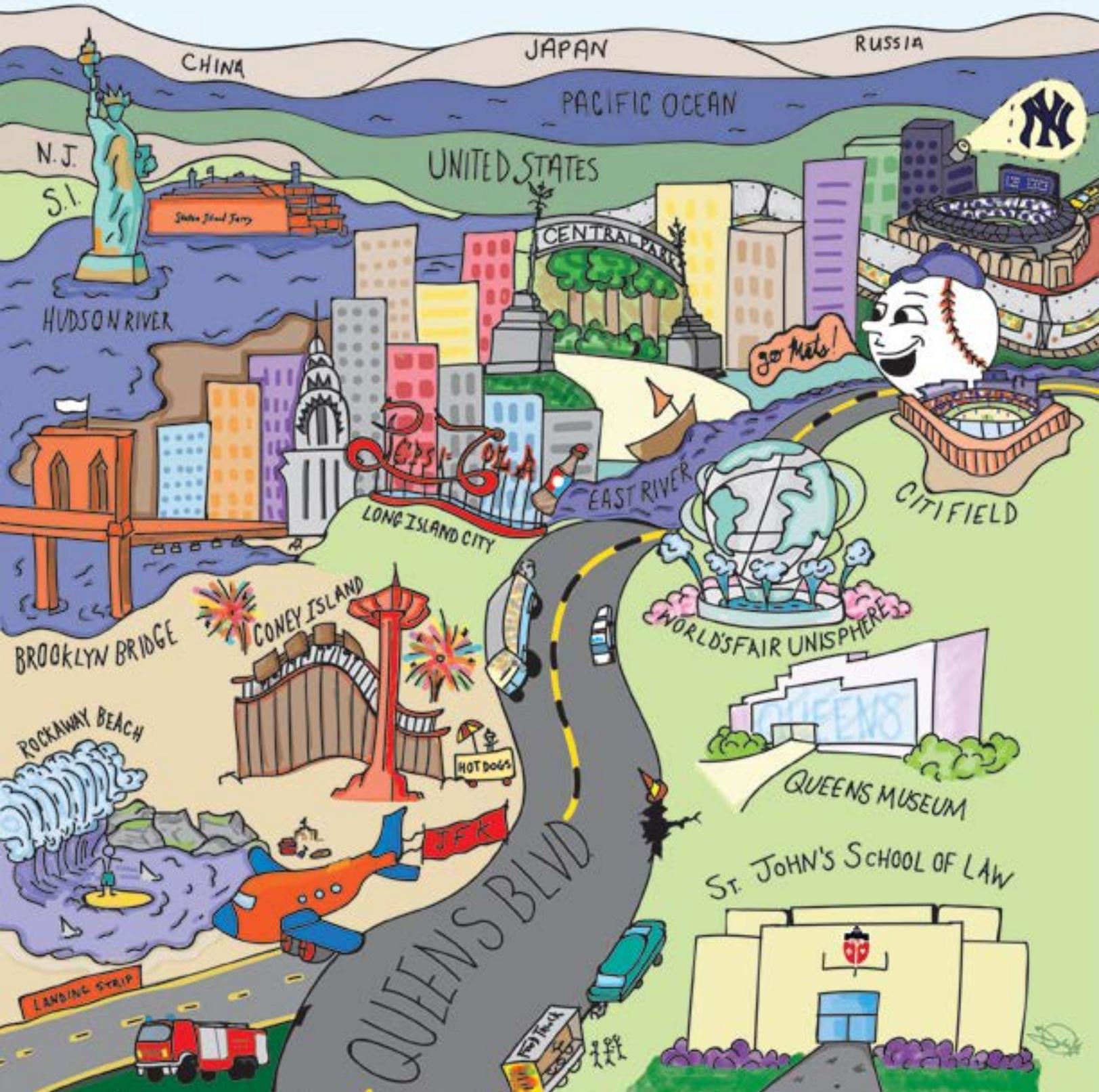


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FROM THE DEAN



The Big Apple. The City That Never Sleeps. Gotham. The City So Nice, They Named It Twice.

While New York City goes by different names, St. John's Law has called it *home* for over 90 years. When our doors opened in 1925, we quickly earned a reputation for welcoming a diverse group of men and women.

Over the years, we've moved from Kings to Queens, forging even stronger ties to our hometown. Today's student body reflects the city's rich fabric—indeed, 15 percent of our J.D. graduating class of 2016 was born outside the United States. And, as they have for generations, our alumni continue to be a vital force in New York City's government, business, and legal sectors.

In this edition of *St. John's Law*, we celebrate our New York City heritage by sampling the many ways our alumni help the city run and thrive.

You'll read about Class of 2016 graduates who are the city's newest Assistant District Attorneys and Assistant Corporation Counsels (p. 14). We also feature alumni who animate our Vincentian mission in their work for public defenders and legal services organizations (pp. 17-21).

Every day, St. John's Law alumni protect and serve the city from the bench (pp. 22, 31) and in law enforcement (p. 16). They also provide pivotal law firm leadership (p. 25) and play leading roles in city governance (pp. 24, 26).

From our home base at *St. John's Law*, our faculty continues to produce real world scholarship with local, national, and global impact (pp. 3, 12). And our innovative curriculum continues to position our students for success in a very competitive marketplace (pp. 4-8, 10, 36).

Our dedicated alumni can be found right here in NYC, across the country, and around the globe giving back to *alma mater* in many ways (pp. 9, 28, 32). With your help, St. John's Law has risen in the *U.S. News* rankings for the third straight year—the largest three-year increase of any school in the country—and the *National Law Journal* has designated us one of the top 50 "Go-To Law Schools" for 2017.

Like this great city we call home, St. John's Law is thriving.

I'm very grateful for your support, and I look forward to seeing you at the Law School or in my travels soon.

All the best,

Michael A. Simons
Dean and John V. Brennan
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Q&A

with Professor
David L. Gregory



For the past 34 years, Professor David L. Gregory has exemplified what it means to be an exceptional educator, a prolific scholar, a dedicated institution builder, and a steadfast mentor to, and champion of, St. John's Law students. He plans to stop teaching at the end of this academic year and, here, he sits down with Assistant Dean of Marketing and Communications Trent Anderson to reflect on a storied teaching career at St. John's Law.

TA: What are some of the highlights of your career as a professor?

DLG: The deans have always been very supportive of my initiatives to bring featured speakers to the Law School. On All Soul's Day, November 2, 1987, Cesar Chavez, the charismatic leader of the Farm Workers Union, spoke to an enthusiastic student audience about pervasive pesticides and other inhumane working conditions that spurred unionization. Harvard Medical School Professor and Pulitzer Prize Winner Robert Coles sent me a wonderful letter in 1997 stating that my extensive law review article on Dorothy Day was the single

finest law review article he had ever read. A few years later, my former student and distinguished alumnus, Dr. Charles Russo, and I hand delivered a forthcoming *St. John's Law Review* symposium on legal education to the Jesuit Curia in Vatican City. I thoroughly enjoyed my 12 years of *pro bono* service as general counsel to the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights. I chaired, and St. John's Law sponsored, international labor conferences at the Dublin, London, and Cambridge Law Schools. Five chairs of the National Labor Relations Board and AFL-CIO Presidents John Sweeney and Richard Trumka have been among our dozens of distinguished speakers. It was very nice to receive the Vincentian Mission Award at the University's special convocation in September 2016, and to be the first law professor to be so recognized. Without slipping into the maudlin or mawkish, my 34 years of professorial highlights are embodied in the students and graduates who would not have been able to afford St. John's without the money for tuition scholarships that we help to provide.

TA: You're a wonderful mentor and advocate for your students. Who were your mentors and inspirations?

DLG: Rt. Rev. Monsignor Leonard Fick was my English Literature professor for my first two years of college seminary. He was my greatest teacher. His niece was a Teamsters lawyer prior to teaching labor law at the Notre Dame Law School. I grew up in Jimmy Hoffa's home local in Detroit. Small world. Monsignor Fick introduced me to the ineffable beauty of the Truth of God. Peter Linzer at Detroit and Jack Getman, Drew Days III, Michael Reisman, and Bruce Ackerman were my finest teachers at Yale Law School. Rev. Dr. John Perricone and St. John's own Rev. Michael Whelan, C.M. are the two finest homilists I have ever heard. I am inspired daily by my friends, Jane Sammon, Rev. Robert Brisson, John Coverdale, and everyone at the Catholic Worker and at Opus Dei, respectively. Great teachers unconsciously provide you with occasional glimpses of paradise. Decades ago, I was stunned by Larry Joseph's "I was appointed the poet of heaven," still one of his best poems and one that still says it all.

TA: What has made St. John's Law so special for you?

DLG: I have been able to work with a remarkable range of committed social

activists centered at the Catholic Worker Maryhouse in Manhattan. Several years ago, I began offering co-authorship to my very best research assistants. Anyone who has co-authored a law review article knows that it is very rigorous, tedious, but ultimately, professionally gratifying work. For example, the *St. John's Law Review* published a superb symposium on the 50th anniversary of Title 7 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Sarah Mannix '15, then the president of our Labor Relations and Employment Law Society, worked with me for the better part of the year to bring our article on a major aspect of American jurisprudence and all it entails to print. And Amanda Jaret '13 and I have written an article by invitation as part of a major book on Pope Francis' pronouncements on our moral responsibilities to the environment.

TA: What have been your proudest achievements as executive director of the Center for Labor and Employment Law?

DLG: We were especially blessed when the late Edward Cardinal Egan, then archbishop of New York, accepted my invitation to become the Center's inaugural honorary chairperson. We have sponsored and hosted several major international conferences, including those at Dublin, Cambridge University, and the University of London. In March 2011, Edward Cardinal Egan and AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka were the leading speakers at our "Theology of Work and the Dignity of Workers" symposium. With great fanfare, they pronounced St. John's Law as the place to be for anyone serious about preparing for a career in the field of labor and employment law.

TA: What direction do you hope the Center will take in the future?

DLG: Catholic Social Teaching, thoroughly promulgated by Pope Leo XIII in 1891 and further elucidated by virtually all of his successors, provides a rich rhetoric of morality and social justice to ground scholarship, law, and policy. This is at the core of the 400th anniversary of the charisma of St. Vincent. I would hope that most of the money raised by the Center in the future would continue to be dedicated to enhancing support for student scholarships.

