Leslie. "We support all efforts to fight against the rise in anti-Asian American hate speech and violence."

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Professor Alex Reinert Speaks to The New York Times on Qualified Immunity

"The Supreme Court remains very committed to qualified immunity being a forceful defense in civil rights cases and certainly in police excessive force cases," says Reinert.

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Professor Rebecca Ingber Joins The Lawfare Podcast to Discuss the Biden Administration's Use of Force in Syria

"Under the UN Charter, states can use force in another state's territory if they're acting in self defense against an armed attack, and using that force is necessary and proportionate to repelling that attack. That is how the United States is seeking to justify this use of force in Syria," says Ingber.

[Listen Here](#)



Professor Jocelyn Getgen Kestenbaum Publishes Op-Ed in New York Law Journal on Building an Antiracist Classroom

"We as legal educators must be proactive in critically assessing why certain cases are studied and taught, how classroom discussions are framed, and which tools and resources students are given as they develop into practicing lawyers. At this particular moment in time, inaction isn't an option," writes Getgen Kestenbaum.

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Faculty News & Scholarship

- **Professor Deborah Pearlstein** presented her forthcoming paper, “Lawyering the Presidency,” at the Conference of Constitutional Law Scholars on March 6.
- **Professor Alex Reinert** had two articles cited in the concurrence by Judge Willett in the Fifth Circuit case [Byrd v. Lamb](#).
- **Professor Michel Rosenfeld** joined Radio-Television Belge's “Face a L’info” to talk Biden’s agenda, the filibuster, and the limitations of executive orders on March 11.
- **Professor Jessica Roth's** tribute to Jack Weinstein's retirement from the federal bench, titled "Jack Weinstein: Reimagining the Role of the District Court Judge," was published in the [Federal Sentencing Reporter](#).
- **Professor Richard Weisberg** lectured on "Vichy Law, the Holocaust, and the Dangers of 'Incrementalism' When Participating in a 'System of Evil'" in an event sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh's School of Law, Program on Jewish Studies and Center on International Legal Education on March 5.
- The **Kathryn O. Greenberg Immigration Justice Clinic's** white paper with Make the Road New York was referenced as a "roadmap" for mayoral candidates on immigration reform by [City Limits](#).

Events

How Social Media is Transforming the Legal Profession

Monday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m.

[Register](#)

Dean's Speaker Series: David S. Huntley '90

Tuesday, March 16 at 5:30 p.m.

Join Dean Melanie Leslie in conversation with David S. Huntley, Senior Executive Vice President & Chief Compliance Officer at AT&T Inc.

[Register](#)

Join OUTLaw in Remembering Dean David Martinidez

Tuesday, March 16 at 8 p.m.

[Register](#)

Sports Law Society presents The Current State and Future of Professional Baseball
Wednesday, March 17 at 6 p.m.

37th Annual BMI Entertainment & Media Law Moot Court Competition: Music's Copyright Gold Rush

Thursday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Sponsored by FAME, Entertainment Law Society & Moot Court Honor Society.

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Social Media Governance, Content Moderation, and Democracy

Friday, March 19 at 12 p.m.