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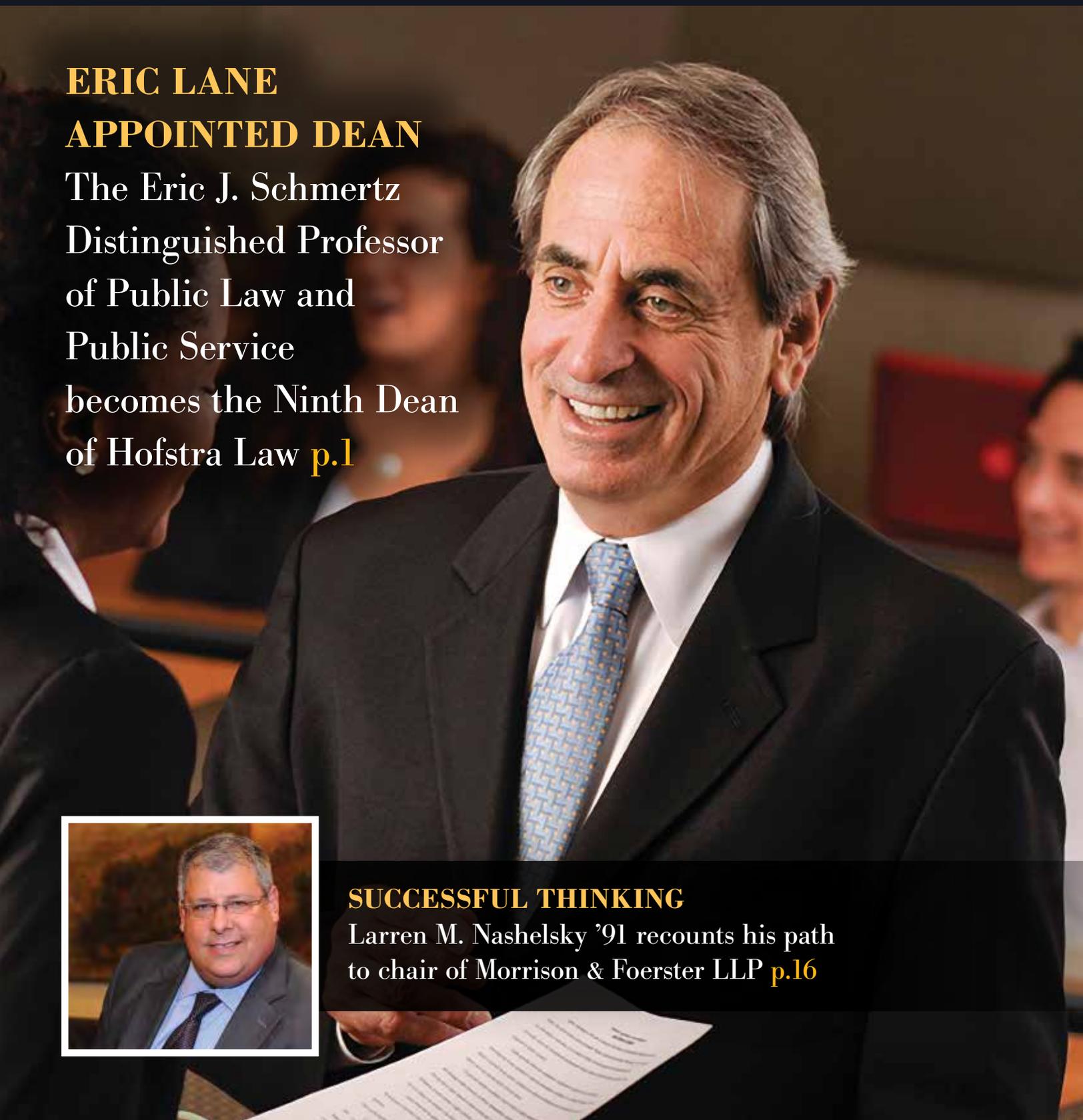
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of Public Law and
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Message From the Dean

Now as dean of the Law School, I hope to continue the pioneering spirit with which Hofstra Law was founded.



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I am honored to be writing my first introduction to our alumni magazine, HOFSTRA LAW REPORT, as dean of the Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University. The Law School was founded — now more than 40 years ago — with the goal of being an innovative institution made up of risk-takers wanting to make an impact in their fields and in society. These principles attracted me to Hofstra Law 36 years ago, when then-Dean Monroe Freedman, asked me to join the faculty. Now as dean of the Law School, I hope to continue the pioneering spirit with which Hofstra Law was founded.

To that end, we have vastly expanded our experiential learning opportunities, nationally and internationally, to better prepare and position students for the job market. This issue highlights some of our new offerings, including our unique Cuba field study, a semester-long externship program in Washington, D.C., and a Disaster Recovery Clinic, which helps small-business owners affected by Superstorm Sandy.

We have also made helping students find jobs a top priority. While these are challenging times for American law schools and the legal market, it is important to remember that a law degree lasts a lifetime and is a valuable resource no matter the economic environment or a person's career path. The alumni in this issue's "Spotlight" feature can attest to this — they all agree that their law school education was pivotal in reaching their professional goals. Their success in a variety of fields also exemplifies Hofstra Law's founding principle of making an impact.

Another example of someone who has made a profound contribution in his field, as well as to the Law School, is John DeWitt Gregory, the Sidney and Walter Siben Distinguished Professor of Family Law and a member of the Hofstra Law faculty since its beginnings. In another of this issue's feature stories, Professor Gregory, who is retiring at the end of this school year, reflects on his more than four decades at the Law School and his involvement in starting the Clinical Program.

As you will read, this is an exciting time at Hofstra Law, and I thank all who have contributed to our efforts. I look forward to seeing more of you at our upcoming events at the Law School and around the country.

My best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric Lane". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and "L".

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*By Andrew Damron 3L, Sumaiya Khalique 3L,
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By Jean Cohen

Student interest in helping Occupy Wall Street protesters and Superstorm Sandy victims in need of pro bono legal services gave rise to two new clinical programs at Hofstra Law.



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Selected Recent Guest Speakers, 2012-2013

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Philip J. Shapiro Endowed International Visiting Scholar Lecture

Thomas R. Graham, *Member, World Trade Organization Appellate Body*

European-American Consortium for Legal Education Visiting Scholar Lecture

Hon. Luc Lavrysen, *Professor of Law, Ghent University, and Judge, Constitutional Court of Belgium*

Distinguished Visiting Scholar-in-Residence Lecture

Roberta Romano, *Sterling Professor of Law and Director, Yale Law School Center for the Study of Corporate Law, Yale Law School*

Sidney and Walter Siben Distinguished Professorship Lecture in Family Law

Carol Sanger, *Barbara Aronstein Black Professor of Law, Columbia Law School*

BREAKFASTS WITH THE DEAN

Risco Mention-Lewis '93, *Deputy Police Commissioner, Suffolk County*

Richard A. Small '80, *Vice President, Enterprise-wide Anti-Money Laundering, Anti-Corruption and Sanctions Risk Management, American Express*

Steven C. Witkoff '83, *Chairman and CEO, The Witkoff Group*

Hofstra Labor & Employment Law Journal Marks 30th Anniversary



CURRENT AND FORMER MEMBERS

of the *Hofstra Labor & Employment Law Journal* celebrated the 30th anniversary of the journal's founding on February 7. The event, held at Dechert LLP, was hosted by **ANDREW L. ORINGER '84**, partner and co-chair of Dechert's ERISA and Executive Compensation Group. "Seeing so many people who are interested in labor and employment law — former editors-in-chief and current journal members — together in one place really shows how much the journal has accomplished over the last 30 years," said Joshua Seidman, the journal's volume 30 symposium editor.

Honored guest Mark Gaston Pearce, chairman of the National Labor

Relations Board, addressed the work that he and his colleagues on the NLRB have been engaged in since he joined the board in 2010, including recent cases involving employers' social media policies and whether they tend to chill employees' rights under the National Labor Relations Act. **DAVID B. FELDMAN '82**, partner at Moses & Singer LLP and the journal's founding editor-in-chief, spoke about the late Dean Eric J. Schmertz, praising his tireless work to turn the *Hofstra Labor & Employment Law Journal* into a reality. (On March 24, 2011, Schmertz was presented posthumously with the journal's Samuel M. Kaynard Award for Excellence by Feldman.) **H**

A New Deanship for Experiential Education

JENNIFER A. GUNDLACH WAS NAMED

senior associate dean for experiential education in November. Gundlach, who is also the senior associate dean for academic affairs, has served as both an administrator and a faculty member in various roles at the Maurice A. Deane School of Law since 2007.

“With more than 10 years of experience in clinical legal education, Jennifer brings great insight and leadership to an area that is essential for preparing practice-ready lawyers,” said Dean Eric Lane. “In this new position, she will strengthen Hofstra Law’s commitment to developing experiential learning opportunities for our students.”

The new position was created to expand Hofstra Law’s experiential learning offerings and to support students in meeting the new New York state 50-hour pro bono requirement. Gundlach is responsible for developing clear standards for assessing the educational and professional quality of the Law School’s pro bono offerings. In addition to overseeing pro bono initiatives, she will further develop the quality and quantity of externship courses and the integration of practical skills training throughout the curriculum.



Hofstra Law currently offers a substantial number of opportunities for students to engage in experiential learning and pro bono work through nine clinics and clinical practicum and many externship programs. Under Gundlach’s leadership, the Law School has already begun to expand its offerings through a newly launched semester-long externship program in Washington, D.C.

Gundlach, who received her A.B. in history from Kenyon College and her J.D. from American University Washington College of Law, began her teaching career at the Washington College of Law in 2000, first as an adjunct professor teaching the first-year course Legal Methods and then as a practitioner-in-residence in the Civil Practice Clinic. From 2002-2007 she was an associate clinical professor of law at Suffolk University Law School in Boston. In addition to teaching Professional Responsibility, she created and developed the Disability Advocacy Clinic, a program in which she supervised law students’ representation of indigent clients with disabilities in administrative, state and federal court proceedings. **H**

Externship Program in DC Launches

THE HOFSTRA LAW IN D.C. Externship Program (HLDC) was announced this past fall, offering students a total immersion and hands-on experience working in a legal setting for a semester in the nation’s capital. HLDC’s goal is to enable students to blend their doctrinal training with the development of practical skills and professional identity to be better prepared to begin practicing law.

Students will work full time as an unpaid legal extern at an approved congressional committee, federal government agency, nonprofit organization or public interest group. They will conduct research and provide advice and assistance on legislative, legal, policy and regulatory matters under the direct supervision of an experienced attorney. They will also attend a weekly evening seminar, Law and Policymaking in Washington, D.C., taught by HLDC Director **SCOTT J. GLICK ’81**, senior counsel in the Justice Department’s National Security Division.

The field placements will also allow students to practice many practical advocacy skills, such as drafting predictive, persuasive or dispositional legal memoranda; conducting factual investigations; participating in client interviewing, counseling and negotiations; and recognizing and resolving ethical dilemmas. They will also gain valuable experience and contacts, enhancing their qualifications for career opportunities in public interest. **H**

Alumni Group Admission to the U.S. Supreme Court Bar



TWENTY-ONE MAURICE A. DEANE SCHOOL OF LAW alumni — along with Dean Eric Lane — traveled to our nation's capital on Monday, March 4, to be admitted as a group to the Bar of the U.S. Supreme Court. After the announcement of a decision for the case *Levin v. United States*, Professor Leon Friedman made the official motion for admission of the candidates before Chief Justice John Roberts and five of the justices. Assistant Dean Lisa Berman and Director of Alumni Relations Jodie Sperico were on hand to view the swearing-in ceremony with the guests of the alumni.

After the ceremony Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg joined the group, the largest in recent years, to offer congratulations on behalf of the Court to the newly admitted members of the of the bar: **LAWRENCE**

GLICK '76, MIRIAM BREIER '82, DENISE COSSU '82, HON. LINDA TALLY '82, SCOTT ROBINS '85, CHERYL RICE '86, PAUL CLARK '88, CHRISTOPHER SCHOEN '92, VELLY POLYCARPE '93, ERIC HORN '95, DEBORAH CHADOW '96, RHONDA TOMLINSON '96, DAVID JEFFRIES '02, DAWN WALSH '03, AMBER MCDONALD '05, SHARON CLARKE '06, CHRISTINA SINGH '08, JOSHUA WOLF '08, BRIAN FARRAR '09, ROBERT SZYBA '09 and Dean Lane.

The Office of Alumni Relations organizes an alumni group admission, which attracts participants from across the country, every two years. It is open to graduates who have been members in good standing of the highest court in their jurisdiction for the preceding three years. The next alumni swearing-in ceremony will take place on Monday, May 4, 2015. **H**



Presidential Debate Lecture Series Explores Major Campaign Issues



ONLINE CONTENT
Recordings of the lectures
can be found by visiting
law.hofstra.edu/Debate.



ON OCTOBER 16 HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY HOSTED the second presidential debate, which used a town-hall format. Leading up to the debate the Maurice A. Deane School of Law developed a series of lectures in which professors and legal scholars discussed the major issues during the presidential race. These issues included *Citizens United*, marriage equality, deregulation vs. reregulation, the balance between civil liberties and national security, student debt, and health care.

September 19

Constitution Day: Constitutional Precedent in the Aftermath of the Supreme Court's Decision in *Nat'l Federation of Independent Business et al. v. Sebelius* (2012)

With Professors Robin Charlow, Eric M. Freedman, Leon Friedman and Julian Ku, and Deborah N. Misir, Founding Partner, Lally & Misir, LLP

October 3

***Citizens United*: Should Corporations Have Speech Rights? A Discussion of Contrasting Views**

With Professors Robin Charlow, Ronald Colombo and Daniel J.H. Greenwood, and Liz Kennedy, Esq., Counsel, Demos

***Citizens United*: Are Corporations People? *Citizens United* and the Threat of Corporate Constitutional Rights**

With John Bonifaz, Esq., Executive Director, Free Speech for People; Lisa J. Danetz, Esq., Senior Counsel, Demos; Professor Thomas Joo, UC Davis School of Law; and Professor Tamara Piety, University of Tulsa School of Law; hosted by Professor Daniel J.H. Greenwood

October 10

Marriage: For Gays, For Straights, or For No One?