IN BRIEF



Leading scholars in the fields of law, religion, politics, and ethics came together at St. John's Law for a **Constitution Day Symposium on "Religious Freedom Today."** Hosted by the *Journal of Civil Rights and Economic Development* with the Ronald H. Brown Center for Civil Rights and the Center for Law and Religion, the event presented a discussion of *Religious Freedom in an Egalitarian Age* (Harvard University Press), a book by Nelson Tebbe, a professor of law at Brooklyn Law School and a visiting professor at Cornell Law School. In the book, Professor Tebbe sets out a new method—*social coherence*—for mediating between religious freedom and equality laws that have gained recent recognition.

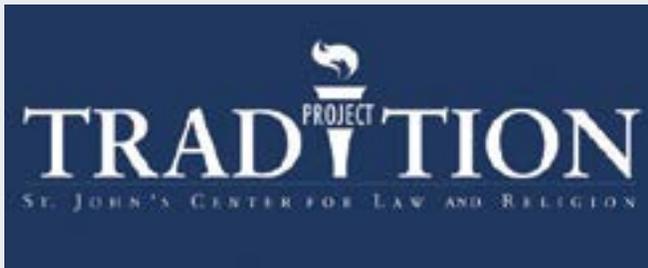


Richard M. Steuer, senior counsel at Mayer Brown LLP, presented the 2016 **Lewis Bernstein Memorial Lecture** in the Law School's Belson Moot Court Room. Drawing on his years of experience as an antitrust practitioner, author, teacher, and former chair of the ABA Section of Antitrust Law and the New York City Bar Association's Antitrust Committee, Steuer addressed "The Horizons of Antitrust." He observed that although, historically, U.S. antitrust enforcement had a variety of goals—including preservation of free markets to maximize consumer welfare, protection of small business, and protection of individual liberty—the modern view among courts and U.S. enforcers is that the goal of antitrust enforcement is simply to maximize consumer welfare.

The Hugh L. Carey Center for Dispute Resolution and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) hosted the eighth annual **Securities Dispute Resolution Triathlon** at St. John's Manhattan campus. The competition presents a unique test of student ability in each of the three main ADR processes—negotiation, mediation, and arbitration—in a single competition. Students are given the roles of advocacy lawyers, settlement counsel, and clients in a securities dispute. At the outset they try to negotiate a



resolution, then they represent their clients in mediation, and finally they proceed to arbitration before a three-person panel. Professional neutrals from FINRA's roster serve as mediators, arbitrators, and judges, giving students a realistic experience of these vital dispute resolution approaches.



The **Center for Law and Religion** received a substantial grant from the Achelis and Bodman Foundation for its ongoing **Tradition Project**, a new research initiative exploring the value of tradition for contemporary citizens and the relationship of tradition and change in today's world. Conceived and co-directed by Professors Mark L. Movsesian and Marc O. DeGirolami, the Tradition Project seeks to develop a broad and rich understanding of what tradition—the received wisdom of the past—might continue to offer in cultivating virtuous, responsible, self-governing citizens. The first component of the project, which launched in 2016 with a generous grant from The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation, examines tradition in American law and politics. With the Achelis and Bodman Foundation grant, starting this year, the project will explore tradition's role in sustaining a common culture, defined as a people's habits, beliefs, attitudes, education, and everyday morality—its way of life.



The Access Group Center for Research & Policy Analysis® awarded a \$125,000 grant through its Legal Education Diversity Pipeline Grant Program to the **Ronald H. Brown Center for Civil Rights**. The grant will be used to strengthen and expand the center's signature pipeline initiative: the **Ronald H. Brown Law School Prep Program for College Students**. For over a decade, the program has helped students from traditionally underserved and underrepresented groups—who are often the first in their families to attend college—apply to law school and pursue legal careers. Spread over two summers, the Prep Program features a law school boot camp, legal internships, mentors, a speaker series, events at firms and bar associations, customized LSAT test prep, professional and emotional mental health counseling, diversity and personal statement workshops, and resume and interview counseling by career professionals.



As part of its annual **Global Issues Series**, the Center for International and Comparative Law, together with the American branch of the International Law Association and the New York State Bar Association's International Section Committee on Public International Law, hosted "The New American President and Crises in Global Order." The roundtable conversation featured experts from *Opinio Juris*, the website of debate and discussion about international law. Topics included Syria, Brexit, the Trans-Pacific Partnership, Crimea, Libya, allegations of Russian hacking, the global migration crisis, and tensions in the South China Sea.



Students in the Law School's Securities Arbitration Clinic participated in a **mock mediation and arbitration** at FINRA's New York City office. Arbitrators from FINRA's neutral roster volunteered their time to hear the dispute, running the hearing much like an actual arbitration. The mock case involved the sale of a highly complex investment to a retiree by his long-time broker. At issue in

the case was the suitability of the broker's recommendation, as well as whether the investor suffered any damages. Playing the roles of the attorney for the investor and the broker and brokerage firm, as well as the parties, the students first mediated the case and then tried it in arbitration.

2017 Day One Dialogues



Two years ago, seizing an unrivaled opportunity to teach law students the importance and the challenge of diversity and inclusion, and to help them embrace their role as change agents, the Ronald H. Brown Center for Civil Rights joined student leaders to start the Day One Dialogues. This vital conversation continued this year with **Day One Dialogues: Gender in America Today**. Introducing the topic, Judith Ryder, Ph.D., an associate professor of Sociology and Anthropology at St. John's University, shared that many identities come into play in people's experience of gender, difference, and marginalization, including race and gender, gender and class, gender and ability, gender and sexual orientation, gender and religion, and other combinations. The participants then broke into small groups to facilitate dialogues on a range of topics related to gender in America.

The Center for International and Comparative Law, the Center for Law and Religion, and the Ronald H. Brown Center for Civil Rights presented a **Hot Topics Discussion** on President Trump's immigration order. Panelists from St. John's Law and St. John's University discussed the constitutional and other legal issues arising from the executive action and its immigration, national security, and international consequences. They also looked



at how the order might impact St. John's students and their families.



The University of Florida School of Law fended off a tough challenge from the University of Miami School of Law, and bested a field of 46 teams from around the country, to win the **25th Annual Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Competition**. Sponsored by St. John's Law and the American Bankruptcy Institute, the Duberstein competition is the nation's only moot court competition devoted to bankruptcy law. It's named for distinguished St. John's alumnus and former ABI director Hon. Conrad B. Duberstein '41, '91HON, who passed away in 2005 at the age of 90. Practicing lawyers and sitting judges helped to judge the competition, which included eight rounds of arguments. The three-day event ended with a special 25th anniversary gala awards banquet. The 600 guests, including many of the leading New York bankruptcy judges and practitioners, enjoyed an evening in celebration of the competition's contributions to the field.

Seventeen St. John's Law students explored China's legal system, history, and culture in the nine-day Dean's Travel Study Program held during the January intersession. Led by **Dean Michael A. Simons**, along with Director of Graduate Global Engagement Joshua M. Alter '13, this unique study abroad course was designed to give students hands-on experience in international and comparative law. In the last several years, the Law School has forged strategic partnerships with some of China's leading law schools, and a number of Chinese students have come to St. John's to continue their legal education in the Transnational Legal Practice LL.M. program. "I was delighted to return to China with our students and to introduce them to some of the exceptional people and institutions that I've become acquainted with there," Dean Simons says. "Our partnerships in China benefit our students and faculty, as well as the Chinese students and faculty, and we look forward to sustaining and growing these mutual connections in the coming years."



STUDENT SUCCESS



APPELLATE COMPETITIONS

▲ **Christopher Atlee F. Arcitio '17** and **Anna Chen '17** advanced to the quarterfinals of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association's Thomas Tang National Moot Court Competition. Kristin Lee '15 coached the team, which swept the northeast regional rounds and earned the best brief award. Lee and teammate Lawson Huynh '16 took second place at the Thomas Tang nationals in 2014. This year marked the third time in four years that a St. John's team won regionals and advanced to nationals in the competition.

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Timothy Gallagher '17 and **Rachel Houle '17** won the Emory University School of Law Civil Rights and Liberties Moot Court Competition. They were coached by **James Kerins '17** and Emily Walsh '09.



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David Knapp '17 and **Kristen Lasak '17** competed at the Leroy R. Hassell, Sr. National Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition, advancing to the

quarterfinals. The team won best respondent's brief, and Knapp was recognized as the second best oralist. The team was coached by **Corey Trail '17** and Thomas Gerrity '09.



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Cristen McGrath '18, Cory Morano '18, Mark Niedziela '18, and Erin Seery '18 reached the quarterfinals in the northeast regional rounds of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. **Bryant Gordon '18** participated in drafting the written pleadings for the competition. Former competitors Laura Raheb '16 and Shaun Hiller '15 coached the team.

TRIAL COMPETITIONS

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The team of **Anthony Masciana '18, Matthew Powers '17, Thomas Salmon '17, and Kristy Stanislawczyk '17**, along with coaches Alex Gilbert '06 and Mike Maffei '10, took the championship at the American Bar Association's



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Criminal Justice Trial Advocacy Competition at Quinnipiac University School of Law.



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Sheharyar Ali '17, Arielle Cummings '17, Matt LaSorsa '17, and Joanna Matuza '17 were finalists at the Queens District Attorney's Third Annual Mock Trial Competition. Mike Vicario '09 and Joseph Calabrese '91 coached the team.



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Coached by Brian Hughes '07 and Kirk Sendlein '08, **Christine Chu '18, Michael Napolitano '17, Maurice Sayeh '17, and Sarah Silverhardt '17** advanced to the semifinals of the Buffalo-Niagara Mock Trial competition.

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Janelle James '19, Tina Kassangana '19, Olayemi Olurin '18, and Adina Phillips '18 teamed to compete at the Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition. With



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the only all-female team in the competition, they placed fourth overall and advanced to nationals. Masai Lord '14 and attorney Abraham Rubert Shewel were the coaches.



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The team of **Arielle Cummings '17, Joanna Matuza '17, and Jillian Shartrand '18** bested a crowded field to take first at the Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA) National Trial Competition regionals. Brian Hughes '07 and Kirk Sendlein '08 were the winning coaches. The team then competed in the TYLA national competition in March.

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Christina Brennan '18, Dana Kurtti '18, Christina Mavrikis '18, and Avery Nagy-Normyle '18 teamed with coaches Erik Snipas '14 and Brenna Strype '14 to take first at the FSU College of Law 5th Annual Civil Mock Trial Competition. The team tried a



case for copyright infringement and went undefeated throughout the competition. And Nagy-Normyle took home the best advocate award.



St. John's team of **Christine Chu '18, Matthew LaSorsa '17, Danny Quinn '18, and Maurice Sayeh '17** competed in the National Criminal Justice Trial Competition hosted by the ABA and John Marshall Law School. Standing out in the field of 22 schools, the team was the first seed through the semi-final round and never lost a ballot until the semifinals. Quinn won an individual award for best opening statement. The team was coached by Alex Gilbert '06, Mike Maffei '10, and Joe Muscarella '15.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMPETITIONS



The team of **Aaron Leaf '17, Melanie Lee '17, Michael Lezamiz '17, Michael**

McConnell '18, Janel Rottkamp '18, and Amanda Tersigni '18, along with coach Daniel Merker '11, competed in the Judith S. Kaye Arbitration Competition organized and hosted by the American Arbitration Association. The team was awarded a certificate for best cross-examination.



Nick Berg '17, Sean McGrath '18, and Miller Lulow '18 teamed to win the two-day National Baseball Arbitration Competition at Tulane Law. The team was coached by Ryan Lake '13LL.M. and Kap Misir '04CPS, '13LL.M. Lake and Misir coached last year's St. John's team to the final round of the competition.



The team of **Stephanie Canner '18 and Amanda Tersigni '18** placed second at the regionals of the ABA's Representation in Mediation Competition. Raspreet Bhatia '16 and Michael McDermott '15 coached the team.

WRITING COMPETITIONS

Nick D'Angelo '17 took first place in the Judge John R. Brown Award competition for his paper, "Emerging from



Daimler's Shadow: Regulation Statutes as a Means to General Jurisdiction Over Foreign Corporations." Sponsored by Brown Sims, the award recognizes excellence in legal writing in American law schools.



"Rights Without Remedy?: How Major League Baseball's Collective Bargaining Agreement Denies Even the Game's Biggest Stars a Legal Remedy Under the Theory of the Duty of Fair Representation, and Why This is Not a Swing and a Miss," a paper by **Miller Lulow '18**, earned third prize in the New York State Bar Association's Dr. Emmanuel Stein and Kenneth D. Stein Memorial Writing Competition.



Sarah Silverhardt '17 and Leigha Ann Weiss '16 won the *Journal of Civil Rights and Economic Development's* 2016-2017 Best Notes Award. The annual award recognizes outstanding scholarly research

and writing by the journal's members. Silverhardt's note, "Breaking the Silence with a Permanent Mark: Preventing and Punishing Serial Rapists on College Campuses," brings to light the issue of serial sexual perpetrators on college campuses who escape punishment and continue assaulting among campuses under the flawed Title IX system. In her note, "Incarcerating the Accused: Reforming Bail for the Pretrial Detention of Juveniles," Weiss discusses how 16- and 17-year-olds are particularly vulnerable since they are subject to adult sanctions, but often lack the financial and other resources needed to make bail.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS



Kevin Jones '17 received the 2016 New York Intellectual Property Law Association's Hon. Giles S. Rich Diversity Scholarship in recognition of his achievements to date. This marks the third consecutive year that a St. John's Law student has won the award.

Ray Mechmann '17 has earned the prestigious NYPD Law Graduate Fellowship. He will spend his first post-graduate year working at the New York City Police Department under the supervision of the deputy commissioner for legal matters and his staff. Afterwards,

STUDENT SUCCESS

Mechmann will serve for two years as an assistant corporation counsel in the New York City Law Department's Special Federal Litigation Division.



Thomas Rossidis '17 is the recipient of the 2017 Louis O'Neil and Monsignor Thomas Darby Labor and Employment

Law Memorial Scholarship, made possible through the generosity of Terry O'Neil '67C, '70L and James M. Darby '84.

ACTIVISM

(Clockwise from bottom left) ▶

Kelechi Ajoku '17, Ebele Udeogalanya '16, Brooke Atkinson '17, Ashley Anderson '17, Caroline Berry '16, Me'Dina Cook '17, and Victoria Hill '17

participated in the Women's March in Washington, D.C.



Four St. John's Law Students Earn New York City Bar Diversity Fellowships



Four first-year St. John's Law students have received New York City Bar Diversity Fellowships for summer 2017. **Charles Akinboyewa '19** will spend the summer at Morgan Stanley, **Joshua**

Beckham '19 will work for the New York City Law Department, **Joo Yeon Shin '19** will join the summer associate program at Haynes & Boone LLP, and **Artesia Tso '19** will work at New York Life.

The Diversity Fellowship Program was launched in 1991 as an initiative of the New York City Bar Association Committee on Recruitment and Retention of Lawyers. Since its inception, hundreds of 1Ls from underrepresented populations have been selected to spend their summer as Program Fellows in a law firm, or in a corporate or government legal department.

To earn coveted spots in the program, the St. John's Law candidates went through a rigorous selection process that included a legal writing requirement, a personal statement, a screening committee interview, and a second interview by a panel of attorneys and school representatives. Associate Director of Career Development, Clerkships,

and Diversity Programs Rena Varghese administers all aspects of the program, and along with Professor Jacob L. Todres, Assistant Dean of Students Kimathi Gordon-Somers, and Career Development Office administrators Lalaine Mercado and Sara Drew, assists in advising students about this opportunity.

"St. John's students have been very successful in obtaining these competitive fellowships over the years," says Jeanne Ardan '95, the Law School's associate dean for career development and externships. "The practical experience they gain during the placements gives them a strong foundation for future employment. It's a very exciting opportunity for Artesia, Charles, Joo Yeon, and Joshua, who are deserving of this honor."



REUNION 2016



TRADITIONS

Here's To Old Friends!

Reunion is a fall tradition at St. John's Law. In November, the classes of 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006, and 2011 celebrated **Reunion 2016** at the New York Athletic Club in Manhattan. The attendees reconnected with old friends and party hopped with other classes. It was a fun and spirited evening for all.





ST. JOHN'S 1LS LEARN THE FUNDAMENTALS OF NEGOTIATION *HANDS ON*

"I never thought that a two-credit, one-week class would rock me to my core," Tina Kassangana '19 says, reflecting on the 1L Lawyering course that was held during the January intersession. "I was able to identify personal strengths and weaknesses via negotiation role-play. Lawyering instilled a confidence in me that renewed my commitment to my legal education. I could not think of a better way to begin my second semester of law school."

Developed by Professor Elayne E. Greenberg, assistant dean for dispute resolution programs, professor of legal practice, and director of the Hugh L. Carey Center for Dispute Resolution, Lawyering focuses on negotiation skills and the companion skills of interviewing clients and drafting agreements—core competencies for lawyers.

The course, which is required for all 1Ls, is part of a suite of intersession offerings designed by the Law School faculty in response to the challenges and opportunities of the new legal marketplace. “As an innovator in legal education, St. John’s understands that lawyers don’t just need to know substantive law,” Professor Greenberg says. “They need to be able to apply that substantive law using negotiation skills. This dual skillset makes St. John’s first-year students more competitive applicants for desirable legal positions.”

The Lawyering course complements the two-week, intensive Introduction to Law course that all 1Ls take before starting the full suite of first semester classes. St. John’s is the only law school in the country to offer this core curriculum, which gives its newest students a footing to traverse the unfamiliar ground of a legal education.

The students learn how to read and brief cases. They also explore and practice the fundamentals of legal writing, forging a skillset that they build on in their yearlong Legal Analysis and Writing course.

The full-time and adjunct faculty members who teach Lawyering bring a range of expertise and practical insight to the classroom. Each year, they collaborate to refine the course curriculum to meet the students’ current needs.

This year’s faculty included:

Peter Jay Bernbaum	Michael Kerman
Elaine M. Chiu	Patricia Grande Montana
Dennis Glazer	Sejal Singh
Ann L. Goldweber	Rachel H. Smith
Elayne E. Greenberg	Ettie Ward

With their professor’s guidance, the students applied the legal knowledge and analytical reasoning skills they developed during their first semester at St. John’s Law to real-world situations. “The goal,” Professor Greenberg says, “is to give every student a basic grounding in the theory and practice behind fundamental skills that lawyers use in all areas of legal practice. The course also prepares students for the more advanced skills training available through the Law School’s clinics, externships, co-curricular activities, and other experiential offerings.

Professor Goldweber, St. John’s director of clinical legal education and director of the Consumer Justice for the Elderly: Litigation Clinic, appreciates the foundation that the Lawyering course provides. “Students who participate in any one of our 10 in-house and partner clinics use interviewing, counseling, and negotiation skills in advocating for New Yorkers in need,” she says. “The Lawyering course not only helps our 1Ls develop these essential lawyering skills, it gives them the confidence to use them appropriately in a variety of real-world contexts, including at summer jobs and in law school clinics.”

“I always had the impression that the tough, angry, stubborn negotiator won negotiations. But I learned it is the skilled negotiator who wins.”

— CAMILA SOSA '19

Students give the Lawyering course high praise for compelling them to re-think how they want to practice law. “The class brought me to the realization that effective negotiation takes teamwork across party lines,” says Brendan Gibson '19. “Only genuine attempts to better your situation along with your opposing party’s situation help bridge the gap between dispute and resolution.”

Camila Sosa '19 says that the course changed her perspective on effective lawyering as well. “I always had the impression that the tough, angry, stubborn negotiator won

negotiations. But I learned it is the skilled negotiator who wins,” she shares. “Working alongside my classmates created a comfortable atmosphere where I practiced, made mistakes, and learned from myself and my peers.”

The students also appreciated the opportunity to experience, and to develop, a wide range of negotiation approaches and styles. “I learned how to identify interests of negotiating parties and to create agreements that are a win for both sides instead of one-sided victories,” says Kelly Hutchins '19. “I practiced how to listen to my client’s story actively by using different body postures and how to build a good attorney-client relationship,” Emily Zhou '19 adds.

Course participants came away from the week with a clear sense of accomplishment. “I saw my own personal growth through creating value, using objective criteria, and focusing on my client’s interests,” says Elliot Shine '19. “Likewise, the growth of the class as a whole was evident.”

In addition to learning in the classroom, the students assembled for talks given by alumni Richard F. Hans '93, Michelle Johnson '05, Ashley Kloepper '11, and EJ Thorsen '08. Each discussed how negotiation skills are essential to their law practice. “The speakers motivated me to stay focused and understand the goals of the class,” says Jane Shin '19. “By the end of the week, I began to create an initial set of skills needed to become a successful lawyer and advocate.”

