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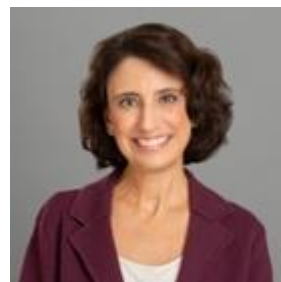


## Campus News

### Professor Deborah Pearlstein Comments on CNN about Remote Voting

Professor Deborah Pearlstein told CNN about the idea of Congress voting remotely, the "Constitution ... contains no specific requirement of physical presence for members to vote."

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### Professors Leslie Salzman and Rebekah Diller Co-Author Op-ed in Daily News

Professors Rebekah Diller and Leslie Salzman wrote in the Daily News about how the COVID crisis is impacting nursing homes: "But as this crisis makes us reexamine many things we long took for granted, so too should it prompt us to also ask why so many older adults are left with little choice but to reside in these facilities in the first place."

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## Professor Alex Reinert's Article Cited in Journalist's Resource

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Professor Alex Reinert's article in Notre Dame Law Review was cited in Journalist's Resource. He says, "Qualified immunity doctrine is complex and important, and for many years it was assumed to have an outsize impact on civil rights cases by imposing significant barriers to success for plaintiffs. Recent empirical work has cast that assumption into doubt, at least as to the impact qualified immunity has at pretrial stages of litigation."



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## Cardozo's First Virtual Commencement Toasts the Class of 2020

The Class of 2020 ended their law school journey with a virtual celebration and conferral of degrees on June 3, with accolades from Dean Leslie, President Berman, faculty and student speakers.



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## Professor Michelle Adams Comments to CBC about Inequality in America

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Professor Michelle Adams told CBC regarding the inequality fueling the protests, "it's impossible to disentangle one problem from the others. I think the reality is this is all connected. If you pull a strand, it all falls apart."

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## Professor Kate Levine Quoted on FiveThirtyEight About Police Prosecutions

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Professor Kate Levine told FiveThirtyEight, “If a civilian is displaying a weapon, it’s very hard to charge [the police officer] with murder for taking action against that civilian. And even if a civilian doesn’t have a weapon, it’s hard to charge a police officer if [the officer] can credibly say they feared for their life.”

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## Events

### **28th Public Service Celebration:**

#### **Inspire! Awards**

**Wednesday, June 10**

**5 p.m.**

The annual Inspire! Awards will celebrate students and community leaders who made strides this past year in public service in a virtual ceremony. The three Community Impact Honorees, Angela Black, Sharonne Salaam, and Staci Dupont, are all family members of men who suffered injustices in our criminal justice system. Kevin Richardson and Yusef Salaam, two of The Exonerated Five portrayed in *When They See Us*, will also join the ceremony to present awards. Interested students and alumni can pre-register to receive the Zoom link.

### **A Conversation on Community Resources: Lawyers and Antiracism**

**Thursday, June 11**

**12:30 p.m.**

**Nicole Seawright, Director of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion** will be joined by **Caprice Jenerson, Chief Equity and Inclusion Officer of NYLAG**, for a lunchtime event on how students can get involved with local and national organizations fighting for justice.

**Alumni Roundtable on the Murder of George Floyd and Rethinking the Criminal Legal System**

**Thursday, June 11**

**4 p.m.**

**Professor Alex Reinert, Director of the Center for Rights and Justice**, will facilitate a virtual Zoom conversation among Cardozo alumni who have engaged in individual representation and structural reform challenging all aspects of the criminal legal system. There will also be time for students to ask questions.

**A Conversation with Professor Kathryn Miller and Professor Jocelyn Getgen Kestenbaum**

**Monday, June 15**

**5:30 p.m.**

We will use this time to explore effective allyship and where we can go from here as an institution.