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## CAMPUS NEWS

### Professor Chris Buccafusco Talks About Katy Perry Copyright Case in *Rolling Stone* and *The Wall Street Journal*

Professor Chris Buccafusco told *The Wall Street Journal*, "While \$2.8 million might not be crippling to Ms. Perry's team, it is significant to potential plaintiffs and their lawyers. I would think this is a lucrative market to consider entering. In some cases, songs that were collecting dust in the archives become worth more if they are infringed upon. When Katy Perry uses it and makes it a No. 1 song, it's much more valuable." He also spoke to *Rolling Stone*, saying, "The world of musical composition is not that broad, and it's certainly not that broad when it comes to things like bass lines. Most musicians are working in a finite innovation space."

### Professor Jessica Roth Comments on Mueller Hearings on *11th Hour*

Professor Jessica Roth told Brian Williams on *The 11th Hour*, regarding Robert Mueller: "I thought we saw a person of incredible dignity...he gave the members of Congress and anyone who was watching a real lesson about what it means to be a prosecutor and the difference between prosecution and politics."

### Professor Felix Wu Comments on Artificial Intelligence on *casino.org*

Professor Felix Wu commented on *casino.org* on Macau's new rule on artificial intelligence (AI)-based surveillance of gaming venues, which has lawyers and technology specialists warning about its drawbacks. "To the extent that the casino's data collection is merged with that of others or made available to others, it contributes to concerns over mass surveillance by the government or private companies," Wu explained.

### Professor Barry Scheck Writes Op-Ed in *Daily News*

Professor Barry Scheck, co-founder of the Innocence Project, writes in the *Daily News* about the DOJ's decision to execute five death row inmates: "In truth, the death penalty has long served as a distraction, a 'law and order' wedge issue that undermines serious criminal justice reform efforts...States have therefore been abandoning the practice to spend funds instead on programs

that directly attack the school-to-prison pipeline, reform community policing, and divert individuals living with mental illness and substance use disorder out of jails and into non-custodial treatment centers. The federal government should do the same."

### Professor Sam Weinstein talks to *The Wall Street Journal* and *The New York Times* about Sprint/T-Mobile's Merger

Professor Sam Weinstein was quoted in *The New York Times* regarding the T-Mobile/Sprint merger. "There is a lot of criticism of the agencies that they are not doing enough about big tech and this is a way to respond to that criticism," he said. He told *The Wall Street Journal*, "Why scramble so much to create a fourth competitor when you already have one?"

### Professor Deborah Pearlstein Speaks to MSNBC About Border Wall

Professor Deborah Pearlstein was a guest on MSNBC to discuss the border wall battle, saying, "I think it's premature at best to assume we know the direction the court is going to go, but even still, this now goes back to the lower courts - it'll be back, almost certainly, before the Supreme Court this fall, on the question of 'does the President have the power?'"

### Michael Wildes Talks About ICE raids on CNN

Michael Wildes '89, an immigration attorney, and a Cardozo adjunct professor, was a guest on CNN to discuss the ICE raids in cities around the country. "The raids that we're seeing right now are not within the same character of what our founding fathers envisioned," he said.

### Two Cardozo Alums Comment on Immigrants' Rights in *Vice*

In an article in *Vice*, Michael Wildes '89, who is a Managing Partner at Wildes & Weinberg and an adjunct professor at Cardozo, and Claudine-Annick Murphy '17, an Immigrant Justice Corps attorney, talk about the unjust impact this will have: "Individuals in court no longer have a meaningful opportunity to be heard because they literally can't be," said Murphy. "Thousands of people will be denied a fair hearing," said Wildes.

## EVENTS

LLM Orientation

**Tuesday, August 13**

JD 1L Orientation

**Thursday, August 15 - Wednesday, August 21**

First Day of 1L Classes

**Friday, August 23**

First Day of Upper-Level Classes

**Monday, August 26**