FACULTY FOCUS

Read all about the latest achievements and activities of our outstanding St. John's Law faculty.

{ ALEXANDER }

Professor **Vincent C. Alexander's** 2017 Practice Commentaries on the New York Civil Practice Law and Rules were published in *McKinney's Consolidated Laws of New York Annotated*. The 2017 update for his co-authored treatise, *Evidence in New York State and Federal Courts*, was also published. Professor Alexander delivered lectures on Evidence at the New York State Judicial Institute's CLE program for court attorneys and at the Suffolk County Bar Association. He and Vice Dean Emeritus Andrew J. Simons lectured on New York Practice for the Nassau County Bar Association.

{ BARRETT }

Professor **John Q. Barrett** lectured recently at the Chautauqua Institution, the Deutsch-Amerikanisches Institut Nürnberg, the Philadelphia Bar Association, the Colorado Judicial Conference, and the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum. He delivered a principal lecture, "Finding Nuremberg and Its Legacies," at the 10th annual International Humanitarian Law Dialogs, held this year in Nuremberg, Germany in conjunction with the 70th anniversary of the International Military Tribunal judgments on Nazi crimes and criminals. Professor Barrett also lectured at the New York State Judicial Institute, the Federal Bar Association's Eastern District of New York Chapter, the Center for American and International Law in Dallas, the Erie Institute of Law in Buffalo, the Robert H. Jackson Center, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, and the New Jersey Judicial College. Many of these lectures are available on YouTube.

{ CALABRESE }

Professor **Gina M. Calabrese** has shepherded several projects to improve the delivery of justice in New York City's lower courts. As chair of the New York City Bar Association's Civil Court Committee, she co-authored an *amicus curiae* brief and argued the related motion in a proceeding commenced by the New York Attorney General directed at alleged misuse of the court system. Under her leadership, the Civil Court Committee has advanced several initiatives, including procedures for rental arrears cases in which tenants have been sued for monies already recovered in a prior housing court case, and legal information for freelancers seeking recovery of compensation. Together with her clinic students, Professor Calabrese co-authored an *amicus* brief in a Second Circuit case involving interpretation of New York's Exempt Income Protection Act. Several years ago, she was a lead advocate for that law.

{ CUNNINGHAM }

Vice Dean and Professor of Legal Writing **Larry Cunningham** received a Fulbright grant to teach at the Royal University of Law and Economics in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. In addition to teaching Legal Writing and advising the school on curricular issues, during his four weeks as a Fulbright Specialist, Dean Cunningham also consulted with rule-of-law groups that combat worker exploitation and human trafficking.

{ DE GIROLAMI }

"Religious Accommodation, Religious Tradition, and Political Polarization," an article by Professor **Marc O. DeGirolami**, was published by the *Lewis & Clark Law Review*. Professor DeGirolami is presently working on a book chapter on church-state separation, as well as an article on the varieties of arguments about tradition in constitutional law.

{ DI LORENZO }

Professor **Vincent DiLorenzo** presented a paper at a recent World Interdisciplinary Network for Institutional Research conference on institutions and human behavior. The paper shared his research comparing the regulatory philosophy and enforcement record of financial regulators in the United States and the United Kingdom. Professor DiLorenzo's article, "Corporate Wrongdoing: Interactions of Legal Mandates and Corporate Culture," will be published in the *Review of Banking & Financial Law*.

{ GREENBERG }

Professor **Elayne E. Greenberg's** article, "Change Hearts, Expand Minds about Implicit Discrimination" will be published in the *Ohio Journal of Dispute Resolution*. The article highlights the justice gap that is fast becoming a justice crisis because courts are interpreting discrimination laws to exclude implicit bias discrimination. It also responds to the urgency of this problem, and presents a court innovation proposal to bridge the justice gap with empathic processes that change hearts and expand minds about implicit discrimination.

{ KRISHNAKUMAR }

Professor **Anita S. Krishnakumar** presented her paper, "Veiled Avoidance," at statutory interpretation theory seminars at the University of Pennsylvania and Yale law schools. The paper explores the Roberts Court's recent shift in approach to the avoidance canon in statutory cases.

{ LEVINE }

Professor **Kate Levine** accepted the seventh annual Fred C. Zacharias Memorial Prize for Scholarship in Professional Responsibility for her article, "Who Shouldn't Prosecute the Police," 101 Iowa L. Rev. 1447 (2016). Presented by the AALS Section on Professional Responsibility, the prize recognizes outstanding scholarship in the field. Professor Levine was named a co-winner this year, along with Professor Leslie C. Levin of the University of Connecticut School of Law.

{ MONTANA }

"Bridging the Reading Gap in the Law School Classroom," an article by Professor **Patricia Montana**, has been accepted for publication in the *Capital University Law Review*. The article explores the gap between entering law students' reading skills and law school expectations. It specifically examines students' undergraduate experience and the influence of technology and proposes ways that law professors can help close the gap, including by using more guided reading exercises that show students how expert legal readers read.

{ SALOMONE }

Professor **Rosemary C. Salomone** has been appointed to serve two-year terms on the Association of American Law School's Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure and on the Catholic Relief Services Global Campus Committee at St. John's University.

{ SOVERN }

Professor **Jeff Sovern's** article, "Are Validation Notices Valid? An Empirical Evaluation of Consumer Understanding of Debt Collection Validation Notices," co-authored with Kate E. Walton, Ph.D., will appear in the *SMU Law Review*. His columns have been published in the *New York Times Dealbook*, the *American Banker*, and *The Hill* recently. The Department of Education issued new student loan regulations barring the use of pre-dispute arbitration clauses, relying in part on an article that Professor Sovern co-authored, "'Whimsy Little Contracts' with Unexpected Consequences: An Empirical Analysis of Consumer Understanding of Arbitration Agreements," 75 Maryland Law Review 1 (2015). Professor Sovern spoke on consumer protection during an American Bar Association webinar and at a meeting of the New York City Bar Committee on Consumer Protection. *American Banker*, *Bloomberg BNA*, *Law360*, *Pacer Monitor*, and *Politico* have all quoted him recently.

{ WADE }

Professor **Cheryl L. Wade's** article, "Effective Compliance with Antidiscrimination Law: Corporate Personhood, Purpose and Social Responsibility," will be published in Volume 74:2 of the *Washington and Lee Law Review* later this year.

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With One Last Photo

ST. JOHN'S NEWEST LAW GRADS

Caitlyn O'Neill '16 recognized a milestone moment that needed to be captured. Taking the lead, she gathered some of her classmates for a special graduation day photo. Like her, most in the group had participated in the Law School's appellate or trial advocacy programs. And many had worked in local prosecutors' offices as student externs or clinicians.

As of Fall 2016, they all share the same professional title—Assistant District Attorney.

The latest St. John's Law graduates to become New York's newest ADAs are:

- Mena Beshay (New York County)
- Jamie Breslin (Bronx County)
- Donald Casadonte (Nassau County)
- Daniella Ciollo (Bronx County)
- Justin Davis (Bronx County)
- Elizabeth Desmond (Bronx County)
- Erin Dobbins (Orange County)
- Brittany Heaney (Kings County)
- Kelvin Henry (Kings County)
- Amanda Iannuzzi (Bronx County)
- Makousse Ilboudo (Bronx County)

- Sonja Jamelo (Bronx County)
- Alyssa Lebron (Queens County)
- Konstantinos Litourgis (Queens County)
- Michael Lynch (Bronx County)
- Thomas Montella (Bronx County)
- Stephanie Ognibene (Suffolk County)
- Caitlyn O'Neill (Bronx County)
- Jacob Pang (Kings County)
- Nicole Rella (Queens County)
- Michael Schillinger (Queens County)
- Erin Teresky (Bronx County)

These members of the Class of 2016 proudly follow in the footsteps of hundreds of St. John's Law alumni who have served the public good as ADAs.

They're also the beneficiaries of the Law School's integrated approach to legal study and career development that encourages students to focus on a legal discipline, to gain experience in the field, and to network through Law School events, student organizations, and co-curricular activities.

All 1Ls take a foundational course in Criminal Law. As 2Ls they can take Evidence and, from there, they can choose from a

range of traditional substantive courses like Criminal Procedure: Investigation and Criminal Procedure: Adjudication. Upper level students hone their lawyering skills through externships and internships, in-house and partner clinics, and skills-based courses. They also build key skills in Trial Advocacy, Advanced Trial Advocacy, Appellate Advocacy, New York Practice, and similar courses as well as in the co-curricular Moot Court Honor Society, Frank S. Polestino Trial Advocacy Institute, and Dispute Resolution Society.

Beyond these offerings, students receive guidance and support from the Career Development Office. According to Jeanne Ardan '95, the Law School's associate dean for career development and externships, St. John's aspiring prosecutors can attend an annual panel program on applying and interviewing with district attorneys' offices. The program brings alumni and others who are prosecutors in the New York City area to campus to discuss the interview process. One of the most popular topics the panelists cover is the hypothetical question that interviewers typically pose.



BECOME NEW YORK'S NEWEST ADAs

It's such a major discussion point that the Career Development Office created a spinoff workshop series devoted to it.

In the workshops, students get an overview of the interview process before focusing in on the various hypothetical questions that may be asked. "We discuss the law surrounding the questions; address the context of the interview; and explore how to deal with the personality of the interviewer," Dean Ardan says. "By the end of the workshop, we've answered three or four hypothetical questions step by step. The idea is for the students to come away knowing how to tackle a hypothetical, and how to develop their responses so that the interviewers can see how they process the law and the theory."

All workshop participants are invited to schedule a mock interview with a career counselor. "The interviews are about an hour long and are recorded if requested so that the students can review their performance afterwards," says Dean Ardan. "We ask general questions, like why they want to be a prosecutor and why they want to

work in this particular office. We also ask about their background and professional experiences before moving on to a number of hypothetical questions. We then review their responses to see where they were successful and where there's room for improvement."

Students who receive a call back from a prospective employer can participate in a mock panel interview with their assigned career counselor and one or two other counselors. The final step in the mock interview process is geared to DA offices that have applicants present an opening statement during their third interview round.

"St. John's has a longstanding tradition of commitment to public service, and has been very successful in graduating dedicated and effective prosecutors," Dean Ardan says. "Our students have the opportunity to choose from a variety of academic and clinical offerings, to participate in relevant extracurricular activities, and to receive meaningful guidance from faculty and administrators. Coupled with their drive to serve, this preparation helps them to excel in the field."

