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Cardozo’s Criminal Defense Clinic Wins Commuted Sentence for N.Y. Man Serving One of the Longest Prison Terms Under Rockefeller Drug Laws

“We felt the need to do whatever we could on his behalf,” said Professor Kathryn Miller, Co-Director of the Cardozo Criminal Defense Clinic. “The laws that put him in prison are no longer in effect and widely seen today as draconian. He deserved a chance to seek parole.”



Professor Alexander Reinert, Co-Counsel in Federal Lawsuit, Wins Historic Settlement Over Solitary Confinement for Pre-Trial Detainees at Rikers Island

“The Board of Correction has made progress towards ending inhumane practices of restrictive confinement in New York, but the Department of Correction tried to end-run around those reforms with practices that we challenged here,” Reinert told the Daily News. The story of the \$53-million settlement was also covered in [The New York Times](#) and on [NY1](#).



Professor Anthony Sebok Quoted in The New York Times on the Ethics of Billionaire Founder of LinkedIn Funding Lawsuit Against Trump

In New York and elsewhere, there is a well-established financial industry in which outsiders invest in lawsuits, whether involving car accidents, contract claims or mere slip-and-fall cases, Sebok said. He added that there was nothing wrong, legally or ethically, with an outsider who has no connection to a plaintiff providing funding to a lawsuit after it is filed, “either to make money or just because they have a rooting interest in the outcome.”



Professor Michael Pollack Tells VOX Why Fighting a Homeowners Association Might Just be a Losing Battle

“Courts tend to take the view of, look, if you don’t like it, you can leave, or you can work within the community to change things, exercise your voice,” said Pollack.



Professor Jessica Roth Appears on Bloomberg to Discuss Trump Indictment

“I think that given the nature of this case, given that he is a candidate for the presidency, I think his attorneys feel a need to be speaking to the public,” Roth said. “Both on behalf of their client as a criminal defendant, and also as a political candidate.”



Professor Saurabh Vishnubhakat Quoted in Bloomberg Law on Internet Counterfeiters Appearing in Chicago Court

“The big picture conclusion is that there’s a business model involved here, a business strategy,” said Vishnubhakat.



Professor Edward Zelinsky Pens Piece for TaxNotes on Biden's Proposals on Private Foundations

“In his recent tax proposal to Congress, President Biden urged two changes to the Internal Revenue Code provisions governing private foundations’ required annual distributions ... These are modest and sensible proposals that Congress should adopt. But they do not go far enough,” Zelinsky wrote.



Visiting Professor Gaia Bernstein Speaks About Her New Book, ‘Unwired,’ to Bloomberg Businessweek Podcast

“What causes the addictive behavior is the design of many of our apps and of our devices,” Bernstein said. “Basically, we have a business model that’s based on our time and our resources. Companies want us to spend as much time online so they can collect our data and target advertising to us.” She also spoke to [Tech Policy Press](#) about it on April 2.



Faculty Scholarship & News

- **Visiting Professor Gaia Bernstein** discussed her book, “Unwired,” at [Harvard University](#) on April 13.
- **Professor Pamela Foohey** presented a chapter from her in-progress book, “Debt’s Grip: Risk and Consumer Bankruptcy” at [Northeastern University School of Law](#) as part of its faculty colloquia series on April 5. On April 21, she discussed her research focusing on household debt as part of the “K-COVID2: Predictions about the Recent Past” panel during the [Contract Law in Action: COVID and the Casebook](#) conference hosted by Temple University Beasley School of Law and the University of Wisconsin Law School. On April 22, Foohey will present her research from the Consumer Bankruptcy Project as part of the “A Bankruptcy Crisis Hiding in Plain Sight: The Juxtaposition of Failing Health Care Systems with Consumer Patients Driven into Bankruptcy by Medical Debt” during the [American Bankruptcy Institute’s Annual Spring Meeting](#).
- **Professor Young Ran (Christine) Kim** presented her paper, “Taxing the Metaverse,” forthcoming in the *Georgetown Law Journal*, at the [Michigan State University College of Law Faculty Workshop](#) on April 10. She also presented it at the [UC Irvine Law Tax Symposium](#) on April 17.
- **Professor Richard Weisberg** co-organized and spoke at “The '4-D's: A Critical Appraisal of Legal Education” conference at the University of Pittsburgh on April 20-21.

Events

[Class of 2023 Commencement](#)

Monday, June 5 at 3:00 p.m.

David Geffen Hall - Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts