Melanie Leslie
New Dean, New Era

The FAME Center
Fashion, Arts, Media & Entertainment Law

Tech Talks
The Legal Impact of Big Data

Clinics in Action
Bet Tzedek, Indie Film, Criminal Defense
We asked for their reflections on working for the highest court in the land. Below are excerpts from their responses.

**Professor Alexander Reinert : Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer**

"Working on the Court was one of the most challenging and intellectually stimulating experiences of my life. I left grateful for the opportunity, with a tremendous amount of respect for the work that judges do every day."

**Professor Marci Hamilton : Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor**

"I clerked for Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, and I'll always remember her reminders to take time for family and fun even in the midst of deadlines and hard work."

**Professor Monroe Price : Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens**

"[H]e didn't teach us what to do as much as he helped us learn what we were capable of doing."


"[Justice Stevens] seemed to have decided to accord to each of us, upon arrival, a presumption that we were perfectly capable of discharging the duties of this awe-inspiring job for which we had somehow been selected; that we had views that merited his consideration; that we would add something of value to discussions about the cases pending before the Court and those vying for review. I think that all of us … somehow rose to the occasion. We quickly became the lawyers he seemed to believe we were. There was no real alternative."

**Professor Richard Bierschbach : Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor**

"My clerkship year was probably the most grueling, exhilarating and transformative of my professional life. It forced me to find gears already know."

**Professor Michael Herz : Supreme Court Justice Byron White**

"The perennial question about Supreme Court clerks is whether they wield too much influence. In Justice White's chambers it was utterly clear who the boss was, and it would have been preposterous to think you could get anything by him. If I drafted an opinion to which (Justice White) made very few changes, I was pleased not because I had managed to get my work into the U.S. Reports but because I had successfully written the opinion that he wanted."

**Professor Kate Shaw : Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens**

"I felt that at a relatively young age I was immensely privileged. I could have more than a front row seat at key issues in American history and jurisprudence. [During] my term clerking, the Chief Justice invited incoming clerks to work for him on what would be the Warren Commission, reporting on the assassination of John F. Kennedy. The Court reached back to the New Deal and had links to so much American history. I admired [Justice Stewart] and his attitude towards law, life and the institutions of the Court."
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A New Era for Cardozo Law

This academic year marks my first as dean, my 20th as a faculty member, and my 25th as a Cardozo alumna! I am very excited to lead this great school at such an exciting time of change and transition—in the legal profession and the world at large. Cardozo has always understood that change brings opportunities for innovation and growth.

When I was a Cardozo student, Professors Barry Scheck and Peter Neufeld were in the first years of developing an innovative idea that would bring about a revolution in criminal justice. The Innocence Project introduced the idea of using DNA testing to bring justice to those who had been wrongfully convicted. In supporting their work before others grasped its value, Cardozo Law exhibited the pioneering spirit that it is known for today.

The school continues to support innovation around cutting edge ideas. In 2015 we launched the Fashion, Arts, Media & Entertainment Law (FAME) Center, which prepares students for careers in businesses fueled by the creative arts. The program builds on our nationally ranked intellectual property program and offers advanced coursework, conferences, externships and more in fashion, media, entertainment, the arts, film and sports. In this edition of Cardozo Life you can read about FAME—and about some of our prominent alumni in those fields.

We are also focusing on the intersection of technology, data and law. The Cardozo Data Law Initiative is a groundbreaking program designed to prepare law students for careers in the rapidly expanding legal fields of information governance, e-discovery, data privacy, social media law and cybersecurity. The CDLI, along with Cardozo’s Tech Startup Clinic, launched the highly successful Cardozo Law Tech Talks series last year, helping solidify our reputation as a leader in the field. We also hosted a Legal Tech Day, bringing together over a hundred leaders in business, law and technology from around the country.

Cardozo’s entrepreneurial spirit is central to our vision. I am honored to build on that tradition, and I look forward to working with all the members of this vibrant community in the year ahead.

Warm regards,

MELANIE LESLIE
Dean and Professor of Law
The Fashion, Arts, Media & Entertainment Law (FAME) Center launched in spring 2015 and is designed to provide students with legal training in the fields of fashion, media, entertainment, art, film and sports. Under the guidance of Barbara Kolsun, general counsel at Stuart Weitzman, and Lee Sporn, general counsel, secretary and senior vice president of business affairs at Michael Kors (USA), the center offers coursework, externships and conferences in these growing fields.

Courses offered through the center include Copyright Law, Trademark Law, Patent Law, Technology Policy, Employment Law, Advertising Law, Fashion Law Drafting, Art Law, and Sports and the Law. In addition, students are given opportunities to participate in the Indie Film Clinic, the Art Law Field Clinic and the Fashion Law Practicum with the Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT); work with the top-ranked Cardozo Arts & Entertainment Law Journal; and complete externships at companies such as Kate Spade, Calvin Klein, CBS, Viacom, Sony Music Entertainment, Sotheby’s and Reuters.

“In the era of social media and instant digital access, the FAME Center trains future lawyers to guide clients through constantly evolving challenges in businesses driven by the creative process, whether that’s fashion, music or film,” said Sporn, who teaches Fashion Law as well as the Fashion Law Practicum. Go to page 18 for a feature article on Cardozo alumni who are thriving in these fields.

As part of the launch of the FAME Center, Cardozo Law inaugurated an event series called Fashion Law Talks. The talks included a conversation with Michael Bryzek, founder and chief technology officer at Gilt Groupe; “The Wear of the Future,” which looked at the new possibilities of wearable technology; “The Laws of Fashion,” analyzing how fashion plays the dual roles of transgression and compliance; and “Promoting Value and Designing a Retailer’s Culture,” looking at how domestic retailers promote value and at the cultural issues confronting international fashion retailers.

Cardozo Law Tech Talks: Bringing Technology and Law to the Forefront
Cardozo Law Tech Talks kicked off its first year with great success. The event series explored how technology is altering the legal landscape in ways that would have been unimaginable just a few years ago. It drew together government officials, attorneys, academics and business leaders to discuss big developments in the world of technology. Almost a dozen events focused on topics such as liability in the sharing economy, the new possibilities of wearable technology, big data and its legal impacts, intellectual property issues with 3D printing, the regulation of digital currency, and the emerging law of cybersecurity. See page 26 for more details on this innovative program.

The CDLI and the Tech Startup Clinic worked with the Cardozo Startup Society to host eleven events with keynote speakers including Hon. Benjamin Lawsky, who discussed Bitcoin, and Senator Joseph Lieberman, who spoke on cybersecurity.
Cardozo Journal of Conflict Resolution Honors Judge Daniel Weinstein with International Advocate for Peace Award

Hon. Daniel Weinstein received the 2014 International Advocate for Peace Award from the Cardozo Journal of Conflict Resolution for his work as a pioneer in the advancement of mediation worldwide. Judge Weinstein is a leader in the international mediation movement—he founded the Weinstein JAMS International Fellowship Program, which has shepherded 61 fellows from 50 countries to study mediation and dispute resolution processes in the United States. He is widely recognized as a world-renowned mediator of complex, multi-party, high-stakes cases. The award celebrates those who embody a passion for and commitment to the pursuit of peace and the resolution of difficult international conflicts. Judge Weinstein met with students from the journal and presented an acceptance speech in which he asked several JAMS fellows to share their experiences and achievements since completing the program.

IS MEDIATION A SLEEPING BEAUTY?
The Cardozo Journal of Conflict Resolution analyzed whether the field of mediation needs to be reexamined during its annual Jed D. Melnick Symposium. Panels focused on whether mediation has been drawn into a problem-solving culture resulting in a focus on settlement, and on whether commercial mediators or the courts are to blame for the current culture. They also looked at the potential solutions, including mandatory mediation for certain cases, pay for mediators and adherence to core mediation values.

Cardozo Israeli Supreme Court Project

Cardozo Law Launches VERSA, a Legal Website Providing English Translations of Israeli Supreme Court Decisions

The Cardozo Israeli Supreme Court Project (ISCP) launched the website VERSA: Opinions of the Supreme Court of Israel, which provides translations of selected decisions of the Israeli Supreme Court. The site aims to increase awareness of how Israel's high court rules on hundreds of cases, with important implications for democracy and international law. It also includes essays and scholarly dialogue on the jurisprudence of the Court, on the role of the Court in Israeli society, and on comparative approaches to the legal issues the Court has addressed. VERSA hosts English translations of over 200 selected opinions along with commentary and general information about the Court.

The new website, versa.cardozo.yu.edu, is part of the Israeli Supreme Court Project at Cardozo, which is devoted to disseminating, understanding and engaging in academic discussions of the work of the Court. The ISCP and VERSA were created with generous support from the David Berg Foundation, whose keen interest in the project is integral to its development and success. Professors Michael Herz and Suzanne Last Stone are directors of the ISCP.
CANNABIS BUSINESS, LAW AND ETHICS: COUNSELING THE ENTREPRENEUR

This April 2015 symposium, organized by Professor Ellen Yaroshefsky, addressed the most interesting and pressing issues surrounding cannabis legalization. It explored topics such as the implementation of state regulations, corporate issues, ethical implications and governmental relations. Panels included “Implementation of State-by-State Regulations,” “Corporate Structuring and Issues of Taxation,” and “Effects on Employment and Insurance Coverage.”

Berkshire Beyond Buffett: The Enduring Value of Values
What will happen to Berkshire Hathaway when Warren Buffett is no longer around? Lawrence A. Cunningham of George Washington University spoke about his book, Berkshire Beyond Buffett: The Enduring Value of Values, in which he draws a comprehensive portrait of the conglomerate’s distinct culture to argue that Berkshire will not only survive, but thrive. Other speakers included David S. Gottesman, founder and senior managing director, First Manhattan Co., and Bruce N. Whitman, chairman, president and CEO, FlightSafety International.

INNER GOLDEN RING

THE CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE LAW

INSPIRE! AWARDS HONOR THOSE WHO WORK TO DEFEND THE RIGHTS OF IMMIGRANTS

The 10th Annual INSPIRE! Awards on January 29, 2015, celebrated students, faculty, staff and alumni who work to defend the rights of immigrants. This year’s honorees included those who work in the Kathryn O.

From left, students Casandra Tolentino ’15, Hallie Mitnick ’15 and Hannah Robbins ’15 accept their INSPIRE! Award.

The Center for Public Service Law
CARDOZO LAW INSTITUTE IN HOLOCAUST AND HUMAN RIGHTS

The new name of the Cardozo Law Institute in Holocaust and Human Rights (CLIHHR) reflects that it is a leading global organization working to prevent mass atrocities and promote human security by strengthening laws, norms and institutions. CLIHHR is the only law school institute in the world that focuses squarely on mass atrocity prevention. Its three-part strategy is to prevent atrocities, protect populations and rebuild societies during and after crisis. It offers invaluable opportunities to students in international human rights, humanitarian, refugee and criminal law, while contributing to scholarship, policy and advocacy in the field.

The Abolition of War

In partnership with the Jacob Burns Foundation, the Rutgers School of Law, and the Law and Humanities Institute, CLIHHR hosted an interdisciplinary conference exploring the question of why war has never become taboo. The question was approached from the perspectives of law, literature and the humanities. The conference was held on February 20 and 21, 2015, and was organized and led by Professor Richard Weisberg.

From left, Mark Kurlansky, author and journalist; Richard Weisberg, Walter Floersheimer Professor of Constitutional Law, Cardozo Law; and Stanley Fish, Floersheimer Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law, Cardozo Law, speak on why war has never become taboo.

THE FLOERSHEIMER CENTER FOR CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY

Cardozo Professor Stanley Fish Debates Academic Freedom with Presidents of Columbia and New York University

The Floersheimer Center held a special event on January 15, 2015, in honor of Floersheimer Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law Stanley Fish’s new book, Versions of Academic Freedom: From Professionalism to Revolution. Academic freedom is a value universally celebrated in the abstract, but highly contested in its application. Recent controversies have highlighted these different conceptions of academic freedom. In the panel, Fish engaged Lee Bollinger, president of Columbia University, and John Sexton, president of New York University, in conversation in front of a packed audience about this interesting topic.

From left, Floersheimer Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law Stanley Fish, president of New York University John Sexton, and president of Columbia University Lee Bollinger discuss academic freedom at Cardozo.

THE SECOND AMENDMENT: A BIOGRAPHY—A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR

In October 2014, Michael Waldman, president of the Brennan Center for Justice, visited Cardozo to discuss his new book, The Second Amendment: A Biography, which looks at what the Second Amendment means at a time of renewed debate over guns in America. Cardozo Professor Kate Shaw moderated
Chief Judge Katzmann at Cardozo:
Judging Statutes
Hon. Robert Katzmann, Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, recently published a new book, Judging Statutes, and came to Cardozo on March 26, 2015, to discuss it with Floersheimer co-director Professor Michael Herz. Judge Katzmann explained his views on statutory interpretation and positioned himself as an opponent of strict textualism in detailing the many sources he draws from both academically and from the bench.

OTHER NOTABLE EVENTS

INNOCENCE PROJECT CO-DIRECTOR BARRY SHECK HOSTS SECOND NATIONAL COLLEGE TO TRAIN LAWYERS IN FORENSIC SCIENCE

For the second year, public defenders and lawyers from around the country gathered at Cardozo Law from June 7 to 12, 2015 for the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL)-Cardozo Law National Forensic College. The goal of the conference, which was created by Professor Barry Scheck, is to better prepare lawyers for the courtroom by training them in the latest in forensic science. Participants hear from experts and participate in workshops on complex forensic science issues.

SPORTS LAW SYMPOSIUM DEBATES ATHLETES’ RIGHTS


New Faces, Changes

PATRICIA MORRISsy

JOINS CARDOZO LAW AS ASSOCIATE DEAN OF CAREER SERVICES

Patricia Morrissey, a leading industry expert in legal recruitment, professional development and communications, joined Cardozo Law in April as associate dean of career services. In her first semester at Cardozo Law, she launched Cardozo Career Connect, which aims to engage and mobilize alumni to network with and support current students.

Her distinguished career in the legal industry includes establishing the legal hiring program for Brooklyn district attorney Kenneth P. Thompson following his election. Before that, she served for seven years as the chief recruiting officer for Sullivan & Cromwell, where she was in charge of the firm’s talent acquisition strategies and became known for transforming their recruitment operation. Previously, she was the legal recruiting director at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, as well as chief administrative officer for the legal & compliance department at Credit Suisse First Boston. She has served as a talent management consultant to a number of clients including Elevate, the women’s networking organization formerly known as 85 Broads, as well as a number of Y Combinator startups.

“I am so happy to be a part of the Cardozo community, a school I have long admired for its entrepreneurial spirit and high quality education,” said Morrissy. “I look forward to a long and satisfying career with the school.”

MICHELE FILORIMO

APPOINTED REGISTRAR

Michele Filorimo has been appointed registrar, taking the place of Isabel Balson, who served in that position for over 30 years. Filorimo is a 2004 cum laude graduate of Cardozo Law, where she was a symposia editor on the school’s Arts and Entertainment Law Journal, won a Cardozo Service and Achievement Award, and was inducted into the Order of the Coif. After several years in practice, Michele joined the Cardozo dean’s office as the program director of academic affairs. In addition, Michele recently completed an LL.M. at Cardozo, earning her degree in Comparative Legal Thought.