St. John's Law has a long tradition of educating lawyers who go on to guide and lead the greatest city in the world. Nine of the over 60 lawyers who started their careers at the New York City Law Department this fall are members of the St. John's Law Class of 2016. They are:

- Lauren Casparie (Tort)
- Shantel Castro (Tort)
- Devin Cohen (Tort)
- Diana Cruz (Tort)
- Shane Granberg (Family Court)
- Evan Jaffe (Special Federal Litigation)
- Debra March (Special Federal Litigation)
- Sally Profeta (Tort)
- Dmitri Shtilgoiz (Tort)



RAY MECHMANN '17 EARNS PRESTIGIOUS NYPD FELLOWSHIP

When Ray Mechmann starts his NYPD Law Graduate Fellowship this fall, he'll continue a family tradition of sorts. Mechmann's mother, St. John's Law alumna Brenda Vasile Mechmann '83, and his father, Ray Mechmann, Jr., were both New York City prosecutors, and his grandfather was a police officer in Washington, D.C.

"As a kid, I wanted to be a police officer, but during college I came to love writing and analysis," Mechmann says. "So I figured that a good way to combine all my interests would be to work on the legal side of law enforcement." After college, Mechmann worked as a paralegal in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office. He then enrolled at St. John's, where he found a wide range of opportunities to pursue his interest in criminal law.

"One of my favorite classes was New York Criminal Practice," says Mechmann. "I learned how the courts assess police encounters with citizens on the street, which brought home the connections between law enforcement, legal analysis, and legal practice."

Outside the classroom, Mechmann honed his practical skills hands on as an intern in the Appeals Bureau at the Queens District Attorney's Office, where he wrote two briefs to the Appellate Division, Second Department. The experiential learning continued in the Law School's Prosecution Clinic. On assignment at the Bronx District Attorney's Office, Mechmann regularly interacted with police officers and prosecutors—including a number of ADAs who graduated from St. John's Law—and saw how their work impacts the criminal prosecution process.

Back on campus, Mechmann worked on his written and oral advocacy as a member of the Moot Court Honor Society, which he now serves as managing director. "Moot Court has been a wonderful experience," he shares. "I've explored the legality of

police actions in briefs and in oral arguments, and I've gained an understanding of the high standards to which the U.S. Constitution holds police officers."

Mechmann also serves as student writing editor for the Law School's *Journal of International and Comparative Law* and *New York International Law Review*. His note, "Remedying Eternal 'Inadequacy': How Anonymous Juries in the Special Criminal Court Would Preserve Ireland's Jury Trial Right," recently took first prize in the Albert S. Pergam and Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen, and Hamilton LLP International Writing Competition. "I'm extremely excited and grateful to win this competition," Mechmann says. "But the real reward was crafting the argument. That was great fun."

All of these experiences at St. John's Law, Mechmann says, fueled his interest in the NYPD Law Graduate Fellowship and helped him through the rigorous application and interview process this fall. The three-year fellowship program aims to "enhance the understanding of the complex and unique legal challenges presented in law enforcement through the early training and professional development of outstanding law school graduates."

As the selected fellow, Mechmann will spend the first year working at the NYPD under the supervision of the deputy commissioner for legal matters and his staff, carrying out a variety of tasks. During the subsequent two post-fellowship years, he will serve as an assistant corporation counsel in the New York City Law Department's Special Federal Litigation Division.

"Through the fellowship, I'll have the opportunity to serve the City of New York in a unique and important way," Mechmann says. "It's a type of service I've envisioned since I was a child and I'm very grateful to my family, friends, professors, and colleagues for helping me make this longtime dream a reality."

Defending The Voiceless

Kerry S. Jamieson '06 Provides Critical Legal Services to Indigent New Yorkers

Kerry Jamieson came to St. John's Law with one purpose: to become a voice for New Yorkers in need.

"In college, I took classes that really opened my eyes to the plight of the underprivileged, the underrepresented, and the disenfranchised," she says. "They really brought into focus for me how even the most innocuous-seeming laws can have a significant impact on people's lives. Individuals in underserved groups are the most likely targets of these laws, although they're the least likely to have the knowledge or power to push back. This bothered me tremendously and I wanted to do something about it."

Deciding to pursue a career in the law, Jamieson enrolled at St. John's Law and took a range of courses to prepare for direct client representation. She also participated in two of the Law School's in-house clinics—the Child Advocacy Clinic and the Elder Law Clinic (now the Consumer Justice for the Elderly: Litigation Clinic)—where she built essential lawyering skills while representing real clients in real cases under attorney supervision. "My clinical experience was invaluable," Jamieson says. "It strengthened my commitment to serving low-income New Yorkers by giving them a voice in the legal system that they wouldn't otherwise have."

Remaining steadfast in that commitment, after graduating from St. John's, Jamieson became a staff attorney at the Office of the Appellate Defender (OAD). Established in 1988 to help relieve a backlog of appeals in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Appellate Division, First Department, OAD is New York City's oldest provider of appellate representation to indigent people convicted of felonies. Jamieson served as a staff attorney at OAD from 2006 to 2009, and has been a senior staff attorney there since 2011.

It's challenging work, but well worth the effort, Jamieson shares. "It's not about winning a case, but showing my client that they're important and deserving of my best representation. Of course, when you're able to get a favorable result for a client, it's extremely rewarding, not just on a personal level, but also because of the significant impact that it has on the client."



The significance of having a solid, robust appellate bar to provide checks and balances on the criminal justice system was brought home by a case that Jamieson spent three years "taking apart." As chronicled by Jim Dwyer in his January 23, 2014 *New York Times* story, "A Case of Innocence, With Missteps Seemingly at Every Turn," Jamieson led "a team of dogged appeals lawyers" in an investigation that ultimately exculpated two Bronx women who had been wrongfully convicted of attempted murder.

"It was incredible to make that call to the prison and tell my client over the phone that she was going to be released from prison," Jamieson says. "While most cases handled by OAD and other appellate defender organizations in New York City don't get overturned on appeal, we provide a much-needed bridge between indigent New Yorkers and access to justice. That alone is incredibly meaningful to me as an attorney and as a person who fervently believes that our legal system should ensure justice for all."

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FROM THE GROUND UP

LISA SCHREIBERSDORF '84 BUILDS A PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE IN BROOKLYN

Judy, a 58-year-old grandmother charged with a misdemeanor, is fired after her arrest and barred from her lifelong profession as a home health aide. Unable to find work, she's faced with eviction and can't support her family.

"When people are arrested, even if the matter ultimately resolves in their favor, there's a ripple effect," says Lisa Schreibersdorf. "There can be job loss, suspension from school, eviction from housing, deportation, and forfeiture of property and licenses, among other consequences. The impact is deep and wide, affecting entire families, neighborhoods, and communities."

As founder and executive director of Brooklyn Defender Services (BDS), Schreibersdorf has devoted the last 20 years to helping low-income New Yorkers navigate the criminal, family, and immigration justice systems. Under her leadership, BDS has grown to become one of New York City's largest legal services providers.

"After graduating from St. John's Law, I became a public defender, a profession I've stayed in my entire legal career, Schreibersdorf says. "Although it was a formidable undertaking to start a public defender office, I felt I could create something that would be able to do more for poor people who are arrested than was the norm in 1996. I've been fortunate in that many of my St. John's Law friends have stood by me along the way."

Hon. Anne Shields '84 and Jean Hegler '81SVC, '84L served on BDS's first board of directors. Virginia Curry '84 worked at BDS as deputy director for 20 years. (She passed away in November 2016.) Robert J. Gunther, Jr. '81C, '84L and Cindi Eilbott Giglio '06 joined the BDS board recently. And many more alumni have supported BDS and Schreibersdorf as the organization has grown over the years from 20 to 300 employees.

Today, BDS's interdisciplinary staff of 180 attorneys and 120 social workers, investigators, paralegals, re-entry specialists, jail liaisons, community organizers, policy specialists, and advocates assists nearly 40,000 people annually in Brooklyn. Drawing on their diverse expertise, the staffers provide legal assistance across a range of practice areas, including criminal defense, family defense, immigration defense, and civil justice.

"We now represent 40 percent of the people charged with crimes in Brooklyn each year, and about 80 percent of the cases of parents facing allegations of abuse or neglect," Schreibersdorf explains. "Our clients have no voice until they meet a BDS attorney. They get a highly-qualified and dedicated attorney and other services they may need as well. I'm sometimes awestruck at the work of my staff. They're the most passionate and committed people I know."

BDS's Family Defense Practice provides legal representation to parents involved in the child welfare system. "Our focus is to assert the due process rights of parents in family court, including their constitutional right to family integrity, while providing access to the benefits and services families need to stay together," Schreibersdorf shares.

BDS was the first organization in the United States to provide representation to immigrants facing deportation based solely on financial need. "This project is more compelling than it's ever been with the mass arrests and deportations of individuals who may have a legal right to stay in this country," says Schreibersdorf. "One of the primary purposes of an attorney is to make sure there are no mistakes and to fight against inappropriate bases of governmental action, such as deportation and exclusion from this country."

Another successful project incubated at BDS, the Brooklyn Community Bail Fund, pays bail for individuals who can't afford to pay on their own and who would otherwise remain in jail needlessly pre-trial. "In New York City alone, 40,000 people are incarcerated each year because they and their families can't post bail," says Schreibersdorf. "Many plead guilty just to go home, which is a grave injustice with enduring consequences." In September 2016, BCBF paid bail for its 1,000th client.

Schreibersdorf's efforts on behalf of Brooklyn's neediest have earned her the admiration of her peers in the profession. She is a recipient of the Women's Bar Association's Judith S. Kaye Access to Justice Award, the New York State Bar Association's Michele S. Maxian Award for Outstanding Public Defender, and the Law School's Frank S. Polestino Award, among other accolades.

Volunteering her time to improve the criminal justice system nationally and locally, Schreibersdorf has been the president of the Chief Defenders Association of New York, the New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and the Brooklyn Women's Bar Association. She is on the Executive Committee of the Criminal Justice Section of the New York State Bar Association and the Defender Policy Group of the National Legal Aid and Defender Association.

Reflecting on her years at the helm of BDS and looking ahead, Schreibersdorf says: "We're doing vital community work. Every day BDS staff is in the courtroom, at the statehouse, in the nation's capital, and out in the streets of Brooklyn to ensure that people's legal rights to due process and human dignity are enforced and respected. It's a privilege and an honor to have been able to start something with that type of profound and lasting impact."