With Professors Robin Charlow, J. Herbie DiFonzo and Aníbal Rosario Lebrón, and Sherif Girgis, Rhodes Scholar, Ph.D. and J.D. Student

How Do We Fix the Economy? Deregulation vs. Reregulation

With Professors Robin Charlow, J. Scott Colesanti, Ronald J. Colombo and Daniel J.H. Greenwood
The program was hosted by the Hofstra University Center for Civic Engagement.

October 16

Teach-in 1: The Balance and Tension Between Civil Liberties, Human Rights and National Security

With Professors Robin Charlow, Eric M. Freedman, Leon Friedman and Julian Ku, and Dean Eric Lane

Teach-in 2: What Should the Next President Do to Defuse the Student Loan and Credit Card Debt Bomb?

With Professor Norman I. Silber and Panelists Tamara Draut, Vice President, Policy & Research, Demos; Ed Mierzwinski, Consumer Program Director, United States Public Interest Research Group (U.S. PIRG); Elie Mystal, Correspondent, Above the Law.com; and Neal McCluskey, Associate Director, CATO Institute Center for Educational Freedom

Teach-in 3: Where Should the Next President Take Our Health Care System?

With Professors Janet L. Dolgin, Tracy Dunbrook and Joel Weintraub, and **GEORGE CHORIATIS '01**, Partner, Rivkin Radler LLP

138 Alumni Named 2012 NY Super Lawyers

IN JANUARY, 138 ALUMNI of the Maurice A. Deane School of Law were named New York Super Lawyers for 2012 by Thomson Reuters. For three consecutive years, Hofstra Law has ranked ninth in the top 10 law schools nationwide whose graduates were named New York Super Lawyers.

Additional Super Lawyer honors were given to several Hofstra Law alumni. **ANDREW L. ORINGER '84** of Dechert LLP and **BEN B. RUBINOWITZ '81** of Gair, Gair, Conason, Steigman, Mackauf, Bloom & Rubinstein were named to the Top 100 New York Super Lawyers list. Three Hofstra Law alumnae were named to the Top 50 Women New York Super Lawyers list: **JACQUELINE HAROUNIAN '94** of Wisselman, Harounian & Associates P.C., **HEIDI HARRIS '91** of Aronson, Mayefsky & Sloan, LLP, and **JUDITH A. LIVINGSTON '79** of Kramer, Dillof, Livingston & Moore. Also, **ROBIN D. CARTON '81** of Carton & Rosoff P.C. was named to the Top 25 Westchester County Super Lawyers list. **H**

“We are thrilled that the high caliber of our graduates is being recognized, and believe it is a testament to Hofstra Law’s focus on providing our students with the experiential education required to succeed.”

— Dean Eric Lane

A Celebration of Diversity

THE MAURICE A. DEANE SCHOOL OF LAW, the Alumni Diversity Committee and student diversity organizations APALSA, BLSA, LALSA, OUTLaw and SALSA hosted the second annual Celebration of Diversity Dinner at the Hofstra University Club on August 12. The event, which takes place the night before Orientation, welcomes incoming diversity students to the Hofstra Law community. Invited guests also included members of the local bar associations. The featured speaker at this year’s dinner was the Honorable **DAVID A. PATERSON '83**, who recounted his Hofstra Law experience and offered students advice on how to succeed in law school. **H**



New Faculty Appointments

IN SEPTEMBER IRINA D. MANTA joined the Maurice A. Deane School of Law from Case Western Reserve University School of Law, where she most recently served as an assistant professor of law. She is a rising star in the area of intellectual property, with a focus on trademarks, copyright and criminal sanctions in intellectual property.

Manta was a Bigelow Teaching Fellow and Lecturer in Law at the University of Chicago Law School from 2007-2009. She clerked for Judge Morris S. Arnold on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit for the 2006-2007 term. Her articles have most recently been published in the *Boston College Law Review*, *Harvard Journal of Law & Technology* and *Arizona Law Review*.

While earning her J.D. at Yale Law School, Manta was the grand-prize winner of the Foley & Lardner LLP Intellectual Property Writing Competition. She also served as tributes editor of the *Yale Law Journal*, articles editor

of the *Yale Law & Policy Review* and editor of the *Yale Journal on Regulation*.

THIS PAST FALL KEVIN McELROY was named associate professor of legal writing. Before joining the Hofstra Law faculty in 2006 as a visiting assistant professor of legal research and writing, he had represented clients in civil litigation before federal and state courts across the country since he began practicing law in 1987.

During that time McElroy was affiliated with some of Long Island's largest and most prestigious law firms, including Rivkin Radler LLP, Nixon Peabody LLP and Farrell Fritz, P.C. In addition to engaging in litigation, trials and appellate practice venued in the courts, he has represented clients before arbitration panels and governmental agency hearing boards.

McElroy teaches Legal Analysis, Writing and Research; Pretrial Skills; and Selected Problems in New York Civil Practice. **H**



Symposium Examines Interplay of Immigration and Family Court



ON NOVEMBER 9 the Maurice A. Deane School of Law hosted the symposium "Immigrants and the Family Court: Policies, Practice and Systemic Change." The conference examined the vital and frequently complex interplay of immigration issues and family court matters, and featured prominent practitioners, agency officials, reporters and academics. The full-day event included workshops and panels that discussed ways to improve how family courts serve immigrant youths and families, and the statutory and ethical obligations for judges, practitioners and agencies. The symposium was held in conjunction with a special issue of the *Family Court Review* on "Immigration and the Family Court" that was published in October. **H**

The End of an Era: John DeWitt Gregory to Retire

“ I was new to academia when I first met John, and what a pleasure — and inspiration — it has been ever since that first meeting. I shall miss John’s uncanny wit, unwavering honesty and courage to give voice to injustices ill reflected or addressed. As a teacher, I aim to continue with John’s legacy in the classroom and beyond.”

— Professor Akilah N. Folami

“ John is a lawyer’s lawyer and a scholar’s scholar. That makes him a rare breed and an invaluable colleague.”

— Professor Grant Hayden

AFTER MORE THAN 40 YEARS as a member of the faculty, John DeWitt Gregory, the Sidney and Walter Siben Distinguished Professor of Family Law, is retiring with emeritus status following the 2012-2013 school year. His years of dedication and service have helped build and maintain the Maurice A. Deane School of Law’s tradition of excellence and bolster its reputation within the legal community.

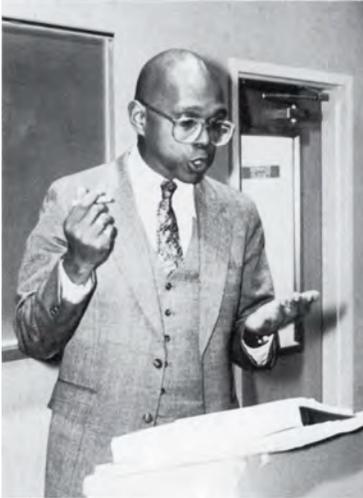
A graduate of Howard University and Harvard Law School and a Korean War veteran, Gregory was invited by Founding Dean Malachy T. Mahon to join the faculty at Hofstra Law as an associate professor in 1971, just one year after the Law School’s founding. He previously had practiced law in Harlem and had served as an assistant New York state attorney general. At the time of his appointment, he was general counsel and executive director of Community Action for Legal Services, Inc., in New York City, the largest government-financed network of neighborhood law offices in the nation.

Accepting the appointment at Hofstra Law, Gregory says, was “not a hard decision,” because of the “impressive” group of founding faculty and its consistent commitment to teaching. “I was very aware,” he says, “that it was a new school and that there would be an opportunity to do some things that were certainly personally and intellectually rewarding.”

Gregory, who was promoted to professor in 1974, was the driving force in the development and growth of Hofstra

“ John demonstrated that one could be highly successful as a law professor spending more than 40 years teaching only two issues: what is in the best interest of the child (family law), and then branching out to what is in the best interest of the child’s dog (animal law).”

— Professor Alan N. Resnick



Law's family law program. Originally the sole professor in the area, his expertise in the field has become renowned at Hofstra Law and in the larger family law community. In 1986 Gregory was appointed to the Sidney and Walter Siben Distinguished Professorship in Family Law, which pro-

promotes scholarly research, conferences and publications in the field of family law. Through his efforts, the Sidney and Walter Siben Distinguished Professorship Lecture in Family Law is regarded as one of the most prestigious of its kind and fosters important scholarship published in the *Hofstra Law Review*.

In addition to teaching, Gregory was involved in the founding of the Clinical Program and served as its co-director from 1971-1972. One of the first law clinics in the country, it began with the idea of serving the surrounding underprivileged community and teaching law students to take what they learned

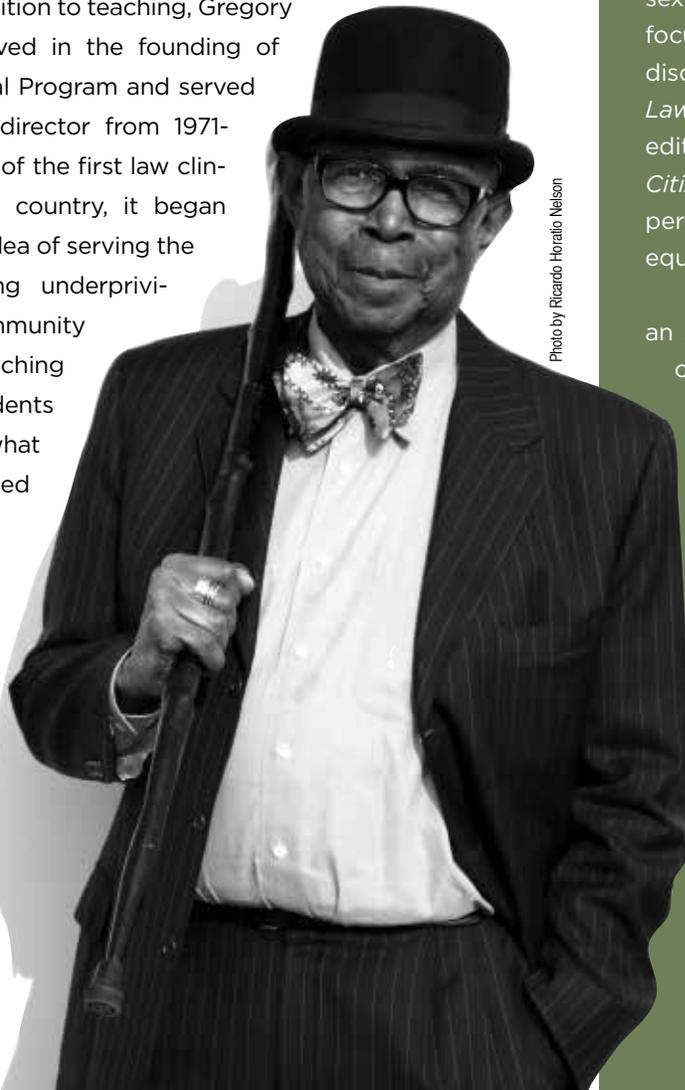


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Assuming the Mantle of Siben Distinguished Professor of Family Law



JOANNA L. GROSSMAN was installed as the Sidney and Walter Siben Distinguished Professor of Family Law at a convocation on April 24. Grossman joined the Hofstra Law faculty in 1999. She served as the associate dean for faculty development from 2004-2008 and was named the John

DeWitt Gregory Research Scholar for 2010-2011.

Grossman writes extensively about family law, especially state regulation of marriage and nontraditional families. She is the co-author of *Inside the Castle: Law and the Family in 20th Century America*, a comprehensive social history of family law in the U.S. She also writes about sex discrimination and workplace equality, with a special focus on issues such as sexual harassment and pregnancy discrimination. She is also the co-author of *Gender and Law: Theory, Doctrine, Commentary* (6th ed.) and the co-editor of *Gender Equality: Dimensions of Women's Equal Citizenship*, an interdisciplinary anthology that explores persistent gaps between formal commitments to gender equality and the reality of women's lives.

Grossman is a regular columnist for *Justia's Verdict*, an online source for legal commentary, and has served on the editorial board of *Perspectives*, the magazine of the ABA's Commission on Women in the Profession. She was selected to deliver Hofstra University's Distinguished Faculty Lecture in 2004 and Annual Diversity Lecture in 2010. She was inducted into Long Island's "40 Under 40" in 2005 and was elected to the American Law Institute in 2009.

A graduate with distinction from Stanford Law School, Grossman clerked for Judge William A. Norris of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit before spending a year as staff counsel at the National Women's Law Center in Washington, D.C., as recipient of the Women's Law and Public Policy Fellowship. She practiced law from 1996-1998 at the D.C. law firm of Williams & Connolly. **H**

“When I think of a model of a colleague who has had real impact in his career, it’s John. He’s not only been a prolific scholar and master teacher, but he hasn’t abandoned the world around us nor has he set aside struggles for justice — both in the community at large and at the Law School. I have been so fortunate to have John as a close friend these past 20 years and to learn from him — day in and day out — that ‘law teaching without justicing is an abomination.’”

— Professor Stefan H. Krieger



in school and apply it to the real world. “We used our experience as lawyers,” he says, “to give them supervised experience in representing individuals in a wide variety of areas.”

Gregory also contributed to Hofstra Law as administrator, serving as vice dean from 1986-1989 under the late Dean Eric J. Schmertz. Gregory recalls, “I was flattered and astonished at the confidence he had in me.”

Gregory has received many honors and awards throughout his distinguished academic career, notably the Law Faculty Distinguished Service Award, the Hofstra University Distinguished Faculty Lecturer, and the Outstanding Faculty Award, presented by the Hofstra Law Alumni Association, among others.

“John Gregory added dignity to everything he undertook, but kept ready always his deep and warm sense of humor.”
— Dean Eric Lane

Of his many experiences at Hofstra Law, Gregory says he has most enjoyed teaching in the classroom. “The greatest reward is to meet students from 20 or 30 years ago and they tell me things they remember about particular classes,” he says. “I learned something about grace and consideration” from them.