CARISSA VOGEL

JOINS CARDOZO LAW AS ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR LIBRARY SERVICES

Carissa Vogel started at Cardozo Law in August as associate dean for library services, professor of legal research, and director of the law library. Dean Vogel took over for Lynn Wishart, who retired after 32 years of dedicated service to Cardozo Law (see
Clinics News

Immigration Justice Clinic Helps Change NYC Law

Students in the Kathryn O. Greenberg Immigration Justice Clinic successfully worked to change New York City law—which will protect an estimated 3,000 to 4,000 people per year from being deported. Clinical Professor Peter Markowitz and Clinical Teaching Fellow Tom Fritzsche worked with two students, Jenny Alcaide ’16 and Glykeria Tsiokanou ’15, to advocate for the change in the law. Members of the clinic drafted basic language enforcing the rights of older individuals and individuals with disabilities.

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ISABEL BALSON, REGISTRAR, RETIRES AFTER OVER 30 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

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Leslie Salzman becomes director of clinical education at Cardozo Law

Professor Leslie Salzman was appointed director of clinical education in July, succeeding Toby Golick, who retired after a remarkable 30-year career overseeing the growth of the clinics program at Cardozo Law (see farewell story on page 48).

Professor Salzman has been on the faculty since 1990 as a clinical professor of law. She has also served as director of the Bet Tzedek Legal Services Clinic, one of Cardozo’s first clinics, which offers free legal services to the elderly and disabled. Under her guidance, generations of Cardozo lawyers have gained real-world experience providing legal services to low-income individuals. Through the clinic, she has conducted class action litigation enforcing the rights of older individuals and individuals with disabilities.

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Jenny Alcaide ’16 speaks during a press conference on November 14, 2014. Alcaide discussed a recent change to New York City law related to immigration detainees that she and her colleagues helped author.

Cardozo Law’s Human Rights and Atrocity Prevention Clinic, in collaboration with human rights clinics at NYU, CUNY and Columbia law schools, hosted this year’s Human Rights Clinicians Conference, bringing together 50 distinguished human rights clinicians from the United States and Canada to further the teaching and practice of human rights law and advocacy. The conference began with a moment of silence in honor of Cardozo’s beloved professor, Sheri Rosenberg, in recognition of her tireless efforts in the fields of human rights and atrocity prevention. Sheri was the director of the Cardozo Law Institute for Holocaust and Human Rights (CLIHHR) and a driving force behind the creation of the conference.

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force at Cardozo School of Law. Professor Patty Blum, the interim director of the Cardozo Law Institute in Holocaust and Human Rights and the Human Rights and Atrocity Prevention Clinic said, “It is a tribute to Sheri and her work toward protecting human rights and preventing atrocities that we move forward, bringing her colleagues together to discuss the teaching and practice of human rights law.”

The conference brought together clinicians and other experts to discuss innovative ways of thriving as human rights clinics, even in these challenging times for law schools and the legal profession as a whole. Pedagogical and substantive issues were addressed as a way to cross-pollinate and share innovative ideas with scholars, advocates and human rights practitioners. “In addition to thanking our NYC-based partners for their contributions to furthering human rights clinical teaching, we are excited to offer an opportunity for them to meet other clinicians doing exciting, cutting-edge work in human rights law and advocacy,” said Jocelyn Getgen Kestenbaum, Telford Taylor Fellow in the Cardozo Human Rights and Atrocity Prevention Clinic. “We hope that connecting advocates to clinicians will lead to more exciting opportunities for law students to work on cases that have a meaningful impact for vulnerable populations across the globe.”

Human Rights and Atrocity Prevention Clinic Wins Victory in Ecuador: Time for Individuals to Request Asylum Extended

The Human Rights and Atrocity Prevention Clinic’s Refugee Representation Project (RRP), which is part of the newly renamed Cardozo Law Institute in Holocaust and Human Rights, celebrated a landmark victory when Ecuador’s Constitutional Court struck down restrictive provisions of a presidential decree that violated basic rights of refugees and asylum-seekers. The RRP had submitted an amicus brief with Human Rights Watch calling on Ecuador to abide by its obligations under constitutional, international human rights, and refugee law. The Court extended the time for individuals to request asylum from 15 days to three months, and the time to appeal from three to 15 days. In addition, the Court modified the definition of a refugee to include the Cartagena Declaration of 1984’s expanded content, allowing individuals to be recognized as refugees “because their lives, safety or freedom have been threatened by generalized violence, foreign aggression, internal conflicts, massive violation of human rights or other circumstances which have seriously disturbed public order.”

CRIMINAL APPEALS CLINIC REDUCES CLIENT’S SENTENCE

The Criminal Appeals Clinic registered a win when in January the New York Appellate Division reduced a client’s sentence by three years. The winning argument was briefed by Laura Tatelman ’14, who was supervised by appeals clinic alumnus Josh Moscovitz ’10 and Professor Stanley Neustadter. The decision found that the previous sentence of 10 years was excessive and reduced it to seven years. The defendant had been convicted of arson in the second degree, criminal mischief in the second degree and reckless endangerment in the second degree.

Cardozo Civil Rights Clinic Files Lawsuit on Behalf of Transgender Woman Raped in New York Prison

The Civil Rights Clinic, along with the LGBT Rights Clinic at Cornell Law School, filed a federal civil rights lawsuit in the Southern District of New York on behalf of LeslieAnn Manning, a transgender woman who was brutally raped while incarcerated in a New York State men's prison. Manning filed her lawsuit against corrections officials who placed her in an unsupervised area knowing that she would face harassment, abuse and rape from other inmates. She alleged this treatment violated her rights under the Eighth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

THE INDIE FILM CLINIC

INDIE FILM CLINIC HONORED AS ONE OF TOP 15 MOST INNOVATIVE LEGAL CLINICS IN U.S.

PreLaw Magazine and the National Jurist honored the Indie Film Clinic as one of the most innovative law school clinics in the country. Clinics were evaluated based on subject matter, structure and community served. “Innovation can take a lot of forms, [such as] providing clinical services in an area of law that hasn’t been addressed,” said Professor David Morrison, director of the Indie Film Clinic, in the article. The clinic has served more than 50 filmmakers, and client films have regularly screened in leading U.S. and international film festivals, including Cannes, Berlin, Rotterdam, South by Southwest, the Los Angeles Film Festival and Hot Docs.

Indie Film Clinic client Anja Marquardt’s film She’s Lost Control was nominated for an Independent Spirit Award.
Richard Bierschbach Appointed Vice Dean

Richard Bierschbach was appointed vice dean of Cardozo Law on July 1. He has been a full-time faculty member since 2005, teaching Corporations, Administrative Law and Criminal Law. Several graduating classes have voted him best professor, including the class of 2015, and he is an active faculty leader.

“Rick brings a tremendous record of achievement in the classroom, the academy and the legal profession,” said Dean Melanie Leslie. “I know he will be dedicated to keeping Cardozo moving forward to new heights.”

Before coming to Cardozo, Professor Bierschbach clerked on the U.S. Supreme Court for Justice Sandra Day O’Connor and on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit for Judge A. Raymond Randolph. He also served as an attorney-advisor in the U.S. Department of Justice’s Office of Legal Counsel and as a Bristow Fellow in the Office of the Solicitor General. In the private sector, Professor Bierschbach has been an associate at Wilmer, Cutler and Pickering, of counsel at Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher, and special counsel at Orrick, Herrington and Sutcliffe.

Professor Bierschbach’s scholarship focuses on criminal law and procedure, and he is especially interested in the procedural and institutional structure of criminal justice and how it intersects with criminal law’s substantive and regulatory aims. He has published articles in many top journals, including the Yale Law Journal, Michigan Law Review, Georgetown Law Journal, Virginia Law Review, Pennsylvania Law Review and Minnesota Law Review.

He has served on various ABA committees, including terms as co-chair of the Criminal Justice Section’s Amicus Practice Committee and vice chair of the Administrative Law Section’s Criminal Process Subcommittee.

“Cardozo is a phenomenal place, and it’s an honor to serve in this role,” said Professor Bierschbach. “Melanie Leslie embodies the creative and entrepreneurial spirit at Cardozo, and I look forward to working together to build for the future of our community.”

Two Newly Tenured Faculty Members Expand Cardozo’s Bandwidth in IP & Information Law

Christopher J. Buccafusco joined Cardozo’s top intellectual property faculty as professor of law. Prior to joining Cardozo, he was a professor at Chicago–Kent College of Law, where he co-directed the school’s Center for Empirical Studies of Intellectual Property.

Professor Buccafusco’s research applies social science methods to study legal problems, especially how the law affects creativity, innovation and happiness. His work tests fundamental assumptions about how the intellectual property system functions. IP law attempts to affect people’s creative behavior by offering them incentives to innovate, share and use new works and inventions, but very little is known about whether these incentives actually work. His studies have explored how different kinds of incentives affect creativity, how creators think about borrowing from others’ efforts, and how creators assign value to their innovations.

Professor Buccafusco’s book Happiness and the Law, which he co-authored, was recently published by the University of Chicago Press, and his law review articles have appeared in top journals including the Columbia Law Review, University of Chicago Law Review, Cornell Law Review and Georgetown Law Journal.

Felix Wu has been teaching at Cardozo Law for a number of years and is the faculty director of the Cardozo Data Law Initiative. He is an expert in information law and his doctorate in computer science is foundational to his information law scholarship, which spans freedom of speech, privacy law, and intellectual property law.

Professor Wu has organized numerous conferences at Cardozo, including the recent Cardozo TechTalks series focusing on U.S. and European approaches to surveillance law and government access to consumer data. His current work explores the relationship between data privacy and theories of free expression. He has previously written on the limits of online intermediary immunity and on understanding the role of data de-identification in law.
Rabbi J. David Bleich and Professor Arthur Jacobson published *Jewish Law and Contemporary Issues* (Cambridge University Press, 2015). The book presents the application of Jewish law—or Halakhah—to contemporary social and political issues. Beginning with the principle of divine revelation, it describes the contents and canons of interpretation of Jewish law. Examining topics such as divorce, war, rabbinic confidentiality and cloning, the book carefully delineates the issues presented in each case, showing the various positions taken by rabbinic scholars, clarifying areas of divergence, and analyzing reasons for disagreement.

Professor Peter Markowitz and the Immigration Justice Clinic Make Tangible Strides for Immigrants in New York City

Peter Markowitz and members of the Kathryn O. Greenberg Immigration Justice Clinic that he directs developed a legal concept called detainer discretion, which New York City passed as a local law. As a result of the new law, the city no longer participates in civil immigration enforcement, federal immigration authorities have been evicted from Rikers Island, and 3,000 to 4,000 New Yorkers will be spared from deportation each year. The concept of detainer discretion has now been adopted and replicated by over 300 other jurisdictions across the nation.

In addition, New York City fully funded the nation’s first public defender system for detained immigrants in the nation. The system was conceived of in a study that Professor Markowitz chaired, and he and the Clinic represented the community groups that worked to make the system a reality. The City Council allocated $4.9 million to ensure that detained immigrants can have a lawyer.

Professor Alexander Reinert Testifies Against Plan to Create Solitary Confinement Units in NYC Jails

Professor Alex Reinert testified about before the New York City Board of Corrections and expressed strong opposition to the establishment of Enhanced Supervision Housing units in city jails including Rikers. These units would detain people for long periods in isolation, including 18- to 25-year olds, eliminate contact visitation for people held there, impose repeated strip searches, and authorize jail officials to read all mail. Professor Reinert recommended that the B.O.C. instead focus on more effective intervention to reduce violence in jails. Last year Reinert and the NYCLU reached a settlement with the N.Y. State Department of Corrections ending solitary confinement for juveniles, pregnant women, and developmentally disabled persons in state prisons.

Professor Marci Hamilton Wins Religious Liberty Award, Works to Get Georgia Bill Helping Abuse Victims Passed

Marci Hamilton received the 2015 Religious Liberty Award from the American Humanist Association during its annual conference held in Denver in May. Past winners of this award include Kurt Vonnegut, Gloria Steinem and Bill Nye. Professor Hamilton’s book *God vs. the Gavel: The Perils of Extreme Religious Liberty* (2014) was submitted by its publisher, Cambridge University Press, as an entrant for the 2015 Pulitzer Prize.

In addition, her work on a Georgia bill helped bring it to fruition on May 5. Georgia Governor Nathan Deal signed the “Hidden Predator” bill into law, which opens a two-year window starting July 1, 2015, that allows victims to seek justice in civil court against their attacker without statutes of limitations.

Professor Michel Rosenfeld Appointed to Prestigious University Professorship

Michel Rosenfeld has been appointed a University Professor at Yeshiva University, becoming one of a prestigious few to be granted this honor for achieving outstanding goals in teaching. Professor Rosenfeld is the Justice Sydney L. Robins Professor of Human Rights and the director of the Program on Global Comparative Constitutional Theory at Cardozo Law. In addition to
his existing titles, he will now also be a University Professor of Law and Comparative Democracy.

I commend Professor Rosenfeld’s distinguished research portfolio in areas of constitutional law, citizenship and human rights, and am delighted that he is being recognized for his outstanding research and exemplary teaching at Cardozo,” said Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Selma Botman.

Professor Rosenfeld is a world-renowned scholar in the fields of comparative constitutional law and legal philosophy. He has played a major role in the growth and development of comparative constitutional law in the United States over the past two decades. He has also achieved international recognition as a leading figure in legal philosophy through work that bridges the divide between the analytic and the continental approaches to philosophy and through the elaboration of the theory of “comprehensive pluralism,” which presents a novel normative approach to fundamental questions of law and justice.

Professor Myriam Gilles Speaks at Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Field Hearing on Arbitration Study
Myriam Gilles spoke at a CFPB Field Hearing in March 2015, addressing the release of the agency’s Arbitration Study to Congress. Professor Gilles noted that the Study provided comprehensive empirical evidence in support of a common-sense intuition: mandatory arbitration clauses and class action bans are bad for consumers. She urged the agency to promulgate regulations abolishing these involuntary clauses in the financial services sector. Professor Gilles is a leading scholar in this area, and has recently published Individualized Injunctions and No-Modification Terms: Challenging “Anti-Reform” Provisions in Arbitration Clauses (University of Miami). She has also given presentations on this issue at the Pound Civil Justice Institute (July 2014) and the Joint Seminar of the Appellate Division of the New York State Courts (May 2015).

NOTED ACHIEVEMENTS

CARDOZO FACULTY RANK 29TH NATIONALLY IN SCHOLARLY IMPACT
Cardozo Law ranks as one of the most influential law schools in the country, and in the top three in NYC. Cardozo faculty continue to rank among the top in the nation, placing 29th in the nation, and in third place among New York City law schools after Columbia and NYU. The University of St. Thomas School of Law study measures the impact of law faculties based on citations in scholarly journals for the years 2010–2014. “This study, like its predecessors, confirms that Cardozo professors are in the thick of the scholarly conversation in American law schools,” said Dean Melanie Leslie. “They produce work that is influential and illuminating and with which professors around the country are deeply engaged.”

ALEX STEIN LISTED AMONG TOP TEN IN LAW JOURNAL ARTICLES
Professor Alex Stein’s article “Catalogs” (with Gideon Parchomovsky), which appeared in Columbia Law Review (2015), was listed by the influential Legal Theory blog among the ten best articles for 2014.
City Mayor Bill de Blasio’s Leadership Team on School Climate and Discipline.
The team’s objectives are to assess the effectiveness of current efforts to improve school climate and maintain orderly schools as well as to offer recommendations to improve system-wide implementation of positive discipline practices.

Former Dean Monroe Price Publishes Free Expression, Globalism and the New Strategic Communication, Receives International Communication Distinguished Scholar Award

Vast changes in technologies and geopolitics have produced a wholesale shift in the way states and other powerful entities think about the production and retention of popular loyalties. Former Dean and Professor Monroe Price’s latest book, Free Expression, Globalism and the New Strategic Communication, looks at how strategic communication has embraced these changes as stakes have increased and the techniques of information management have become more pervasive.

In addition, Professor Price received the 2015 International Communication Distinguished Scholar Award at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting in New Orleans in February. He was selected for his exemplary scholarship as well as his mentorship of new and emerging scholars of international communication from around the world.

PROFESSOR TOBY GOLICK
Leader in Clinical Education Retires After 30 Years at Cardozo Law
Toby Golick, clinical professor of law, director of clinical legal education, and director of the Bet Tzedek Legal Services Clinic, retired in July after serving a remarkable 30-year career at Cardozo Law.

Professor Golick is a nationally recognized leader in legal services and education. Throughout her years at Cardozo, Professor Golick consistently brought experience and dedication to the classroom. As director of clinical legal education, she expanded Cardozo’s experiential learning program, which now features 15 clinics including the Innocence Project, the Indie Film Clinic, the Tech Startup Clinic and the Youth Justice Clinic. Professor Golick also aided in establishing other experiential offerings, such as the school’s Field Clinics program, which places teams of students in law practices around the New York region; the externship program; and the intensive courses offered throughout the month of January. Under Professor Golick’s leadership as founding director, the Bet Tzedek Clinic became a nationally prominent legal service provider for the poor and elderly. Each year, Bet Tzedek—which means “House of Justice” in Hebrew—represents dozens of elderly and disabled people seeking health, disability and housing benefits that they could not get without the Clinic’s assistance. Recently, Professor Golick worked with students to successfully challenge New York City in a class action suit fighting to restore healthcare services to members of vulnerable populations who were being denied access to overnight health professionals.

LYNN WISHART
Associate Dean of Library Services, Retires After 32 Years at Cardozo Law
Lynn Wishart, associate dean of library services, professor of legal research, and director of the law library, retired in August after 32 years of service to Cardozo Law. Dean Wishart received the Monrad G. Paulsen Award for Outstanding Achievement from the Cardozo faculty in 1990. In 1996, she received the West Excellence in Academic Law Librarianship Award, and in 2012, she was a recipient of the Roy M. Mersky Spirit of Law Librarianship Award in recognition of her work outside of Cardozo on behalf of the homeless.

Her scholarship focuses on library management and legal research. She serves on law school site evaluation teams for the American Bar Association and is active in local and national professional associations. Before coming to Cardozo, Dean Wishart was the associate director of the law libraries of Georgetown University and Washington and Lee University; she also held public service positions in the main research library of Washington University in St. Louis.

In recognition of Dean Wishart’s dedication to the school, the Cardozo faculty presented her with the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law Award for Extraordinary Leadership at this year’s commencement in June. She had been recognized at three previous commencement ceremonies with the graduating students’ award for Outstanding Service to the School.
New Dean, New Era

A Conversation with Dean Melanie Leslie

BY JOHN DeNATALE

On a bright spring day, Dean Melanie Leslie stepped to the podium in the Jacob Burns Moot Court Room to address Cardozo's May orientation students on their first day of law school. It was a remarkable moment for Dean Leslie, whose career had begun while sitting in the same building 25 years earlier on her first day as a student. The day also marked a new phase in the life of the law school as the first group of Cardozo students listened to the school's seventh dean—the first alum and first woman to hold the post.

Dean Leslie is an unabashed Cardozo supporter with a sky's-the-limit vision for what the law school can achieve. "Cardozo is a uniquely creative law school, bursting with energy and always moving forward," she said. "This community has given me so much, and I am thrilled to have the opportunity and honor to help build its future."

Dean Leslie has been a faculty member at Cardozo since 1996. She is a leading scholar in trusts and estates law as well as an expert in fiduciary duties in the trust, corporate and nonprofit fields. She has coauthored a leading casebook on trusts and estates and was selected "Best First-Year Professor" by three graduating classes. In addition to her distinguished scholarship and her love of the classroom, Dean Leslie is vitally connected to all parts of the Cardozo community. She spoke with Cardozo's Assistant Dean for Communications John DeNatale soon after giving her first welcoming remarks to the Class of 2018.

CARDozo LIFE: Yesterday you got to meet your first incoming students as dean. What was that like and how did you connect? What was your message to them?

DEAN MELANIE LESLIE: I remember what it was like to sit in that seat and wonder how my life was going to unfold, whether I was going to be good at law school and what the future held.
in store. And so, being able to meet the first class coming in brought back all of those memories, and it was great to be able to reassure them that they are at the beginning of an amazing adventure that will change who they were. They were at the right place, and everything that they do here, all the people they meet, all the experiences they have are going to change them in a wonderful way.

**CL:** How did law school change you?

**ML:** It opened my eyes to a world to which I’d been previously unexposed. I found it exhilarating and empowering. I discovered that I loved thinking like a lawyer. I loved the process of logical reasoning, of learning how to be creative within strict confines and how to think about problems and consider possible solutions from a variety of angles. And I loved the collaborative nature of law school.

I think there’s so much hype about law school, about how difficult it is and how competitive it is, and it’s sort of positioned as a place where you have to be on your guard and have to be careful. But the people you meet in law school are going to be your resource, your safety net, and your friends for the rest of your professional lives. So I told them, “You're going to help each other grow! You're going to give each other opportunities. You really can learn a lot from your peers and find a lot of support.”

**CL:** Tell me about Cardozo as you experienced it—then and now. What is it about the school that you would like to build on now that you are the dean?

**ML:** Cardozo has always rewarded and supported creative energy. To give one example, when I was a student here, Barry Scheck and Larry Vogelman were running the Criminal Defense Clinic. Barry was developing the idea for the Innocence Project. And at the time, of course, I don’t think anybody could have predicted how revolutionary it was going to be. It was
very much a cutting-edge idea that we should use DNA technology to look at criminal convictions. And Cardozo rallied around him and supported him, and the result was the Innocence Project, which, of course, has freed hundreds of innocent people and changed the criminal justice system in this country.

We continue to take that entrepreneurial approach, to support big ideas, and to see what’s happening in society and seize on it, build on it, and engage with it.

CL: It sounds like you’re saying as society changes you want Cardozo to engage. Has the school done that recently? Are there new programs being built with that entrepreneurial spirit you mentioned?

ML: Absolutely. We have recently launched the FAME Center for fashion, art, media and entertainment law, which we are very excited about. The FAME Center takes advantage of New York’s location right in the middle of what’s happening in fashion, technology, design, the arts, entertainment and sports. We have an incredible offering of courses in those areas, taught by leading experts in the field as well as our tenured faculty.

FAME is based on two strengths that we have at Cardozo. One is our intellectual property program, which is nationally ranked. And the second is our terrific alumni network, which includes lawyers who are prominent in the fashion world and in all of these industries.

Students can also work with the Indie Film Clinic, which helps emerging New York filmmakers with their legal issues as they produce films and bring their works to distributors. We have the Fashion Law Practicum, where our students work directly with design students from schools around the city on protecting their brand and developing business strategies. These are invaluable opportunities for Cardozo students as they begin thinking about transitioning from being a student to beginning a career in a creative field.

Another example is the Tech Startup Clinic, which brings students in to work with clients who are new, young entrepreneurs launching companies. Building on the boom in startups in New York, our students provide legal services and help them bring their product to market, to deal with the legal issues they’re facing. We’ve been able to really harness surrounding technology and new businesses in New York City.

CL: How does the law school balance theory and practice with the expanded role experiential learning plays in legal education?

ML: One of the distinguishing characteristics of all Cardozo’s programs is the way we blend theory, policy and practice. Each of our programs contains elements of all three. We’re really committed to the idea that all students should think deeply about the law in a critical way, as well as learn the practical skills necessary to go out there and hit the ground running.

We believe that the student who doesn’t understand the law in a deeper way is not going to be as effective a problem solver in today’s world. Every single skills-based enterprise that we have at Cardozo contains a deep core of theory and policy so the students can come out and really become creative problem solvers—not just someone who has mastered doctrine, but a lawyer who can apply that mastery to engage in a changing world in a creative and flexible way.

Along those lines, the faculty recently underwent a major reorganization of our upper-level curriculum, which resulted in new professional concentrations that help ensure that every concentration has the proper balance between theory and practice for our students.

CL: How does being an alumna impact your job as dean?

ML: I feel like I understand where alumni and current students are coming from, what they want. And I feel a special obligation to make sure that every single student who comes here has the same transformative experience that I had. I want to make sure every alumni feels valued and is excited about building the institution, and that they understand our strength as a network can help support the school support their careers.

We continue to take that entrepreneurial approach, to support big ideas, and to see what’s happening in society and seize on it, build on it, and engage with it.
A New LinkedIn Networking Subgroup for the Cardozo Law Community

CONNECT WITH CARDIZO ALUMNI IN YOUR FIELD
POST A JOB | CONNECT WITH AND MENTOR STUDENTS

TO JOIN, SEARCH FOR THE GROUP "CARDIZO CAREER CONNECT" ON LINKEDIN
When Ariel Tacher ’14 arrived at Cardozo Law, she was an ardent fan of legendary Yankee shortstop Derek Jeter—and was convinced she would one day work in entertainment law. But during internships at Prada and Tory Burch, she realized she was far more fascinated by the licensing and anticounterfeiting issues that are recurrent in fashion law. The story of how Tacher landed a job at leading fashion company G-III Apparel Group as associate corporate counsel sheds light on the value of two unique Cardozo assets—the new FAME Center and a career program called the Resident Associate Mentor Program (RAMP)—both of which are direct products of the law school’s attention to expanding curricular offerings.  

BY WILLEM MARX
CREATIVE ENTERPRISE
The law school's newly opened FAME Center (the acronym stands for Fashion, Arts, Media & Entertainment) is a natural offshoot of Cardozo's top-rated intellectual property program. Dean Melanie Leslie, who worked to launch the FAME Center over the past year, says she is pleased with its progress. “It’s been very important to see our alumni in these fields stepping forward,” she says. “Because we have a lot of folks working in these areas, we are finding that there is an excitement among alumni as well as our students.”

The center brings together under one umbrella the various clinics, journals and classes that relate to the creative industries, including courses such as Fashion Law and Sports Law, the Howard M. Squadron Program in Law, Media and Society, the Art Law Field Clinic, The Indie Film Clinic, the BMI Moot Court Competition, and the Cardozo Arts & Entertainment Law Journal. Over the years, many Cardozo alumni have forged successful careers in these areas. “It was a real coming together of programs, creativity and energy,” said Dean Leslie. “A lot of people and a lot of ideas gave us a critical mass.”

Barbara Kolsun ’82, FAME’s co-director and general counsel at Stuart Weitzman, helped form the law school’s fashion curriculum. “The courses that fall under the FAME umbrella bring the core skills that students learn in their first year to bear on real-world problems and real-world industries,” she says. “Other schools may have the odd entertainment course, taught by an adjunct, but we have put it all together. By communicating between adjuncts and full-time professors, we have a lot to share.”

As graduation approached for Tacher, she began looking for a job in the fashion industry, and Cardozo’s RAMP program presented a unique opportunity. RAMP matches graduates with companies that hire them for a one-year job at a fellowship salary. Through RAMP, Ariel scored an interview at G-III Apparel. The firm’s director of business development, Jeff Goldfarb ’02, hired her for a one-year contract. In the middle of the year, Goldfarb brought Tacher on full time. Today, she is an associate corporate counsel and the only practicing in-house lawyer at the $3 billion company—a company that had previously relied on outside counsel for almost all its legal needs. “I love my job,” she says, adding that her classes at Cardozo and her externships and clinics helped her sharpen her professional focus. “Cardozo has so many contacts within the fashion world because they’re all based in New York City, and they all need general counsels.”

Because of Cardozo’s Manhattan location, the FAME Center strikes a natural chord in the community. “If you’re talking about industries based on creative output, this is ground zero,” says Lee Sporn, who was tapped as co-director of FAME. Sporn is the senior vice president for business at Michael Kors (USA) and has been teaching as an adjunct professor at Cardozo for years. “This is where it all happens.”

“Cardozo has an extraordinary IP-based faculty and curriculum already; that’s part of what sets it apart,” adds Sporn, who was instrumental in establishing the new center. “Cardozo is so ‘general counsel-heavy’—the people guiding the curriculum have done it day in, day out at major companies, and I don’t know anywhere else that offers that. Because of participation by practitioners, there is access to people who not only have that real-world experience but know the career path.”

Kolsun, who has been teaching fashion law at Cardozo for years, says that the creative energy at the school has been here since she was a Cardozo student herself. She credits her own former classmates as part of the bigger inspiration for this new effort. “In my class there were many, many performing artists, dancers, concert pianists, and many in the entertainment and media world,” recalls Kolsun. “I think there was always a sense that it was a friendly place for creative people.”

After Kolsun published the de facto bible for the field, Fashion Law: A Guide for Designers, Fashion Executives and Attorneys, she says that developing a teaching course for fashion law at Cardozo was a “no-brainer.” Helped by her earlier career at Calvin Klein Jeans, Kate Spade and 7 For All Mankind, she brought a passion to the subject that helped to build students’ interest in the courses she taught with Sporn. Sensing an opportunity to build on this interest, the two began exploring Cardozo’s connection to arts and media. “We’ve always taught lots of media- and music-type courses, and I thought it was a great opportunity to tie together all those offerings,” says Kolsun.

She and Sporn met with full-time faculty to make sure syllabi would not overlap, then started to brainstorm about what existed at the school and what could fit under this new umbrella—what could “cross-sell and cross-pollinate,” as Kolsun puts it.

“I don’t know of programs at other law schools that provide the access to practitioners of this caliber in a comprehensive way,” says Sporn. “Both from the learning perspective and from the networking perspective.”