The Law School Alumni Association will honor Schreibersdorf at its annual Law Review Alumni Reception held at the Metropolitan Club in Manhattan.

L-R: CHRISTOPHER NEWTON '13,
STACEY SIMCOX WOODS '03, AND
EMILY CORCIONE '14

Queens Legal Services



In the 1960s, a gritty New York City was the epicenter of movements that were reshaping America's cultural and political landscapes. A War on Poverty had been declared and, with allocated federal funds, the city's low-income communities saw the rise of small neighborhood-based legal services offices. In 1967, some of these offices joined forces to create what would eventually become Legal Services NYC, the parent organization of Queens Legal Services (QLS).

Today, QLS is the borough's largest non-profit civil legal aid organization, serving over 5,000 people each year and helping thousands of others through outreach and community legal education. From new headquarters in downtown Jamaica, its staff of over 70 attorneys, paralegals, social workers, and advocates operates 15 practices, including Consumer Rights; Disability Advocacy Project; Employment Law & Workers' Rights; Foreclosure Prevention & Homeowner Rights; Housing & Tenants' Rights; Immigration and Immigrants' Rights; LGBT Advocacy; and Student Debt Relief.

Among the dedicated QLS attorneys working to bridge the civil justice gap are Emily Corcione '14, Christopher Newton '13, and Stacey Simcox Woods '03. All three came to St. John's Law intent on careers in the public interest, and they benefitted from the many opportunities the Law School offers to provide vital legal services to New Yorkers in need.

"During my first couple weeks of school, I attended a training for the CLARO program, which advises *pro se* litigants in consumer

debt cases," Newton says. "Through my participation in CLARO and, later, in the Law School's Elder Law Clinic (now the Consumer Justice for the Elderly: Litigation Clinic), I began to understand the intersection between economic justice and broader social justice themes, including systemic racial inequalities that affect so many low-income New Yorkers."

Corcione also had a formative clinical experience. "By far the best decision I made in law school was to enroll in the Consumer Justice for the Elderly: Litigation Clinic with Professors Ann Goldweber and Gina Calabrese during my 2L year," she says. "It was great to be able to apply what I was learning in the classroom to actual clients with real problems, to gain experience drafting court documents, and to become familiar with basic rules and procedures of litigation. Professor Goldweber was also the one who first informed me of the job opening for the position I currently have here at QLS."

Serving the community where she grew up and is now raising her family is very meaningful for Woods, a Queens native who attended the Law School's part-time evening program. At QLS, she represents

UPLIFTING A COMMUNITY

ALUMNI WORK TO BRIDGE THE JUSTICE GAP IN QUEENS

homeowners in residential foreclosure actions. “I usually deal with people who have been victims of foreclosure rescue scams or have paid large sums for what amounted to very little assistance. It’s beyond difficult for them to navigate the court process on their own, and the cost of defending a foreclosure action is a barrier to justice. I love telling clients that all of our services are free.”

Like Woods, Newton focuses his QLS practice on representing homeowners facing foreclosure. He also helps to coordinate the office’s Student Debt Project, which helps clients who are in default on student loans secure *pro bono* representation. “Our clients tend to face injustice after injustice, day after day,” he explains. “Many of my foreclosure clients are particularly demoralized because there’s a narrative in society that in order to be a responsible adult, you have to buy a house. Now they feel as if they’ve failed in that responsibility, often because of unforeseen circumstances. My job is to listen to their story, and to use as much of it as I can to elevate their voice, to tell their story when no one else has taken the time to listen.”

Advocating for people traditionally marginalized by society is also central to the work that Corcione does with QLS’s Disability Advocacy Project, where her primary responsibility is representing

individuals with physical and mental impairments in their federal disability claims. “One of my clients had just started court-mandated addiction treatment and psychotherapy when he came to us,” she shares. “I worked with his therapists, his addiction treatment counselors, and his parole officer to present evidence that his impairments weren’t caused by substance abuse. He was approved for disability benefits and, as a result, he was able to move into an apartment—the first stable living situation he’s had in 40 years. He calls me every few weeks to update me on what he proudly calls his ‘new life.’”

Woods says her clients have impressed her continually over her nine years at QLS. “They come to us under the most stressful of circumstances,” she notes. “Nobody is ever happy to have to hire an attorney—even a free one—yet, time and again, I’ve seen my clients handle their circumstances with a grace that I don’t think I could ever muster.”

Working closely with clients at QLS and witnessing the tangible impact on their lives is the greatest reward in legal services, Newton says, adding, “But we also have the chance to work towards something greater. Beyond helping just the individual client, we’re often able to share their stories more broadly in a way that affects positive change for others in the same situation and, in that way, our work uplifts an entire community.”



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Hon. Charles M. Troia '86SVC, '89L Staten Island
Hon. Carolyn E. Wade '88 Brooklyn
Hon. Allan B. Weiss '74 Queens

Surrogate's Court

Hon. Peter J. Kelly '83 Queens

Family Court

Hon. Ben Darvil, Jr. '03 Brooklyn
Hon. Marybeth S. Richroath '79 Queens
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Hon. Jeannine Baer Kuzniewski '86 Brooklyn
Hon. John S. Lansden '91 Queens
Hon. Clifton A. Nembhard '98 Bronx
Hon. Terrence C. O'Connor '76 Manhattan
Hon. Jodi Orlow '90 Queens
Hon. Kimon C. Thermos '90 Brooklyn
Hon. Alexander Tisch '96 Manhattan

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Hon. Lenora Gerald '86SVC, '89L Manhattan
Hon. Karen Gopee '97 Queens
Hon. Eugene M. Guarino '99 Manhattan
Hon. Alan J. Meyer '72 Staten Island
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COURT OF APPEALS AND OF
THE STATE OF NEW YORK





ALFRED C. CERULLO, III '83NDC, '86L FINDS HIS CALLING IN SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF NEW YORK CITY

Growing up in Staten Island, Fred Cerullo dreamed of becoming a movie star. But going to law school was always a close second on his to-do list. After graduating from the New York City public schools, he enrolled at St. John's Staten Island campus and, four years later, he decided to continue his education at St. John's Law.

"My family and I became very connected to St. John's when I was an undergraduate," Cerullo says. "So it was the perfect place for me to get a great law school education, to continue to build my relationship with the University, and to be close to my family and friends, all of which were priorities for me." St. John's also nurtured Cerullo's longtime interest in advocating for others. "The Vincentian spirit was very clear and dear to me," he says, "and I worked hard as a student to fulfill the principles that were impressed upon us."

During his law school years, Cerullo enjoyed legal writing and analysis, thrived in judicial internships, and was drawn to the legislative process. After graduating from St. John's, he worked as counsel to the minority leader of the New York City Council. According to Cerullo, the position was "a great fit" and served as the foundation for his career in public service.

Over the next 30 years, Cerullo served on the New York City Council as an elected official; ran the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs; was the city commissioner of finance; served on the Mayor's Committee on Appointments; and was a member of the New York City Campaign Finance Board—all before assuming his current role as a commissioner of the New York City Planning Commission. It's an impressive portfolio of service to the people of what is arguably the greatest city in the world.

Cerullo sees common threads weaving through his work for New York City. "The most common thread is the critical importance of the public in every aspect of the operation of government," he explains. "Whether we're handling a constituent matter that impacts one person or family, or we're developing legislation or policy recommendations that impact everyone in the city, the best and most helpful ideas often come from those we serve. So, regardless of my position, title, or responsibility, the privilege for me is hearing from people throughout the five boroughs, helping to make life better for them, and working to enhance our city's strength and success."

Enhancing New York City is also at the heart of Cerullo's current role as president and chief executive officer of the Grand Central Partnership (GCP), which manages one of the world's oldest, largest, and busiest business improvement districts. He finds that his work at GCP complements his public service nicely.

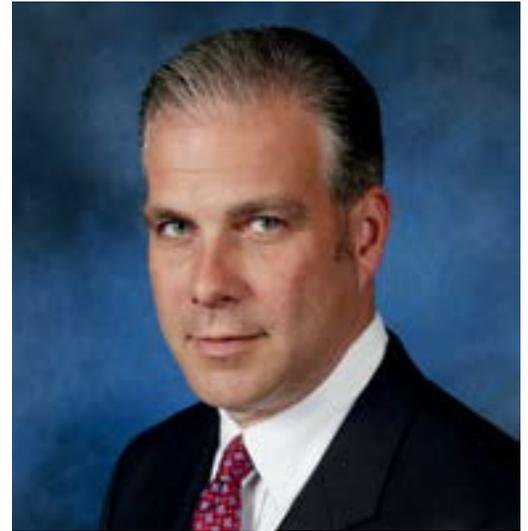
"I don't think there's anything greater than the different parts of our lives intersecting," Cerullo shares. "That's truly the case for me with regard to my nearly two decades at GCP. We're tasked with keeping a vital, Midtown Manhattan business district thriving. Having also served as a city planning commissioner for the past 12 years, I share in the excitement and enthusiasm of our stakeholders as we now see a major rezoning process get underway and go through public review. There is no question that this is the most important urban planning initiative to impact this area of New York City in our lifetime."

Even with his government service and work with GCP, Cerullo has managed to pursue a professional acting career on stage and screen. "After the bar exam, I had the time and focus to start thinking about the steps I could take to scratch that longtime itch," he says. "Most of the acting jobs I've had, including on the daytime soaps, have been right here in the Big Apple. New York City has made it possible for me to have the dual professional life that is so much a part of who I am."

Cerullo also makes the time to give back to St. John's. "I can't even imagine what life would be like at this point if St. John's wasn't a part of it," he says. "My law school years were profound ones for me. I lost my mother in the first few months of my first year. Classmates I knew for only several weeks gave me their love and friendship, and their notes. The support was overwhelming, and I knew I was in a special school with special people. So giving back, in whatever way I could at different points in my life, has been the easiest and most rewarding thing I could do."

RICHARD L. STEHL '92

TAKES THE HELM AT NEW YORK CITY'S OTTERBOURG P.C.



In January, Richard Stehl became chairman of Otterbourg P.C. and its executive committee. The New York City-based firm has served the financial services industry, among other corporate and real estate clients, for more than 100 years.

It's a success story that opens with a boy from Long Island who had no intention of becoming a lawyer. "My Dad was a banker, and he brought me up to be one," Stehl says. "We talked banking at the dinner table, I was a bank teller on my summer vacations, and I worked at European American Bank in a co-op program while in college. We had no lawyers in our family, and I certainly didn't know any."

