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## CAMPUS NEWS

### [Cardozo Kicks off Event Series Marking 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment](#)

Cardozo's yearlong "Women's Votes, Women's Voices: The 19th Amendment at 100" event series kicked off on June 4, 2019 – exactly 100 years since the United States Congress granted women the right to vote. The evening included remarks from Dean Melanie Leslie, Professor Kate Shaw, guest speaker Valerie Paley and New York City Councilwoman Carlina Rivera.

### [Professors Betsy Ginsberg and Alex Reinert Co-Author Op-Ed in \*NY Daily News\*](#)

Professors Betsy Ginsberg and Alex Reinert wrote in a *Daily News* op-ed that the attention generated by Paul Manafort's potential transfer to Rikers threatens to obscure the conditions experienced every day by far less privileged people held there. "Every day, people held on Rikers Island, mostly poor, black and brown, will confront brutality, neglect and material deprivations that betray the Constitution's admonition that punishment cannot precede conviction. We can tell ourselves that people confined in Rikers are being treated as innocent until proven guilty, but we will just be pretending. Even when high level federal, state and city officials are focused on reform, a culture of systemic brutality persists."

### [Professor Sam Weinstein talks to \*The Hill\* about Antitrust Enforcement](#)

*The Hill* published an article on the Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission overseeing regulation of big tech companies. Professor Sam Weinstein said, "I don't think there's any lack of will at the agencies. If they thought they had a winning case, they would bring one. My feeling is the agencies are just limited by the courts."

### [Professor Barbara Kolsun Talks Trademarks and Color in \*Talks on Law\*](#)

Professor Barbara Kolsun narrated a *Talks on Law* presentation about trademarking color. "That Tiffany blue box...can you trademark a color? The answer is yes although it may not be so easy," she said. "The key is whether the color acts as a source identifier. You look at a

Tiffany box and you think, Tiffany. You look at a woman walking down the street and you think, Christian Loubutain."

### Paul Gugliuzza Testifies Before Senate Judiciary Committee

Paul Gugliuzza, who will be a Visiting Professor at Cardozo this fall, spoke about patent eligibility in front of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, saying, "another reason for the renewed health of the American patent system, in my view, has been the Supreme Court's reinvigoration of the patent eligible subject matter requirement. The Supreme Court has relied on this requirement to invalidate patents that simply use computers to automate conventional business practices...I see the primary benefit in how it affects the procedure of patent litigation."

### Professor Gabor Rona Authors Piece on *Just Security*

In a piece focusing on President Trump's desire to pardon military and contractor personnel accused or convicted of war crimes, Professor Gabor Rona wrote, "President Donald Trump's inclination to grant pardons to several military and contractor personnel accused or convicted of war crimes may itself be a violation of the laws of war, if not a war crime...As the commander of these soldiers, and perhaps even of the Blackwater contractor, the President, himself, has a responsibility to punish, if not prevent, violations of the laws of war committed by his subordinates."

## TALKS AND WRITINGS

- Professor Rebekah Diller presented on a panel called "Working with Clients When Capacity is an Issue," at the 14th Annual New York City Elder Abuse Conference, to be held at The New School, New York, NY, June 5, 2019. She is also the Opening Speaker of the second day at the National Resource Center for Supported Decision-Making's Supported Decision-Making Symposium: Taking Stock and Forging Ahead, to be held at American University Washington College of Law, in Washington, D.C., on June 11.

## EVENTS

New York State Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section  
Commercial Arbitration Training

**Monday, June 17-Wednesday, June 19, 2019**