

Faculty News and Activities

February 2006

Highlights

- [Baynes](#) organizes Alumni of Color Reunion
- Articles published in *Cardozo Women's Law Journal* ([Salomone](#)), *American Bankruptcy Institute Law Review* ([Todres](#)), *Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing* ([Boyle](#))
- [Turano](#)'s trusts and estate treatise to be published by Lexis/Nexis
- [Beard](#) publishes *Copyright Journal*
- Faculty presentations: [Alexander](#) (Federal Bar Council), [Barrett](#) (NYU), [Borgen](#) (Villanova), [Hughes](#) (Hofstra), [Joseph](#) (Villanova), [Perino](#) (U.S. Chamber of Commerce), [Tamanaha](#) (Fordham)

Vincent C. Alexander, *Charles M. Sparacio Professor of Law*



Professor Alexander participated in a panel entitled *A Look at Privileges: Journalists, Government Attorneys, Psychotherapists and Others*, at the [Federal Bar Council's 2006 Winter Bench & Bar Conference](#) in St. Thomas, U.S.V.I., on February 3. In addition to coordinating the panel, he served as a speaker and authored demonstrative skits to explain the relevant privilege issues.

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John Q. Barrett, *Professor of Law*



On February 28, Professor Barrett was the guest speaker, on Justice Jackson, in Professor Norman Dorsen's Judicial Biography seminar at New York University Law School.

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Leonard M. Baynes, *Professor of Law; Director, Ronald H. Brown Center for Civil Rights and Economic Development*



On February 10-11, [The Ronald H. Brown Center for Civil Rights and Economic Development](#), under Professor Baynes' leadership, hosted its first Alumni of Color Weekend. The Weekend was part of the Law School's 80th Anniversary Celebration, and consisted of a one-half-day conference on Friday February 10 and the Eighth Annual Ronald H. Brown Alumni Dinner on Saturday February 11. On Friday, a series of panel discussions at the Law School showcased the diversity and success of our graduates and faculty of color. At Saturday's dinner, the Law School honored its alumni of color who graduated before 1965 with the William Tucker Garvin Pioneer Award for their courage and perseverance in breaking through discriminatory barriers. The school also honored its four retired faculty members of color—Cynthia Straker Pierce, Hon. Philip D. Roache '54, Kenneth Wang '57, and Howard White '54—with the Ronald H. Brown Outstanding Service Award for serving as role models during their tenure as law faculty members. Finally, Congressman [Charles B. Rangel '60](#) gave the keynote address and received a Special Dean's Award, which recognized him for writing the Empowerment Zone legislation, for establishing the Congressional Black Caucus, and for a lifetime of public service in increasing opportunities for people of color in the United States. More details about this inspiring event, including photographs, are available [here](#).

Professor Baynes was also quoted in a February 14 *Wall Street Journal* article entitled *Fewer Blacks Enter Law School, Prompting Plan for Monitoring*. The article discussed a study of law school admissions that was presented at the LSAT conference organized by Professor Baynes in September 2005. The study will appear with the other conference papers in a forthcoming issue of the *St. John's Law Review*. Following the *Wall Street Journal* article, the *Chronicle of Higher Education* also reported on the results of the study and quoted from the forthcoming issue of the *Law Review*.

Finally, Professor Baynes combined the sober news from the LSAT study with the encouraging message of the Alumni of Color Weekend in an op-ed column in *Newsday* entitled [Recruit More Minorities To Law Schools](#) (February 27). In the column, Professor Baynes summarized the statistics about the declining law school enrollment of African-Americans, highlighted minority lawyer pioneers like William Tucker Garvin '31, who used their St. John's law degree to open doors that otherwise would have been closed to them, and discussed St. John's pipeline programs, like the [Summer Prep Program](#), that are designed to expand the pool of qualified students of color.

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Joseph J. Beard, *Professor of Law*



Professor Beard published a special double issue of the [Journal of the Copyright Society of the USA](#), which contained nine articles plus an introductory essay from Professor Beard, the Editor-in-Chief. Reflecting the increasingly global nature of intellectual property law, the issue contained articles from legal scholars in England, Hungary, Germany, Russia, and China.

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Christopher J. Borgen, *Assistant Professor of Law*



As part of St. John's Scholarly Exchange Series, Professor Borgen presented his latest work to the law faculty at [Villanova](#). Using his [fact-finding mission to Moldova](#) as a spring board, Professor Borgen discussed his current project on international law and "frozen conflicts" in the newly independent states of the former USSR.

In addition, Professor Borgen's popular international law blog, [Opinio Juris](#), was featured in a *Wall Street Journal* article on blogging in the legal academy. The article, entitled *Notes from the Ivory Tower: Law Reviews Adapt to a New Era*, referred to Opinio Juris as one of three law professor blogs "that attract tens of thousands of readers."

