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Once again, ITAP Makes a Lifelong Impression

In January, Cardozo students completed a two-week Intensive Trial Advocacy Program (ITAP). This is a prestigious — and grueling — program, attracting practitioners from across the country to serve as instructors. Among the experts who came to instruct our students in the art of litigation were 27 sitting judges of the New York State, New York City, and federal courts as well as a judge from Detroit and one from Chicago; the director of training for Assigned Counsel Services; the regional director of the Office of the Special Prosecutor for Medicaid Fraud Control; the assistant New York State attorney general in the Investment Protection and Securities Bureau; the staff referee of the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct; and more than 100 law firm partners and law school professors. There were a total of 196 individuals who made up the participating faculty of this extraordinary program, which is modelled after the Practicing Law Institute’s Trial Advocacy Program.

Each trial has a jury, of course, and Cardozo’s Admissions Office takes this opportunity to “market” the school — students who we have admitted, but who have not yet decided to come to Cardozo are invited to serve as jurors. Some of ITAP’s trials were filmed by Court TV and will be shown at a later date. Court TV has already aired a tape (recorded by Cardozo Library Director Lynn Wishart) of our recent symposium “When No Means No: The Consent Defense in Acquaintance Rape.”

International Law Careers Focus of Day at Cardozo

Cardozo’s fourth annual International Law Day drew 200 students from across the country on Monday, February 17th.

The keynote address, Pursuing a Career in International Law During a Period of Economic Adversity, was delivered by Peter Trooboff, president of the American Society of International Law, and partner in the Washington, D.C. firm of Covington & Burling.

The morning plenary session Preparing for a Career in International Law was moderated by Cardozo Professor Malvina Halberstam. Panelists included Lori Fischler of Coudert Brothers; Howard Moore of Xerox; and Carol Kanarek, legal search consultant at Kanarek & Shaw.

The morning panel entitled Careers in International Business, Trade and Customs Law was moderated by Saul Sherman, chairman of the International Trade Committee of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. Panelists were Harry White of Milbank, Tweed; Richard McDermott of Rogers & Wells; Joseph Kaplan of Ross & Hardies; and Melvin Schwechter, director of international trade and customs practice at Coopers and Lybrand.

Public International Law and Organizations, moderated by Cardozo Professor Keith Nunes, featured James Muldoon of the U.N. Association of the U.S.A.; Bruce Rashkow, assistant legal ad-

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Faculty News

On February 20th Cardozo Burns Fellow Renata Salecl (pronounced “saletzel”), spoke on Human Rights in Eastern Europe.

Adjunct Professor Arthur Eisenberg has taken the spring semester off — to argue a case before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Professor Edward de Grazia’s new book, *Girls Lean Back Everywhere (The Law of Obscenity and the Assault on Genius)* is, according to the publisher, Constable Publishers, “the story of how the arts in America finally came to be protected under the First Amendment ... it is a vivid portrait, often told in their own voices, of those remarkable twentieth-century artists who defied their powerful opponents and courageously insisted on their absolute right to free expression. Edward de Grazia has crafted an extraordinary chronicle of the battles fought and won in our century.”

Professor Richard Weisberg’s new book, *Poetics and Other Strategies of Law & Literature* has just been published by Columbia University Press. Poetics is, according to Weisberg, the revival of jurisprudence through literary sources and techniques. “When lawyers begin to use Weisberg’s poetics ethics,” says his publisher, “reminding them that their everyday work is bound up with and indistinguishable from the words that they use, justice again will be served.”

With the Help of Our Friends

On Sunday, February 9th, Cardozo hosted its third annual brunch for the Friends of Cardozo, a growing group of students’ families and friends who are supporters of the school. The group was thanked by faculty and staff for their endeavors, including their support of this summer’s students through public interest stipends. Friends is chaired by Vera Chapman (left), whose son Avery graduated last year. The brunch was co-chaired by Gloria Konigsberg (right) and Nancy Wolk (center), both parents of first-year students. Approximately 175 interested parents and friends attended, showing once again that Cardozo parents are very interested in our school. The Friends are an extremely important support group for a relatively young school which does not have a large cadre of established alumni to turn to for support.

