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CAMPUS NEWS

Dean Melanie Leslie Announces Four New Faculty Appointments

Cardozo Law is expanding its offerings in criminal law, business law and clinical education for the 2019-20 school year with new faculty including Professors Kate Levine, Kathryn Miller, Ngozi Okidegbe and Matthew Wansley.

Professor Kate Shaw Testifies Before House Judiciary Committee; Speaks to *ABC News* About Alabama Abortion Ban

Professor Kate Shaw told the House Judiciary Committee: "My view as a scholar and a former White House lawyer, is that blanket invocations of executive privilege of the sort the White House has made here are without substantial support in either case law or executive branch practice."

Professor Myriam Gilles Advocates for Ending Forced Arbitration Before House Judiciary Committee

Professor Myriam Gilles told the House Judiciary Committee, "Forced arbitration clauses are everywhere...what this really means is if an employer rips off a group of employees, they can't sue that employer...The only thing they can do is take on all the burden and cost of going against the employer in a one on one arbitration...Forced arbitration is so popular that over the past decade it's almost impossible to find a product, a service, an amenity of modern life that doesn't force us to sign away our rights. Over 60 million American workers are subject to forced arbitration."

Professor Jessica Roth Comments on Mueller Report Aftermath on CNN and WNYC; Discusses Donald Trump, Jr.'s Testimony on CNN

Professor Jessica Roth told Poppy Harlow on *CNN Newsroom* that in terms of the President citing executive privilege, "The ship has sailed. As a legal matter, it is quite clear. He waived the privilege when he agreed to let his aides including Don McGahn sit down with the special counsel for the interviews on those subject matters."

Indie Film Clinic Hosts Pop-up Clinic at Ghetto Film School

The Indie Film Clinic held its second pop-up clinic during the Tribeca Film Festival, this time at Ghetto Film School in The Bronx. Filmmakers from around the city were invited to have consultations with student clinicians to discuss the legal matters of filmmaking.

Professors Sebok, Roth, Shaw, and Pearlstein Analyze the Mueller Report

The Floersheimer Center for Constitutional Law and the Burns Center for Ethics in the Practice of Law hosted a panel titled "Unpacking the Mueller Report" with Cardozo professors offering their analysis on the investigation and aftermath.

Professor Kyron Huigens Talks with Al Jazeera about Mnuchin's Testimony

"Steve Mnuchin really has no idea what he's talking about," Professor Kyron Huigens said on *Al Jazeera*. "The other contention is that there is no legitimate legislative purpose for Congress to have these tax returns, and of course that's a very dangerous proposition. If the President can say what's a legitimate Congressional purpose then the President has complete control over Congress and the nature of cooperation between the President and Congress...and that violates the basic structure of separation of powers."

Professor Donna Erez-Navot and Adjunct Professor Brian Farkas Discuss Mediation Research on ABA Podcast

Professor Donna Erez-Navot, Assistant Director of the Kukin Program for Conflict Resolution and Brian Farkas, Cardozo adjunct professor and alumnus, were guests on an ABA podcast to discuss their research on pre-mediation statements and mediator preferences.

Professor Sebok's Litigation Finance Study Profiled in *Law360*

Professor Anthony Sebok's study into the litigation finance industry examined 200,000 cases handled by one nationwide litigation finance firm over the course of a decade. Read more in *Law360* about the study and the results.

Professor Christopher Buccafusco Discusses Airline Seat Reclining in *Chicago Tribune*

Reclining on planes is often contentious, with passengers arguing over tight spaces. Passengers on Delta Airlines won't be able to recline their seats as much as they used to and Professor Christopher Buccafusco said in the *Chicago Tribune* that this new policy is, "Not helpful at all. The right answer is to try to allow people to sort it out and get to the best outcome without being jerks about it," he said.

TALKS AND WRITINGS

- Professor Suzanne Last Stone spoke at Tel Aviv University on May 1 and will speak at Hebrew University Law School on May 21, and the Institute for Advanced Studies at Hebrew University on June 12.
- Professor Anthony Sebok was a commentator at DePaul University College of Law's Clifford Symposium on Tort Law and Social Policy in Chicago on April 25 and 26. He also attended the

National Conference of Bar Examiners Annual Item Development Workshop in Madison, WI, to help develop questions for the MPRE.

- Professor Jocelyn Getgen Kestenbaum will speak at a panel event with human rights advocates on the sidelines of the upcoming UN Security Council debate on gender and genocide on May 22.
- Professor Ed Stein will present a paper on adultery and consensual non-monogamy at the Family
 Law Teachers and Scholars Conference in Washington, D.C. (hosted by Howard University Law
 School) on May 29. He will also chair a session and comment on several papers about marriage at
 the Law and Society Association Conference in Washington, D.C. starting on May 30.
- Professor Lela Love was on the faculty for the Annual Conference of the Winkler Institute for Dispute Resolution/Osgoode Hall Law School/International Academy of Mediators on *Mediation* Styles and Processes in Toronto on May 2.
- Professor Kate Shaw is an editor for a new book called *Reproductive Rights and Justice Stories*, part of the *Law Stories* Series.
- Administering Interpretation Derrida, Agamben, and the Political Theology of Law has been published and is edited by Professors Peter Goodrich and Michel Rosenfeld.
- Professor David Weisenfeld spoke on May 5 at the AALS Clinical Conference in San Francisco, with a talk titled "Implementation Negotiation: A Transactional Skill That Builds on and Transforms Classic Negotiation Theory."
- Professor Alexander Reinert presented at Boston University School of Law at A Critical Guide to Civil Procedure (a conference co-hosted by Boston University School of Law, Seattle University School of Law, and University of Washington School of Law) on May 8. Professor Peter Goodrich gave the annual lecture at the Birkbeck School of Law in the UK on May 2.
- Professor Matthew Seligman drafted an amicus brief on behalf of contract scholars for a Supreme Court case (*Lamps Plus v. Varela*) that was cited by Justice Kagan in a dissenting opinion.
- Professor Myriam Gilles participated in the Culp Colloquium at Duke Law School on May 17.