Cardozo has long attracted high-profile speakers from across New York’s creative spheres to its events, and the FAME Center only increases the school’s attractiveness to potential visitors and advisory committee members. “The people who are already committed,” says Sporn, “come from sports leagues, major auction houses, fashion companies—all of whom are eager to participate because there’s something really exciting about putting all these industries under one umbrella and the educational opportunities that provides.”
Speaker events under the FAME Center umbrella have in recent months included lawyers from IFC Films, the Directors Guild of America, Sotheby’s Institute of Art, AMC Network Entertainment and Major League Soccer. All of them provided networking opportunities for Cardozo students. “As more and more companies are aware of our program,” says Kolsun, “they have started reaching out, and it’s giving our students opportunities.”

Taking advantage of those opportunities requires a strong legal background, and foundational classes in topics such as copyright, trademark, international trade regulation, antitrust, Internet law, and patent law provide the basic building blocks for the kind of rigorous legal education you would expect from Cardozo. But the focus during more advanced coursework is to encourage students to apply their legal training to actual business scenarios, in a manner much more akin to that of an M.B.A. rather than a traditional J.D.

“These courses that are industry-specific apply those concepts to a real industry, whether it be sports or fashion or entertainment or art,” explains Kolsun. “We spend a lot of time in our class hammering home things that [students] learned in their first year, but we also talk a lot about business: ‘Why did Christian Louboutin bring that case about the red soles? What were the risks?’”

The FAME Center also offers law students an opportunity to engage with New York’s vast array of creative businesses through externships, which have recently included Coach, Sony Music Entertainment, Donna Karan, the Brooklyn Nets, the Brooklyn Academy of Music, the Whitney Museum of American Art, Gucci and Kate Spade. There are furthermore several highly innovative and collaborative partnerships in development. Another unique Cardozo offering is a partnership with New York’s Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) through which law students are partnered with fashion students to provide practical assistance in developing new business plans and protecting brands.

But the Cardozo alumni network is possibly the most crucial tool to inspire law students about the worlds of art, fashion, film, sports, media and entertainment. Cardozo alumni have current or recent experience at Macy’s, Burberry, Marvel Comics, DC Comics, Brooks Brothers, Chanel and Estée Lauder—and these are just a few of the companies that employ Cardozo graduates. “If you look at the list of students from Cardozo working in these industries, it’s a very impressive list,” says Sporn, whose own resume includes stints at Anne Klein and Ralph Lauren. “What we’re really focused on is paying attention to where people have gone and where people are interested in creating paths for young lawyers. So then we get them involved in this program.”

Tacher is a beneficiary of this focus. She says that lawyers working in the creative industries may not seem as conventional as those arguing in a courtroom, but she believes the breadth of opportunities and professional support in pursuing alternative ideas is one benefit of studying at Cardozo. “It took teachers taking an interest in you, and just being there,” she says. “I had professors that supported me in what I wanted to do, and that was most valuable.”

Tacher graduated before the creation of the FAME Center, and that might be her one regret. “I never thought I would say it: I’d like to go back to law school!”

While never one to boast about his status as an attorney, Jeff noted that he most often relies on his legal background during negotiations. When discussing his day-to-day, Jeff said that “being a lawyer is a secret weapon. When we are deep in negotiations I am always trying to find the loopholes in the other sides’ argument.”

With regard to G-III’s global nature, Jeff noted that “with offices in the U.S. and Asia, it’s more important than ever to understand the complexities of international business transactions. Fashion is truly at the forefront of global commerce and Cardozo made me better at understanding the other side of the argument.” Furthermore, he says that the new FAME Center will help prepare law students looking to work in fashion and other New York City-based industries by arming them with the necessary critical thinking skills. When asked to recall his most memorable class while at Cardozo, Jeff says, “The first day of my first class is the day I met my wife.” He and Stacey Tishler ’02 have been together ever since.
Very few New York lawyers can claim the title “Commander of the Royal Order of Sahametrei,” one of the highest honors awarded to foreigners by the Kingdom of Cambodia. But Sandy Cobden, the senior vice president and general counsel of dispute resolution & legal public affairs at Christie’s, can do just that.

Last year, Cobden was able to finalize a deal to restitute a tenth-century sandstone figure created in the Koh Ker dynastic period back to Cambodia, after it was identified as one of a group of figures improperly removed during that country’s civil war. In recognition of her efforts Cobden was invited to visit the country’s Khmer temple site, where the culturally significant figure had originated. “It was very moving to see where it had been and to know that after having taken a trip around the world, it was going back to a museum close to where it came from several hundred years ago.”

Cobden says Christie’s hired her because “I had good litigation skills. Not for my technical knowledge of art.” In the last few years, she’s recovered disputed artwork through litigation and mediated resolutions, worked on Nazi-era looted art claims alongside colleague and fellow Cardozo alumna Monica Dugot ’90, and developed a lobbying network to assist the company on relevant areas of legislation around the world.

Cobden says she thinks most students arriving at law school have a very narrow understanding of the rich opportunities and deep connections to New York that Cardozo has. “Creating programs like FAME helps people think about these different areas in a different way.”

Paintings in photo by Caroll Dunham (left) and Terry Winters (right)
Ed Klaris had been working as general counsel at the New Yorker for almost four years when the magazine received photographs on a disk that depicted abuse of prisoners at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq. "When we opened the photographs to look at them, they were horrifying—and incredibly timely and newsworthy," he recalls. Since a competing media company also had copies of the photographs, there was a tremendous amount of pressure to publish them quickly. Klaris not only had to oversee efforts to confirm the images but also had to review the accompanying article written by legendary reporter Seymour Hersh, who had obtained a U.S. government report that described the photographs. "Between forensic analysis and the content of the report, we were able to get confirmation about our information being correct," says Klaris. "It was intense," concludes Klaris of the thorough process that ultimately helped publicly expose a dark moment of the Iraq war.

After graduating from Cardozo in 1992, Klaris worked as part of the much lauded media team at Davis Wright Tremaine, litigating cases involving BusinessWeek and Rolling Stone. His next stop was an in-house role at ABC News, where he advised broadcast legends like Peter Jennings, Barbara Walters and Diane Sawyer before being offered the senior legal role at the New Yorker. After six years as general counsel there, he was elevated to a senior vice president position at parent company Condé Nast, where he managed a team of 50, made deals in more than two dozen countries, bought and sold global media brands, and created entirely new digital platforms. Today, he applies his 20 years of media law experience to mergers & acquisitions work as a managing director at investment bank DeSilva & Phillips and founder of advisory service Klaris IP.
There was a period early in her career at MTV, where she worked as in-house counsel, when it was not unusual for Tami Morachnick to be called late into the evening by a member of the production crew. The crew would be out shooting video for one of the network’s reality shows and phone for legal advice. “I’m speaking hypothetically now,” says Morachnick, who wants to avoid discussing specific cases. “They might be shooting a drug rehab reality show and would ask me things like, ‘What if they break out and run away from the rehab center because they don’t want to be there? And what if they are doing drugs in a place where we don’t have a location release?’ Or they would say, ‘What if they are shooting up? Can we follow them into the restroom and film it?’”

There were times when she was not able to consult outside counsel late into the night, and often lacked the time required to research a particular issue in detail before a decision needed to be made. “The things that come up—you can’t anticipate them all,” she explains. “You learn to be quick on your feet and think very fast.”

These were typical of the complex and sometimes unprecedented legal quandaries Morachnick navigated as reality television rose to prominence, with MTV churning out shows like Punk’d, Jackass, The Hills and many others that became cultural touchstones. “I kind of rode the wave through various scripted, unscripted, reality,” she recalls. “We really covered and learned so much.”
It was an exhausting, and at times an uncomfortable, experience as a lawyer, but she figured out early on that she would have to support and work with the creative personalities that wrote, directed, and produced these shows. She describes using her legal training in the early days of reality TV to distinguish the line between what was permissible and what wasn’t and to determine just how far one could go without breaking the law.

“There were many nights when I left my office, hoping that I wouldn’t return the next morning to find my voicemail light blinking with a message from someone calling to complain about a story we had aired.”

Morachnick is currently a consultant for The Space, Google’s production facilities that are located around the world where content creators are invited to use their state-of-the-art equipment. Before law school she worked in entertainment, spending seven years at HBO, and she went to Cardozo knowing the direction she wanted to take.

For new students, she says, “it’s all about doing internships and gaining experience. At Cardozo, you have access to professors who come in to teach after working during the day. They are teaching you from a real, practical viewpoint, with actual experience and expertise in their fields.”

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**Cardozo’s Hall of FAME**

A partial list of Cardozo’s alumni working in fashion, art, media and entertainment law

**FASHION**
- Gary Brody ’90
  - President
  - Marcraft Apparel Group
- Courtney Brown ’14
  - Legal Associate
  - The Estée Lauder Companies
- Raymond Gindi ’92
  - COO
  - Century 21, Inc.
- Jeff Goldfarb ’02
  - Director of Business Development
  - G-III Apparel Group
- Melissa Roth ’06
  - Director of Brand Protection
  - Americas at Burberry
- Alexandra Simmerson ’14
  - Corporate Counsel
  - Michael Kors
- Rachel Waranch ’05
  - Director, Counsel
  - Chanel
- Jonathan Golfman ’03
  - Senior Vice President and Head of Film Business & Legal Affairs
  - Media Rights Capital
- Ed Klaris ’92
  - Managing Director
  - DeSilva & Phillips
- Blossom Lefcourt ’05
  - Executive Vice President, Business and Legal Affairs
  - Broadway Video Entertainment
- Mark Lieberman ’84
  - President and CEO
  - Via Media
- Alissa Makower ’92
  - Vice President and Senior Counsel
  - CBS Corporation
- Odell Nails ’00
  - Senior Counsel
  - WNET New York Public Media
- Shelly Paioff ’06
  - Deputy General Counsel and Head of Legal, U.S.
  - Taboola
- Andrew Siegel ’84
  - Senior Vice President and Associate General Counsel
  - CBS Corporation

**ART**
- Sandy Cobden ’90
  - Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Dispute Resolution & Legal Public Affairs
  - Christie’s
- Cathy Rae Nash ’88
  - Attorney
  - Art Law Advisors
- Irina Tarsis ’11
  - Director and Founder
  - Center for Art Law
- Asya Varshisky ’09
  - Client Developer
  - Sotheby’s
- Iddo Arad ’00
  - Partner, Entertainment Group
  - Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz
- Richard Blackstone ’87
  - Chief Creative Officer
  - BMG Chrysalis
- Craig Brody ’00
  - Agent
  - Creative Arts Agency
- Megan Brown ’02
  - Counsel, Business & Legal Affairs
  - BET Networks
- Walied Diab ’04
  - Global Counsel
  - Google Music
- Sheryl Gold ’89
  - Senior Vice President, Business & Legal Affairs
  - Universal Music Group
- Rand Levin ’93
  - Senior Vice President, Business & Legal Affairs
  - Universal Music Group
- Dan Lewis ’05
  - Director of New Media
  - Communications
  - Sesame Workshop
- Alec Lipkind ’88
  - Associate General Counsel
  - The Walt Disney Company
- Jeff Marx ’96
  - Composer and Lyricist of Musicals
  - Creator of Avenue Q
- Tami Morachnick ’90
  - Legal Consultant
  - Google
- Michael Reinert ’82
  - Partner
  - Fox Rothschild
- Lisa Rogell ’90
  - Senior Vice President, Business & Legal Affairs
  - Universal Music Enterprises
- Gregory Slewett ’02
  - Partner
  - Bloom Hergott Diemer Rosenthal
- Marc Simon ’01
  - Partner
  - Cowan DeBaets Abrahams & Sheppard
- Skyelee Sourifman ’12
  - Director of Business & Legal Affairs
  - Universal Music Group
- Steven Spira ’79
  - President, Worldwide Business Affairs
  - Warner Bros. Pictures
- Julie Swidler ’82
  - Executive Vice President
  - Business Affairs and General Counsel (Global)
  - Sony Music Entertainment
- Andrew Thau ’91
  - Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel
  - United Talent Agency

**MEDIA**
- Sandy Ashendorf ’84
  - Executive Vice President
  - BBC Worldwide America
- Alan Baral ’87
  - Founder and CEO
  - Oddly Human Media
- Andrew Goldberg ’10
  - Senior Counsel
  - The Daily Beast
- Jonathan Golfman ’03
  - Senior Vice President and Head of Film Business & Legal Affairs
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  - Deputy General Counsel and Head of Legal, U.S.
  - Taboola
- Andrew Siegel ’84
  - Senior Vice President and Associate General Counsel
  - CBS Corporation

**ENTERTAINMENT**
- Iddo Arad ’00
  - Partner, Entertainment Group
  - Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz
- Richard Blackstone ’87
  - Chief Creative Officer
  - BMG Chrysalis
- Craig Brody ’00
  - Agent
  - Creative Arts Agency
- Megan Brown ’02
  - Counsel, Business & Legal Affairs
  - BET Networks
- Walied Diab ’04
  - Global Counsel
  - Google Music
- Sheryl Gold ’89
  - Senior Vice President, Business & Legal Affairs
  - Universal Music Group
- Rand Levin ’93
  - Senior Vice President, Business & Legal Affairs
  - Universal Music Group
- Dan Lewis ’05
  - Director of New Media
  - Communications
  - Sesame Workshop
- Alec Lipkind ’88
  - Associate General Counsel
  - The Walt Disney Company
- Jeff Marx ’96
  - Composer and Lyricist of Musicals
  - Creator of Avenue Q
- Tami Morachnick ’90
  - Legal Consultant
  - Google
- Michael Reinert ’82
  - Partner
  - Fox Rothschild
- Lisa Rogell ’90
  - Senior Vice President, Business & Legal Affairs
  - Universal Music Enterprises
- Gregory Slewett ’02
  - Partner
  - Bloom Hergott Diemer Rosenthal
- Marc Simon ’01
  - Partner
  - Cowan DeBaets Abrahams & Sheppard
- Skyelee Sourifman ’12
  - Director of Business & Legal Affairs
  - Universal Music Group
- Steven Spira ’79
  - President, Worldwide Business Affairs
  - Warner Bros. Pictures
- Julie Swidler ’82
  - Executive Vice President
  - Business Affairs and General Counsel (Global)
  - Sony Music Entertainment
- Andrew Thau ’91
  - Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel
  - United Talent Agency
Big Changes for Lawyers
Cardozo Expands Technology Law Bandwidth

BY JANICE WEBER
ardozo School of Law’s Legal Tech Day, a day-long series of panel discussions aimed at information governance professionals, featured “Big Data’ and its Legal Impacts,” hosted by the Cardozo Data Law Initiative. It was one of two panels held that day that comprised the latest offerings in the law school’s continuing Tech Talk series.

Presented on February 2, 2015, in conjunction with the 2015 ALM LegalTech Conference taking place that week in Manhattan, Cardozo Legal Tech Day brought together as panelists and guests some of the brightest stars in legal, business and government data technology. The result was an unusually diverse audience of data industry practitioners, scientists and analysts; entrepreneurs and corporate leaders; lawyers, journalists and academics; and law students, the prime target of the day’s events. Patrick Burke, executive director of the Cardozo Data Law Initiative, welcomed students in particular and encouraged them to take advantage of this unique opportunity to network with thought leaders across a wide range of disciplines and expertise.