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On the Cover: Cardozo student Heath Kushnick sinks one while warming up for a school game in the ongoing Lawyer’s Basketball League.
International Law
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Dean Frank Macchiarella (left) chats with keynote speaker Peter Trooboff before the start of Cardozo’s International Law Day.

visor to the U.S. Department of State; and Stephen R. Katz, senior legal advisor of the Office of Legal Affairs at the U.N.


The day was put together with the combined efforts of the Center for Professional Development and a number of students: Roland Jean, president of Cardozo International Law Society, Janet Silverman and Mark Cooper.

In our last issue of CSLife, we neglected to give credit where credit was due — the photo of our alumni at the Supreme Court was graciously supplied by Lois Long, from the Collection of the Supreme Court of the United States.

The 1L and the Chief Judge

Last fall, 1L Liza Berliner, a member of the SBA, and a volunteer doing pro bono work at the Unemployment Action Center, wrote a letter to New York State Chief Judge Sol Wachtler inviting him to come to Cardozo to speak to the students about pro bono work. The chief judge promptly accepted and on February 4th, under the auspices of the Student Bar Association, addressed an overflow crowd in the Jacob Burns Moot Court Room. Liza is shown here with the judge (center) and the chairman of Cardozo’s board of directors, Jacob Burns.

January Grads Celebrate

Cardozo recently hosted a reception for this year’s January graduates. More than 140 celebrants — graduates, their families and friends — attended the celebration, held here at the school. These graduates are also, of course, included in our June graduation ceremonies. Pictured here is Ed Jewitt addressing the group in the school’s Gallery.

Mentors Feted

Cardozo’s Mentoring Program, an annual effort of the Center for Professional Development which links Cardozo alumni with first- and second-year students, offering advice and counseling on career goal planning and job placement, hosted a reception for this year’s mentors and “mentees”. Shown here are members of the program’s organizing committee (1 to r): Noel Williams (’87), Liza Stark Mirisola (’79) of the Center for Professional Development, Jay Ziffer (’83), Alan Sack (’83), Associate Dean Ellen Cherrick (’80), and Noah Gordon (’86).
Class of 1979

Harriet W. Rothfeld has been elected vice-chair of the board of trustees of ECLC of New Jersey, a school for learning disabled students. Jonathan Kallman has been named to head the Securities and Exchange Commission’s Market Regulation Division, in charge of the Office of Self-Regulatory Oversight and Market Structure.

Class of 1980

Bobbi C. Sternheim has joined the firm of Rochman Platzer Fallick & Rosmarin in New York.

Class of 1981

Kathleen L. DeBruhl has joined the firm of Liskow and Lewis as a shareholder. She specializes in corporate health care law. Charles DeLaFuente has been appointed to the new post of assistant managing editor for news and features of the Albany Times Union. Before joining the Times Union, Charlie had been assistant city editor of the New York Daily News.

Class of 1982

Howard Kurtzberg is vice president and general counsel for Equipment Lease Financing Company. He has also opened an office as a sole practitioner in Westbury, NY and reports he and his wife Carmelinda have “a three-year-old son and are expecting a second child soon.”

Class of 1983

Joan R. Silleck has relocated her offices to 112 East 19th Street in New York. She specializes in matrimonial law.

Class of 1986

Jay Solomon (an associate with Gilbride Tusa Last & Spellane) and Sonia Estreich (a sole practitioner) are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Chloe Jean, on January 11th. Michele Kuno­witz, a bankruptcy associate with the New York firm of Platzer Fineberg & Swergold, will be married in June.

Class of 1987

Lauren J. Walter has opened a general practice office at 1205 Franklin Avenue in Garden City, Long Island.

