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THE CARDOZO COMMUNITY MOURNS THE LOSS OF JONATHAN ROHR



July 16, 2018

July 16, 2018 - Cardozo School of Law sadly announces the passing of Jonathan Rohr, beloved member of the Cardozo community.

Jonathan graduated from Cardozo *summa cum laude* in 2009, where he was a Senior Editor of the *Cardozo Law Review*. He was the recipient of the Louis D. Brandeis Award for graduating first in his class; the Felix Frankfurter Award for outstanding academic achievement, diligence and judgment; and the Benjamin N. Cardozo Writing Award for the best written work for civil advocacy. He was a Dean's Distinguished Scholar and a member of the Order of the Coif.

Jonathan was a Visiting Assistant Professor of Law at Cardozo from 2015-17. Last year, he joined the faculty of the University of Tennessee College of Law.

“Jonathan was an exceptional teacher, scholar, friend and human being,” said Dean Melanie Leslie. “He was beloved by his students and the Cardozo faculty. We are heartbroken.”

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August 26, 2019

[Cardozo Named One of Billboard's Top Music Law Schools for 2019 \(/news/cardozo-named-one-billboards-top-music-law-schools-2019\)](#)

Billboard named Cardozo School of Law one of the top law schools in the country for training lawyers in the music industry. Cardozo is ranked among law schools around the nation, including Harvard and University of California, Berkley.

August 16, 2019

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

Integrity, generosity, grit and joy were the guiding themes of Dean Melanie Leslie's welcome to the Class of 2022 for their first day of orientation.

July 8, 2019

[Class of 2019 Gives Back to Cardozo \(/news/class-2019-gives-back-cardozo\)](#)

Cardozo's 3L Class Gift is an annual tradition at the Law School. Led

Jonathan specialized in corporate law, securities regulation and contracts.

His students at Cardozo described him as an exceptionally skilled, passionate and caring professor who delivered mesmerizing lectures that made difficult concepts come to life.

He was a prolific scholar whose work has been published in the *Delaware Journal of Corporate Law*, and the *New York University Journal of Law and Business*. His most recent work, *Blockchain-Based Token Sales, Initial Coin Offerings, and the Democratization of Public Capital Markets*, is co-authored with Cardozo law professor Aaron Wright (CSL '05) and will be published in the *Hastings Law Journal*. He was also a contributor to Columbia Law School's *Blue Sky Blog* and *Law360*.

Prior to graduating from Cardozo, Rohr earned a Bachelor's of Music from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with highest honors and highest distinction, and a Master's Degree from the Eastman School of Music, where he studied opera. He performed as a soloist with a variety of orchestras and opera companies including the North Carolina Symphony, Greenwich Symphony Orchestra and Opera Saratoga.

After graduating from Cardozo, he practiced law for several years, primarily in the New York office of Sullivan & Cromwell LLP.

Jonathan is survived by his wife, Jing Alexis Rohr; his parents, Loraine and Greg; and his brother, Steven. There will be a memorial service for Jonathan this Friday, July 20, beginning at 3 p.m. in Hickory, North Carolina, at Bass Smith Funeral Home. The address of the funeral home is 334 Second Street NW, Hickory, North Carolina, 28601.

Dean Leslie will attend the memorial service on Friday. If you'd like to send a card or note to Jonathan's family, please send it to the Dean's Office before Thursday, July 19 at 5:30 p.m., and she will ensure that it is delivered.

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.

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