Determining an all-inclusive definition of big data was first on the agenda, a discussion that quickly revealed the underlying tension between the possibilities big data presents for innovation, building value and doing good on one hand and the inherent risks it brings to privacy, security, data sovereignty and personal information on the other. It was a theme that played out over the course of three panels focused on specific areas of big data and the law: “Big Data vs. E-Discovery,” “Is the Legal Practice Really Ready for Big-Data Challenges?,” and an opening panel that provided an overview and an introduction to the issues from multiple perspectives.

Moderator Patrick Burke opened the morning’s discussion with this question: What do we mean when we say ‘big data,’ and what has been the macro impact of big data on the legal field?

Jason R. Baron, a member of Drinker Biddle’s Information Governance and eDiscovery practice and a pioneer in the application of computer science analytics and search technology, opened the conversation with an emphatic statement: ‘Lawyers don’t understand big data! They think it’s just a lot of data.’ But volume is just a piece of the puzzle, cautioned Baron, and “we as lawyers must wrap our heads around such data sources as the Internet of Things—and the fact that data is being streamed from everywhere, all of the time, as part of the equation.” In the field of law, technological competency is crucial, and even mandated by the American Bar Association as a matter of ethics. “We need to take our legal skills and marry them to the analytics that are behind big data; that is our value as lawyers going forward,” said Baron.

The most hyped tech word of 2012 was big data, a term that has already aged out as “big” becomes too small to accommodate the size, sources and speed of today’s big data. “In our research, we look at big data as having three distinct elements, which we refer to as the three V’s,” said Jie Zhang, research director and e-discovery specialist at Gartner. “Volume, meaning there is a lot of it; velocity—data generated automatically and constantly streaming (think FitBit and other wearables); and variety—the Internet of Things, smart machines—system-generated data that’s also very different from traditional data in the way it is stored in the Cloud or on social media platforms.”

Gartner also suggests a fourth V: value. Information stored in company databases is no longer viewed only as a simple historical repository or mere by-product of business but also as an asset with its own intrinsic value, like traditional assets on the accounting books, says Zhang. “We are moving to new ways of looking at information—how we store it, how we manage it, how we look for new technologies to get the value out of the information,” said Zhang. “If we have more data, shouldn’t we have more value?”

Big data began to find its footing in the commercial world a decade ago when large corporations began examining the wealth of information sitting idly on their Web server logs. Applying statistical analysis to this early metadata, they could track an individual customer’s activities and derive patterns from their behavior; for the first time, a company could see what choices customers were making on its Web site and how they were using its services. “Out of a simple protocol, a simple piece of technology, was born an industry and landscape around big data,” said Drew Conway, head of data at Project Florida, who looks at big data through the lens of the social sciences. Big data and the technology developing from it provide the tools for social
scientists to more closely observe human choice, “which is the unit of analysis of all the work that we do.” Big data is about people, not just technological solutions, said Conway. “It’s about building a data product for business; for government; at a law firm, where you are serving the need of the individual because, through the collection and analytics of that data, you understand what it is that they need to get their jobs done better.”

One person’s “observation of human choice” is another person’s Big Brother breach of privacy, whether it is under the aegis of security (i.e., government surveillance) or in the interest of a commercial enterprise, where personal information is gathered from disparate sources and then leveraged, often without the knowledge or informed consent of the subject of those data.

“There’s such a divide between the commercial sphere and government,” said U.S. Magistrate Judge James Orenstein of the Eastern District of New York, who was part of the panel, “Big Data vs. E-Discovery.” “Government is struggling now with the very idea of what is private and what is not, and up to now, we’ve been able to avoid a lot of tough questions about this because of this gray area of information that is technically public, but is so hard to get at that it might as well be private.” With the advent of new technologies, however, people seem to have lost sight of how much privacy they give up just by participating in a technologically diverse society. “People are really alarmed about the government’s ability to track, yet they are willing to give it away at the click of their iPhone that says, yes, you can track my location—exactly the kind of surveillance that would require a warrant.”

WHEN IT’S FREE, YOU’RE THE PRODUCT

As for the private sector, the “cost” for a free service is sometimes the exchange of data. “From the perspective of business and industry,” said data scientist Drew Conway, “it is less an issue of privacy than an issue of transactions costs.” So if a company provides an individual with a free Internet search service, like Google does, or a free platform for posting pictures, like Instagram does, then the way that individual pays those companies is with his or her data. Those companies then monetize that information by selling it to a third party, a transfer over which the individual has no control.

Ronké Ekwensi, leader of the Records and Information Governance service line at Duff & Phelps and moderator of the final panel, “Is the Legal Practice Really Ready for Big-Data Challenges?,” summed up the day’s discussions and debate in one word: adaptation. “We have a society that must adapt to the new world that we are entering, including lawyers. How do we enable this adaptation in the law, in a big-data world that allows us to do really great things yet brings with it certain risks?” Her words echoed those heard throughout the day by other panel members and members of the audience. “I believe we are at the beginning of what is a seismic shift in our world, and it is very exciting because we have the technology that allows us to leverage huge volumes of data to learn things about ourselves and to do so many positive things in the areas of commerce, innovation and social engineering.” But the question Ekwensi posed to the audience, especially the young students who will soon take over the reins of information governance and policymaking, was this: “What is our conversation going to be in the legal space, and how is the legal practice going to enable the advancements that are possible in big data?”

A big-data world... allows us to do really great things yet brings with it certain risks...
Legal Tech Day was part of Cardozo Law’s innovative new series of events, Cardozo Law Tech Talks. Throughout the year, the school hosted talks, panels and conferences on fascinating and pressing topics at the intersection of technology and law. They explored liability in the sharing economy, the new possibilities of wearable technology, intellectual property issues with 3D printing, the regulation of digital currency, the emerging law of cybersecurity, and more. The talks, sponsored by Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz, were hosted with help from Professors Aaron Wright, Patrick Burke, and Kai Falkenberg; the Cardozo Law Tech Startup Clinic; the Cardozo Data Law Initiative; the Cardozo Startup Society; the Cardozo Arts & Entertainment Law Journal; and the Cardozo Fashion Law Society.

**CARDOOZO LAW TECH TALKS INCLUDED:**

- **U.S. vs. E.U. Surveillance Law and Government Access to Consumer Data**  
  October 7

- **Regulating Digital Currency: BitLicense and the Internet of Value—A Talk with Hon. Benjamin Lawsky, Superintendent of Financial Services, New York State Department of Financial Services**  
  October 14

- **The Evolution of E-Discovery Law and Technology: Screening and Panel Discussion of The Decade of Discovery**  
  November 11

- **The Emerging Law of Cybersecurity—A Talk with Hon. Joseph I. Lieberman, Former U.S. Senator From Connecticut, Chair in Public Policy and Public Service, Yeshiva University**  
  November 18

- **‘Big Data’ and its Legal Impacts**  
  February 2

- **3D Printing and Beyond: Emerging Intellectual Property Issues with 3D Printing and Additive Manufacturing**  
  February 2

- **Evolve Law: Is Software Replacing Attorneys? The State of Legal Tech**  
  February 3

- **Fashion Tech: More Tech or Fashion? A Conversation with Michael Bryzek, Founder and Chief Technology Officer, Gilt Groupe**  
  March 3

- **Bitcoin Enforcement and the Crackdown on Cybercrimes**  
  March 9

- **Liability in the Sharing Economy**  
  March 26

- **The Wear of the Future: When Tech and Fashion Collide**  
  April 2

The Indie Film Clinic Receives Major Grant

The Indie Film Clinic, which provides free legal services to New York independent filmmakers, received a $750,000 grant from the Laurie M. Tisch Illumination Fund.

“We are dedicated to providing access and opportunity to all New Yorkers ... and have seen the need for high-quality, affordable legal services for early-stage filmmakers,” said Illumination Fund President Laurie M. Tisch. “Many Cardozo students are interested in the arts and film, and The Indie Film Clinic will give them opportunities for hands-on experience while providing a valuable service.”

Students at the groundbreaking clinic have provided legal services and negotiated on behalf of more than 50 filmmakers, a majority of whom are from traditionally underrepresented backgrounds. “Film is a vital part of the cultural economy of the city,” said Professor David Morrison, executive director of the Indie Film Clinic. “This funding is a major contribution to the network of support for filmmakers in the city and one we hope will help keep New York central to the growth of independent and documentary film.”

The Cardozo community thanks The Illumination Fund for this generous support.
Helping Clients

CLINICS in Action

Cardozo’s clinics not only offer students experience on real cases, they provide clients with legal help that many otherwise couldn’t afford. The school’s clinical program has a history of making a difference—with programs like the Innocence Project, which works to free wrongly convicted prisoners; the Kathryn O. Greenberg Immigration Justice Clinic, which provides legal representation for immigrants facing deportation; the Youth Justice Clinic, which focuses on the school-to-prison pipeline, addressing problems with youth in the education and justice systems; and the Tech Startup Clinic, which helps new tech companies in New York City with the myriad legal issues they may face. Here, Cardozo Life looks into how the Bet Tzedek Legal Services Clinic, the Indie Film Clinic and the Criminal Defense Clinic have made a real impact on people’s lives.

THE INDIE FILM CLINIC
Navigating Permissions, Rights and Fair Use

BY BRIAN STILLMAN

When documentary filmmaker Idoo Mizrahy set out to tell the remarkable story of former New York City police detective Bill Phillips, he realized he was going to need legal assistance. Patrolman P, which Mizrahy calls a “kind of sequel to Serpico,” follows Detective Phillips, who in the 1970s was caught taking bribes from a house of prostitution. In exchange for his freedom, Phillips went undercover to expose corruption in the NYPD. His work helped secure indictments of dozens of cops—until he was convicted of murder himself. Three decades later, he maintains that he was the victim of a conspiracy.

“It dealt with true-crime stuff,” says Mizrahy of the 2013 film. “There were lots of sensitive issues. We’d gotten clearance to use 90 percent of the material, but there were still some fair use issues that were proving difficult, and if we couldn’t resolve them, we were in a lot of trouble.”

The film’s co-producer, Geoffrey Gray, sought help from Cardozo’s Indie Film Clinic. Headed by Professor David Morrison, the clinic provides free legal services to filmmakers producing independent, documentary, and student films and to artists providing services in independent and documentary film. “They got it from the very beginning,” says Mizrahy. “David and the team of students knew how to make sure everything was kosher.”

“Legal representation can be very expensive, and as a result, artists are generally underrepresented,” says Morrison. “I think that works against the idea of a thriving artistic community; it holds it back. We try to put filmmakers in a position to make as much money as possible so they can continue their work.”

Mizrahy found Morrison and the students so helpful that he went to the clinic again when working on his next film. GORED, which screened at the 2015 Tribeca Film Festival, profiles the “Most Gored Bullfighter in History.” He says the clinic sorted out fair use issues and helped draft contracts between the
production and some members of the crew.

Besides free legal advice, Mizrahy says working with the clinic provided other benefits. “It allows me to be a student, too. I learned more about the legal process, about fair use, about all these things that it’s important for filmmakers to know. It’s empowering.”

CRIMINAL DEFENSE CLINIC
Freeing an Activist After a False Arrest
BY JOHN DÉNATALE

Professor Jonathan Oberman was working late at Cardozo on the last Friday of the first semester this past December when he got a phone call requesting legal representation for a young woman arrested that day and awaiting arraignment. Maria García had been taken into custody in association with a violent skirmish on the Brooklyn Bridge that had taken place in the hours after the Black Lives Matter protest and march in Manhattan on the preceding Saturday, December 13. García, a 36-year-old native of Ecuador, was in a precinct jail and had been identified by the police as “Female Suspect #1,” facing charges of assaulting an officer in a case that was receiving national coverage. Though she maintained she was nowhere near the Brooklyn Bridge that night, she would nonetheless go through a months-long ordeal, including being suspended from her job, before getting her life back on track.

Within an hour of the call, Professor Oberman and Todd Neuhaus ’15, then a student in Cardozo’s Criminal Defense Clinic, were in the lobby of the Seventh Precinct where García was being held, and after a tense stand-off with detectives, they were permitted to meet with her in an upstairs interrogation room. By nine that night, Neuhaus was headed to Queens to find and interview witnesses to establish that María was nowhere near the alleged crime scene. By 2 a.m., he had found and interviewed four people who confirmed her account.

The story of how a group of students gave up their winter break to work on the case with Professor Oberman demonstrates the commitment and dedication of Cardozo clinical students and professors on behalf of their clients. For García, in the United States on a student visa while working towards a Ph.D. in geography at Rutgers University, a conviction could have led to deportation proceedings.

It’s estimated that one million people marched on December 13 from Washington Square Park, up Fifth Avenue, and then back down to police headquarters in Lower Manhattan. García
was implicated because her estranged husband was alleged to be involved in the incident. Police detectives and prosecutors relied on a downloaded YouTube video with blurry pictures of a woman who they claimed was Garcia.

While in the holding cell in the Seventh Precinct, Garcia says, “they would play the video and look at me and say, ‘Yeah, you seem calm now, but you seem very agitated in the video,” she told a reporter from Gothamist. Garcia told police they were making a mistake, but she says, “the detective would continue to play it over and over, and they would look at me and just confirm what they were thinking.”

The activities on the Brooklyn Bridge took place at 7:25 in the evening. The Criminal Defense Clinic was able to find and interview witnesses to corroborate that after spending the late afternoon at the Queens Museum, Garcia had purchased take-out food at a restaurant at 6:15 p.m. before returning to a friend's apartment in Queens, where they shared dinner.

“It’s always very difficult to prove a negative,” Oberman said. “But from the inception of the case, we felt that there was conclusive and powerful evidence that demonstrated she was never on the Brooklyn Bridge.”

The clinic painstakingly established evidence to support a timeline that would have made it nearly impossible for Garcia to get to the bridge, including video of her in the restaurant near her job at the museum a little more than an hour before the incident. “Because of the students’ work recovering the video, the district attorney needed to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that within an hour and 10 minutes, Garcia got from Northern Boulevard in Queens into Manhattan and then up onto the Brooklyn Bridge with the group of people who engaged with the police,” said Oberman. “And she would have had to change her clothes and had someone using her computer doing password-protected activities at that time, because we were able to establish the digital footprint of her activities that evening. It’s remotely possible that she arranged for someone to do that and to have transported herself somehow to the spot on the bridge, but dramatically improbable.”

But even with that evidence, disproving the grainy video of the event would be harder, and it would take months. After examining the video, Oberman and the students took photos of Garcia from every angle shown. They then sat down with prosecutors and went through a frame-by-frame comparison, ultimately convincing them that the person in the video had a different body type from Garcia’s.

Neuhaus graduated in June along with Michael Gluck, Emily Lurie, Cassandra Tolentino and Kathleen Rende, the other clinic students who worked on the case. As for Maria Garcia, she is back at work and school, having sustained herself during her time away from her job, and she is very thankful for the work of Cardozo's Criminal Defense Clinic.

THE BET TZEDEK LEGAL SERVICES CLINIC
Saving an Elderly Client from an Abusive Guardian
BY BRIAN STILLMAN

THE LAST PLACE MR. WILLIAMS BELONGED WAS A NURSING home in Rego Park, Queens.

