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DEAN MELANIE LESLIE ANNOUNCES FOUR NEW FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

April 29, 2019

Cardozo Law expands offerings in criminal law, business law and clinical education



Kate Levine joins the faculty as an Associate Professor of Law.

Before Cardozo, Levine was an Assistant Professor of Law at St. John's University, teaching classes in Criminal Law, Contemporary Topics in Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure. She was a Visiting Assistant Professor at UC Irvine School of Law and also taught in the lawyering program at NYU School of Law. Levine

earned her B.A. *magna cum laude* from Harvard College and her J.D. *cum laude* from Harvard Law School. She clerked for the Honorable Robert P. Patterson, Jr. of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. Levine was an Appellate Public Defender at Appellate Advocates. Prior to that, she was an associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore.

Levine's scholarship focuses on police prosecution and includes articles in the *Duke Law Journal*, the *Columbia Law Review*, the *Georgetown Law Journal*, and the *Iowa Law Review* among others. Her teaching and research interests include criminal law, criminal procedure, policing, evidence and the legal ethics of criminal lawyering.

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August 16, 2019

[Cardozo Welcomes the J.D. Class of 2022 \(/news/cardozo-welcomes-jd-class-2022\)](#)

Integrity, generosity, grit and joy were the guiding themes of Dean Melanie Leslie's welcome to the Class of 2022 for their first day of orientation.

July 24, 2019

[Professor Alex Reinert Named Max Freund Professor of Litigation & Advocacy \(/news/professor-alex-reinert-named-max-freund-professor-litigation-advocacy\)](#)

Professor Alexander Reinert has been named the Max Freund Professor of Litigation & Advocacy, the chair formerly held by founding faculty member Arthur Jacobson.

July 8, 2019

[Class of '19 Graduates Elected to Order of the Coif \(/news/class-19-graduates-elected-order-coif\)](#)

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Kathryn Miller joins Cardozo as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Law on the tenure track. She will teach in Cardozo's Criminal Defense Clinic.

Miller comes to Cardozo from a three-year clinical fellowship at UC Berkeley School of Law where she taught in the law school's Death Penalty Clinic.

Prior to her fellowship at Berkeley, Miller represented individuals convicted of capital crimes at the Equal Justice Initiative and served as a supervising attorney at The Bronx Defenders.

Miller has a B.A. *summa cum laude* from The College of William & Mary and a J.D. from UC Berkeley School of Law, where she participated in the Death Penalty Clinic as a student and was elected to the Order of the Coif.

Miller's scholarship focuses on how criminal investigation, criminal adjudication and post-conviction law implicate the constitutional rights of criminal defendants, and how procedural rules designed to further the interests of criminal defendants often disadvantage them and undermine fairness in the system as a whole.



Ngozi Okidegbe will hold the Harold A. Stevens Visiting Assistant Professorship. She will teach Evidence and Critical Race Theory.

Okidegbe received an Honors B.A. with distinction from Concordia University in Montreal and a B.C.L./L.L.B. from McGill University's Faculty of Law. She

will receive an LL.M. from Columbia Law School this May.

In 2013, she clerked for then-Attorney General of Nigeria, Bello

is proud to recognize 27 members of the Class of 2019 who have been elected to membership in the Order of the Coif.

June 11, 2019

[Cardozo Issues Statement on the Military Ban on Transgender Individuals \(/news/cardozo-issues-statement-military-ban-transgender-individuals\)](#)

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 \(/news/cardozo-kicks-19-100-celebration\)](#)

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.

Adoke, where she researched barriers to the legal redress of HIV discrimination. Following law school, she clerked for Justice Madlanga of the Constitutional Court of South Africa and for the Justices of the Court of Appeal for Ontario. She also practiced at CaleyWray, a labor law boutique in Toronto.

Okidegbe's research interests include criminal procedure, evidence, and critical race theory. Her research explores how race and ideas about race impact procedural and evidentiary outcomes in the criminal justice system. Her most recent scholarship problematizes the admission of defendant-authored rap lyrics as evidence in Canadian criminal cases and was published in the *Criminal Law Quarterly* in 2018.



Matthew Wansley joins Cardozo as an Assistant Professor of Law, bringing a business background that includes serving as General Counsel of nuTonomy, a highly successful self-driving car company. Wansley advised the Board of Directors and management of nuTonomy.

The company, an MIT spinoff, was successfully acquired by Delphi Automotive in November 2017.

Wansley received his J.D. from Harvard Law School and his B.A. with distinction from Yale University. He clerked for the Hon. Scott Matheson on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit and the Hon. Edgardo Ramos on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

After law school, Wansley practiced at Shapiro Arato, an appellate litigation boutique in New York. From 2013-2016, he was a Climenko Fellow and Lecturer on Law at Harvard Law School. Wansley's research interests include business law and regulation, especially the law of tech startups and venture capital markets. His articles have been published in the *Temple Law Review*, the *Vanderbilt Law Review* and the *New Criminal Law Review*.

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