Gregory, who considers teaching a “lifetime task,” plans to maintain his relationships with faculty members and an involvement in the Law School in his retirement. Hofstra Law will undoubtedly continue to benefit from his decades of hard work and dedication for years to come. **H**
— Gabrielle Bronstein

“John Gregory has made profound contributions to this law school. His commitment, intellectual engagement and a refusal to let us dodge the hard issues have made us all better at what we do. One couldn’t ask for a better colleague, mentor and friend.”
— Professor Joanna L. Grossman

Leaders and the Law

By Jean Cohen

A law degree is a valuable resource no matter the career path. Across an array of fields, from management, finance and real estate to manufacturing and academia, the five alumni in this issue's "Spotlight" agree that their law school education was pivotal in reaching their professional goals. Regardless of which path they've chosen, these Hofstra Law alumni emphasize that the way they were taught to think, as well as their knowledge of the law, has been a key asset in building their careers.



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Larren M. Nashelsky '91

{ Successful Thinking

Larren Nashelsky '91, the recently elected chair of the billion-dollar law firm Morrison & Foerster LLP, adamantly believes that in the legal world there are very few “right answers.” Accordingly, he has found great success in achieving what’s best for clients in the gray areas.

As an undergraduate in finance, Nashelsky reveled in clear-cut equations, where the numbers always added up. However, when he got to Hofstra Law, he took a 180 degree turn. “Law school highlighted the reality of the world rarely being black and white. Law school says, “Think about it this way; argue it that way,” Nashelsky explains. “What I took out of law school was a different way to think and analyze issues.”

Nashelsky credits his professors at Hofstra Law with teaching him how to look in the shadows for a clear path to the answers to complex legal questions. “Nobody pays

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lawyers to answer questions that are black and white,” he notes. “Certain situations are very gray, and clients are looking for advice, experience and counsel when answers aren’t clear.”

Interestingly, when Nashelsky began law school he didn’t intend to practice law, but he expected the degree to open up a range of options. Both of his parents are teachers, and after four years of college it was clear to him that he needed more options for his future. After Nashelsky graduated from the State University of New York at Albany in 1988 and returned home to New York, he decided an undergraduate degree wasn’t enough. He didn’t see an “amazing career” in front of him and was concerned that if he started a career in finance he would never return to school. He calculated, “Let me go to law school; it’s just three years.” And his next thoughts were, “Where do I go? Where will I get in? Can I save money by living at home and stay connected to my roots and New York City’s career options?” The answer was Hofstra Law.

However, the benefits of Hofstra and law school went further than finding a career and beyond geography. “The

opportunity, as he puts it, “to do something entirely different in the same place you’ve been with the same colleagues.”

To start somewhere new it’s important to build political capital in relationships, but after 13 years at MoFo, Nashelsky took on a new role with all the pieces in place. “Running a billion-dollar business wasn’t something I aspired to do, but it fits well with many of my skill sets: finance major and gaining early experience at a couple of different law firms,” he says. “Plus, being a restructuring lawyer makes us much more critical of businesses, because we live in a world where there’s always something wrong, with issues lurking behind the numbers.” Having built a successful practice and actively engaging with clients every day gives Nashelsky a better sense of how his partners practice their specialties, especially in terms of pitching, price and client management. He also spent time in both courtrooms and boardrooms, and he brings both of those insights and experiences to bear when dealing with his partners, who practice across a wide range of legal areas.

Nashelsky believes one of the most important facets of the business of legal practice centers on how to provide value,

“You need to develop a style that is your own. You can have almost any style and be successful, as long as it is who you are.”

professors at Hofstra Law were great,” Nashelsky recalls. “They were able to present that approach to thinking in a way that was not direct — for example, teaching not only how you need to think as a lawyer, but ways to think.” The rigor of the coursework was essential in positioning him for his current professional role.

Nashelsky is enjoying his transition from practicing bankruptcy law to running Morrison & Foerster. Having started the MoFo Business Restructuring & Insolvency Group from scratch and built it into a world-class practice, he now sits in the same office around the same people but runs a company with \$1 billion in annual revenue. Nashelsky is thrilled to have the unique

because today clients have become incredibly astute customers and they understand how law firms operate. “The days of just presenting a client your bill are over,” he says. “They want to understand value — how and why you’ve done what you’ve billed them for.”

This is an evolving area for law firms because many, including MoFo, have a professional management team — CFO, CMO, COO — from nonlegal backgrounds, which Nashelsky insists must be married to the actual business of law and those who practice it. “As chair of this firm,” he notes, “the underlying value of our business goes home in the elevator every evening and comes back every morning.”

In his busy restructuring practice and now as chair of the firm, Nashelsky finds that balance is critical for happiness. He acknowledges that everyone's balance is different and that some people are happier being in the office on weekends. The father of four boys ranging in age from 7 to 15, his first priority is his family. He coaches youth football and baseball, travels with his family and sees friends regularly. "I love what I do," he says, "but I don't let it define me."

Although Nashelsky took a winding path to law school, he found a reasonably straight road to bankruptcy practice out of law school. Studying under professors who had practiced bankruptcy law at large firms was integral to his eventual choice, solidified by a summer at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP in this practice area. He credits his

bankruptcy interest to Alan N. Resnick, the Benjamin Weintraub Distinguished Professor of Bankruptcy Law, who was at Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP. Nashelsky remembers that being able to talk to Hofstra Law professors about their personal experiences, plus access to Hofstra Law's career development staff, gave him insights and helped him read between the lines of firms who all seemed to offer the same thing.

Bankruptcy law may appear to be a highly specialized area, but it encompasses multiple aspects of law: in-court work, litigation, boardroom advice, M&A transactions, finance transactions, tax issues, labor, ERISA and more. "Bankruptcy lawyers are the last bastion of generalists," Nashelsky says. "In a distressed situation, everything has a bankruptcy overlay, and because much of what you do isn't something that clients deal with regularly, you're the consigliere." Nashelsky found that he utilized more of what he learned in law school

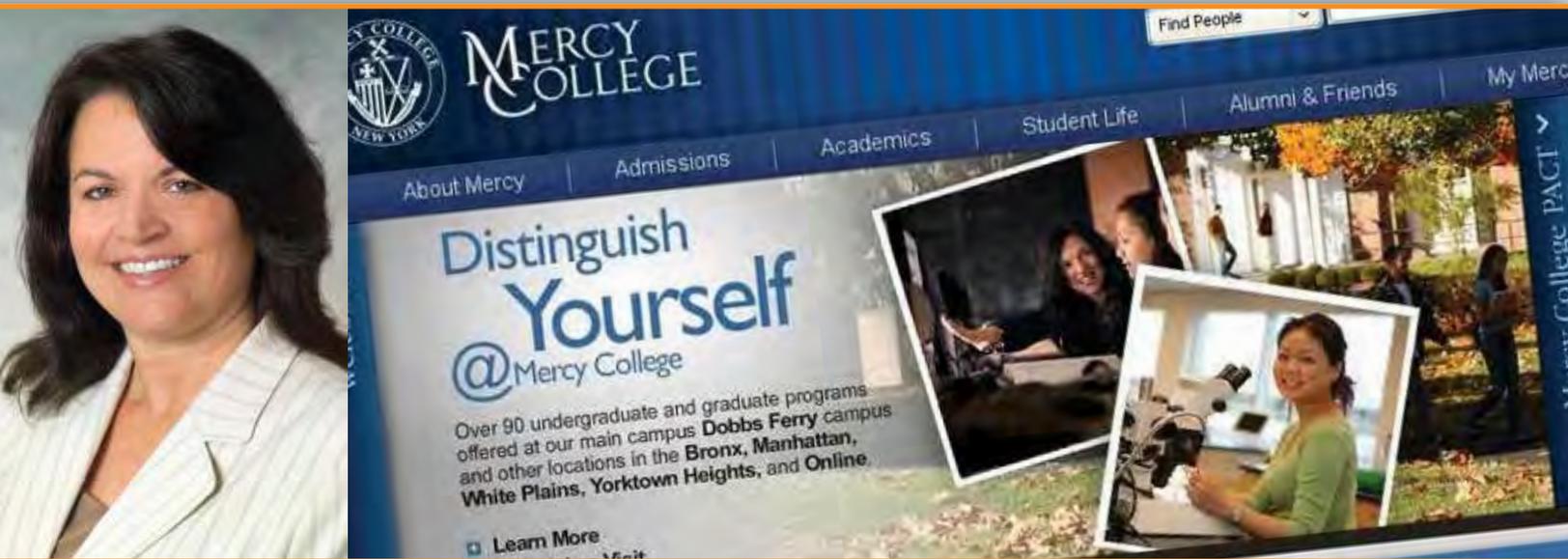
— including procedure, research, persuasive writing and corporate governance — in bankruptcy than in any other practice area. "Every issue a company has," he says, "has you in the middle of it."

Nashelsky has found that the strongest, most successful lawyers are the ones who can soak up all the experiences available in a large firm and choose which colleagues and qualities they like to learn from and emulate and which they prefer to avoid. For himself, summer jobs stocking shelves at supermarkets, picking up garbage in parks, cutting lawns, and sweeping and lining tennis courts taught him how to interact with people at every level. He advises young attorneys, "You need to develop a style that is your

own. You can have almost any style and be successful, as long as it is who you are." For Nashelsky that means never screaming or pounding the table, which, he says, "would be me trying to be someone else."

Nashelsky believes that his success as an attorney and as chair of Morrison & Foerster revolves around being very flexible and getting along with his colleagues even where they may seem very different. "I've always had the kind of personality where I made friends easily, and I am comfortable dealing with different people and different styles," he says. "Although you have to be very smart to do what we do, it is equally important to understand that there rarely is a right answer but rather you are giving the client the best possible advice based on experience and expertise." In his characteristic straight-shooting manner, he advises, "If you need a single right answer, be an accountant." **H**





Kimberly R. Cline '87

{ A Lawyer's Perspective in the Business of Education

Kimberly Cline '87, president of Mercy College, always wanted to go to law school, but took a winding path to get there. She also holds a master's degree in business, and she credits her training at Hofstra Law as pivotal for her successful career as a senior administrator at five universities and colleges in New York and New Jersey.

While pursuing her M.B.A. at Hofstra University, Cline was inspired by Professor Eugene Maccarone, who taught a business law course, to interrupt her M.B.A. studies and enroll in and graduate from law school, only to complete her business degree later. After Cline graduated from Hofstra

Law, Hofstra University Vice President and Treasurer Anthony Procelli hired her to serve as University attorney and assistant vice president for business affairs, a position she held from 1988-1996.

Cline found that the most rewarding experiences at Hofstra Law were its intellectual challenges in rigorous legal training. "Having the classes intersect — for example, civil procedure and criminal law — taught me the actual process of legal thinking," she says. She applies this thought process in executing varied legal and business responsibilities in the education sector.

As vice chancellor and chief financial officer of the State

University of New York, Cline managed a \$10 billion budget and 64 campuses. Her law degree was invaluable whenever she had to wade through volumes of information and decide what was needed to take action. “Legal education teaches you to look for the right answer and see what is the relevant information,” she says.

Cline was greatly influenced by several Hofstra Law classes. In her Real Property class, Professor Ronald Silverman taught her how to be very exact and to look for meaning in every word. Civil Procedure with then-Professor Stuart Rabinowitz also had an enormous impact. “There can be a criminal who is guilty, but you must follow the proper procedure to convict,” Cline explains. “There is always procedure in any setting — court, business, college.”

Law school provides a great and complete education. It teaches one how to think, assimilate information, and eliminate the red herrings.

According to Cline, over the years there has been an evolution of the college as a business enterprise prompted by compliance, regulation and economic challenges. She recognizes the importance of having an appropriate structure to address these developments, which is where legal training becomes vital. “When there is a new regulation,” she says, “there is a need for a clear policy to be implemented and then comply.”

After her time at Hofstra, Cline served as vice president for finance and administration at Seton Hall University, in New Jersey. Then she served as vice president, chief operating officer and chief of staff at SUNY Maritime College, where she was instrumental in doubling enrollment and balancing a 20 percent deficit spending budget.

Clearly, Cline has always enjoyed the higher education environment, where she could combine her passions for law and business. “I’ve been very lucky. New opportunities opened up for me,” she says. “I’ve had experience across all areas of higher education, both as a student and as an educational leader.



As vice chancellor and CFO of SUNY, Cline was responsible for or aware of all areas of operations, including relationships with the Legislature. This multidisciplinary role prepared Cline for her current position as president of a college with four campuses and nearly 11,000 students. “Here at Mercy College, I’m excited that we have our first A rating, enrollment is up, the quality of our students is strong,” she says. “We have a strong group of alumni and are one of the top colleges in the geographic area.”

Reflecting on the impact her law school education has exerted on her career, Cline says, “People ask me all the time if I were to start over would I go to law school, and I always say, ‘Yes! I would absolutely go to law school today.’” She adds, “We are now seeing a number of attorneys as college presidents. Law school provides a great and complete education. It teaches one how to think, assimilate information and eliminate the red herrings. And, especially, not to overcomplicate things.” **H**

On March 7 Long Island University announced that Kimberly R. Cline will be the institution’s 10th president. When she assumes the presidency in July, she will be the first woman to hold the office in LIU’s 87-year history.



Ivan Kaufman '85

{ Business and Law —
A Winning Combination

Photo by Howard Wechsler

Ivan Kaufman '85 continues to wear many hats in a career that has spanned four decades operating an array of real estate finance companies through numerous real estate cycles. Currently, he is chairman and CEO of Arbor Commercial Mortgage, LLC, a national direct lender for the multifamily and commercial real estate industries; chairman, president and CEO of Arbor Realty Trust, Inc., a publicly traded commercial real estate investment company (NYSE:ABR); and chairman and CEO of Arbor Residential Mortgage, LLC, which specializes in the acquisition, servicing and disposition of residential whole loans and real estate-

owned properties, as well as investment in residential mortgage-backed securities.