But that’s where a woman claiming to be his stepdaughter left him after obtaining Power of Attorney over the elderly man. She then spent Mr. Williams' money and illegally rented out his apartment, an act that drove his building's co-op board to open an eviction proceeding against him. The “stepdaughter” appeared at the hearing and claimed she had his permission to surrender the apartment. At the time, his whereabouts were unknown.
He was eventually found at the nursing home far from his Coney Island home by his daughter and his niece. The two set about piecing together Mr. Williams’ life. They quickly realized it wouldn’t be easy. When someone mentioned to his niece that she might need to get a guardianship over her uncle, she reached out to Cardozo’s Guardianship Clinic for help.

The Bet Tzedek Legal Services Clinic, which is one of Cardozo’s first, recently took Cardozo’s Guardianship Clinic under its wings. Students in the clinic represent individuals seeking help navigating guardianship conflicts and providing legal representation to those in need. Students also represent clients in related elder law and special needs matters as a way of promoting alternatives to guardianship.

“He had no documentation,” says Samantha Siegel ’16, one of the students who, under the supervision of clinic head Professor Rebekah Diller, helped work on the case. “Almost all his belongings had been lost or destroyed.”

First, the clinic “began a battle of Power of Attorneys,” says another student, Mirela Balog ’15. Based on Mr. Williams’ wishes, the clinic successfully revoked the abusive woman’s POA and created a new one for his niece.

Next, the clinic turned its energies to the arduous task of fighting the eviction. “There were issues,” says Siegel. “The co-op had realized that the stepdaughter did not have authority to give up his apartment. But rent was unpaid, so it started a new case against him based on nonpayment. We couldn’t get Mr. Williams home unless he had an apartment to go to, but he couldn’t keep the apartment unless the eviction proceeding was resolved.”

The students submitted an application to the city for help to pay the back-maintenance. But in order to be eligible for this assistance, Mr. Williams had to show that he would be moving home from the nursing home. This led the students to argue for several adjournments in court to buy time to get their client discharged from the nursing home and to obtain the emergency funds.

“Even when a nursing home patient wants to go home and is medically ready to do so, the nursing home can only release him if there is what’s known as a ‘safe discharge plan’ in place,” says Balog. This means coordination between the nursing home, the managed-long-term-care plan (MLTC) that manages the delivery of home-care services, and Medicaid. The nursing home needs to remove their “code” from the patient, the patient needs to enroll in an MLTC plan (which only begins on the first of the month), and Medicaid must also change its coverage. “And it all has to happen on the same day,” she says.

“We became zealous advocates for Mr. Williams, calling multiple MLTC agencies several times a day for months before one actually did an assessment on him to see if they could provide services so he could go home,” says Siegel. “Agencies would drop his case without even informing us. It was heartbreaking to realize that something so many people need to do every day was so difficult—even for lawyers.”

The clinic fought back using language from Medicaid directives and state policies. They even sent a formal complaint to the state Department of Health. “We really learned to never accept ‘no’ as a final answer,” says Balog.

The Clinic applied that same tenacity to dealing with Mr. Williams’ co-op, negotiating a comprehensive settlement of the eviction proceedings.

Today, Mr. Williams is happily living in his apartment. He’s enrolled in an MLTC plan that provides home-care assistance, and his financial well-being is under the supervision of his niece. “We’re so happy to have helped Mr. Williams take back his life,” says Balog.

From left, Clinic students Samantha Siegel ’16 and Mirela Balog ’15
Cardozo Law Students Advance to National Rounds, Win Best Draft in Annual IP LawMeet Competition
The Cardozo Law team of Ren-How Harn ’15, Brittany Harrison ’15 and Chris Ilardi ’15 was selected to compete in the national rounds of the Fourth Annual Intellectual Property LawMeet. They were chosen for this honor out of 24 teams competing in the regional rounds at the University of Pennsylvania School of Law and Santa Clara University School of Law. The students also won the best draft award of the competition. The competition asked law students to represent one of two sides in drafting and negotiating a term sheet between a movie studio and a gaming company.

STUDENT briefs

Students Place First and Second at CyberWeek eMediation Competition
Lara Traum ’16 received first place as an individual, and Noelle Forde ’16 and Glenne Fucci ’16 placed second in the team competition at the Cyberweek eMediation Competition. Cosponsored by Cornell University’s Scheinman Institute on Conflict Resolution and Modria Mediation Room, the eMediation Competition takes place during the annual Cyberweek Conference, which focuses on the world of online dispute resolution.

Shawna Benston ’14 and Michelle Chu ’15 had their papers published in the Elder and Special Needs Law Journal’s fall issue.

Shawna Benston ’15 and Michelle Chu ’15 Win Law Journal Writing Competition
Shawna Benston and Michelle Chu won a writing competition held by the Elder and Special Needs Law Journal, which is a publication of the NYSBA’s Elder and Special Needs Section. Benston’s paper is titled “Balancing Autonomy and Beneficence: The Legal, Sociopolitical, and Philosophical History of and Support for Legalizing Assisted Suicide,” and Chu’s paper is titled “Universal Service in the 21st Century: Improving Telecommunications Accessibility for Americans with Disabilities.” Both papers were published in the journal’s fall issue.

Shawna Benston ’14 and Michelle Chu ’15

Cardozo Law Students Place Second in National Cultural Heritage Law Moot Court Competition
Daniel Day ’15, Zachary Gotlib ’16 and Vlada Monaenkova ’16 placed second out of 26 teams in the 2015 National Cultural Heritage Law Moot Court Competition held on February 27 and 28. The competition, which took place in the Dirksen Federal Building in Chicago, was hosted by DePaul University College of Law & the Lawyers’ Committee for Cultural Heritage Preservation. Cardozo alumna and adjunct professor Lucille Roussin ’96 coached the team. The topic of the competition dealt with First Amendment and Fifth Amendment implications of the Right of Integrity granted to artists pursuant to the Visual Artists Rights Act of 1990.

Zachary Beal ’16 Places Second in Jeffry S. Abrams National Mediator Competition
Zachary Beal received second place in the Jeffry S. Abrams National Mediator Competition at the University of Houston Law School. In this competition, which took place from October 24 to 25, 2014, 12 students served as mediators and were judged on their effectiveness as a mediator.
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Cardozo Students Win First Place at 20th Annual Mardi Gras Sports Law Invitational

Competitors Vino Jayaraman ’16 and Joseph Kammerman ’16 won first place at the 20th Annual Mardi Gras Sports Law Invitational from among a field of 32 teams. Kammerman and Jayaraman, along with Shanitra Waymire ’15, were also awarded third best brief at the competition. The invitational, which was hosted by the Tulane Moot Court Board in conjunction with the Sports Lawyers Journal, was held from February 11 to 13, 2015. This year’s topics examined whether the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act of 1992 is constitutional and whether the Major League Baseball Club's relocation practices are exempt from antitrust law.

Students Get Invaluable Career Advice During Dean’s Speaker Series

Every semester, Cardozo alumni and friends of the law school visit and share their experience, expertise and insights on building a professional life. This year, students enjoyed lunchtime talks with the following alumni:

- Sandy Ashendorf ’84
  Executive Vice President, Network Distribution, BBC Worldwide America, North America

- Scott Claman ’82
  Commercial and Residential Real Estate Law, Giddins Claman

- Donna Costa ’87
  EVP, General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer, and Board Member, Mitsubishi Chemical Holdings America

- Michael Ference ’95 and Gregory Sichenzia ’87
  Partners, Securities, Sichenzia Ross Friedman Ference

- Jonathan Henes ’96 (pictured)
  Partner, Kirkland & Ellis

- Eric Hirschhorn ’07 and Chelsea Hirschhorn ’09
  CMO, Burger King, President and Founder, FridaBaby

- Jef Klazen ’05
  Partner, International Treaties and Judgments, Civil and Criminal Litigation, Kobre & Kim

- Mark Lieberman ’84
  President and CEO, Advertising, Viamedia

- Alec Lipkind ’88
  Assistant General Counsel, The Walt Disney Company

- Steven Maksin ’00
  Managing Partner and CEO, Maksin Legal Group and Moonbeam Capital Investments

- Laura Metzger ’02
  Partner, Restructuring and Member, Hiring Committee, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe

- Tami Morachnick ’90
  Entertainment Industry Expert and Consultant, Google

- Michael Reinert ’82
  Partner, Fox Rothschild

- Julie Swidler ’82
  Executive Vice President and General Counsel (Global), Sony Music Entertainment
Working as a plaintiff’s lawyer handling mass and class cases sometimes gives Chris Seeger ’90 a “white knight feeling,” he says. He has won a string of high-profile, multi-billion-dollar settlements in recent years, some of them involving Big Pharma companies. But his most recent victory—over the National Football League on behalf of retired professional players—may have made his greatest impact, reaching a deal with long-term ramifications for one of America’s favorite sports. “This isn’t my biggest settlement,” says Seeger, “but this is the one I’m most proud of. It will take care of players for the next 65 years.”

At a time when neuroscientists are continuously improving their understanding of the human brain, multiple studies have highlighted the damaging effect that professional football’s repeated knocks and concussions can have on players’ brains, showing a correlation—if not an undisputed causal link—between a professional gridiron career and long-term mental health problems. Seeger has argued that the League and its member teams have done too little to prevent such long-term damage, and he has spent years seeking a settlement that will force the NFL to cover the payment of medical costs that arise among retired players.

A settlement that both sides are comfortable with has now been granted final approval by a federal judge. The deal covers some 20,000 ex-players, and given its size and scope, every one of them may one day consider Seeger a white knight, too.

The blockbuster agreement, just the latest incremental advance in Seeger’s multi-year and multi-pronged litigation battle with the League, requires substantial coverage of medical costs for any currently retired player, with no cap on the overall spending limit for the pool of claimants. Potential recipients of this coverage will not be required to prove anything about the origins of their illnesses, diseases or disabilities; they must only provide evidence that they are former NFL players.

“Every single case I start, my mindset going in is ‘We’re going to push this case as far as we have to,’” explains Seeger, “to make sure the people we represent get as much as they can.”

While the public might think of professional football players as millionaire sports stars, many of them, says Seeger, have serious health and financial problems. Meanwhile, team owners—and by extension, the League—are awash with funds. “This settlement,” says Seeger, “makes sure that [the players] won’t be forgotten, that they’ll be taken care of.”

Chris Seeger ’90 Tackles the NFL

By Willem Marx
Cardozo alumni gathered on January 13, 2015, to honor three Cardozo leaders and builders—the Hon. Tanya Kennedy ’92, Marc Lieberstein ’92 and former Dean Monroe Price. The dinner featured a warm and spirited atmosphere, and guests enjoyed the evening, with many staying until they “turned out the lights” after the dessert reception. This year’s dinner had the largest alumni attendance ever, with over 400 people filling the Pierre Ballroom in New York City. Philanthropic contributions made in conjunction with the dinner supported the Bridge to Practice Postgraduate Public Service Fellowships Program. The combined generosity of alumni and friends allowed Cardozo to offer 70 percent more fellowships to graduating students this year. The Bridge to Practice program, which celebrated its 10th anniversary this year, has helped hundreds of Cardozo alumni launch their careers by enabling them to obtain legal experience in the public service sector.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the awards to the outstanding honorees. Professor Monroe Price reminisced about becoming the second dean at the beginning of Cardozo’s history. He is credited with making Cardozo a powerhouse in entertainment, intellectual property and communications law by attracting faculty members and students passionate about the law, art and technology. He also worked with students to create the Cardozo Arts & Entertainment Law Journal, which remains a nationally-ranked law journal.

Justice Kennedy energized the room with remarks that reflected upon the important role that Cardozo has played in her life. Justice Kennedy, a New York State Supreme Court justice and supervising judge of the Civil Court, New York County, was first elected to the court in 2005. Since that time, she has presided in the Criminal and Civil Courts of the City of New York as well as the Family and Supreme Courts of the State of New York. Justice Kennedy has been a member of the Alumni Association Executive Committee since 2002 and is an active member of Cardozo’s Black, Asian, Latino Law Students Association (BALLSA) Alumni group. She received the BALLSA Alumni Award in 2011. Justice Kennedy is strongly committed to helping at-risk youth and empowering women.

Marc Lieberstein, a partner at Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton, LLP, specializes in intellectual property licensing and franchising in the commercial and industrial design areas. He spoke enthusiastically about the impact that Cardozo has had on his life. Marc, a former chair of the Executive Committee, talked about working to transform the Alumni Association into a new and more empowered organization. He currently serves on the Executive Committee and chairs the Pro Bono and Career Development committees.

The next Annual Dinner will be held on February 9, 2016, and will honor William Greenblatt ’82, and Eric Cohen ’83. Please watch your mail and email for announcements.
Reunions

Reconnecting the Classes of 1980, '85, '90, '95, '00, '05 and '10

Reunions are a time for reconnecting with classmates and remembering the lasting impression Cardozo Law made on our lives. Over 200 alumni and friends gathered on June 11, 2015, at the Harmonie Club to reunite classes ending in 5s and 0s. The evening was filled with warm smiles and fond memories. Classmates who had not seen each other in many years were able to catch up on each other’s lives and careers. Each class was treated to a continuing-loop slide show featuring photographs of their class from prior years along with references to relevant cultural milestones and pop culture items and icons set to music of the time period. Additionally, many alumni could be seen pouring over the yearbooks and other Cardozo memorabilia that was placed around the room. In a time when people can keep track of each other’s lives on social media, actually meeting face-to-face takes on special significance. It is a chance to really connect with those who shared your law school experience.

The next reunions will be held in June 2016 for classes ending in 6s and 1s. If you are interested in working on your Reunion Committee, please contact Inez Lano at Inez.lano@yu.edu.

Class Notes

2015
Victor Cueva, Gilda Marie Holguin and Nicholas Phillips were named as 2015 Justice Fellows by the Immigrant Justice Corps, a nonprofit organization that recruits lawyers and college graduates from around the country and pairs them with New York City’s leading nonprofit legal services providers and community based organizations.

Michael Dishi married Elizabeth Fisch in June in a ceremony at the American Museum of Natural History.

Van Imm and her husband welcomed their first child, a boy, in July. Van and baby spent time pre-birth studying for the patent bar.

Laure Kaioune, Yashwant Grover and Istiak Ahmed are embarking upon or extending intellectual property internships at Sony and Sanders Ortoli Vaughn-Flam Rosenstadt in New York and Data Core Systems in Philadelphia.

Giselda Metaliaj, who interned at the Council for Foreign Relations during the spring semester, was offered and has accepted a position there.

2014
Since completing his degree, Timothy Buckley has been working at Powley & Gibson, a boutique intellectual property firm in New York City.

Pamela Grutman announced the opening of her new practice, the Law Office of Pamela L. Grutman, in New York City.

2013
Max Bookman had an article, “Criminalizing Negligence in the New York City Administrative Code,” accepted for publication in the NYSBA’s Torts, Insurance & Compensation Law Section Journal. Max wrote the article with Mark Yagerman ’79.

