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“...to conquer the new
and unknown.”

The Ronald H. Brown Center
for Civil Rights and Economic
Development

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“Our people are our advantage not because we’re intrinsically smarter or better, not because there is something in the water; but because as a nation of immigrants, America has always attracted resourceful, ambitious people who would pick up and leave the old and familiar to conquer the new and unknown.”

– *Ronald H. Brown*

U.S. Commerce Secretary Ronald H. Brown in conversation with Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M., President of St. John’s University.



“...history remembers Ron...as the Secretary who revolutionized the Commerce Department, and as the leader who worked to bring all Americans into the new global economy.”

– President Bill Clinton

It is the measure of Ron Brown that what he said about his fellow countrymen is the way he performed on their behalf. Indeed, Ron Brown is universally regarded as a man of uncommon ability with the courage to venture beyond the conventional and the wisdom to act on new thinking to elevate the ideals of democracy. It is all the more revealing, given the significance of his accomplishments in overcoming obstacles that would deter a lesser man.

The crowning achievement of an illustrious career was his service as Secretary of Commerce in the Clinton Administration. In reflecting on that service, President Clinton observed that “history

remembers great men as collections of great deeds. More than a year after the tragedy that took his life, history remembers Ron Brown as the chairman who returned his party to the White House, as the secretary who revolutionized the Commerce Department, and as the leader

who worked to bring all Americans into the new global economy.

“For those of us who knew him, though, Ron Brown was more than a mere collection of achievements. He was an incredible life force. Intelligent and successful, caring and determined,

Ron was one of the most impressive men I have ever known. He was my friend.”



AN IMPRESSIVE RECORD OF SERVICE

The pathway that led Ron Brown to become the first black American to hold the office of U.S. Secretary of Commerce was charted with equally impressive milestones. Against all odds, he was elected to the chairmanship of the Democratic National Committee. In his acceptance speech, Ron Brown gave voice to a Democratic Party always “in the vanguard for change. Democrats elected the first women chair, the first Catholic chair, the first Jewish chair, and now I’m the first chair of African descent...I am proud of who I am and I am proud of this party. For we are truly America’s best hope to bridge the divisions of race and region and religion and ethnicity.”

He stepped into his new post from a partnership in Patton, Boggs & Blow, a prestigious and influential Washington law firm. Before that he served as chief counsel for the Senate Judiciary Committee under the chairmanship of Senator Edward M. Kennedy.

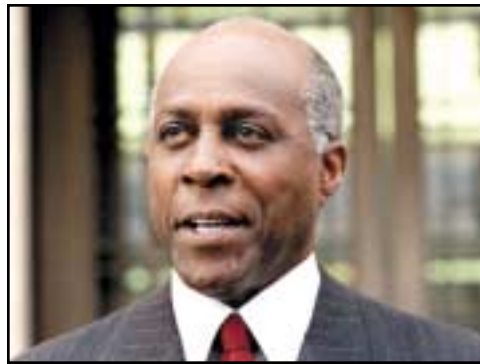
For a dozen years, he was with the National Urban League as deputy executive director, general counsel and vice president for its Washington operations. Vernon Jordan, who was then president of the Urban League, recalled that “Ron was all over the place. There was no place where (the Urban League) was not present. Whether it was the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights or some labor deal, we were there, and we were there to a large extent because of (Ron’s) energy and understanding of what we had to do.”

THE ST. JOHN’S CONNECTION

In his early years with the Urban League, Ron Brown was an evening student at St. John’s University School of Law. In her book entitled *The Life and Times of Ron Brown*, his daughter Tracey wrote of her father’s years at St. John’s. “Early in the fall semester (at St. John’s Law School) Dad met his future study group buddies. Mike Sloane saw Dad, the only other black student at night school, and went over and started talking to him. Then Dad and Mike were joined by Bob Taylor and Steve Sinagra and the four—black, Jewish, Italian and WASP—formed a group that studied and socialized together almost all the time—when they weren’t at their day jobs, of course.

“A highlight of law school was a course in legal research and writing taught by former New York Governor Mario M. Cuomo. Mom recalls Dad telling her that he loved Cuomo’s humorous, stimulating course. He would often stay after class to chat with the professor. Dad always said that Cuomo was his best teacher, inspiring him and guiding him to strive for excellence.

“In June, 1968, Dad received the highest grade in his jurisprudence course, winning an award certificate and a copy of the textbook. The following year, for earning the highest grade in poverty law, he also received an award and textbook.”



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– Vernon Jordan



“Ron Brown’s intelligence, maturity and charm were all apparent from his first recitation in my class. I told him later that I expected very high things from him in the future - and I wasn't disappointed.”

