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Spotlight on News from the Cardozo Community

In the News

Professor Ekow Yankah Speaks to USA Today on the Focus on George Floyd's Drug Addiction in Chauvin Trial

"One of the first things you notice is that when drug addiction, in particular opioid addiction, became seen as a white drug problem, suddenly people were deeply interested...in origin stories that made you not responsible," says Yankah.

Yankah also joined [WBEZ's Reset Podcast](#) to discuss criminal justice reform in light of the Chauvin trial.

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Professor Kate Levine Assesses Impact of Video Footage in Chauvin Trial in The Washington Post

"It'll be much harder...for Chauvin to claim...self-defense than it is when there are shooting deaths," says Levine. "It's very hard for him to say, 'I was in fear for my life when I knelt on this man's neck.'"

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Billboard Taps Ten Alumni to Top Music Lawyers 2021 List

Along with the recognition of individual Cardozo alumni, who range in practice from firm-side to record label execs, Cardozo was also named a top law school for music law.



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Professor Chris Buccafusco Joins NPR's Marketplace Podcast to Discuss *Google v. Oracle*

The Motion Picture Association is worried not just about new technology “but also the kind of creativity that new technology fosters,” says Buccafusco.

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Additional Faculty in the News

- **Professor Kathryn Miller** wrote an op-ed in [City and State](#), arguing that "although virtual court has its drawbacks, it should remain an option until everyone has an opportunity to be vaccinated."
- **Associate Deal Val Myteberi** told [LLM Guide](#) that in-house counsel "play a more sophisticated role in businesses, counseling executives in strategic meetings and pre-empting problems to inform decisions."
- **Professor Alex Reinert** was quoted in the [ABA Journal](#) on ethical duties, stating "All frivolous cases are meritless, but not all meritless cases are frivolous."
- **Professor Ed Zelinsky** spoke to [AP](#) about billionaire donors, noting "some donor-advised funds...are committed to timely and ongoing distribution of their resources. But others are not."

Faculty Scholarship

- **Professor Jocelyn Getgen Kestenbaum's** article "[Disaggregating Slavery and the Slave Trade](#)" has been published on SSRN and is forthcoming in the Florida International University Law Review.
- **Professor Ngozi Okidegbe** will present "[When They Hear Us: Race, Criminal Reform, and the Democratizing Potential of Algorithms](#)" at the University of Ottawa on April 14.
- **Professor Alex Reinert** will discuss qualified immunity on a panel at the [Loyola University of Chicago Law Review's annual symposium](#) today, April 9, at 1:50 p.m. Reinert will also speak at "[Unpacking Iqbal](#)" on April 15.
- **Professor Richard Weisberg** spoke at the "[Sovereignty, Humanity, and Law](#)" conference at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law on April 8-9.
- **Adjunct Professor Victor Wang** will present at the Harlem Community Development Corporation's webinar, [Patents for Startups and Beyond](#), on April 21.

Events

Click on the event title to register.

[100 Days of Dissent: Unpacking the Ongoing Indian Farmers' Protests](#)

Monday, April 12 at 12 p.m.

Presented by CLIHHR

[Advertising Law Symposium](#)

Monday, April 12 at 2 p.m.

Presented by FAME, Entertainment Law Society and Fashion Law Society

[Framing Britney Spears: Adult Guardianship and an Artist's Control Over Her Work](#)

Monday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Presented by Bet Tzedek Civil Litigation Clinic, FAME, and Filmmakers Legal Clinic

[Dean's Speaker Series: A Conversation with Bess Chiu '09, Chief of Staff,
Office of the Counsel to the Mayor of New York City](#)

Wednesday, April 14 at 12 p.m.

[Cardozo Law Review: Life of a Note](#)

Wednesday, April 14 at 3:30 p.m.

Learn what it means to write a Note for one of Cardozo's journals

[Kill Switch: The Rise of the Modern Senate](#)

Wednesday, April 14 at 4:30 p.m.

Presented by Floersheimer Center for Constitutional Democracy