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FACULTY NEWS

[Dean Leslie Appoints Michael J. Burstein as Vice Dean](#)

Professor Michael J. Burstein will become the Vice Dean of Cardozo School of Law effective August 1, 2018, succeeding Professor Myriam Gilles, who is stepping down after serving with distinction as Vice Dean for two years.

[Professors Jessica Roth and Kate Shaw Awarded Tenure](#)

Professor Jessica Roth is a professor of law and co-director of the Jacob Burns Center for Ethics in the Practice of Law; Professor Kate Shaw is a professor of law and co-director of the Floersheimer Center for Constitutional Democracy.

[The Cardozo/Google Project for Patent Diversity is Working to Narrow the Patent Gap; Professor Curtis Quoted in Bloomberg](#)

Less than 19 percent of patents issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office had a female inventor listed, says an article in *Bloomberg*. In February, Google partnered with Cardozo Law School at Yeshiva University in New York to initiate a collaborative project designed to increase the number of U.S. patents issued to women and minorities. “The patent gap is most severe for the minority groups, especially African- Americans and Hispanic women,” said Jeanne Curtis, director of the Cardozo/Google Project for Patent Diversity.

[Bet Tzedek Clinic's Class Action Settlement Restores Rent Freeze Benefits to up to 20,000 Elderly and Lower-Income NYC Tenants](#)

New York City’s Rent Freeze Program (RFP) freezes the rents paid by lower-income elderly and disabled rent-regulated tenants—in many cases for decades—and provides landlords with tax credits to cover the portion of the legal regulated rent not being paid by the tenant. Tenants must renew their RFP benefits every two years, but some eligible tenants may be unable to complete the renewal process because of their disabilities. When this happened, Cardozo Law's Bet Tzedek Clinic stepped in to help.

[In Bloomberg, Professor Zelinsky says NY State's Lawsuit Over Cap on Federal Tax Deduction Has Little Chance of Success](#)

Professor Ed Zelinsky told *Bloomberg* that a lawsuit by four states over a new \$10,000 cap federal tax deduction has little chance of success. In *Law360* and *Forbes*, he said a federal tax case on a tax provision exempting clergy housing is both bad policy and constitutional.

[Professor Buccafusco Comments on Monkey Selfie Case in Bloomberg Law](#)

A case involving a monkey who took a selfie, and the question of the monkey's rights over that photo, will continue as a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit asked the full court to consider rehearing the case.

[Professor Rosenfeld to be Distinguished Provocateur-Discussant at 2018 Younger Scholars Forum in Comparative Law](#)

The forum will be held at the 20th Congress of the International Academy of Comparative Law in Fukuoka, Japan.

[Professor Ginsberg Comments in *Newsweek* on Immigrant Family Reunifications](#)

Professor Betsy Ginsberg, director of Cardozo's Civil Rights Clinic, was quoted in *Newsweek* regarding the court-ordered deadline that was established late last month, a result of the Trump administration immigration policies that subsequently resulted in thousands of children being forcibly removed from their parents and sent to detention centers across the country.

[CAMPUS NEWS](#)

[The Cardozo Community Mourns the Loss of Jonathan Rohr](#)

Cardozo School of Law sadly announces the passing of Jonathan Rohr, beloved member of the Cardozo community.

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[Cardozo Hosts CrimFest! 2018](#)

On July 16 and 17, over 80 criminal law scholars from around the country visited Cardozo for Crimfest, an annual gathering of criminal law and procedure scholars.