– Mario M. Cuomo

THE CENTER FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

To honor his contributions to equal opportunity in the domestic workplace and expanded opportunities in the global marketplace, St. John's established the Ronald H. Brown Center for Civil Rights and Economic Development (the Ron Brown Center). Its mission is "to engage in legal studies, research and outreach focusing on issues that affect the lives of underrepresented people while simultaneously educating law students to be leaders on issues of racial, economic and social justice."

A RANGE OF INITIATIVES

The Ron Brown Center identified a range of initiatives to help realize the thrust of its mission, including to:

Review and examine legislation and public policies that address the problems created by racial, economic and social inequalities.



In the 1960s and 1970s, the law was regarded as an instrument of social change. It involved strategies by groups like the NAACP and ACLU to expand individual freedoms and end legalized segregation. In the 1980s and 1990s, and beyond, organizations on the right employed the same tactics. The Ron Brown Center should study the implications of this shift in the types of groups and issues involved in cause litigation.

– **BRIAN Z. TAMANAHA**

Chief Judge Benjamin N. Cardozo Professor of Law

Educate the news media and the public to promote understanding and focus political and community efforts on the need to eradicate racism and social inequalities.



At the Ron Brown Center, we are interested in developing programs to eradicate stereotypical depictions of people of color by the electronic news media. Most of the American public experiences people of color through electronic, not personal encounters. The news media overemphasizes black-on-white violent crime, even though those interracial crimes are a significant minority of all violent crimes. The electronic media fail to provide any perspective on their coverage of crime stories, rarely noting that employed African Americans have the same low rate of criminal activity as employed whites or that many perpetrators are functionally illiterate. This information is not designed to excuse the conduct of any assailant, but instead should be conveyed to get to the heart of why crime takes place. Rather than fixate on society's dysfunction, the media should focus on the underlying reasons why people commit crimes. The role of the Ron Brown Center is through conferences and law review articles to dispel the negative depictions of people of color in the electronic media, but also to educate television owners, managers and news directors to these topics in a way that reflects the reality of criminal activity.

– **LEONARD M. BAYNES**

Professor of Law

Director, The Ronald H. Brown Center

Establish racial, economic and social justice in a global environment.



Ron Brown's tenure as U.S. Secretary of Commerce was during a time of incredible globalization, a time we are still experiencing. A central concern for the Ron Brown Center is the interaction of fairness and equity between international and domestic law. The perspective I hope to bring to the Center is that of America's place in a globalized world, particularly regarding human rights and equity and, more generally, America's role in the world economy. More so, the Center can serve as a forum to attract members of our student body who increasingly are interested in areas of international law.

– **CHRISTOPHER J. BORGEN**
Assistant Professor of Law

Provide guidance and support to faculty and students in dedicating their professional careers to issues of racial, economic and social justice.



In my work with the Ron Brown Center, I focus on the criminal law because that is where minority cultures often intersect with the law. Presently I am trying to determine if there is any space within current legal doctrines to accommodate values found in minority cultures that are absent in mainstream cultures.

Should there be room for defendants to argue that a cultural act like facial scarification, which is practiced in some tribal societies, is not a crime even though western cultures regard it as an assault? The Ron Brown Center gives me the space to explore this and other areas of the criminal law that remain critically unexamined.

– **ELAINE M. CHIU**
Assistant Professor of Law

Conduct research and studies that identify the causes of racial, economic and social injustice and provide practical solutions to resolve them.



There are very few people of color in senior corporate positions and on boards of major companies. In the Ron Brown Center, one issue we want to explore is whether the reason more black executives fail to achieve high-ranking corporate status is because they feel they can't advance because of discrimination in business settings. To determine if that behavior is justified or self-imposed, we have to go into the marketplace and conduct wide ranging interviews to find out what stands in the way of advancement. I believe the examination calls for an interdisciplinary approach to combine the interests of legal academics, sociologists and behavior psychologists to determine how behavior can influence outcome.

– **CHERYL L. WADE**
Harold F. McNiece Professor of Law

STUDENTS IN RESIDENCE

Each academic year, the Law School awards five Ronald H. Brown Scholarships to law students with stellar academic records and an acknowledged interest in civil rights and economic development. Each of the Brown Scholars receives full tuition scholarships and participates in special honors workshops. The workshops are designed to introduce the Scholars to the writings of great legal thinkers in order to gain an in-depth understanding of race, civil rights and economic development.