Class of 1989

Robin Singer Press is “currently at home with my children — Nikki Beth born on November 25th and Moshe Ephraim.” Gayle (Sobelman) S. Millison was married last spring to Ted Millison. The couple, who practice in the areas of bankruptcy and commercial litigation, reside in Tampa, Florida.

Class of 1991

Maurice Pierre Fedida, a research assistant at Russo, Darnell & Hand, writes to tell us he’s “currently doing BMW restorations, general handyman work, and doing legal research. You can reach him on Long Island (516) 546-1462. Jonathan S. Fishbein, a court attorney in the NYS Court of Appeals in Delmar, NY, has been appointed to the 1992 United States Precision Skating Championships Organizing Committee. Douglas R. Wolf has joined the Boston firm of Wolf, Greenfield & Sacks, P.C. as an associate. The firm specializes in intellectual-property including patent, trademark, copyright, and entertainment law. Julie Macht is working as an assistant district attorney in the Bronx, under D.A. Robert Johnson.

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Mark Your Calendar: Events Upcoming At Cardozo

Prosecuting Pregnant Substance Abusers

On April 1st at 6:00 p.m., the Women's Annotated Legal Bibliography (WALB) will host a symposium on the issues involved in the decision to prosecute pregnant substance abusers. The panel, entitled The Pregnancy Police: Prosecution of Maternal Substance Abusers, will feature Lynn Paltrow, chairman of the Reproductive Freedom Project of the American Civil Liberties Union; Lucinda Suarez of the New York County District Attorney Child Abuse Unit; Shari Vrod of The Legal Aid Society Criminal Defense Division (former-ly of The Juvenile Rights Division); and Dr. Machelle Allen, N.Y.U. School of Medicine, and assistant attending, Bellevue Hospital Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology. The panel will be moderated by Ellen Yaroshefsky of Cardozo's Criminal Law Clinic.

Re-Districting Conference

On April 6th, the Burns Institute will sponsor a major conference on Re-Districting, featuring a keynote address by Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights John Dunne. Other panelists will include University of Pennsylvania Law associate professor Lani Guinier; Alan Gartner, the executive director of the New York City Districting Commission; Professor Esmeralda Simmons, Center for Law and Social Justice; Nathan Lewin, a prominent Washington, D.C. attorney; and Professor Bernard Grofman of UCLA.

Squadron Communications Law Series

The Howard M. Squadron Program in Communications Law opened its 1992 series last month with Joan Ganz Cooney, of the Children's Television Workshop. Bruce Llewellyn, chairman and CEO, Philadelphia Coca Cola Bottling Company, will be Mr. Squadron's next guest on Tuesday, April 7th and Peter Jennings of ABC will be here on Tuesday, April 14th. The April lectures, open to alumni, will be held at Noon.

Hate Speech

"The International Dimensions of Hate Speech" is the subject of the Arts & Entertainment Law Journal's upcoming two-day conference. In addition to panels of American and Canadian experts, the April 8th and 9th program will feature representatives from Norway, Germany and Estonia.

Judge Kelly of Wichita

On April 10th, Cardozo will host U.S. District Judge Patrick F. Kelly from Wichita, Kansas. It was Judge Kelly who this summer issued a restraining order and then an injunction to stop Operation Rescue from blockading three abortion clinics, in defiance of the Justice Department's support of the motion to dismiss the injunction.

Chancellor Allen on Public Corporations

The Samuel and Ronnie Heyman Center on Corporate Governance will host the Honorable William T. Allen, chancellor of the state of Delaware, on Monday, April 13th at noon. Chancellor Allen's lecture is entitled "Our Schizophrenic Conception of the Public Corporation."

Cardozo International Institutes

June 15-July 31, 1992

Law Students, recent law graduates, and practicing attorneys: this summer, choose one city — Moscow, Budapest, Hong Kong, or Maastricht — and study the role of law as international history is being made. Two courses, “The New World Economy: Policy and Practice” (3 credits) and “Law and Society in a Time of Rapid Change” (2 credits) are designed to focus on current issues central to each Institute’s locale. For information, return the form below or call (212) 790-0367.

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