After college, Stehl entered Dun & Bradstreet's management training program, where he worked with lawyers and gradually learned that he liked the legal aspects of business transactions more than the financial side. A few years later, he enrolled at St. John's Law. "I chose St. John's because two of my three siblings went there as undergraduates and had excellent experiences," Stehl explains. "Also, I met a few Law School alumni at Dun & Bradstreet and they encouraged me to attend."

Looking to combine his financial background with his legal education, Stehl decided to concentrate his studies in Bankruptcy Law. He took courses with Professor Robert M. Zinman and the late Professor John P. Hennigan, and he interned with the late Hon. Conrad B. Duberstein '41, '91HON, then chief judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of New York.

"Professor Zinman, in particular, had a great impact on me," Stehl says. "When Gerry Luckman '93, John McNicholas '82C, '85G, '93L, and I formed the Bankruptcy Law Society, he served as our faculty advisor. Out of the Bankruptcy Law Society grew the Duberstein Moot Court Competition and the *ABI Law Review*—all under Professor Zinman's guidance. When I graduated from St. John's, Professor Zinman recommended me for a clerkship with Hon. Leif Clark of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Texas. So I ventured off Long Island to San Antonio for a year and had quite an adventure."

When the clerkship ended, it was Judge Duberstein who introduced Stehl to Otterbourg, where he had worked before taking the bench. According to Stehl, the firm was a great fit from the start. "I wanted a place where I could forge my own path and make meaningful contributions," he shares. "I wanted to be more than a cog in the wheel. Otterbourg was a mid-sized firm with blue chip clientele and

a premier international bankruptcy and finance reputation. It was everything that I was looking for."

Fast forward 25 years and Stehl says, "I still look forward to coming to the firm every day and to working with people—both clients and co-workers—who I like, admire, and respect. I'm fond of saying that I haven't been on a job interview in 25 years." Negotiating financing arrangements and their workouts occupies most of his practice. He also directly oversees the firm's corporate and real estate departments. "I really enjoy the work, especially because we're usually trying to bring people together and make good things happen in our transactions," says Stehl. "Whether I'm working on a financing or an acquisition, we have to learn every detail about the companies that we're financing or that are being acquired—the way they operate and the regulatory environments in which they conduct business. I find this incredibly interesting as well as intellectually challenging."

Stehl also appreciates the value of Otterbourg's New York City location. "Our firm is primarily a boutique for the financial services industry," he says. "New York City remains the financial capital of the world, so it's very important for us to be here. All of our finance, hedge fund, insurance, factoring, and real estate clients are headquartered or have a significant presence in New York City, so it's critical that we remain here and have frequent, in-person contact with our clients. To that end, we recently signed a long-term lease extension and completed a full renovation of our Park Avenue offices."

While he finds his work gratifying, maintaining a meaningful life outside the firm is a priority for Stehl. He has been married to his wife, Erika, for over 20 years and they have five children. He is also deeply involved in many charitable causes, including serving as a member of the board of governors of Opportunity International, a Christian-based microfinance charity which promotes entrepreneurialism and economic growth in Third World countries.

"Otterbourg has provided me with a platform to develop a successful and challenging legal career, while at the same time successfully balancing my marriage, family life, and my outside interests," says Stehl. "My most important goal as chairman is to put a vision and a plan in place that sustain the long term success of the firm, so that our clients will continue to benefit from excellent legal representation, and so each of our attorneys can have the same opportunities I've had for a truly satisfying career and professional life."



MELINDA KATZ '90:

Your Guide to the

World's Borough

Crossed the Queensboro, Pulaski, Throgs Neck, Whitestone, or Kosciuszko bridges lately? Cruised (or crawled) along the Belt Parkway or Long Island Expressway? Then you've probably seen the green signs welcoming you to "The World's Borough," aka Queens County.

The signs—and the slogan—are courtesy of Queens Borough President Melinda Katz, who has led what is arguably the most diverse county in the United States since 2014.

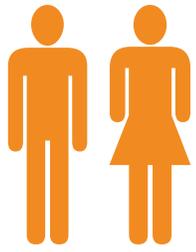
Katz and Queens have a long history. She was born in the borough and graduated from its public schools. Her father was a renowned conductor and the founder of the Queens Symphony Orchestra, and her mother was a singer who started the Queens Council on the Arts. Given her deep roots in the community, St. John's was a natural choice for Katz when she decided to go to law school.

"I saw the legal profession as a way to save the world," Katz says. "I went to law school hoping to work for organizations that assist people in need. While at St. John's Law, I interned with the Legal Aid Society's tenant rights division and with Hon. Michael Mukasey

in the Southern District of New York. Although I ended up in private practice at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, the desire to assist people remained. Running for office and becoming an elected official have been part of my privilege toward fulfilling that goal."

Katz's two decades in public service have included time in the New York State Assembly and on the New York City Council, where she chaired the influential Land Use Committee. Now, as the 19th Queens Borough President, she represents 2.3 million constituents who hail from over 120 countries and speak over 135 languages.

By all accounts, the borough that Katz serves and calls home is in the midst of an impressive transformation. "When they say, 'Queens is on the move,' that's no understatement," Katz says, adding, "But as we continue to be the borough of growth, at our core, we're still the borough of families. Someone once said, 'Our responsibility to our children is to leave the world a better place than we inherited.' As a mother of a 6-year-old and an 8-year-old, I insist on the following at Borough Hall every single day when we measure policies, initiatives, and investments: If it's good for families, it's good for Queens."



2,339,150
Residents

47.8%
FOREIGN BORN

120
COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

108.53
Square Miles

135+
LANGUAGES
SPOKEN

1 WORLD'S FAIR
SITE AND
UNISPHERE

25 
STATE, CITY, AND
NATIONAL PARKS

4 PUBLIC
BEACHES

14  MUSEUMS

2 MAJOR
U.S. AIRPORTS

3 MAJOR SPORTS
VENUES:

**USTA BILLIE JEAN
KING NATIONAL
TENNIS CENTER:**
*Home to U.S. Open
Tennis Championships*

CITI FIELD:
*Home to Major
League Baseball's
New York Mets*

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*serving delicious food
from around the world*

So, while Queens is enjoying a surge in tourism, a hospitality industry boom, and related job growth under Katz's leadership, its residents are also seeing their public schools, libraries, and parks revitalized. In just three years, 11 new schools have been created, and six existing schools have been expanded. And there have been 14 library and 31 park ground breakings, ribbon cuttings, and grand openings in that same period of time.

Mix in neighborhoods that regularly top 'hottest places to live' lists; world-class shopping; fan-favorite sports teams; pulsating nightlife; a vibrant art scene; and an incomparable array of cuisines from all over the world, and it's no wonder that the popular *Lonely Planet* guide has named Queens its number one travel destination.

As Katz aptly puts it, "Queens is a wonderfully unique borough. We don't have to claim to be the center of the universe, but we are without a doubt the intersection of the world."

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS



1 | Despite cloudy skies, the Alumni Association's **Hon. Guy J. Mangano Golf Classic** was in full swing at the Nassau Country Club in Glen Cove on September 29, 2016. A highlight of the day was the presentation of the Hon. Guy J. Mangano Award to John O. Brennan '90, a partner at Ryan, Brennan & Donnelly LLP in Floral Park. Over the last 15 years, the annual event has raised money to support the Law School's James V. Mangano Scholarship fund.

The Law School's **Fall CLE Weekend** on November 5 and 6, 2016 offered participants two engaging tracks. Negligence: The Basics and Beyond provided a comprehensive exploration of client representation in negligence matters. Attendees who chose A Potpourri—Something of Interest for Everyone! selected from courses in legal technology, online research, appellate practice, legal writing, business law, and

more. The program is designed to provide up to 16 credits for both newly admitted attorneys and veteran attorneys.

2 | Recent graduates joined Dean Michael A. Simons and faculty members to celebrate their milestone achievement at the **Bar Passage Reception** on November 10, 2016 at Croton Reservoir Tavern in Manhattan.

3 | Colonel (ret.) Daniel Joseph Dell'Orto '79 of the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps was honored for his exceptional service to our country at this year's **Armed Forces Alumni and Student Reception** on November 16, 2016. The event, which was held at the Law School, also celebrated former WWII Prisoner of War and longtime U.S. Army JAG Corps reservist Colonel (ret.) Milton Norman '48, who was featured in the Fall 2016 issue of *St. John's Law* magazine.

4 | Manhattan's historic and beautiful Metropolitan Club was a fitting backdrop for the **Law Loughlin Holiday Reception and Dinner** on December 1, 2016. Dean Michael A. Simons served as host for the evening as nearly 200 alumni and friends gathered to recognize and thank the Law School's most generous donors.

5 | Over 130 alumni came together for the **Nassau Chapter Holiday Luncheon and Toy Drive** at The Carlton in Eisenhower Park on December 6, 2016. Dean Michael A. Simons and Chapter President Kenneth Bornstein '85SVC, '88L led the attendees in honoring Francis J. Scahill '84, a partner at Picciano & Scahill, PC. Scahill, a child of Irish immigrants, shared that he was raised to value hard work and education. He also expressed his gratitude for the many opportunities that St. John's Law has offered him and his family, which includes his daughter, Kathleen '13, and his son, James '15.

6 | On December 14, 2016, the **Westchester Chapter Holiday Luncheon and Toy Drive** was held at the Westchester Hills Country Club in White Plains. Chapter President Hon. Daniel D. Angiolillo '77 presided, along with Dean Michael A. Simons, and warmly welcomed the guest of honor, Westchester County District Attorney Anthony A. Scarpino, Jr. Scarpino, whose father was a member of the Class of 1929, presented Dean Simons with a photograph of his father's graduating class which, he noted, was wonderfully diverse.

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS



7 | That same day, Chapter President Joseph Sorrentino '05 welcomed celebrants to the **Brooklyn Chapter Holiday Reception and Toy Drive** at Floyd, NY. Each year, chapter members collect toys from the Appellate Division, DA's office, Law School, and Brooklyn alumni to donate to St. John's Bread & Life, an organization dedicated to alleviating hunger and poverty in Brooklyn and Queens. Breaking their all-time record, this year the chapter donated more than 1,000 toys to make the holiday season brighter for needy children in Bedford Stuyvesant's St. John's Parish. Joining in the fun was Hon. Randall T. Eng '72, '16HON and the chapter's founding president, Hon. Reinaldo E. Rivera '76, '06HON.