Ron Brown Scholars receive special invitations to attend scholarly presentations by faculty and participate in other events otherwise not open to the general student body. The Scholars also have monthly lunches with members of the faculty and with alumni in law firms and the judiciary.

Scholars are eligible for externships with such organizations as the American Civil Liberties Union, New York Human Rights Commission, Equal Opportunity Commission, United Nations, International League for Human Rights and Jamaica Business Resource Center. Clinical opportunities include the Elder Law Clinic where students help to combat economic injustice by representing low income clients in communities targeted by predatory lenders and the Immigration Rights Clinic where they have an opportunity to represent individuals seeking political asylum before immigration judges.

LAW SCHOOL PREP PROGRAM

The Ron Brown Center, together with the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Medgar Evers College, St. John's University and York College, sponsors a tuition-free Summer Law School Prep Program for College Sophomores at the St. John's University School of Law. The goal of the four-day program is to motivate first-generation, low-income students from under-represented groups to attend law school by providing them with early exposure to legal studies. Courses include criminal law, constitutional law, international law, immigration law, legal writing, LSAT review and professional responsibility. Eligibility requirements include a genuine interest to study law, a 3.0 grade point average or better, completion of no more than 64 college credits and nomination by the participating colleges.

THE RITTENBERG LAW LIBRARY

The Ron Brown Center occupies space in the Rittenberg Law Library, in a location underwritten by Mrs. Mary E. Thompson in memory of her husband, Dr. Leroy B. Thompson, an ardent supporter of civil rights. Its venue within the Law School building provides a scholarly atmosphere in which students of all races can gather to study and discuss issues involving civil rights and economic development. The Center's initial collection is drawn from the Rittenberg Law Library's holdings of civil rights-related materials and material purchased exclusively for the Center. The purchases include books, videos and microforms on the history of the civil rights movement, affirmative action, voting rights, economic development, biographies and archival works from the civil rights files of the American Civil Liberties Union. Related materials located elsewhere in the Library's main collection are available to scholars and investigators who wish to use the Center's facilities.

LSAT CONFERENCE

A conference sponsored by the Ron Brown Center focused on the impact of law school rankings on the admission of minority group students. Entitled "The LSAT, *U.S. News & World Report* and Minority Admissions," the conference participants examined how law schools often over rely on the LSAT in making decisions to increase their rankings in the news magazine.

This over-reliance is contrary to the instructions of the Law School Admissions Council which designed the LSAT, according to policy experts attending the conference, leading to a deleterious impact on minority admissions. Conference participants explored the issues and strategies to apply the LSAT fairly in evaluating minority applicants.

RON BROWN TRAILBLAZER AWARDS

Trailblazer Awards are presented by the Ron Brown Center to individuals whose work and activities in business and the community demonstrate interest and action in uplifting under-represented individuals and groups.

Among those honored in recent years are Loida Nicolas Lewis, CEO of Beatrice Foods; Robert Unanue, former President of Goya Foods; Carla Harris, Managing Director of Morgan Stanley's Equity Private Placement and Retail Capital Markets.

The awards were given during a conference co-sponsored by the Ronald H. Brown Center entitled: "The Intersection of Race, Corporate Law and Economic Development."

AFFILIATED FACULTY

The Center is staffed by affiliated faculty whose scholarship and service epitomize its core mission to “affect the lives of underrepresented people.” The work of the faculty broadly covers the key concerns of the Ron Brown Center including such explorations as the:

- Intersections of race and corporate law and race and communications law.
- Theoretical framework for understanding the relationship between law and society.
- Evaluation of the relationship of international law on domestic law.
- Interpreting the legal implications of battered women and children on criminal law.
- Review of the legal issues associated with immigration policy.



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Awarded the Earl Warren Scholarship, the COGME Fellowship and served as associate editor of the *Columbia Human Rights Law Review* and member of Omicron Delta Epsilon, the International Economic Honors Society. Served as a Law Clerk to Federal District Court Judge Clifford Scott Green in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and as an associate with the law firm of Gaston & Snow. From 1997 to 2001, served as a Scholar-in-Residence at the Federal Communications Commission, focusing on opening up access to minority groups in broadcasting and telephone service. Served as 2004-2005 Chair of the AALS Minority Law Section, and 2003-2004 Chair of the AALS Planning Committee for the AALS Workshop on Racial Justice in “A New Millennium; From *Brown* to *Gutter*: Methods to Achieve Non-Discrimination and Comparable Racial Equality” held in Portland, Oregon, and 2005-2006 Chair of

the AALS Standing Committee on Recruitment and Retention of Minority Faculty. In October 2004, awarded Extraordinary Service Award for teaching, scholarship, and service at the Second National People of Color Conference. Author of over 20 law review articles on race/racism and the law, corporate law, communications law, or the intersection of the three.



