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## Dean Melanie Leslie Appoints Four New Faculty Members for 2020-21



Dean Melanie Leslie has announced four new faculty appointments for the 2020-21 academic year.

Rebecca Ingber will join the faculty as Professor of Law with tenure. She previously taught at Boston University Law School. Ngozi Okidegbe, who joined Cardozo as the inaugural Harold A. Stevens Visiting Assistant Professor in 2019, will become an Assistant Professor of Law. Ramya Jawahar Kudekallu is

CLIHHR's Telford Taylor Human Rights Visiting Instructor. Professor Mark Sidel will join Cardozo for the year as a Visiting Professor of Law.

## **REBECCA INGBER**

### **Professor of Law**

Rebecca Ingber joins the faculty as Professor of Law with tenure. She previously taught at Boston University Law School.

Ingber has published extensively on issues in international law, presidential and congressional war powers, administrative law and national security. Previously, Ingber served in the Office of the Legal Adviser at the U.S. Department of State and clerked for Judge Robert P. Patterson, Jr., of the Southern District of New York. She received her B.A. from Yale University and her J.D. from Harvard Law School. Her work has appeared or is forthcoming in the *Virginia Law Review*, the *Texas Law Review*, the *Iowa Law Review*, the *American Journal of International Law*, the *Harvard International Law Journal* and *The Yale Journal of International Law*.

## **NGOZI OKIDEGBE**

### **Assistant Professor of Law**

Ngozi Okidegbe held the Harold A. Stevens Visiting Assistant Professorship at Cardozo during the 2019–2020 academic year. Okidegbe's research focuses on 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 job talk paper on the role of algorithms in bail decisions is forthcoming in the *Connecticut Law Review*.

Okidegbe graduated with an Honors B.A. with distinction from Concordia University in Montreal and with a B.C.L./L.L.B. from McGill University's Faculty of Law, where she was awarded the Edwin Botsford Busteded Scholarship, the Rosa B. Gualtieri Prize, the Daniel Mettarlin Memorial Scholarship, and the Schull Yang Award. She earned an LL.M. from Columbia Law School, where she graduated as a James Kent Scholar. 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.

## **RAMYA JAWAHAR KUDEKALLU**

### **Telford Taylor Human Rights Visiting Instructor**

Ramya Jawahar Kudekallu is the Cardozo Law Institute in Holocaust and Human Rights (CLIHHR) Telford Taylor Human Rights Visiting Instructor. Her work and scholarship focus on the rights of minorities and atrocity prevention through international intervention.

In 2018, Kudekallu graduated from Fordham School of Law with an LL.B. in International Law and Justice. Later that year, she secured the Crowley Fellowship with the Leitner Center for International Law and Justice.

Her previous work experience includes research and litigation at the Alternative Law Forum, a collective of human rights lawyers in India committed to responding to issues of social and economic injustice. Her work explored gender and civil liberties at large, representing, in particular, the rights of sex workers and the LGBTIQ community.

As part of her early professional experience, Kudekallu worked with World YWCA in Geneva, Switzerland. She also co-founded IYAFP, an international youth-led reproductive rights organization that advocates for youth access to SRHR services as a human right. Ramya graduated with an LLB degree from Bishop Cotton Law College, India. She attributes her motivation to pursue public interest law to the encouragement and support she received in an all-women's law school.

## **MARK SIDEL**

Visiting Professor of Law

Mark Sidel joins Cardozo for the year as a Visiting Professor of Law. Sidel is the Doyle-Bascom Professor of Law and Public Affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He also serves as consultant for Asia at the Washington-based International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL), focusing on China, India and Vietnam. He holds an A.B. in History from Princeton, an M.A. in History from Yale, and a J.D. from Columbia Law School.

Sidel's research and writing focus on the nonprofit sector and philanthropy (with a focus on Asia and the United States); modern secessionary movements; law and development; and comparative law. He is the author or co-editor of 11 books and numerous articles appearing in *Nonprofit Forum*, *Alliance*, *ForeignPolicy.com*, *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, *International & Comparative Law Quarterly*, *Michigan Law Review*, *Voluntas*, *Michigan Journal of International*

Law, University of Pittsburgh Law Review, Texas International Law Journal, Tulane Law Review, Charity Law and Practice Review, UCLA Pacific Basin Law Journal, UC Davis Law Review, Chicago-Kent Law Review, The China Quarterly, Asian Survey, SAIS Review, Signs, and other academic and professional journals, as well as in edited volumes.

Sidel has also served on the advisory boards of several organizations, including the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law and Human Rights Watch Asia.