Kaufman entered Hofstra Law with a single purpose. “My circumstances weren’t typical,” he explains. “I went to law school, not with the intention to practice law, but to utilize the education and skills I would acquire to become a successful business person.” Kaufman believes a legal education is a tremendous strategic advantage regardless of how long one practices law.

After studying business administration at Boston University, Kaufman worked in the mortgage and real estate

industry for three years before going to Hofstra Law. At age 23, he laid the foundation for the present-day Arbor when he founded Arbor National Holdings, initially focusing on residential mortgage loans.

Arbor National Holdings became one of the leading providers of residential home mortgages in the Northeast, growing to 25 branches across 11 states. In 1992, the company went public. Three years later, with its stock price having nearly doubled, the company was sold to BankAmerica. However, Kaufman retained the commercial side of the business, creating the platform for Arbor Commercial Mortgage and, eventually, Arbor Realty Trust. The firms primarily provide multifamily products through Fannie Mae DUS and FHA product lines, as well as mezzanine loans, bridge loans and other customized financing structures.



others, so there may never be one perfect solution,” he says. Today, Kaufman employs those consensus-building skills in discussions at the Arbor conference table. “With my executives, we work parallel,” he says. “We gather everybody’s point of view and figure out which ones help us arrive at the best solution.”

Kaufman’s study of contracts at Hofstra Law has also been integral to his success. When people were threatening to sue his business on liabilities stemming from an old matter, for example, his knowledge of the language of contracts proved invaluable. “The documents were very poorly drafted contracts from seven years ago at the height of the recession, when tight work was not being produced,” he says.

Kaufman’s legal expertise has enabled him to recognize that, despite his law degree, he needs to rely on outside counsel in some instances. “I prevailed precisely because I knew enough

“For business, there is a tremendous upside to going to law school. You will walk away fundamentally better with sound skills.”

While leading his companies, Kaufman has relied on his grasp of the principles of law, civil procedure and litigation. “The fundamental thinking and foundation of law school — courts, contracts, tort classes — is so vast that you get to understand what a contract is all about and how to negotiate,” he says. “Every day, concepts of law are part of your business thinking. When you are buying or selling assets, it is critical to be able to interpret and understand terms in legal analysis.”

From the discussion-focused classes and study groups at Hofstra Law, Kaufman learned how critical it is to work as a team, drawing upon different points of view to build consensus. “You could have a correct point of view and so could

to engage counsel and follow their recommendations,” he says.

Nonetheless, when it comes to contractual analysis, there is no substitute for rereading the documents yourself, Kaufman says. In another matter, he spent hundreds of hours reading thousands of pages until, in the middle of a long night of reviewing documents, he found the solution to the problem. “I would never have identified that solution had I not gone to law school,” he says.

Kaufman heartily recommends law school to anyone considering a career in the business world. “For business, there is a tremendous upside to going to law school,” he says. “You will walk away fundamentally better with sound skills, whether you decide to go into business or simply purchase a home.” **H**



Patrick Kelly '82

{ The Road to Success

Photo by Howard Wechsler

Growing up the son of a prominent Long Island judge, Patrick Kelly '82, the president and CEO of Brigade Capital Management, LLC, was literally on the road to law school at an early age. Traveling from St. Mary's High School in Manhasset to his home in Freeport, he routinely stopped by the courthouse in Mineola to watch his father, Judge Paul J. Kelly, a Nassau County Court judge who later became a state Supreme Court judge, try cases.

"My father loved being a judge and felt the law was fabulous training for anybody no matter what field they worked in," says Kelly. "I grew up wanting to be a lawyer, and when

I went to Boston College, I thought I might end up going to law school after graduation."

The youngest of seven children, Kelly also watched his brother Paul Jr. become an accomplished attorney, member of the New Mexico House of Representatives and ultimately appointee to the Tenth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals by President George H.W. Bush.

When it came time to apply to law schools, Kelly was already quite familiar with Hofstra. While in high school he accompanied his father to moot court competitions at the Law School. In addition, he credits Rivkin Radler LLP

founding partner Leonard L. “Lenny” Rivkin, a Hofstra Law benefactor and a dear friend of his father’s, as someone whose advice led him to make Hofstra Law his first choice. “I thought the world of Hofstra from my experiences there and felt comfortable making it my choice for law school,” says Kelly.

“To me, going to law school is like going to the gym — you may not plan to play in the NFL, but it keeps you in shape for whatever you want to do.”

Kelly’s path to being a lawyer offered him many opportunities to see lawyers in action. He worked summers during law school at Farrell Fritz, P.C. and would often meet his father at the Nassau County Bar Association for lunch.

With all the time he’d spent around the courthouse, especially watching his father try criminal cases, Kelly was looking forward to becoming a district attorney and ultimately a defense lawyer. But by the time he graduated from Hofstra Law in 1982, the world of Wall Street had beckoned. He jokingly recalls, “Wall Street looked like an interesting place because people got to travel and didn’t seem to work as hard as lawyers.” He joined Salomon Brothers in 1982 (after taking the bar exam), entering the training program made famous in Michael Lewis’ book *Liar’s Poker*.

After spending 23 years at Salomon Brothers, Kelly co-founded Brigade Capital Management, LLC in 2006, and it has become a leader among fixed-income money managers.

Brigade Capital’s business focuses on investment products that include long/short credit, distressed debt and traditional high-yield funds. With \$13 billion in assets under management, 80 employees and offices in New York

and Zurich, having a background in the law has proven essential. Kelly believes that his law degree has always been an asset in business, helping him understand contractual issues and how everything fits together. “I have to drive process, which is hard to do, whether it is due process or any other type of process,” he says. “My law background gives me great problem-solving skills.”

Regarding the benefits of a law degree from a student perspective, Kelly uses this analogy: “To me, going to law school is like going to the gym — you may not plan to play in the NFL, but it keeps you in shape for whatever you want to do.”

Looking at the job landscape for law students, Kelly suggests, “Law firms will reboot. There is a paradigm shift going on right now. In this new world order, the good news is that you have a chance to be part of it. You need to work really hard, be honest and be lucky. There are always opportunities for educated people, and your law degree will serve you no matter what you do.”



• Patrick Kelly '82 with Hofstra Law students at a
• Brigade Capital Management, LLC event this spring
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Kelly’s road in life led him directly to law school, but his successful Wall Street career wasn’t always on the map. He tells law students, “Don’t try to decide what you want to ultimately do before you get engaged in a career. It’s like when you get on the Long Island Expressway, you plan to drive to the Hamptons. Do you know or care what lane you are in at Exit 62? Of course not. Work hard, do your best — you’ll be shocked how things can turn out!” **H**



Photo by Howard Wechsler



Gordon Crane '78

{ 'Law School Is Boot Camp for the Mind'

The law degree imbued me with an air of trustworthiness
“and knowledge that helped me in all the
business relationships I was establishing.”

Seeing Gordon Crane '78, CEO of Apple & Eve natural juices, sitting in his boardroom with Tango, a friendly retriever, at his side, it's easy to envision him as the "long-haired hippie" he says he was before he started law school. "Growing up, I had always thought about going to law school, but I wasn't ready to go when I graduated from college," he says. Instead, Crane started a natural foods distribution company, an early entry into the now-booming industry. "After a few years," he continues, "I realized that overseeing trucking, warehouse and distribution was not what I wanted to do. I wanted to become a 'professional,' so to speak."

When Crane decided to go to law school, he didn't have much money. He managed to "squeeze" tuition from his business by creating a natural-style apple juice, the top-selling product, which he named Apple & Eve. A few months after the first cases rolled off the truck in April of 1975, Crane started law school.

At first Apple & Eve was an avocation, but it became quite successful and demanded more of his time. Crane remembers his three years at Hofstra Law as enlightening and stressful: "I worked all afternoon, then at night it was a combination of sleeping and studying." A sociology graduate of the University of Rhode Island and fluent in Spanish, he planned to practice international law and founded the Law School's International Law Society.

Hofstra Law turned out to be an excellent fit for both Crane and his fledgling business. He lived in the oceanfront community of Point Lookout and enjoyed a great lifestyle. He also benefited from the expertise of his professors. "Issues came up at Apple & Eve — contract issues, torts, et cetera — and I went to my torts professors, [Alan] Resnick and [Aaron] Twersky, for advice," he explains. "It was like having a great in-house law firm advising me and rooting me on."



When Crane graduated from Hofstra Law in 1978, he took the New York bar exam and started interviewing with law firms. "My mother and two brothers were involved with Apple & Eve," he says, "so I was going to leave them the business and go into private practice." Crane remembers that by the end of every interview the attorneys would ask him, "How about I walk out this door and be [the] owner of a \$1 million natural juice company, and you sit behind the desk at this ... law firm?" He adds, "I realized that I really didn't want to trade places with any of them, so I stayed with Apple & Eve and never looked back."

Crane's road from trucking fruit to the Apple & Eve boardroom has been paved with lessons learned at Hofstra Law. "Law school is boot camp for the mind," he explains. "The time I spent on rigorous mental training and learning to think in an organized fashion has been a great asset to my business."

Crane also found that the Juris Doctor helped him in intangible ways. "The law degree," he says, "imbued me with an air of trustworthiness and knowledge that helped me in all the business relationships I was establishing, from meeting a bank to help provide a line of credit, to vendors selling raw materials and packaging material."

He also notes, "As the adage goes, 'He who has himself as an attorney has a fool for a client,' so I always have had a law firm with me on all legal matters, but ... I was able to take their advice in context because of my background in law, and better blend business and legal advice to my best advantage."

Crane believes that a law school education, especially the skill of logical thinking, provides great preparation for any career. He advises, "One's career path is not a straight line. If you follow your passions [and] do the right thing, the money will flow." **H**



Keeping Youth in School

{ ‘A Major Civil Rights Issue’

By Gabrielle Bronstein

The juvenile justice system is a long-standing institution in the United States. First established in the 19th century, juvenile courts were originally intended to rehabilitate troubled youth rather than punish them as criminals. However, today this is not always the case, and many students who enter the system often continue on a troubled path well into adulthood.

Suspension and expulsion from school have landed many youths across the country in what is known as the school-to-prison pipeline. This has become a widespread pattern that pushes disadvantaged youths out of school and eventually into the criminal justice system.

Professor Andrew Schepard has pushed this issue to the forefront of concern. As a member of the New York State Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children, Schepard understands well the inner workings of the juvenile justice system and why it is so important to keep youth in school.

Suspension and expulsion from school have landed many youths across the country in what is known as the school-to-prison pipeline. This has become a widespread pattern that pushes disadvantaged youths out of school and eventually into the criminal justice system. Students often drop out of school following one of these punishments, and public institutions fail to encourage them to remain educationally focused. If this happens, “the chances of them winding up in prison with no significant job skills is substantial,” Schepard says. “I do not believe suspensions and expulsions should never occur, but should be reserved for the most serious violence.”

A study by the nonpartisan Council on State Government researched this problem within Texas schools by looking closely at discipline practices. “Data indicates that schools with similar socio-economic backgrounds have dissimilar suspension rates, depending on how teachers and principals deal with discipline problems,” Schepard says.

The study also revealed that minority youth and those

with educational disabilities had the highest suspension and expulsion rates. These students had a decreased chance for academic achievement and graduation from high school. Black students especially had higher high school dropout rates. “This is a major civil rights issue,” Schepard says. In his opinion, keeping these youths in school is just as important as their reading and math scores.

Schepard attributes a good part of the school-to-prison pipeline to a failure of misguided policies that push youths out of school. He says that no teacher, principal or school should have a zero-tolerance policy when kicking youths out of school. Schepard also believes that a lack of communication between the juvenile courts and the educational system exacerbates the problem. “The two systems don’t talk to each other,” he says. They need to collaborate, he says, to create safe and educational environments for students.

“We have a particular focus at Hofstra about youth at risk,” Schepard says. Tackling the problem of keeping



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• *Professor Andrew Schepard with Child and Family Advocacy Fellows*
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youth in school and out of juvenile courts has been an interdisciplinary project and a coordinated effort by multiple departments within the University.

While much of the data on school suspensions and expulsions comes from the Texas study, Dr. Paul J. Meller and his School-Community Psychology Program students from the University’s Department of Psychology are working to determine how to gather the same kind of data within New York. The department is researching the number of youths suspended due to disciplinary problems,

and how many of these youths end up in New York state juvenile court.

Also at the forefront of addressing the problems with the juvenile justice system is the Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children. The commission is a court-based agency that has long worked to improve the lives of children who have spent time within the juvenile court system. “This has been one of [the] signature issues that they have been dealing with for a long time,” Schepard says.

In an attempt to address this largely ignored problem, 350 education, judicial and other community leaders from 45 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands came together in March 2012 for the first National Leadership Summit on School Justice Partnerships. Over the course of two days, the summit aimed at keeping youth in school and devising better ways to discipline students before resorting to methods that could land them in court. Peer mediation, school discipline and restorative justice were among the techniques discussed. Schepard urges discussing and implementing techniques like these that make it possible to “work with the kids rather than throw them out of school.”

As a follow-up to last year’s national summit, Hofstra Law partnered with the Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children to host a New York State Leadership Summit on Keeping Kids in School and Out of Court on

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from entering the juvenile justice system. The conference also addressed the over-representation of Black students and special education students in the juvenile justice system. “Schools need to come up with ways

not to suspend or expel them, but to keep them and educate them,” Schepard says. The majority of students, he says, are suspended not for violence issues but disruption issues, which severely restricts their life chances.

Schepard and Hofstra Law are also working tirelessly to ensure that positive changes come from the April summit. “The students and faculty and our partners are thinking about legislation and school board policies to restrict the number of referrals to court and the number of out-of-school suspensions and expulsions in New York state,” he says. Additionally, the Psychology Department presented its findings at the conference to shed light on the New York state system.

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April 11-12. Schepard describes this summit as a collaborative endeavor among multiple cohorts. “We are working with important partners in the New York state government and building on a national movement,” he says.