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Teaches Constitutional Law, Criminal Procedure, and Legal History

Discovered, assembled, edited and introduced the late Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson’s *That Man: An Insider’s Portrait of Franklin D. Roosevelt* (Oxford University Press), a previously unknown intimate memoir of FDR and the New Deal. *That Man*, a Book of the Month Club main selection and a widely acclaimed best-seller, has been published in paperback and is a Choice Outstanding Academic title for 2005. Law Clerk to Judge A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr., United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Philadelphia, 1986-1988. Associate Counsel, Office of Independent Counsel

Lawrence E. Walsh, Iran/ Contra, 1988-1993. Counselor to the Inspector General, United States Department of Justice, 1994-1995. Elizabeth S. Lenna Fellow at the Robert H. Jackson Center in Jamestown, New York. Currently working on a biography of Justice Jackson that will include the first inside account of his year (1945-1946) away from the Supreme Court as the chief U.S. prosecutor of the principal surviving Nazi leaders at the International Military Tribunal in Nuremberg, Germany.



CHRISTOPHER J. BORGEN

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Former Director of Research and Outreach at the American Society of International Law, a non-partisan membership organization and think tank. Responsible for defining research areas and implementing public outreach programs as well as specialized programs for the judiciary and media. Associate with the Manhattan law firm of Debevoise & Plimpton, practicing in both the litigation and international corporate groups. Current research explores international law and U.S. foreign policy, examining how international institutions affect transitional societies and the problem of secession. Co-author of a handbook on international law for U.S. federal judges.



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Practiced law with Dewey Ballantine in corporate secured transactions and with Patterson, Belknap Webb & Tyler in bankruptcy. Law Clerk to Federal Judge Tina Brozman for the Southern District of New York. Former Adjunct Assistant Professor, Fordham University College of Liberal Studies. Served as Secretary, Committee on Education and the Law for the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. Worked with the New York City Board of Education to provide law-related education programs. Organizes and moderates annual Law School Admission Council programs as part of the National Minority Recruitment Month for the Bronx High School of Law, Government and Justice. Principal scholarship includes teaching techniques, learning styles and legal research in the law.



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Served as Senior Editor of the *Columbia Law Review*. A Research Fellow at Columbia University School of Law from 2000-2001 and a Climenko-Thayer Teaching Fellow at Harvard Law School from 1999-2000. From 1994 to 1998, an Assistant District Attorney in Manhattan in the Trial Division specializing in both domestic violence and welfare fraud cases. Scholarship focuses on how the criminal law and criminal justice systems can be improved to reflect how individuals and communities interact and function in reality. The weaknesses of our laws and practices are most telling when responding to the complex and difficult social problems such as domestic violence, drug abuse and cultural differences.

“My father lives on. The legacy he left me and Michael is one of family, community, and public service. He taught us to give back to the community, and that if we are more fortunate than others, we have an even greater responsibility to give back.”

– Tracey L. Brown



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Appointed Dean, St. John’s University School of Law, 2004. Former James H. Quinn Professor of Legal Ethics; Director, Graduate Program, and Co-Director, Louis Stein Center for Law and Ethics, Fordham University Law School. Visiting Professor, St. Mary’s University School of Law, Institute on World Legal Problems, Innsbruck, Austria, Summer 1997 and 2000. Chief, Civil Division, United States Attorney’s Office, Southern District of New York, 1981-1983. Assistant United States Attorney, Civil Division, 1975-1980. Associate, Rogers & Wells, 1973-1975. Association of the Bar of the City of New York: Member, Delegation to Chile, 2002 and Delegation to Rwanda, 2002; Chair, Committee on Professional and Judicial Ethics, 1988-1990. American Bar Association: Reporter, ABA Commission on Multidisciplinary Practice, 1998-2000; Member, Out-of-the Box Committee, Section of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar, 2000 to present; Member, Standing Committee on Professional Discipline, 2001 to 2004; Member, Planning Committee, 26th and 27th National Conferences on Professional Responsibility and Chair, Planning Committee for 25th National Conference. Chair, Section on Professional Responsibility, 1996. Trustee, Federal Bar Council Foundation, 1997 to 2004. Chair, Section of Graduate Programs for Foreign Lawyers, Association of American Law Schools, 2003. Commissioner, N.Y.S. Ethics Commission for the Unified Court System, 2000 to present.