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Robin A. Boyle, *Assistant Professor of Legal Writing*



Professor Boyle's article [Contract Drafting Courses for Upper-Level Students: Teaching Tips](#) was published in 14 *Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing* 87.

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David L. Gregory, *Professor of Law*



Professor Gregory was quoted in a [Daily News article](#) about the ongoing negotiations between the Transit Workers Union and the MTA.

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Theresa A. Hughes, *Assistant Professor of Clinical Education*



Professor Hughes participated in the [American Bar Association's Planning Conference for the "Youth at Risk" Initiative](#), which was sponsored by Hofstra Law School's Center for Children, Families and the Law. Professor Hughes reported on "Cross-Over Youth" (teens in the child protection and foster care systems who "cross over" into the juvenile justice system by committing a crime) and drafted an action plan for the

ABA.

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Lawrence Joseph, Rev. Joseph T. Tinnelly, C.M., Professor of Law



Professor Joseph spoke at a [Villanova Law School](#) faculty workshop, giving a presentation entitled *The Poet in Lawyerland*. His book of new poems, *Into It*, continued to receive laudatory reviews, including a review in *Bookslut* by [Nicolas Gilewicz](#), who called *Into It* “a refreshing document of the struggle for truth” with a “rational, complex and yes, occasionally funny sensibility.”

Professor Joseph also continued his poetry readings, including at [Cornelia Street Cafe](#) in New York City as part of the [Ziryab](#) reading series for Arab American Writers, at the [University of Pennsylvania](#), at Villanova as part of the [Villanova Literary Festival](#), and at Adelphi University. (The Penn reading, which was performed at the [Kelly Writer's House](#), was recorded and is available [here](#)).

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Michael A. Perino, Professor of Law



On February 16, Professor Perino participated in a forum entitled [Private Securities Litigation Ten Years After the PSLRA: What's Working? What's Not?](#) sponsored by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Participating along with Professor Perino in this high-level forum were two current SEC Commissioners, one former SEC Commissioner, a former SEC Chief Economist, a professor from Georgetown (Langevoort), and a United States Senator (Dodd).

Professor Perino was also quoted in articles in the *Los Angeles Times*, *Forbes*, *Investment News*, and *TheStreet.com*.

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Rosemary C. Salomone, Kenneth Wang Professor of Law



Professor Salomone's article *Myths and Realities in the Sameness/-Difference Debate* was published in 11 *Cardozo Women's Law Journal* 583 as part of a symposium devoted to the controversy surrounding Lawrence Summers' remarks regarding “innate differences” between male and female scholars.

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Michael A. Simons, Associate Dean for Faculty Scholarship and Professor of Law



Professor Simons recently concluded a two-year term as an appointed member of the [New York City's Mayor's Advisory Committee on the Judiciary](#), which is responsible for screening Mayoral Appointments to Civil Court, Criminal Court, and Family Court. In a process designed to assure non-politicized merit selection, applicants may be appointed by the Mayor only if they are first approved by the Advisory Committee, which engages in an exhaustive vetting and interview process.

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Brian Z. Tamanaha, *Chief Judge Benjamin N. Cardozo Professor of Law*



Professor Tamanaha participated in a conference at Fordham Law School entitled [The Internal Point of View in Law and Ethics](#). Professor Tamanaha's panel focused on "Methodological Perspectives" and included Jules Coleman (Yale), Robert Cooter (Berkeley), and Dale Nance (Case Western).

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Jacob L. Todres, *Professor of Law*



Professor Todres' article [Tax Consequences of Post-Petition Income as Property of the Estate in an Individual Debtor Chapter 11 Case and Tax Disclosure in Chapter 11](#), which was co-authored with Georgia State law professor Jack Williams, was published at 13 [American Bankruptcy Institute Law Review](#) 701.

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Margaret V. Turano, *Professor of Law*



Professor Turano's proposal for a treatise on New York trusts and estates law was accepted by Lexis/Nexis. The treatise, which is tentatively titled *The Law of Trusts, Estates, and Powers in New York*, will be published in 2007.

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Ettie Ward, *Professor of Law*



Professor Ward was elected to the Executive Board of the AALS Section on Dispute Resolution, where she joins Professor Paul Kirgis, who is also on the Executive Board.

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Philip Weinberg, *Professor of Law*



On February 8, Professor Weinberg organized and moderated the Law School's second presentation of Student and Faculty Scholarly Papers. This year's topic was Employment Law. On February 15, Professor Weinberg spoke at the School's Environmental Law Alumni Reception, which honored environmental attorney Miriam Villani '84.

Professor Weinberg was also quoted in a February 16 *New York Times* article about the ongoing controversy surrounding the development of the Atlantic City Railyards in Brooklyn by the owner of the New Jersey Nets.

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