The summit covered the problem of suspension and expulsion within New York and, similar to the national summit, strove to generate policies that keep youth safely in school while enforcing punishments that prevent them

Schepard is optimistic that Hofstra Law’s work will be able to foster more conversation about the issue and begin to generate policy changes in New York. He hopes to encourage school boards and policymakers to begin discussing legislation that will reduce the number of children sent to juvenile courts. “We have an impetus” he says, “to collect data and to find out how many kids are suspended and expelled, and how we can do better.” **H**



“I’m thrilled to have had this experience, and look forward to applying lifelong lessons throughout my career.”



Semester Exchange Program in Shanghai

A Bold Decision Yields Lifelong Lessons

By Andrew Damron 3L

As a law student concentrating in international law, I knew that I wanted to study abroad, but where? While weighing my options, I met with my mentor, Professor Juli Campagna. She has always encouraged me to expand my horizons for becoming a global lawyer by attending ABA Section of International Law workshops, writing for international journal publications and making bold decisions.

In fall 2012 the Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University announced a new semester exchange program in Shanghai. I recognized that studying in China would present an excellent opportunity to gain some greater insight about the U.S. legal system through the lens of another. I decided to make studying in Shanghai my next bold decision. I submitted my application, and I soon found myself living, studying and working in the People's Republic of China.

From September to December 2012, I studied at East China University of Political Science and Law. ECUPL presented courses (in English) in Chinese domestic law and in international law. I studied the Chinese legal system, the Chinese legal culture, Chinese contracts law, and the World Trade Organization. Other students who participated in the exchange program came from France, Germany, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Russia, Spain, Switzerland and the United States.

While ECUPL courses met the same number of hours as classes at Hofstra Law, the professors put less emphasis on reviewing materials, giving me more time to focus on an internship and enjoy the cultural experiences in my new surroundings.

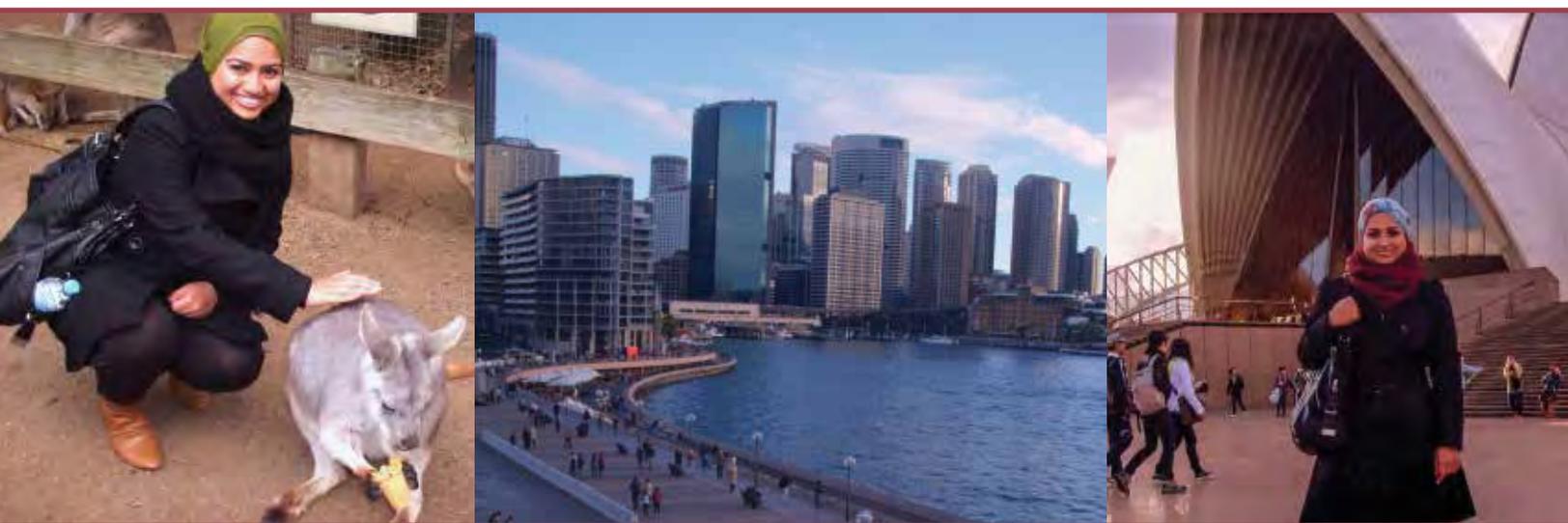
In addition to my Chinese academic experience, I interned with MWE China Law Offices, a domestic Chinese law firm that is strategically aligned with McDermott Will & Emery. At MWE China, I worked two days a week in the immense Jin Mao Tower. There I collaborated with foreign counsel on issues relating to outbound foreign direct investment and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

Life in Shanghai is fantastic. The city hosts a convergence of diverse cultures — Eastern and Western, rich and poor, old and new. The landscape is always changing; new skyscrapers are under construction in every direction you look. The food is delicious (yes, even the lip-numbing Sichuan cuisine), the art scene is booming (I recommend strolling through the alleyways of Tian Zi Fang) and the nightlife resembles that of New York City.

Both inside and out of the classroom, Shanghai's boldness profoundly shaped my future as an international lawyer. I'm thrilled to have had this experience, and look forward to applying lifelong lessons throughout my career. **H**

Public Justice Foundation Fellowship in Sydney

Cementing a Love of Criminal Law



By Sumaiya Khalique 3L

This past summer I interned at Sydney's Shopfront Youth Legal Centre, which provides free legal services to homeless and disadvantaged youth charged with criminal offenses, and pursues victims' compensation claims for domestic violence and sexual abuse. Shopfront works with other organizations, such as the Salvation Army, Legal Aid and Mission Australia, to prevent recidivism through a holistic approach.

I had also been in Sydney the previous summer, working for a criminal defense barrister through the Hofstra Global Legal Practice Externship Program.

The sense of community within the criminal law field, the eloquence of the solicitors, barristers and judges, and the integration of old English protocol — with its demand for precision and passionate advocacy — greatly appealed to me.

Interning in Sydney a second time was no less of an exciting adventure in becoming familiar with the Australian legal system, exploring issues of homelessness, avoiding awkward situations in and out of court due to cultural differences, and immersing myself in some great examples of advocacy and judicial

eloquence. Most importantly, I had a phenomenal supervisor, Jane Sanders, the principal solicitor at Shopfront and a specialist in criminal and children's law who has been nationally recognized for her passionate lobbying for law reform on issues that affect youth.

One of my most memorable moments was when I first went to court with Ms. Sanders. She was representing a young man who had schizophrenia. When the magistrate was delivering her judgment and it seemed like it would not go in the young man's favor, Ms. Sanders turned around to look at him and I caught the look on her face. It was like she was in pain — like whatever the young man was feeling, she was feeling. I envied her emotion, not because she was in pain, but because it was so obvious how passionately she cared about this young man and how important it was to her that she not fail him. When Ms. Sanders turned back around, she was once again the confident, collected and well-prepared solicitor. That moment was very pow-



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erful for me because I almost wanted to cry myself when I thought the magistrate was going to convict the young man. Ms. Sanders' passion, compassion and professionalism inspired me to tap into my compassion and seek a similar balance in being a strong advocate for my client.

Bill that the Australian government is in the process of passing and for which it had invited people to make recommendations. It was my first time engaging in policy, and it was exciting to be able to respond to the government and know that the government might actually take into account our suggestions.

Working on policy projects gave me greater familiarity with the Australian legal system. The differences between the Australian and American legal systems are varied and many, but there are also similarities in the criminal law because of common law. Understanding the subtle and obvious differences and similarities in law was in many ways a similar journey to understanding the differences and similarities between Australian and American culture, including Australian English versus American English.

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Interning at Shopfront also provided me the opportunity to help my supervisor draft policy submissions. I conducted research on the Homelessness

Field Study in Cuba

Discovering a New Field of Law in a Memorable Setting

By Gary Badrajan 3L

Cuba. The country evokes a myriad of questions and responses. Not more than 90 miles off the coast of the United States, it remains a country shrouded in mystery for most Americans. Not surprisingly, when I heard that the Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University was offering a weeklong field study in Havana in spring 2012, I could barely contain my excitement.

I have always been interested in studying law abroad. The law is today an ever changing field, evolving along with the globalized world in which it is practiced. I've always found studying abroad to be a great way to avoid becoming myopic, and there is nothing more broadening than taking a course offered in such a unique country as Cuba.

The exotic location wasn't the only factor that attracted me to the Cuba program. The course itself, dealing with export law, drew my interest from the beginning. Courses like international trade law or international business transactions are staples in the curriculums of most law schools, but few, if any, offer courses on export law. It wasn't until completion of the program that I realized how many opportunities for employment there are in this field. Every business within the United States that exports goods has to be in compliance with export regulations, and there is a plethora of legal jobs tied to this compliance work.

The course was taught by Professor Juli Campagna. Knowing that she was going to teach the course played

no small part in my choosing to attend the program. Professor Campagna has always been one of my favorite professors, not only for her method of teaching, which stresses the practical aspects of practicing the law, but also for being one of the most warmhearted people that I know. She has never hesitated to show an interest in her students' success, both inside and outside the classroom.

The setting of Havana, juxtaposed with the material learned in class, helped highlight the impact and importance of export law. The class was taught at the beautiful Hotel Florida in Old Havana. From morning

to afternoon we'd learn about BIS (the Bureau of Industry and Security), OFAC (the Office of Foreign Assets Control) and IEEPA (the International Emergency Economic Powers Act), while afternoons and evenings were spent traveling to such

touristic spots as the Havana Fortress and the Museum of the Revolution, visiting Ernest Hemingway's residence in Cuba, attending a baseball game, sightseeing in Old Havana, visiting the National Union of Cuban Jurists, having drinks with friends in a brewery, or simply taking a stroll down the Malecón.

Cuba not only helped open my eyes to a new field of law, but the memories of my time spent in Cuba will stay with me for a lifetime. I am delighted to have had the opportunity to partake in such a wonderful program and am grateful for having experienced it. **H**

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Professor Juli Campagna at the National Union of Cuban Jurists



Gary Badrajan 3L



Havana Fortress overlooking the city

ALUMNI TRIP TO CUBA

Hofstra Law is exploring organizing a trip to Cuba for its alumni during the week of April 13, 2014. If you are interested in receiving more information, please email the Office of Alumni Relations at lawalum@hofstra.edu or call 516-463-2586.



Museum of the Revolution



Pilar, Ernest Hemingway's boat

Field Study in Ecuador

Riding Pasos Through the Andes: An Environmental Awakening

By Lisha Yakub '12



Arriving at the ecolodge Casa Mojanda on a late March evening was the start to a revolutionizing experience. My anticipated gain from Hofstra Law's spring-break field study program in Otavalo, Ecuador, was to get a peek into some environmental law issues and enjoy a break from the cold New York weather. However, what I left with was an overwhelming connection to our environment and a full understanding of the importance of making the most of nature around us.

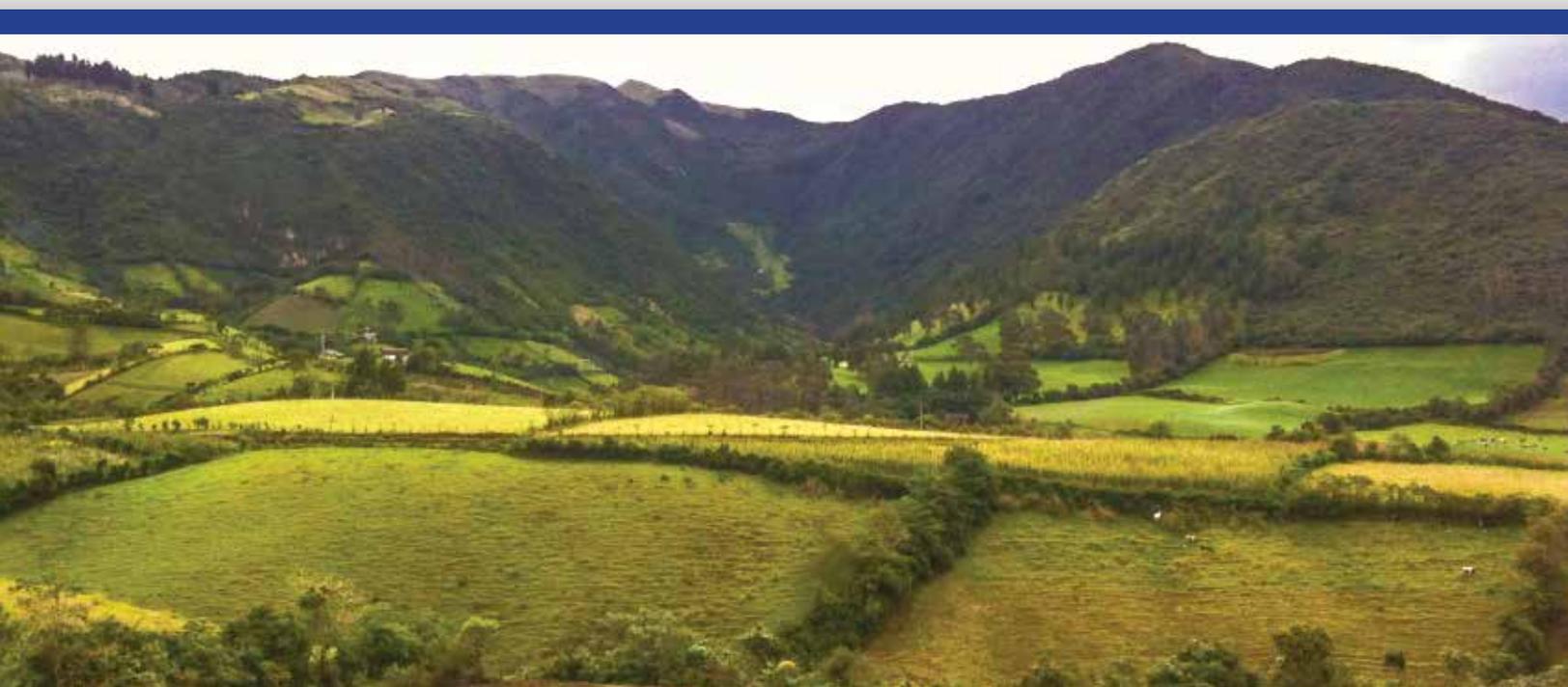
The full immersion into the Ecuadorian lifestyle highlighted some major differences between how Americans and Ecuadorians perceive nature. In the classroom we were instructed that the Western view is that nature is

something to fight against and that we must prepare ourselves for it. However, the Ecuadorians view nature as something that must be respected and worked with. Learning this philosophy in Ecuador really drove the point home. I could see firsthand how the people of Ecuador truly embrace the good and bad of nature and make it part of their everyday lives.