2012
Linda Corchado secured asylum status for her client, a Somali woman who fled after refusing a forced marriage to a member of the terrorist group Al Shabaab. The victory was covered by The New York Times. Linda is the managing attorney at Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center in El Paso, TX.

Alexander Guzman launched a new website, www.AlexGuzman-Law.com, to support his new firm, the Law Office of Alexander Guzman.


Sam Van Eichner joined the firm of White and Williams as an associate working in the firm’s New York City offices.

2010
Caroline Camp joined the firm of Perkins Coie in December 2014 as an associate in the trademark and copyright practice group.
William P. Forni announced the launch of his new practice, Forni Law. The firm will handle corporate, contracts and commercial, employment, and intellectual property matters and is based in New York.

Andrew Harms and wife, Jackie Rovine, celebrated the April arrival of their daughter, Stella Grace Harms. Andrew is a litigation associate at the Manhattan firm of Lazare Potter & Giacovas, and Jackie is a litigation associate in the Manhattan office of the firm of BakerHostetler.

Randi Nelson was part of the Nusbaum & Parrino team that won the 2015 Connecticut Law Review’s Litigation Departments of the Year award for family law. The Westport firm represents individuals with substantial means in all areas of family law matters, including divorce, alimony, child support, property division, child custody and relocation. In 2014, Randi was selected by the Connecticut Law Tribune as a Leader in the Law.

Emily Tisch Sussman married Kevin Craw in an outdoor ceremony at Four Freedoms Park on Roosevelt Island in May. Emily is the campaign director for the Center for American Progress in Washington, D.C.

Marisa Warren married Moses Sternstein on August 31, 2014. Marisa is an associate at Pedowitz & Meister in New York City, where she focuses her practice on labor and employment law.

Sarah Aberg obtained a full acquittal (80 charges consisting of conspiracy, grand larceny, residential mortgage fraud and falsification of business records) for the first bank to be criminally charged in connection with the 2008 financial crisis and the only bank to go to trial.

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Kim Turner helped obtain a victory in a Title IX class action, ensuring low-income girls receive equal sports opportunities, treatment and benefits. Kim is the John and Terry Levin Fellow for the Fair Play for Girls in Sports Project, part of the Legal Aid Society—Employment Law Center. Through litigation, education and policy work, Kim advocates for equality in athletic opportunities for female youth—particularly in low-income communities—based on Title IX and AB 2404.

Matthew Asbell was made a partner at Ladas & Parry. He works in the firm’s New York City offices with a focus on trademark and patent law, both domestic and international.

Brad Farber was appointed to serve on the Kempe Foundation board of directors and the Colorado Open Golf Foundation board of trustees. He also serves on the board of directors for the Colorado Music Hall of Fame. Brad works in the Denver offices of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, where he focuses his practice on the acquisition, disposition, leasing and development of various real estate assets including office buildings, shopping centers and other commercial properties.
Julie Feldman was named partner at Schreck Rose Dapello & Adams. Julie is based in the firm's Manhattan office, which represents talent for film and television.

Vishal C. Gupta was named a partner at the firm of Steptoe & Johnson, where he is based in the firm’s New York office. Vishal focuses his practice on complex patent litigation, counseling and intellectual property transactions in a wide range of technologies including pharmaceutical compounds and formulations, manufacturing processes, medical devices and electromechanical apparatuses.

Isabella Lacayo and Eric Hochstadt ’03 welcomed their second child, Diego Robert Hochstadt, on May 2.

Gary Kaufman opened a new practice in October 2014, the Law Office of Gary Kaufman, which focuses on criminal defense in the state and federal courts of New York and New Jersey and represents clients from pre-arrest through trial and appeal.

Julian T. Lee was awarded with the Young Lawyer/Future History Maker Award at the Monumental City Bar Association’s 80th Anniversary Celebration. The award is given to young attorneys with professional accomplishments and contributions who promote diversity within the legal profession. Julian is an associate in the Baltimore firm of Rosenberg Martin Greenberg’s tax controversy department, where his practice focuses on representation of individuals and businesses throughout all stages of federal and state tax controversies.

Dayrel S. Sewell’s ‘A ‘Generic’ Victory for Specific Fact-Findings’ was published in the IPFrontline newsletter. Dayrel is a principal at the Law Firm of Dayrel Sewell, where he works on transactional and state and federal litigation matters as well as prosecution matters before the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office and the U.S. Copyright Office.

Sherry Shore married Auren Kule at the St. Regis in New York in March. Sherry is an associate in the New York offices of Liddle & Robinson, where she focuses her practice on employment law for the financial services industry.

Jacob Ratzan was appointed president of the South Florida chapter of the American Immigration Lawyer’s Association. Jacob is the founder of Ratzan Law, a Miami firm specializing in immigration law.

Nate Segal was recognized as a Rising Star of Mutual Funds by the editors of two investment management industry publications, Fund Action and Fund Directions, and was among the 12 awardees to be recognized at the 22nd Annual Mutual Fund Industry Awards. Super Lawyers Magazine also included Nate in its listing of Illinois Rising Stars in Securities & Corporate Finance Practice.

Annual Alumni Meeting Celebrates Cardozo Clinics

The Cardozo Alumni Association held their Annual Meeting on November 19, 2014. The business portion of the evening included the election and swearing-in of new Alumni Association Executive Committee members. The Alumni Association also presented the Young Leadership Award to Aaron Wright ’05 and the Volunteer Service Award to Jose Jara ’95. The evening’s program was entitled “Cardozo Clinics: Part of our DNA” and featured presentations by David Morrison, director of the Indie Film Clinic; Aaron Wright, director of the Tech Startup Clinic; and Ellen Yaroshefsky, director of the Youth Justice Clinic. Two student members of the Youth Justice Clinic, Dan-Davarha St. Juste ’16 and Julia Jenkins ’17, were a favorite of the evening, as they spoke about their current experience in the clinic.
ALUMNI ALL OVER THE WORLD GET TOGETHER IN REGIONAL CLUBS

Regional clubs continue to be an important way for our alumni to stay connected as Cardozo graduates spread out across the country and the world. This year, the dean hosted receptions at regional clubs in Long Island; New Jersey; Washington, D.C.; Boca Raton; San Francisco; Silicon Valley; and Los Angeles. Additional alumni events were sponsored by the regional clubs in Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia (representing the Mid-Atlantic Region). This winter, alumni of the Cardozo by the Bay club and the European alumni club gathered in their cities to celebrate the occasion of the Annual Dinner being held in New York.

Often, regional clubs sponsor continuing legal education classes, and they also get alumni together for fun social events like paddle boating, a theater event or happy hour. The committee of each regional club is found on the Alumni page of the Cardozo Web site. If you are interested in getting involved, please reach out to them or contact Inez Lano at Inez.lano@yu.edu.

Save the Dates!

The Ninth Annual Alumni Association Dinner

February 9, 2016
at the Pierre, New York City
Honoring William Greenblatt '82, Eric Cohen '83, and Barbara Kolsun '82

Reunions for the Classes of '81, '86, '91, '96, '01, '06 and '11
June 2016
at the Harmonie Club in New York City

Watch your mail and inbox for more information.

2004
Rachel M. Feinman was elected shareholder with the firm Hill Ward Henderson. Rachel works in the firm’s Tampa offices, and her practice primarily focuses on general corporate advice, mergers and acquisitions, and corporate lending transactions. Additionally, she has significant experience handling intellectual property-related transactions, namely trademark and copyright.

Jason M. Herbst joined the New York offices of Berg & Androphy as a partner. Jason focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation, including securities fraud, trade secret misappropriation and antitrust matters.

Erik P. Raines was elected shareholder with the firm Hill Ward Henderson. Erik works in the firm’s Tampa offices, and his practice involves representing owners, developers, contractors, design professionals, subcontractors and sureties in construction defect disputes, bond claims, lien foreclosure actions and complex commercial litigations.

Eric M. Stein was promoted to partner at Szaferman, Lakind, Blumstein & Blader in Lawrenceville, NJ. Eric specializes in securities and corporate law, representing public and private companies and investment funds.

2003
Erica F. Gloger, currently of the Bethesda, MD firm West & Feinberg, was included in the Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40—Class of 2015, an honor bestowed by the National LGBT Bar Association. She has also become a member of the Family Law Institute.

Eric Hochstadt and Isabella Lacayo ’06 welcomed their second child, Diego Robert Hochstadt, on May 2.

Steven Nassi joined Kaufman Dolovich & Voluck’s insurance coverage group as a partner. Steven, working in the firm’s New York offices, represents insurance companies in complex coverage, risk management and extracontractual (bad faith) claims issues.

Angela M. Papalaskaris was elected to partner at Brown Rudnick, in the firm’s New York office. She is a member of the litigation department and white collar defense & government investigations group. Angela advises individual and corporate clients at all stages of investigation led by federal and state law enforcement authorities.

Jared Zola was recognized as one of Law360’s top five young insurance attorneys in their annual list of Rising Stars. Jared is a partner at Dickstein Shapiro, where he has helped policyholders fight to secure coverage for issues involving the Mexican government, Superstorm Sandy and wrestling icon Hulk Hogan.

2002
Mathew Bower was elected partner in the business and corporate services practice team at Varnum, LLP. Working in the firm’s metro Detroit offices, Mathew’s practice focuses on corporate formation and organization, venture financings, joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, securities law, and intellectual property protection and transactions.
Stuart Boyarsky’s article, “Bitter Tiers: BG Group and the Future of Multi-Tiered International Arbitration in the United States,” was published in Columbia Law School’s American Review of International Arbitration. Stuart is an attorney in the New York office of Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman, LLP.

Jeffrey S. Grand re-joined Seeger Weiss, LLP as a partner in its New York office. Jeffrey works on plaintiffs’ national litigation efforts in the state and federal multidistrict litigations involving transvaginal mesh products.

Rep. Grace Meng was included in The Queens Tribune’s special section on “45 Years of Women in Leadership.”

2001

Daniel Y. Gielchinsky joined the firm of Higer Lichter & Givner as of counsel. Daniel works in the firm’s Miami offices, focusing his practice on bankruptcy and commercial litigation. Gielchinsky routinely represents debtors, creditors and other parties-in-interest in various bankruptcy litigation matters in Chapter 11 and 7 matters and adversary proceedings. He evaluates and litigates avoidance, preferential transfer, fraudulent conveyance and dischargeability actions, successor liability, constructive trust, alter ego and lender liability issues, Section 363 assets sales, assumption or rejection of complex contracts, and confirmation of plan of reorganization issues.

2000

Ralph Bittelari began a detail to the Office of the White House Counsel. He serves as one of the attorneys responsible for the technical and substantive review of financial disclosure reports submitted by Presidential nominees and White House staff. Additionally, Ralph provides guidance to Administration officials on a variety of subjects related to employee standards of conduct, to include speaking engagements, post-government employment, use of official position and government property, conflicts of interest, and outside activities.

Laurence Nassif joined the firm of Simmons Hanly Conroy as a shareholder. Simmons Hanly is a national complex litigation firm and one of the country’s leading mesothelioma law firms, and Laurence will be working in their New York City offices. In addition to asbestos-related mesothelioma claims, he focuses his practices on complex litigation, particularly in the areas of toxic and pharmaceutical injury mass torts, and personal injury litigation.

1999

Elizabeth Kase was named one of the top 50 most influential women of Long Island by Long Island Business News, which called her “a trailblazer for women attorneys in the significantly male-dominated business of criminal law,” and was named Pro Bono Attorney of the Month by the Nassau County Lawyer/Bar Association for her work with the Nassau Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Elizabeth also celebrated 10 years as a partner at Kase & Druker, where she practices criminal defense.

Marc Greedorfer participated in the Hobby Lobby Supreme Court case. Marc filed an amicus curiae brief supporting the Hobby Lobby parties against the U.S. government. The argument in Marc’s brief was referred to in the majority’s opinion. A version of Marc’s brief that expands on the argument he presented in light of the Supreme Court’s opinion in the case will be published as an article in an upcoming volume of the Delaware Journal of Corporate Law: Marc is the founding partner at Tri Valley Law in San Ramon, CA, where he specializes in corporate transactional law.

Michelle Lee joined the New York office of Fish & Richardson as an OnRamp Fellow. Michelle’s practice is focused on intellectual property matters.

Todd Schwartz began co-leading the global occupier services team at Cushman & Wakefield, overseeing all day-to-day operations. Todd is the commercial real estate services firm’s global chief operating officer and is based in their New York offices.

1999

Julian S. H. Chung joined the firm of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson, LLP as a partner in the finance practice. Julian works from the firm’s New York offices, where she focuses her practice on the representation of large financial institutions and borrowers in commercial lending transactions with an emphasis on senior secured finance for leveraged acquisitions. She also represents financial institutions and debtors in connection with restructurings and refinancing existing credit facilities.

Michael Goldman joined the Rockefeller Group as a senior vice president and regional development officer. Michael is responsible for the company’s new Northeast Region, with responsibility for existing and future real estate development projects in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and throughout New England.

Sara E. Meyers became a partner at the firm of Enea, Scanlan & Sirignano in White Plains, NY. Sara concentrates her practice in elder law and is an authority on Medicaid and special needs planning. She also works on issues of home health care; Medicaid planning, wills, trusts and estates; and guardianships.

Michael H. Ference and Gregory Sichenzia ’87 announced their firm, Sichenzia Ross Friedman Ference have entered into a joint-venture affiliation with Israeli firm Doron, Tikotzky, Kantor, Gutman, Ceberboum and Co. This collaboration is a major milestone in SRFF’s international footprint and will provide the ability to seamlessly service clients in Israel seeking access to major U.S. capital markets. This partnership is an expansion of SRFF’s existing Israeli Practice Group, which currently has a dedicated team of Hebrew-speaking attorneys.
Juan Otero was promoted to vice president of federal government affairs at Comcast. Juan manages federal legislative advocacy, representing Comcast NBCUniversal with members of Congress and the Administration.

Gillian Zoe Segal’s second book, Getting There: A Book of Mentors, was published in April. In it, Gillian talks with thirty leaders in diverse fields, sharing their secrets to navigating the rocky road to the top.

Valerie H. Lieberman was named to the 2015 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers list, a distinction received by no more than five percent of attorneys practicing in the state. Valerie is a member of the workers’ compensation group at Burns White.

Sloane Worth joined the firm of Houlihan Lawrence as an associate real estate broker in the firm’s Scarsdale office. Prior to joining Houlihan Lawrence, Sloane was a partner at the Law Offices of William Hart.

David G. Call joined First Nationwide Title Agency as a senior vice president and senior underwriting counsel—energy. His responsibilities include providing underwriting for national energy transactions and client development.

Hon. Tanya Kennedy was named supervising judge of civil court, New York County.

Jessica Rogen was appointed chief claims officer for Liberty International Underwriters, part of Liberty Mutual Insurance. Based in New York, Jessica will oversee claims for LIU’s U.S. specialty product lines including primary and excess casualty, management and professional liability, environmental, energy property, global crisis management, construction, marine, exploration and production, and excess and surplus property.