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Former faculty member, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. Practiced law with major Wall Street law firm in real estate-banking department. Senior Fellow, St. John’s University Vincentian Center for Church and Society. Research and *pro bono* activities have focused on community economic development, affordable housing and consumer protection issues raised in real estate and banking transactions.



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Former Assistant District Attorney in the trial division of the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office and an Assistant Attorney General in the Labor Division of the New York State Attorney General’s Office. Member, adjunct faculty at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, teaching constitutional law and criminology, the City University of New York, at York College teaching criminal law and St. John’s University School of Law, teaching trial advocacy. In two cases as a private

practitioner, responsible for finding evidence that exonerated a defendant charged with the murder of a Manhattan politician whose confession was invalidated because of police brutality and saved the life of a defendant charged with murder by introducing a background of child abuse. Admitted to practice in the United States Supreme Court; United States District Court, Southern District; United States District Court, Eastern District, and New York State Bar. Member, Queens Bar Association, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Macon B. Allen Black Bar Association and founding member of the Allen African Methodist Episcopal Lawyer’s Guild.



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Practiced law with Baker & Hostetler and Miller & Chevalier, Washington, D.C. Law School Professor of the Year, 2002. Faculty Advisor, *St. John's Law Review*. Scholarship explores such trial matters as law of privilege, expert witnesses, hearsay rule and tort damages.



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“In his final and most important role as Secretary of Commerce, Ron Brown elevated the importance of trade and technology as national priorities, and created jobs for all Americans.”

– George Fisher, former chairman, president and chief executive officer, Eastman Kodak Company



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Law Clerk to Federal Judge Louis F. Oberdorfer, United States District Court for the District of Columbia, 1989-1990. Staff Attorney, *The Washington Post*, 1990-1991. Associate, Stillman, Friedman & Shaw, 1991-1995. Assistant United States Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, 1995-1998. Received Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service, 1996. Law School Professor of the Year, 2000. Senior Fellow, St. John's University Vincentian Center for Law and Society. Research explores sentencing, federal criminal law, prosecutorial decision making, and punishment theory.



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Law Clerk to Chief Judge Frank A. Kaufman, United States District Court for the District of Maryland. Practiced in litigation department of major New York City law

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An internationally recognized legal scholar, Professor Tamanaha is the recipient of the prestigious 2002 Herbert Jacob Book Prize from the Law and Society Association for his book, *A General Jurisprudence of Law and Society*, Oxford 2001. He also published *Realistic Socio-Legal Theory: Pragmatism and a Social Theory of Law*, Oxford 1997, identified in *Lloyd's Introduction to Jurisprudence* as one of the "most significant" books on jurisprudence to appear in the 1990s. Professor Tamanaha also published two dozen articles and is currently completing a fourth book, *On the Rule of Law: History, Politics, Theory*, Cambridge, 2004. Law Clerk to Judge Walter E. Hoffman of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. Interim Dean of the Law School, 1998-1999. Law School Professor of the Year, 2001.



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Served as Managing Editor of the *Columbia Journal of Law and Arts* where she was a Shubert Scholar. An associate at the New York City law firm of Kelley Drye and Warren. Launched the St. John's University's Community Business Development Program in 1997. The program helps prepare minority groups and women as well as small, disadvantaged and local business enterprises for long-term growth and development. In 1999, received the Founder's Week Award for her dedication to the Vincentian mission of St. John's University. In November 2001, in recognition of her commitment to community service, she received the Flushing Branch NAACP's Eleanor Pittman Community Relations Award.



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Gender and the Law

A nationally known corporate law scholar who is one of the few law professors who specializes in the intersection of race and corporate law. Sought-after speaker invited to lecture at university conferences and workshops, including those organized by the Society of American Law Teachers, Association of American Law Schools, National Bar Association, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the Association of University Women. Served on the Board of Directors of the Women's Action Alliance, a not-for-profit corporation devoted to the study and analysis of issues related to the sociological development and empowerment of women and girls. Before entering academia, practiced at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison. While a student at Hofstra Law School, a member of the *Hofstra Law Review* receiving her J.D. with distinction, awarded Citation of Excellence for corporate law courses, and the New York State Trial Lawyers Association's Thurgood Marshall Award.

“Voter registration is crucial. And we’ve got to remove barriers that still exist in America so that everyone can participate in the political process. We’re the only democratic society that makes this hard. People ought to be able to go to a polling booth on the same day as the election and register. It is also turnout. We need to get registered voters to the polls.”

– Ronald H. Brown



Professor Rosemary C. Salomone conducting a seminar with law students in the Ronald H. Brown Center's Rittenberg Law Library location.

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