



## FACULTY NEWS

### [How the DOJ is Justifying Reversing Itself on the Legality of Indefinite Family Detention: Professor Pearlstein in Slate](#)

In *Slate*, Professor Deborah Pearlstein offers a detailed legal summary of the Trump administration's position on indefinite family detentions.

### [Professor Zelinsky in Law360 on Judge Kavanaugh, Interpreting Complex Statutes](#)

Professor Ed Zelinsky spoke to *Law360* about Judge Kavanaugh's tax opinions, saying that it's important not to read too much into any single opinion. He also wrote an op-ed on "Interpreting Complex Statutes: When to Go Beyond the Text."

### [Should NYC Tax Gramercy Park? Professor Sterk Comments in Gothamist](#)

The law says that property owners who have access to Gramercy Park pay more in taxes for the untaxed amenity. However, if this approach is no longer yielding appropriate tax revenue, Professor Stewart Sterk says a better solution would be to go back to taxing Gramercy Park itself.

### [Professor Shaw Helps Analyze Kavanaugh Nomination](#)

Kavanaugh, a conservative pick, could possibly be more moderate on the bench, Professor Kate Shaw said, "In part, because a couple of votes to uphold or decline to decide questions involving Obamacare, the Affordable Care Act."

### [Professor Seligman in PrawfsBlawg on Constitutional Politics, Court Packing, and Judicial Appointments Reform](#)

Professor Matthew Seligman says that "the imminent threat of court packing could change the incentive structure for both parties in a way that makes binding cooperation more plausible."

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