Lawrence A. Cunningham published his latest book, Berkshire Beyond Buffett: The Enduring Value of Values. The book, which draws a portrait of the conglomerate’s distinct culture, argues that Berkshire will not only survive, but thrive. Lawrence is a law professor at George Washington University, after having been on the Cardozo faculty from 1992 to 2002.

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Alesia J. Kantor was named a partner at Forchelli, Curto, Deegan, Schwartz, Mineo & Terrana, LLP. Alesia works in the firm’s Uniondale offices, and her practice is focused on employment law and commercial litigation, defending employers against claims of employment discrimination filed in federal and courts as well as before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and state and local human rights agencies.


Martin Aron and his wife, Beth, received Rutgers University Hillel’s Rabbi Julius Fank Alumni Award in June. Martin is a shareholder and litigation manager in the Morristown office of Jackson Lewis, a national labor and employment firm.

Randi Weingarten was named one of the 67 Influential Educators Who Are Changing the Way We Learn. The list, curated by Noodle.com, is comprised of teachers, administrators, policymakers, researchers and activists whose innovations reach learners across the globe and are transforming the way people think.

Barbara Kolsun received the lifetime achievement award at the 2015 World Trademark Review Industry Awards. Barbara was the general counsel of luxury brand Stuart Weitzman.

Deborah Lauder spoke to the Anti-Defamation League’s Women’s Initiative on “The Fierce Urgency of Now: Defending Freedom for All in the Post-Civil Rights Era.” Deborah is the Anti-Defamation League’s national civil rights director, in which capacity she oversees domestic policy, programs and staff in three key ADL departments: legal affairs, the Center on Extremism, and the Library and Research Center.

Wendy Millman began working with Hartford Financial Products as a claims consultant. She handles claims asserted against officers and directors in various financial institutions including private equity firms, hedge funds, banks, mutual funds, finance companies, investment advisors and insurance companies.

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Public Service Auction Supports 168 Students

168 students were able to continue Cardozo’s tradition of public service thanks to the Cardozo alumni, parents and friends who gathered for the 23rd Annual Public Service Auction. After the school’s a cappella group, the Acappellates, kicked off the night, attendees bid on tickets, fashion, electronics and more in both silent and live auctions. The fun paid off when the auction raised enough funds to provide a stipend for every eligible student applicant who qualified to work in an otherwise unpaid position. As a result, many of Cardozo’s students returned to the school this fall with fresh experience from nonprofit organizations, governmental agencies and courts.

Over Half of Class of 2015 Gives to 3L Class Gift

Launched in 2006, the 3L Class Gift Program is now a time-honored tradition in which graduating students encourage fellow classmates to make a gift to the law school in honor of their class year. Class gift chairs Pablo Madriz, Shanice Naidu, Elise Michael and Kori Clanton, along with committee members Michael Beck, Ashley Mas, Ross Blum, Blake Courlang, Alexander Avellan, Gidon Shamir, Kimberly Stewart, Michael Zimmerman and Kara Goldman, secured a record participation—180 gifts! This is the highest number of donors from any class in Cardozo history and represents over 50 percent of the class.

During the pre-commencement brunch, the committee members presented former Dean Matthew Diller with a plaque in the Kathryn O. and Alan C. Greenberg Center for Student Life that highlights their efforts in the 3L Class Gift Program.

RECORD AMOUNT OF FIRMS PARTICIPATE IN 2015 LAW FIRM CHALLENGE

A record 67 firms participated in this year’s Law Firm Challenge under the leadership of David Herman ’00, a partner at Weil, Gotshal & Manges, LLP. This represents a 15 percent increase over the number of firms competing last year. The success is due to the hard work of the many dedicated alumni who volunteered as law firm agents for this fundraising campaign.

The Law Firm Challenge is a great way to support the law school, increase alumni participation, connect with your Cardozo colleagues and enjoy some friendly competition. If you would like to serve as an agent for next year’s competition, contact Lauren Sampson, Director of Annual Giving, at lsampson@yu.edu.
IRA DIZENGOFF ’92
Ira S. Dizengoff ’92 is a partner at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, where his focus is on corporate restructurings, with an emphasis on creditors’ committees and bondholder committees in large, complex cases both out of court and in chapter 11.

Mr. Dizengoff represents bondholders, noteholders, institutional investors, hedge funds, and other interested parties. He has also represented debtors in possession, post-petition lenders, and acquirers of distressed assets. His restructuring matters encompass a variety of industries and involve multi-jurisdictional and cross-border matters.

Mr. Dizengoff is a frequent lecturer at leading high-yield conferences and restructuring seminars. He is included in the Chambers USA—America’s Leading Lawyers for Business as a leading lawyer in the area of banking/ restructuring (2008–2015) and been included in Best Lawyers in America as a leading lawyer in commercial litigation (2008–2015).

Upon his election to the Board, Dizengoff said “Cardozo Law is an exciting and vibrant legal community that has for years done a terrific job preparing its students for the challenges of being and thinking as lawyers. As Dean Leslie takes the helm, the law school is poised to exceed its own lofty standards, fostered by Dean Diller, of academic excellence and community involvement. I am thrilled to join the board at this juncture and hope to add to this wonderful institution.”

Mr. Dizengoff received his B.A. magna cum laude in history from Brandeis University and his J.D. in 1992 from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, where he was a member of the Cardozo Law Review. He has continued his commitments to Cardozo over many years with participation in numerous annual alumni programs and as a member of the Dean’s Advisory Council.

HOWARD GELLIS P’14
Howard Gellis is a retired Senior Managing Director and head of The Blackstone Group’s Corporate Debt Investment Group, which he co-founded in 1999. He was also a member of Blackstone Debt Advisors’ Investment Committee and a member of the firm’s Executive Committee.

Prior to joining Blackstone, Mr. Gellis was a Managing Director and head of Nomura Holding America Inc.’s Leveraged Capital Group, which he founded in 1994. Previously, Mr. Gellis headed mezzanine and institutional marketing activities for Alliance Capital Management, L.P.’s corporate finance group (and its predecessor, Equitable Capital Management Corporation) from 1987 to 1994. Prior to that, Mr. Gellis was a Vice President and General Manager of GE Capital’s Western Corporate Finance. Mr. Gellis’ leveraged finance career has spanned over 30 years.

Mr. Gellis graduated cum laude from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and received his M.B.A. from the Harvard Business School.

Howard and his wife, Joan, have been integral to the Cardozo community as members of The Parents Council since 2011, when their son Benjamin ’14 became a 3L. Upon being elected to the board, Gellis said, “I am pleased to join this talented group of Board members, all of whom are so committed to furthering the goals of this well-regarded law school.”

The council is a network of parents who work to foster, promote, and sustain the efforts that enhance the standing of the law school and to serve as a resource for those who recognize the vital role of the parent community. Through his participation with Cardozo’s Public Service Auction, support of the Annual Fund, and especially the creation of The Gellis Family Scholarship Fund, he has helped to encourage other parents to support, participate, and volunteer on behalf of the students.

JONATHAN LENZNER ’04
Jonathan F. Lenzner ’04 runs The Lenzner Firm, P.C., a Washington, D.C. law firm, and IGI, its affiliated international investigative firm founded 30 years ago by his father. After serving nine years as a federal and Manhattan prosecutor, in March 2013 Jon joined The Lenzner Firm/IGI, where he also handles white-collar matters, supervises investigations, and leads business development.

From 2010 to 2013, Lenzner served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the U.S. Attorney’s Office, District of Maryland, where he conducted six trials in federal court and led numerous grand jury investigations into public corruption, financial crimes and labor and sex trafficking. Prior to joining the Department of Justice, Lenzner worked as a prosecutor in the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office from 2004 to 2010 under Robert M. Morgenthau and his successor, Cyrus R. Vance, Jr. Over the course of his career at the DA’s Office, Lenzner served in the Major Economic Crimes Bureau, trial division and Sex Crimes Unit, and successfully tried more than 20 cases before juries.

In addition to his legal and investigative experience, Lenzner offers clients crisis communications strategy and counsel, combining his career as a litigator with earlier experience as a media strategist for corporate and political clients. He was the director of national press advance for a presidential campaign and worked as a press secretary on Capitol Hill, including for the House International Relations Committee. Since joining The Lenzner Firm/IGI, Lenzner has counseled individual and corporate clients in crisis situations, often in conjunction with ongoing legal or investigative representation.

Lenzner continues to conduct trainings for law enforcement, including the Mail Fraud Training for the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and serves as a visiting instructor for a law school’s trial advocacy course. With experience prosecuting violations of labor and sex trafficking statutes, Lenzner has provided pro bono services to a victim of trafficking, and has authored articles on regulations targeting trafficking in corporate supply chains.

Jon has been actively involved at Cardozo, as a speaker in the Dean’s Speaker Series, a participant in the Public Service Auction, a former member of the Junior Advisory Board, and a member of the Dean’s Advisory Council. He has also been instrumental in the creation and support of the Forensic College Program at the law school, co-sponsored by the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL). In response to his nomination and election to the Board, Jon said, “I am honored and humbled to join the Board of Overseers of Cardozo Law School, which has had such a meaningful impact on me and many others in New York and the greater legal community. Cardozo offers a high quality education while preparing graduates to hit the ground running in an increasingly competitive market. I look forward to working with Dean Melanie Leslie, Chair David Samson, the board and other leaders who are committed to Cardozo’s future.”
Parents Council Hosts Packed Calendar of Events

The Cardozo Parents Council, co-chaired by Rachel Berkey ’89, parent of a 2011 and 2014 Cardozo graduate, and Stephen Cooper, parent of a 2008 Cardozo graduate, wrapped up a full year of activities that began last September with a well received Reception and an Evening of Information with then Vice Dean and now Dean Melanie Leslie, who spoke about a student’s first year at Cardozo.

In November, the council hosted over 300 people at their annual Parents Brunch. The day was a wonderful, social and educational event for all. Parents and students attended mock classes presented by Professor Ekow Yankah and Professor Alexander Reinert. Professor Yankah taught on “The Duty to Rescue,” and Professor Reinert taught on “Stay Away from California (And Other Civil Procedure Tips).”

Continuing its tradition, the council published its annual Parent Handbook and again was an active supporter of the Public Service Auction, forming committees to help by selling tickets, donating auction items, and inspiring others to engage in good-natured but seriously competitive bidding for auction prizes. These efforts went far to raise needed funds to enable students to work at nonprofit summer jobs, enhancing the reputation of Cardozo and providing the valuable work experience and networking connections so vital to students.

The Parents Council continues to welcome and integrate parents into the life of the law school. Past efforts have included speakers from the Offices of Career Services, Admissions and Alumni Affairs, along with students themselves, in addition to VIP invitations to school-wide events. If you are interested in learning more about the Parents Council or have suggestions for future events, contact Patricia Weiss, Associate Dean of Institutional Advancement and Alumni Affairs, at pweiss@yu.edu or 212.790.0270.
It is with great sadness that the Cardozo community mourns the loss of our beloved friend and colleague Sheri Rosenberg, who died on May 22 after a brave battle with cancer. Professor Rosenberg was amazing, and we were privileged to know her as a teacher, mentor, friend and colleague. Throughout her illness, she did not miss a beat—she remained focused on her family and her work at Cardozo.

She was a clinical professor of law, director of the Cardozo Law Institute in Holocaust and Human Rights and the director of the Human Rights and Atrocity Prevention Clinic, both of which she helped create. She was passionate in her teaching and her work, dedicating her career to international human rights and the use of the law in preventing genocide and mass atrocities. Sheri represented asylum seekers from locations such as Haiti and Darfur, won a landmark case on nondiscrimination in the European Court of Human Rights, and gathered high-profile conferences and speakers at Cardozo. In recognition of her work as an outstanding educator, she was to receive the Spirit of Anne Frank Award this year. In April, Sheri was named the 2015 Peace Ambassador by the Center for Peacebuilding.

Sheri was both a student at Cardozo, graduating in 1994, and a teacher, as well as a mentor, friend and colleague. She is survived by her husband, Gregg Kanter; her three children, Markus, age 8, Maurice, age 6, and Margaux, age 5; and her mother, Ann Rosenberg. Sheri's niece, Jessica Pulitzer, is a member of the 2015 graduating class.

Sheri touched us all, and we have all benefited from her brilliance, dedication and sense of compassion and humanity. She will be deeply missed.

A memorial service will be held for Sheri on October 20th at 6 p.m. at the law school. For those interested in making a gift in memory of Sheri, her family has requested that gifts be made to the Cardozo Law Institute in Holocaust and Human Rights. Please visit: cardozo.yu.edu/clihhr/donate

We Mourn the Passing of

Sam Ciccone ’00
Sam Ciccone passed away in May. In 1982, Sam co-founded the Gay Officers Action League (GOAL), now recognized as the oldest LGBTI police association in America, and in 1987 wrote an off-Broadway play about his experiences as a gay police officer.

William Codd ’97
William Codd passed away in April. William founded the Codd Law Firm in Schenectady and was active in New York City politics, serving on both the Board of Elections and the former Board of Education and running for City Council.

Arlana Cohen ’81
Arlana Cohen passed away in May. Arlana was a skillful and uncompromising advocate for her clients in complex intellectual property matters. She was highly regarded as an expert in trademark and trademark counterfeiting law and had been named many times as a leading attorney in the field.

Claire Venze Gebler ’84
Claire Venze Gebler passed away in December 2014. After her diagnosis of stage four gastric cancer, she successfully helped lobby Congress for more money for stomach cancer research and rode 50 miles in the Pan-Mass Challenge fundraising bicycle ride. The Boston Globe published an article about her efforts.

John Marmo ’02
John Marmo passed away in January. John worked for the New York Department of Housing Preservation and Development for four years, and the firms of Mandel Resnik and Cravath Swaine & Moore, before moving to Orlando, Florida, to be near Disney World, about which he was passionate.

Cathy Erica Potler ’81
Cathy Erica Potler passed away in September 2014. Cathy was executive director of the Board of Corrections and was a tireless advocate for prison transparency and reform. Among her many accomplishments, Cathy helped improve medical care for HIV-positive prison inmates by researching and writing one of the first studies of AIDS in New York State prisons.

Jonathan Sobel ’94
Jonathan Sobel passed away in July 2014. While at Cardozo, Jonathan was the articles editor of the Law Review. After graduation, Jonathan went on to found his own intellectual property firm while remaining an active alumnus. In 2014, he served on his 20th Reunion committee.
Thank you,

Isabel Balson
Registrar

for your tireless dedication to each and every law school student you met with in over 30 years of service. You have made a difference to generations of Cardozo graduates.

Thank you,

Toby Golick
Clinical Professor of Law, Director of Clinical Legal Education, Director of the Bet Tzedek Legal Services Clinic

for 30 years of dedicated service. Thousands of Cardozo students have been inspired by your teaching. Countless lives have been improved by your advocacy.

Thank you,

Lynn Wishart
Associate Dean of Library Services, Professor of Legal Research, Director of the Law Library

for 32 years of educating students in legal research, and for your outstanding leadership in building the Cardozo library and advancing legal scholarship.
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—BRIAN FARKAS ’13
—LITIGATION ASSOCIATE, GOETZ FITZPATRICK LLP

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