In addition to time in the classroom, each day we had access to many ancillary activities which gave meaning to everything we had been learning. Exploring the ecolodge, created by **BETTI SACHS '78**, was one of the most valuable experiences. Ms. Sachs took great pride in every part of the lodge, and that was evident in every inch.

I was most drawn to the stables. Ms. Sachs has created a wonderful environment for her horses, where they are free to live outside and roam the hillside. While staying at Casa Mojanda, we had the opportunity to take the horses out and explore the surrounding mountainside. I had the rare opportunity of riding a paso horse. This breed is native to the Andean region, and they thrive in the high altitude and climate of Otavalo.

the same phase of farming at one time. One piece may have just been harvested, while the other was recently planted. This puts less of a strain on the environment by conserving resources. Growing native produce also reduces the strain on the environment by not introducing foreign species into the ecosystem. Seeing firsthand how the Ecuadorians lived off the land was a good reminder of how important the land is to Ecuadorians and that it



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Riding through the neighboring farms and seeing which crops provided the best livelihood for the local Ecuadorians was invaluable. The crops stayed true to the native produce, mostly maize, avocados and tree tomatoes. We could also see a type of turnover farming which rotated areas of use so that all of the land was not in

must be used in ways that ensure its conservation.

After a week of exploring Ecuador, on horseback and in the classroom, the lesson was clear — make the most of resources naturally occurring in one area, and resist the urge to combat natural surroundings by importing items that are not native to the area. **H**

Disaster Relief Clinic

Helping Small Businesses Recover After Sandy

By Jean Cohen

A salon and spa unable to reopen for business after Superstorm Sandy became the first client for the Maurice A. Deane School of Law's new Disaster Recovery Clinic. Second- and third-year students in the clinic, which was established by Professor Michael Haber soon after

damage, including damage to the floors, walls, ceiling and fixtures. When the landlord failed to make the repairs necessary for the salon to continue business operations, the salon owner contacted the clinic.

To begin work on the case, the students drafted

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Sandy hit Long Island, provide legal assistance on a wide range of issues affecting local small businesses as they recover from Sandy.

"Students are responsible for handling the investigation, negotiation, appeals, mediations and trials for matters that have a serious impact on their clients' lives, and they must handle these cases quickly, often making decisions under time pressure," says Haber. "This clinic also addresses student interest in assisting with relief efforts in the wake of Sandy, in giving them a means of providing legal assistance to local communities in need."

During the storm the salon suffered structural

a retainer agreement. After it was signed, they met with the client to discuss the case and obtain copies of relevant documents to review, including the commercial lease, the insurance contract, Small Business Administration (SBA) information and FEMA information. In handling the case the students were able to apply what they learned in several courses: Property Law; Contracts; Legal Analysis, Writing and Research; Business Drafting Seminar; Business Organizations; and Alternatives to Litigation.

"The clinic has allowed me to work collaboratively with the five other students in the Disaster Recovery Clinic — supervised by legal professionals — and to interact with



the students in other clinics,” says Stephen Atwell 3L. “Working together has allowed me to develop a far more extensive approach to problem-solving and critical thinking.”

After conducting extensive background research and meetings with the client, the students drafted a notice of termination to the landlord. They are currently preparing for a potential negotiation on the client’s behalf.

Other small business cases taken on by the clinic include helping a fishery that lost multiple boats appeal an adverse SBA decision in order to try to get funding to rebuild the business, negotiating a termination of a commercial lease or possible bankruptcy for a café, assisting a group that wants to form a nonprofit organization that provides direct social services to people in need in the Rockaways and Staten Island, and helping an animal shelter file for SBA funds.

As it continues efforts on behalf of small businesses, the next stage for the clinic is representing individuals. To fund this expansion of the clinic’s efforts, Haber and

Hofstra Law secured a \$100,000 grant from the Robin Hood Foundation and a \$25,000 grant from the Long Island Community Foundation. “The level of funding from these organizations,” says Haber, “reflects their enthusiasm for the level of professional assistance Hofstra Law students have been providing for Sandy victims.”

The cases taken on by the clinic encompass representation of several constituencies, including homeowners in disputes with insurers, tenants in disputes with landlords, individuals in administrative appeals of denied FEMA grants, and transactional representation of nonprofits and community groups that seek to provide assistance to communities affected by Sandy.

“The opportunity to provide free legal services as Long Islanders try to recover from the losses they suffered has been very meaningful,” says Jenna Segal 2L. “And while I ‘do good’ for this community, I am also gaining valuable real-life work experience — a win-win for everyone.” **H**

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Occupy Wall Street Clinic

Taking Action Through Legal Representation

By Jean Cohen

Like so many of their peers, Maurice A. Deane School of Law students took a keen interest in the Occupy Wall Street (OWS) demonstrations. But they're doing more than talking the talk — through a special clinic developed by Professor Stefan H. Krieger, they're applying their legal expertise to assist the Occupy Wall Street protesters.

In the excitement surrounding OWS, students began to organize teach-ins concerning the different issues raised by the protesters. Two of those students happened to be in Krieger's Evidence class. The legal conversations flowing from the teach-ins focused on a wide range of issues, and several law students discussed with him the time they spent in Zuccotti Park. Not satisfied

with just showing up, the students started thinking about getting arrested.

"They wanted my advice," Krieger says, "and I immediately thought back to my college experiences in the late 1960s and thought about the good — and bad — advice I had received from professors and mentors back then." Realizing that he had a chance to help the students utilize their legal training, he raised the idea of using their legal skills to assist the OWS protesters. With the support of the Hofstra Law administration, Krieger developed the Occupy Wall Street independent study clinic.

"My fellow law student Jenelle Devits [3L] and I had been fired up about OWS since its inception in September

of 2011,” says Judith Massis-Sanchez 3L, “and I thought this project would be a great way to combine my growing legal knowledge with my interest in the rights of the OWS protestors.”

Devits adds, “Professor Kreiger channeled our interest into the clinic. Hofstra Law has the kind of community that supports what we can do in our role as law students, and gives us ways to pursue these kinds of opportunities. This is something Hofstra Law should be proud of.”

The independent study clinic on OWS began in

unique expertise on the different issues raised by OWS.

As the clinic took shape, Krieger, the other clinical faculty and his students considered different legal options. Eventually they decided to focus their efforts on representing an individual protester who was arrested and beat up in the demonstrations.

The students began reviewing and drafting documents, researching the case — which included watching the many YouTube videos that showed their client to help identify her alleged attackers — sitting down with professors and spending time speaking with the client.

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spring semester 2012 with readings from Gerry Lopez’s *Rebellious Lawyering*, which identifies different kinds of lawyering for the subordinated — the regnant approaches of the public interest lawyer, the labor lawyer and the legal services attorney — which he contrasts with the rebellious lawyer. “The students were all attracted to the rebellious lawyering model,” Krieger says, “but didn’t know how to use it in the context of OWS.”

Initially the goal for the clinic was to explore ways of using the legal skills that students had gained in the classroom. Then Krieger invited other clinicians to co-teach the students so that they could have as broad a perspective as possible on their options. Faculty in the Criminal Law, Youth Advocacy, Community and Economic Development, and Mediation clinics agreed to join in the supervision of the students and share their



“The clinic gave us confidence that we know how to investigate and file a complaint,” says Devits. “It was eye-opening in seeing how slowly the judicial process goes and how doing this without a legal background would be nearly impossible. I can’t imagine someone without counsel not being intimidated.”

Massis-Sanchez adds, “The clinical experience I gained will no doubt benefit the career I hope to have doing federal work and, in particular, practicing civil rights law. Somebody gave us a chance, knowing we were law clinic students and knowing this was our first foray into the federal courts. What I found most personally rewarding is that we earned someone’s unwavering trust. We could not have gone up against the most powerful city in the world without it.”

The matter is still in progress. **H**

Selected Publications, Media Citations and Presentations, January 2012-January 2013

“Riders on the UndocuBus and others who choose to come out of the immigration closet may face many challenges. But by coming out, they take the important first step of allowing the public to understand what those challenges might be.”

— Associate Professor Elizabeth M. Glazer in a New York Times “Room for Debate” article (August 2012) discussing whether getting on the UndocuBus is a good idea for illegal immigrants in the United States

Robin Charlow Comments on Vacating Convictions Based on Newly Discovered Evidence

Professor Robin Charlow is quoted in William Murphy’s September 15, 2012, *Newsday* article “Ex LI Man’s New Bid to Vacate Murder Charge.” The article discusses the case of Jeffrey McDonald, who was convicted in 1979 of murdering his pregnant wife and two children. McDonald is now seeking to vacate the conviction on the grounds that a prosecutor allegedly threatened a witness for the defense in the original trial, as well as on newly discovered DNA evidence.

“It’s highly unusual for something like this to happen so many years later. It is unusual for courts to even consider this. The courts like to have finality at some point.”

Scott Colesanti Examines the ‘Other Effects’ of the Rajaratnam Insider Trading Conviction



Associate Professor J. Scott Colesanti’s article “Wall Street as Yossarian: The Other Effects of the Rajaratnam Insider Trading Conviction” on the much-publicized conviction of hedge fund chief Raj Rajaratnam was published in the *Hofstra Law Review* (2012). The article highlights the inevitable double jeopardy analysis of U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and criminal actions against a target where the penalties exponentially exceed the profit gained.

Daniel Greenwood on Gun Control: Violent Video Games Should Be Seen and Regulated as Paid Advertisements by Corporations



Professor Daniel J.H. Greenwood co-wrote, with Jim Sleeper, an op-ed for *The Atlantic* (published January 25, 2013) to reframe the debate on gun control in the wake of the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre in Newtown, Connecticut, President Barack Obama’s second inaugural address, and the Obama administration’s and Senate Democrats’ push for gun safety. The op-ed, titled “To Stop Gun Violence, We Need to Remember We Can Regulate Corporate Speech and Advertising,” argues that there must be a multi-pronged effort to get control measures passed and that one of those prongs should be restricting the content of violent video games, an idea normally proffered by the National Rifle Association but under a bruter, more causal rationale.

“To fight the culture of death, we need a two-front war: against gun madness, surely, but also against mindlessly destructive marketing by corporations.”

Eric Freedman Calls Proposed Changes in Eligibility for the NY Bar Exam ‘Penny-Wise and Pound-Foolish’

In a letter to the editor of *The New York Times* published on January 26, 2013, Eric M. Freedman, the Maurice A. Deane Distinguished Professor of Constitutional Law, criticized a proposal that would allow persons who have completed two years of law school to sit for the New York bar exam, regardless of whether or not they finish their Juris Doctor.

“Only in the third year of law school is there time for students to roam various legal fields and find – perhaps unexpectedly – the one most suitable to them.”

Akilah Folami Cited in a Massachusetts High Court Decision to Reverse a Murder Conviction

The article “From Habermas to ‘Get Rich or Die Tryin’: Hip Hop, the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the Black Public Sphere,” *Michigan Journal of Race & Law* (Spring 2007), by Associate Professor Akilah N. Folami was cited multiple times in

a Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court decision issued on November 15, 2012, reversing a murder conviction (*Commonwealth v. Gray*). The court’s decision includes a finding that the admission of a rap video in which the defendant appeared, which was offered for the purpose of proving the defendant’s gang membership even though he had offered to stipulate to gang membership, was one of several prejudicial errors. The court cites Folami’s article to support that gangsta rap often takes on a nuanced and layered meaning beyond the pre-dominant image of the “gangsta.”

Susan Fortney Presents at the ‘Empirical Professional Ethics’ Symposium

On September 22, 2012, Susan Fortney, the Howard Lichtenstein Distinguished Professor of Legal Ethics and director of the Institute for the Study of Legal Ethics, spoke in St. Paul, Minnesota, at the University of St. Thomas School of Law’s symposium “Empirical Professional Ethics: Ethical Development in the Learning and Practice of Law.” The conference was co-sponsored by the Holloran Center for Ethical Leadership in the Professions and the *University of St. Thomas Law Journal*. Fortney discussed the findings of her recent empirical study of incorporated law firms in Australia in a session titled “Evaluating Australia’s New Regulatory Regime for Unincorporated Law Firms.”

“The reorganization of family life is complicated, and no one measure can address the problems that the transitions of separation and divorce create for children, courts and communities, but a recent Australian innovation addresses those problems by providing access to services that ease transitions and encourage families to plan for their future without judicial intervention.”

— Professor Andrew Schepard, Director of the Center for Children, Families and the Law, in “Looking to Australia: Community Responsibility When Families Separate,” his “Law and Children” column in the January 29, 2013, edition of the *New York Law Journal*

Joanna Grossman Assesses the Lifting of the Ban on Women in Combat



In her January 29, 2013, article “Battle of the Sexes: The Department of Defense Lifts the Restriction on Women in Combat” for the legal website *Justia’s Verdict*, Joanna L. Grossman, the Sidney and Walter Siben Distinguished Professor of Family Law, offers a brief history of women in the military and describes how the combat exclusion policy is a form of sex discrimination.

“The task now is to shift from the military’s prior stance of trying to figure out how to exclude women, to trying to figure out how to retain them.”

