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## PATHWAYS SPEAKER SERIES LAUNCHES WITH GUEST ADAM AMSTERDAM '85



April 5, 2019

Dean Melanie Leslie interviewed Adam Amsterdam '85 in the first event of the *Pathways* speaker series. Amsterdam spoke of his 30-plus years of experience in corporate law and reminisced on his time at Cardozo.

Amsterdam summed up his complex area of law as “the plumbing of Wall Street.” As the General Counsel for Broadridge Financial Solutions, he said his role involves the behind-the-scenes part of buying and selling. He has worked both at a firm and in-house, but he enjoys the luxury of focusing on a very narrow part of what brokerage firms do. “I love it when I get a legal question because I can dig into it,” he said.

At Cardozo, Amsterdam was Associate Editor of the Law Review. He reminisced with Leslie about the “wailing wall,” where grades were posted in a glass case. He said he appreciated how in law school you could come out with a different answer than your classmate and still

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July 24, 2019

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July 8, 2019

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both get the same grade.

Although Amsterdam excelled at law, it was never a top choice for him.

“I’m not the greatest planner,” Amsterdam confessed to the audience. He originally dreamed of becoming a doctor like his grandfather. “Be open to possibilities...You can’t be successful in business if you eliminate all risks.”

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Inclusion is at the heart of Cardozo Law School’s community. The recently imposed government ban on transgender individuals serving in the military poses a problem for all institutions of higher learning committed to non-discriminatory practices.

June 6, 2019

[Cardozo Kicks off "19 at 100" Celebration \(/news/cardozo-kicks-19-100-celebration\)](https://cardozo.yu.edu/news/pathways-speaker-series-launches-guest-ad...)

Cardozo’s yearlong “Women’s Votes, Women’s Voices: The 19th Amendment at 100” event series kicked off on June 4, 2019 – exactly 100 years since the United States Congress granted women the right to vote by passing the 19th amendment on June 4, 1919.