Julian Ku Discusses Senate Opposition to the U.N. Disabilities Treaty

Professor Julian Ku, faculty director of international programs, contributed an article to a *New York Times* “Room for Debate” discussion (December 2012) on “Have Treaties Gone Out of Style?” In “A Bigger Concern Is the Law of the Seas Convention” he argues that senators who opposed the U.N. Convention on the Rights of Persons With Disabilities actually fought the wrong treaty if their goal was to protect U.S. sovereignty. He notes that the effects of the treaty negotiated under President George W. Bush regarding the disabled on U.S. law would be virtually nil, as the compact is not self-executing and has safeguards to protect inconsistent rules made at the state, local and individual levels.

“The Senate opponents of the disabilities treaty should have saved their fire for the more significant treaties that are approaching.”

Stefan Krieger and Serge Martinez Publish in the *Clinical Law Review*

Professor Stefan H. Krieger, director of center for applied legal reasoning and director emeritus of Hofstra clinical programs, and Clinical Professor Serge Martinez published the article "Performance Isn't Everything: The Importance of Conceptual Competence in Outcome Assessment of Experiential Education" in the *Clinical Law Review* (Fall 2012). This article is the first scholarly critique that has been made of the theoretical underpinnings of the 2007 Carnegie Report on reform of legal education. In it, Krieger and Martinez scrutinize — and ultimately reject — the Carnegie Report's recommendations for outcome assessments in experiential education. Rejecting the report's contention that practical education should focus on teaching students to mimic the actions of expert lawyers, they argue that educators should focus instead on what students are thinking as they solve a legal problem.

Katrina Kuh Argues for Promoting Transparency to Combat Climate Change



On December 3, 2012, Associate Professor Katrina Fischer Kuh wrote "Rethinking Sustainable Development, Environmental Law Collaborative Essay #1: Transparency in Support of Sustainability" for the *Environmental Law Prof Blog* (December 3, 2012). In the post Kuh argues that climate change poses a unique threat of harm but also presents a unique "opportunity to force a reckoning with the unsustainable practices that underlie U.S. lifestyles." She proposes promoting transparency to combat climate change through measures including "carbon footprint

labeling of goods, smart meter technology, individual carbon footprint calculators, and reorienting domestic climate policy to better engage individuals."

Dean Eric Lane Comments on the Fight Between the NYC Comptroller and the Mayor's Office Over the New Cab Contract



Dean Eric Lane, the Eric J. Schmertz Distinguished Professor of Public Law and Public Service, was quoted in a December 13, 2012, piece, "Comptroller Is Expected to Try to Upset Deal for New Taxis," for *The New York Times* City Room blog. The article discussed why Comptroller John C. Liu was expected to not agree to sign off on the Bloomberg administration's contract with Nissan to produce new taxis for New York City, and why the comptroller's decision was of little consequence.

"If the controller thinks it's corrupt, he tells the mayor, he can announce it, he can call a press conference, he can say I found corruption, and if the mayor still wants it registered, the controller must register it."

"It's Soviet-style democracy in the sense that we have all the appearances of an election: You go to the ballot box, except the choices have all been made for you."

— Associate Professor James Sample *discussing New York state judicial elections in an August 13, 2012, timesunion.com (Albany) article*

Irina Manta Presents at the Tri-State Region IP Workshop

Associate Professor Irina D. Manta presented her paper "The High Cost of Low Sanctions" at the Third Annual Tri-State Region IP Workshop at NYU School of Law on January 11, 2013. In the essay she argues that low sanctions may have a pernicious effect on the democratic process and on legislative rule-making because, as both public choice theory and historical precedent suggest, the accompanying laws are more likely to perpetuate themselves and become part of the unquestioned background fabric of society. Manta focuses on intellectual property law, in particular copyright, to examine the progression of suboptimal laws through widespread low sanctions that may have mostly escaped the public eye until the sanctions grew to more significant size.

Barbara Stark Is Published in the First Issue of the Boston University Law Review Annex

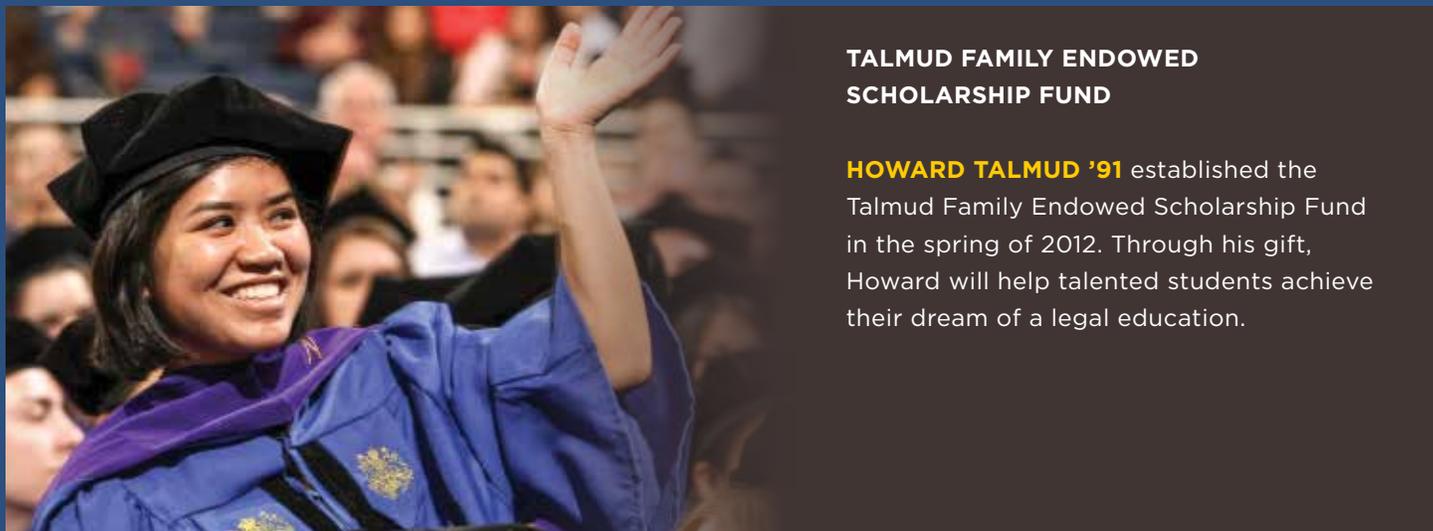


"Anti-Stereotyping and 'The End of Men'" by Professor Barbara Stark, associate dean for intellectual life, was published in the inaugural issue of the *Boston University Law Review Annex* (October 2012), the new online publication of the *Boston University Law Review*.

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— Dean Eric Lane



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AN ANONYMOUS DONOR established the Founding Dean Malachy Mahon Endowed Scholarship in honor of Dean Emeritus Mahon. The scholarship will be awarded to a deserving entering student selected on the basis of demonstrated academic achievement or financial need. Members of the **CLASS OF 1973** are supporting the scholarship as part of their 40th reunion class gift.



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ED KALIKOW '78 and his son, **GREG KALIKOW '10** of The Kalikow Group/Kaled Management, renewed their support for the Sidney Kalikow Endowed Scholarship established in honor of Ed's father and Greg's grandfather. The scholarship supports deserving entering students who demonstrate academic achievement or financial need.





JESSE R. BAKER ANNUAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The law firm of **GUTMAN, MINTZ, BAKER & SONNENFELDT P.C.** established the Jesse R. Baker Memorial Annual Scholarship in memory of their partner and outstanding Hofstra Law alumnus, **JESSE R. BAKER '79.**

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The law firm of Moritt Hock & Hamroff LLP, through Managing Partner **MARC HAMROFF '83**, established an annual scholarship for two first-year students, who will receive tuition assistance as well as opportunities to meet with members of the firm and develop networking and mentoring relationships.



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Scholarship support is transformative in the life of a student; it is the chance to embark on a legal career and achieve a lifelong goal. In 2012 **LAURENCE T. GINSBERG '79** renewed his commitment to the Albert and Pearl Ginsberg Family Endowed Scholarship, as well as the Albert and Pearl Ginsberg Annual Scholarship he previously established. These scholarships make a Hofstra Law education possible for students who reside outside the tri-state region and have demonstrated meritorious academic performance.



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Through the generosity of **THE KERMIT GITENSTEIN FOUNDATION** and its head, alumnus **STEVEN SCHLESINGER '76**, the Maurice A. Deane School of Law received a \$1 million gift to name and support our Institute for Health Law and Policy. The institute is directed by Janet Dolgin, the Jack and Freda Dicker Distinguished Professor of Health Care Law.

The mission of the Gitenstein Institute for Health Law and Policy includes developing and implementing new methods for training students in order to broaden access to quality health care for everyone and to create a more just health care system. In meeting these goals, the institute employs a multidisciplinary approach — in partnership with the Hofstra North Shore-LIJ School of Medicine at Hofstra University and the North Shore-LIJ Health System, Hofstra University's Bioethics Center

and the University's new School of Health Sciences and Human Services — aimed at teaching, scholarship, community outreach and the development of policy initiatives.

The Gitenstein Institute is also the centerpiece of Hofstra Law's concentration in health law and its new J.D./M.P.H. joint degree program, anticipated to start in the fall of 2014. The Law School's Health Law and Policy Fellowship program also comes under the umbrella of the Gitenstein Institute and attracts top students interested in pursuing careers in health law and in supporting the work of the institute. The institute further encourages new scholarship in health law and policy through its conferences, publication of articles in the *Hofstra Law Review*, speaker series and publication of an annual newsletter to share results of the policy studies and information relating to its other programs.

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April 1-December 31, 2012**1973**

Philip A. Crotty, Jr., was honored in June by the New York State Legislature in a resolution upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of service to the Orange County Industrial Development Agency. He served in private practice until 2005 as a founding partner of Duggan, Crotty and Dunn.

1974

Hon. Maryanne Trump Barry, a senior judge on the Third U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, was featured by Mount Holyoke College in its "Celebrating 175 Years of Women of Influence" gallery.

Ralph M. Stein passed away on October 16. He was a founding member of the faculty at Pace Law School and a constitutional law expert.

1975

Abraham B. Krieger, a senior member in the commercial real estate, real estate litigation and corporate finance law practices of Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, was named co-chair of the commercial real estate practice in August.

1976

Lynne M. Winograd passed away on May 13, 2012. She is survived by her wife and law partner, Lari Schwartz.

1977

Joanne Erde, a partner at Duane Morris in the firm's Miami office, received a citation for excellence in the area of health care in the 2012 *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*.

Gary Y. Wirth joined Moritt Hock & Hamroff in July as a partner and chair of the firm's construction and surety practice group.

1978

Jay G. Baris, a partner and chair of the investment management practice at Morrison & Foerster, co-wrote the article "SEC Concept Release Tackles Investment Company Use of Derivatives," 45 *Review of Securities & Commodities Regulation* 19 (2012).

Jon M. Bramnick, the New Jersey Assembly Republican leader, appeared on the September 14 episode of *What America Thinks* with Scott Rasmussen to discuss Election 2012 and economic policy.

Suzanne Mentzinger passed away on April 26, 2012, at her home. She is survived by her two children and their spouses and two grandchildren.

Michael D. Patrick, a partner at Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen and Loewy, was featured in June as one of the top 20 lawyers in immigration law in the country by Lawdragon, a Los Angeles-based networking website for lawyers and clients.

1979

Jesse R. Baker passed away on April 21, 2012. He had a long and successful career with the firm of Gutman, Mintz, Baker & Sonnenfeldt. He and his wife, **Beverly '97**, were active in the BLSA Alumni Association at Hofstra Law and generously contributed to the BLSA Alumni Scholarship.

Ilene S. Cooper, a partner at Farrell Fritz concentrating in trusts and estates, was included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2013*.

1980

Caryn M. Hirshleifer, the vice president and counsel of Hirshleifer's, was honored with the Founder's Award at the Long Island Council on Alcoholism & Drug Dependence's 25th Anniversary Angel Ball on May 9, 2012.

Domenick Napoletano, a solo practitioner who focuses on real estate transactions, dispute resolution, family law and estate document preparation, was installed as the president of the Brooklyn Bar Association on June 7.

1981

Thomas N. Angell, acting public defender for Dutchess County, was selected in December by County Executive Marcus J. Molinaro as public defender, effective January 1, 2013. He also serves as a member of the Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council, where he is co-chair of the Jail/ATI Committee and the Reentry Committee.

Corey B. Bearak was selected as Networker of the Year by Gotham City Networking and was honored with Life Membership by the Order Knights of Pythias. He also guided the re-election of prominent labor leader Daneek Miller (Amalgamated Transit Union), who is co-chair of the MTA Labor Coalition, and was an advisor to the successful congressional

primary campaign of state Assemblywoman Grace Meng.

Daniel P. Buttafuoco, the senior partner and founder of Buttafuoco & Associates, a law firm dedicated to supporting local charitable causes, launched Operation Rebuild Hope in December to raise funds to provide relief to victims of Hurricane Sandy.

Scott J. Glick, a senior counsel in the National Security Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, was appointed director of the Hofstra Law in D.C. Externship Program (HLDC) and special professor of law. HLDC, Hofstra Law's first formal semester-away program for academic credit, will allow law students to immerse themselves fully in the practice of law in our nation's capital. Glick also authored the published article "Virtual Checkpoints and Cyber-Terry Stops: Digital Scans to Protect the Nation's Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources," *Journal of National Security Law & Policy* (vol. 6, no. 1, 2012), and it was included in the course materials for the ABA's 22nd annual review of national security and the law.

Ben B. Rubinowitz, a partner at Gair, Gair, Conason, Steigman, Mackauf, Bloom & Rubinowitz, was named the 2013 New York City Personal Injury Litigation — Plaintiffs Lawyer of the Year by Best Lawyers. Only one lawyer in each practice area in each community is honored as Lawyer of the Year.

1982

Alan S. Abish passed away on May 11, 2012. He is survived by his wife, Jamie Lipman Abish.

Thomas J. O'Connell passed away on July 1. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen, and their children.

1983

Andrew John "A.J." Borresen, a principal and co-founder of the certified public accounting firm Walsh & Borresen in Morristown, NJ, and a football, basketball and track star during his days at Wood-Bridge H.S. in Bergen County, was featured in a "Where are they now?" article in the sports section of *The Record* on July 3.

Patricia Galteri, the chair of Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein's trusts and estates practice group, was selected by *Long Island Business News* as one of its Top 50 Most Influential Women in Business for 2012.

Hon. David A. Paterson was appointed to the New York State Metropolitan Transportation Authority board in June. His term runs until June 2017.

1984

Mark J. Cohen, a partner at Scully, Scott, Murphy & Presser, was recognized by *Long Island Business News* in a September 19 "Ones to Watch: Long Island Law" article.

Andrea Shapiro Davis was appointed executive director of the NYC Commission on Women's Issues in June. She works with the commission's members to advise the mayor on policies to ensure equality for women in New York City, including in the fields of employment, housing, education and health care.

Andrew L. Oringer joined Dechert as a partner in August. He is the senior ERISA and executive compensation

attorney in Dechert's New York office and leads the firm's fiduciary practice nationally.

1985

Heidi E. Opinsky joined McCarter & English as a partner in September. She concentrates her practice in family law.

Brad D. Rose, a partner at Pryor Cashman, chairman of the firm's intellectual property group and a member of its executive committee, was a featured panelist at the 15th Annual Entertainment & Sports Law Symposium of the Entertainment and Sports Law Society at the University of Miami School of Law. The event was co-hosted by the Miami Marlins and held at the new Marlins Park on April 14, 2012.

1986

Carl R. Howard, an assistant regional counsel for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, was named chair of the Environmental Law Section of the New York State Bar Association in June.

1987

Tamara Steckler, the attorney-in-charge of the Juvenile Rights Practice of the Legal Aid Society, received the 2012 Howard A. Levine Award for Excellence in Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare on May 2, 2012. This award, which is given by the Committee on Children and the Law of the New York State Bar Association, recognizes individuals for their work protecting and promoting the rights of New York's children.

1988

Richard S. Finkel joined Bond, Schoeneck & King in July as senior counsel in the firm's Garden City, NY, office. He has extensive experience in the areas of municipal law, land use and zoning, litigation, and labor and employment matters.

1989

Peter J. Brown, a partner in the Los Angeles office of Liebert Cassidy Whitmore and chair of the firm's wage and hour practice group, was named one of California's Top 75 Labor and Employment Lawyers for 2012 in the annual list published by the *Daily Journal* (Los Angeles and San Francisco).

Ralph A. Catalano, a member of the Jericho, NY, law firm of Catalano Gallardo & Petropoulos, was elected in July as dean of the Nassau Academy of Law, the educational arm of the Nassau County Bar Association.

Evelyn Kalenscher, retired, received the 2012 Pro Bono Attorney of the Year Award from the Nassau County Bar Association in May 2012. She represents indigent people facing eviction through the Landlord/Tenant Attorney of the Day Program of the Volunteer Lawyers Project.

Robert T. Lupo was promoted to executive vice president, global head of tax and treasury, for AXIS Capital Holdings Limited, a specialty insurance and reinsurance organization.

Lynda Nicolino, the general counsel and secretary of the Long Island Power Authority, was selected by *Long Island Business News* as a member of its Top 50 Most Influential Women in Business for 2012.

Howard M. Tollin joined Sterling & Sterling, a private insurance brokerage, on June 11 as president of Sterling Environmental Services.

1990

Leslie A. Berkoff, a partner at Moritt Hock & Hamroff and co-chair of the firm's litigation and bankruptcy practice groups, was selected by *Long Island Business News* as a member of its Top 50 Most Influential Women in Business for 2012

and was inducted into the Top 50 Most Influential Women's Hall of Fame at *LIBN's* Gala Awards Dinner on May 17, 2012. She also served as co-editor-in-chief of the third edition of the *ABI Health Care Insolvency Manual* (American Bankruptcy Institute, August 2012).

Rebecca M. Katz joined Motley Rice on July 9 as a managing member of the firm's New York office and leader of its expanding Securities and Exchange Commission whistleblower practice. She has been fighting for the rights of clients harmed by corporate malfeasance for more than 20 years.

1991

Gary P. Adelman joined Davis Shapiro Lewit & Hayes in September. His practice areas include intellectual property litigation, entertainment and sports, and intellectual property.

Guy M. Allen joined Littler Mendelson as a shareholder on August 20. His practice focuses on all types of employment matters.

Bruce M. Loren passed away on June 28.

Larren M. Nashelsky, co-chair of the bankruptcy and restructuring practice and a member of the executive committee at Morrison & Foerster, was elected as chair of the firm in July.

Michael H. Resnikoff was named special counsel at Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf in May 2012. His practice focuses on mortgage and tax lien foreclosures and general commercial litigation.

1992

Michael A. Freeling, a partner in the law firm of Bloom & Freeling, in Boca Raton, FL, was one of six people from around the country to receive a 2012 Daniel R. Ginsberg Leadership Award

from the Anti-Defamation League. The award, which was presented on April 29, 2012, at the ADL's National Leadership Conference, in Washington, DC, recognizes exemplary leadership on behalf of the organization in the fight against anti-Semitism, racism and all forms of prejudice.

David B. Kostman joined Loeb & Loeb in May 2012 as a partner in the firm's real estate department.

Bradley A. Siciliano joined Littler Mendelson in as a shareholder in the firm's New York office. He specializes in corporate ethics and compliance matters, conducting internal investigations, promoting corporate social responsibility initiatives, and managing labor and employment law matters.

1993

Risco Mention-Lewis, a Nassau County assistant district attorney, was named as deputy commissioner of the Suffolk County Police Department by Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone in July. She is the first African-American and the first woman to hold the position of deputy commissioner.

1995

Ann-Margaret Carrozza, an estate planning and elder law attorney at the Law Offices of Ann-Margaret Carrozza in Glen Cove, NY, was appointed to serve on the Surrogate's Court advisory committee.

Ira R. Halperin, a partner at Meltzer, Lippe, Goldstein & Breitstone, was recognized by *Long Island Business News* in June in its 2012 "Who's Who in Corporate Law."

Steven J. Malawer was promoted on August 9 to vice president — senior counsel at W.R. Berkley Corporation, a commercial lines property casualty insurance provider.

Dennis C. O'Rourke, of counsel at Moritt Hock & Hamroff, was recognized by *Long Island Business News* in June in its 2012 "Who's Who in Corporate Law."

Nicholas P. Schleifer was promoted to executive vice president at Marcum Search in April 2012. He co-oversees the day-to-day operations of the firm's Melville, NY, office and is responsible for hiring additional staff and growing market share in the region.

1996

Michael Cardello III, a partner at Moritt Hock & Hamroff, was appointed in November to serve on the Judiciary Committee of the Nassau County Bar Association. The committee is responsible for screening candidates who are running for judicial office in Nassau County at the request of the Democratic and Republican parties.

1997

Matthew J. Camardella, a partner in the affirmative action practice group at Jackson Lewis, was recognized by *Long Island Business News* in a May 30, 2012, "Ones to Watch: Long Island Human Resources" article.

David M. Szuchman was appointed deputy chief of the investigation division of the Manhattan District Attorney's Office in April 2012, and in October he was appointed executive assistant district attorney and chief of the investigation division.

Robin Young Tyrrell joined Local Union No. 7 as associate fund collections counsel in August. Previously, she worked at Collieran, O'Hara & Mills.

1998

Samuel W. Krause joined Jackson Lewis in September as of counsel in the firm's Los Angeles office. He specializes in employment benefits law.

1999

Bonnie L. Porzio, general counsel for Triumph Construction Corp. in New York, was re-elected as a member-at-large to the board of directors of the Girl Scouts of Nassau County at the 47th annual meeting on May 21, 2012.

Jason S. Samuels, a commercial litigation partner at Farrell Fritz, was appointed in the fall to the advisory board of Contractors for Kids, an Islandia, NY-based not-for-profit corporation that helps children and their families overcome life-changing obstacles.

Michael S. Yadgar, legal director in DLA Piper's Bahrain office, along with his wife, Helen, and 3-year-old, Zachary, welcomed newborn Levi Joshua to the family in May 2012.

2000

Cally Schickler joined Twomey, Latham, Shea, Kelley, Dubin & Quartararo as an associate in April 2012. She has a general practice, with a primary concentration in commercial litigation, real estate transactions, and commercial and residential real estate development.

2001

Melissa Negrin-Wiener, a partner at Genser Dubow Genser & Cona, was appointed to the board of the Suffolk County Women's Bar Association in July and serves as the organization's vice president of programs.

2002

Lisa A. Cairo, an attorney at Jaspan Schlesinger, was honored by *Long Island Business News* as one of Long Island's leaders with a 2012 40 Under 40 Award.

Kimberly D. Tivin married David Silversmith on June 10 at Temple Beth Torah in Melville, NY. She is a law clerk to Justice **Howard G. Lane '78**

of New York State Supreme Court, Queens County.

2003

Vishal S. Petigara joined Antheil Maslow & MacMinn in April 2012 as an associate in the firm's tax, business & finance and corporate practice groups.

2004

Jaclyn S. Granet joined Goldberg Segalla in August as an associate. She focuses her practice on the defense of workers' compensation claims.

Michael I. Schnipper, a partner at Nixon Peabody in the firm's Long Island office, was recognized by *Long Island Business News* in June in its 2012 "Who's Who in Corporate Law."

2005

Andrez S. Carberry, employment counsel Avon Products, received a 2012 Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Stony Brook University Alumni Association at the awards ceremony and reception on November 13.

2007

Ryan E. Herman was promoted in August to manager of football administration for the Miami Dolphins of the National Football League.

Daniel A. Zuniga, an associate at Zele Huber, was elected in April 2012 to the board of directors for the North County Section of the Palm Beach County Bar Association.

2008

Ron Ben-Bassat joined Ruskin Moscou Faltischek on July 24 as an associate in the firm's corporate and securities department and energy practice group. His practice focuses on corporate and securities matters.

Rose Marie Garcia

Braconier married **Joseph John Braconier III** on September 2. She is employed at the Children's Law Center in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Simon Goldenberg, a private practice attorney who specializes in debt resolution, credit card lawsuit defense and bankruptcy, co-authored the article "Decision by Judge Dear highlights need for credit card reform," which was published in the *Brooklyn Eagle* on August 29.

Joshua H. Pike joined Garr and White in July as an associate. He concentrates on family and matrimonial law.

Paul B. Sudentas joined Paul Hastings in August as an associate in the litigation practice in the firm's New York office.

2009

Joseph R. Bjarnson joined Sahn Ward Coschignano & Baker in June as a commercial litigation associate.

Brian J. Farrar married Katherine Cser on June 2 at the Dearborn Inn in Dearborn, MI. He is with the New York City Law Department, where he represents police officers in federal civil rights litigation.

Jennifer Gebbie joined Farrell Fritz in September as an associate in the real estate department in the firm's Uniondale, NY, office.

David H. Hoepfner, an attorney at Campolo, Middleton & McCormick, was recognized by *Long Island Business News* in June in its 2012 "Who's Who in Corporate Law."

Tracy Sorensen joined Dentons in September as an associate in the capital markets practice in the firm's New York office.

Robert T. Szyba joined Seyfarth Shaw in June as an associate in the labor & employment department in the firm's New York office.

2010

Lauren Chartan, an associate at Wisselman, Harounian & Associates, was featured in the *Long Island Business News* article "The Newest Civil Rights Attorneys" on July 3. The article focuses on local lawyers providing counsel and legal representation to same-sex married couples. She also was recognized by *LIBN* in a September 19 "Ones to Watch: Long Island Law" article.

Emeka Nwadiora, a tenured professor in the School of Social Work at Temple University, teaches graduate courses in Law and Human Behavior and provides court-required psycho-legal evaluations to tortured, refugee and asylum-seeking immigrants who are trying to avert deportation. She also is a radio talk show host for *The Doctor Emeka Show* and was admitted to the LL.M. in Trial Advocacy program at Temple University Beasley School of Law.

John Tsiforas began serving as a law clerk to Magistrate Judge Debra Freeman of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York in April 2012. Prior to his clerkship, he was an associate in the New York office of Debevoise & Plimpton.

2011

Nino J. Caridi joined Wilson Elser in July as an associate in the firm's White Plains, NY, office. He specializes in defending premises liability, construction litigation, workers compensation, transportation and complex general liability matters.

Susan S. Loucks joined the Schlitt Law Firm in Huntington, NY, as client advocate attorney for the firm's personal injury law practice.

Nicole L. Milone joined Berkman, Henoch, Peterson, Peddy & Fenchel in spring 2012 as an associate.

Vivienne A. Nguyen serves in the U.S. Navy as an active-duty judge advocate general (JAG). She is now stationed in Japan working at the Region Legal Services Office and provides legal advice to sailors, including immigration, marriage, divorce, consumer fraud, landlord/tenant issues and taxes. She was recognized as Junior Officer of the Quarter.

Noah S. Reiss, an associate at Morris, Duffy, Alonso & Faley in Manhattan, married Regina G. Klein on December 15.

2012

Ryan D. Budhu joined the New York City Law Department, specializing in tort law, in October.

Jessica A. Chiavara, an associate at AlterEcho, a division of TechLaw, authored the article "Taking to the Market: The Expanding Leverage of Local Governments to Drive Sustainable Transitions in the Private Sector," which was published in the *Environmental Claims Journal* in November. The article discusses how recent treatment of the Dormant Commerce Clause by the Supreme Court allows state and local governments to advance sustainability initiatives by competing with private markets.

Diana C. Gambone joined Tonneson + Co on August 27 as a tax associate.

Jesse A. Goldberg joined the New York City Law Department, specializing in tort law, in October.

Laura M. Kitchen was appointed as an assistant district attorney, Queens County, on September 4.

Kyle M. Mitchell joined the New York City Law Department, specializing in administrative law, in October.

Hayley Morgan joined Campolo, Middleton & McCormick in the fall as an associate in the firm's commercial litigation group.

Max Schlan joined the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware in the summer as a law clerk.

Jason M. Simensky joined Gutman, Mintz, Baker & Sonnenfeldt in the area of landlord-tenant, bankruptcy and collections.

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