Over 85 alumni and students attended the **ABI Law Review Alumni Reception** on February 15, 2017 at Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP. Host Anupama Yerramalli '07 welcomed the attendees, who enjoyed an evening of catching up with friends and faculty members.

The **Spring CLE Weekend** on February 25 and 26, 2017 offered a two-day session that walked attendees through the real estate closing process and provided tips, information, and best practice advice. Participants could opt for the Variety Pack track, choosing from courses on attorney disciplinary matters and legal malpractice, sexual harassment in the workplace, mediation, and deposition skills, among other subjects.

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS



When individuals come together in an institution, united by a common purpose, they can accomplish great things. Dean Michael A. Simons shared this inspiring message with some 360 attendees at the

Alumni Association Luncheon held at the New York Hilton on January 27, 2017. The event celebrated this year's Belson Medal recipients, individuals who have demonstrated a special loyalty and dedication to St. John's Law and a respect for the University's mission, and whose philanthropy has had a

significant impact upon the advancement of legal education at the Law School. Another highlight was the presentation of the Recent Graduate Service Award to Eun Chong (EJ) Thorsen '08, a partner at Vishnick McGovern Milizio LLP, in recognition of her outstanding service to *alma mater*. Service—to St. John's and to the people of the State of New York—is a hallmark of the life and career of Hon. Joseph W. Bellacosa '59C, '61L, '87HON, associate judge (ret.) of the New York State Court of Appeals and former dean of St. John's Law, who took the stage to receive the Law School's Lifetime Achievement Award. The award is presented to a person who exemplifies a true Vincentian spirit, service to others, commitment to the Rule of Law, and generosity, dedication, and loyalty to *alma mater*. Judge Bellacosa is only the second alumnus to receive the award.

Recent Alumni Association Chapter Activities



A | BUFFALO CHAPTER

- **August 11, 2016**, Summer Wine Tasting, Just Vino, Buffalo (Sponsored by Hodgson Russ LLP)
 - **November 18, 2016**, Alumni Gathering, Flying Bison Brewing Company, Buffalo
- Contact:** Florina Altshiler '05 at faltshiler@russotoner.com

FLORIDA CHAPTER

- First Thursday of the Month**, Dinner, Fort Lauderdale Area
- Contact:** Brian Behar '84 at bbehar@bgglaw.com

NASSAU CHAPTER

- September 7, 2016, October 5, 2016, November 2, 2016, February 1, 2017,** and **March 1, 2017**, Networking Night, City Cellar, Westbury
- Contact:** Kenneth Bornstein '85SVC, '88L at kbornstein@belawoffice.com



B | SUFFOLK CHAPTER

- **January 5, 2017**, Networking Night, Burger Shack, Patchogue (Owned and operated by Brian Kearns '88)
 - **February 2, 2017**, Networking Night, Jewel Restaurant, Melville
 - **March 2, 2017**, Networking Night, Hanu Kitchen & Cocktails, Huntington
- Contact:** Claire McKeever '80SVC, '93L at mckeevec@stjohns.edu

WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTER

- **September 28, 2016**, Networking Happy Hour, Wildfire at Tysons Galleria, McLean, VA
 - **February 1, 2017**, Capitals vs. Bruins, Washington, D.C. (Sponsored by Sal Tamburo '98 and Blank Rome LLP)
- Contact:** Joseph Moreno '99 at joseph.moreno@mac.com



C | YOUNG ALUMNI CHAPTER

- **September 28, 2016**, Fall Gathering, Croton Reservoir Tavern, Manhattan
 - **January 25, 2017**, Gamewatch, Stout NYC Grand Central, Manhattan
- Contact:** Joseph Reigadas '13 at joe.reigadas@gmail.com

Hon. P. Kevin Castel '72SVC, '75L, '04HON

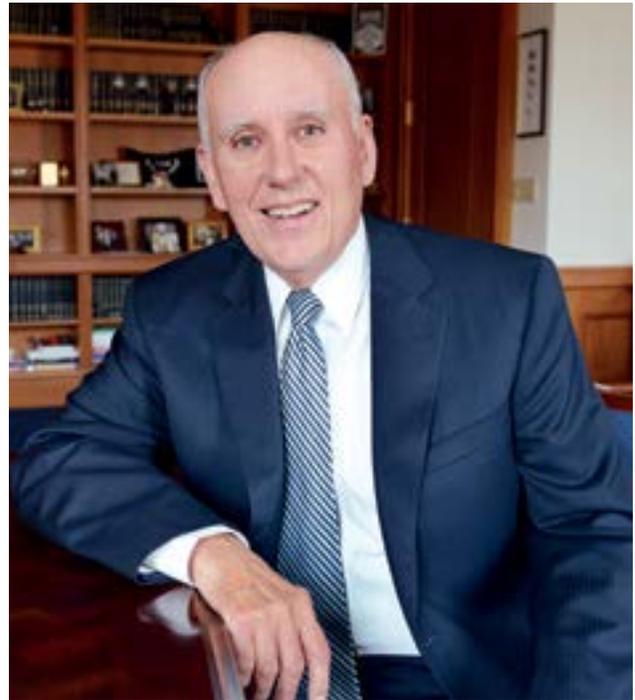
On Life and Lawyering in the CKU

Q: You're a New York City native. You stayed in the city for college and law school at St. John's, you practiced law here, and now you serve as a U.S. District Judge in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York in Manhattan. What does being a New York City jurist mean to you?

A: My colleague and friend, Judge Loretta Preska, often refers to New York City as the "CKU"—the "Center of the Known Universe." It's the financial capital of the nation, as well as the center for broadcast and print news. It's the hub of the art, fashion, publishing, and advertising industries. It's home to the nation's premier museums and performing arts groups, and has some of the greatest research and teaching hospitals. Why would you want to live or practice anywhere else? Other places are great to visit, but New York City is the ideal place to put down roots as a professional. Look at where the great national and international law firms have a significant presence. It's New York. The work is going to be more interesting and, as a bonus, think of the great weekend activities: Broadway, Lincoln Center, clubs, concerts, and restaurants, Mets, Yankees (if you must), Knicks, Nets, walks in Central Park or the Bronx Zoo, and trips to Coney Island or Jones Beach.

Q: As a federal judge, the cases on your docket aren't necessarily New York City-centric. But do you find something special about presiding in a city that's a hub (if not *the* hub) of international business?

A: The history of my Court has been shaped by its presence at the CKU. This is where the claims arising from the sinking of the *Titanic* and the *Lusitania* were brought. It's where the Cold War espionage cases of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg and Alger Hiss were tried. It's where the government's challenges to the publication of James Joyce's *Ulysses* and the *New York Times'* Pentagon Papers were heard. More recently, it has seen the prosecutions of Bernard Madoff, Martha Stewart, the Somali Pirate, and the 42nd Street Bomber. As a judge, I've presided over cases involving forged paintings of Jackson Pollack and Willem de Kooning, alleged defamation by *Rolling*



Stone, prosecutions of members or associates of several organized crime families, and a vast array of financial frauds. I once issued a warrant for the arrest of a dinosaur skeleton stolen from Mongolia. Where else but New York City would you get cases like this?

Q: How do you think St. John's Law, and the attorneys trained here, reflect the spirit of New York City and the particular grain of the local legal profession?

A: Who in our profession is perceived as gutsier and grittier than a well-trained New York lawyer? I confess that, in my private practice days, there was a bit of a swagger that came with being perceived as a top gun from New York arriving in Peoria, Illinois or Pocatello, Idaho to argue a motion or take a deposition. St. John's has produced tough, smart New York litigators like Roy Reardon, Henry Miller, Nick Cannella, and Mary Kay Vyskocil, each of whom achieved a national reputation. Great judges like Joe Bellacosa, John Sprizzo, Ray Dearie, Carmen Ciparick and our new Chief Judge, Janet DiFiore, all came from the New York City-centric environment of St. John's. These are men and women who have earned respect, not by birthright, but through proficiency and hard work, which are both St. John's values and New York values.

CLASS NOTES

'61 **Jason M. Levi's** landscape photography was exhibited at the Desert Garden United Church of Christ in Sun City West, AZ. Levi is a juried member of the Arizona Art Alliance and an accomplished landscape photographer. His work appears in *Best of Photography 2015*.

'65 **Allan Hyman**, a partner at Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman LLP, was selected to the 2016 *New York Super Lawyer* list. He practices in the firm's litigation, real estate tax certiorari, and condemnation law departments.

'66 **Charles Wroblewski** was named the *Seaford Herald* Citizen of the Year.

'67 **John Barnosky**, an estate litigation partner at Farrell Fritz, P.C., has been recognized as a Leading Individual in the 2016 edition of the *Chambers High Net Worth* guide. He is also included in the 2017 edition of *Best Lawyers in America*, earning the distinction of Lawyer of the Year.

'70 **Terry O'Neil**, a member at Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC, appears in the 2017 edition of *Best Lawyers in America* with the additional distinction of Lawyer of the Year.

'73 **Albert W. Petraglia**, of counsel at Rivkin Radler LLP, received the *Long Island Business News* Leadership in Law Award. He practices in his firm's trusts, estates, and taxation practice group.

Retired New York Army National Guard Brigadier General **Thomas J. Principe** was inducted into the ROTC Hall of Fame at a ceremony in Fort Knox, KY. He also served as grand marshal of the Columbus Day parade in Queens, NY.

'74 Author **Vincent Sachar** has penned his latest book, *Nowhere on Earth*, a mystery and suspense novel continuing the saga of the character he introduced in *The Nowhere Man* and further developed in *Nowhere Out*.

Anne R. Moses was appointed to the advisory board of Alabama Women in Business.

Edward C. Radin, a member at Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC, is recognized in the 2017 *Best Lawyers in America*.

Charles M. Strain, a partner at Farrell Fritz, P.C. appears in the 2017 edition of *Best Lawyers in America*.

'79 **Ernest R. Stolzer**, a member at Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC, has been selected to the 2017 *Best Lawyers in America*.

'80 **William F. Cavanaugh, Jr.**, co-chair at Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP, has been named one of *Benchmark Litigation's* 2017 Top 10 Practitioners nationally for Antitrust. One of *Benchmark's* peer assessments refers to him as "a major player in the antitrust area and one of the best antitrust lawyers to be found anywhere." Cavanaugh represents a broad array of clients in complex antitrust litigations in the life sciences, consumer products, food and beverage, and financial services industries.

'82 **Arthur A. Rouse**, senior counsel at Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs LLP, has been recognized as a leader in real estate in the 2017 edition of *Chambers and Partners USA*.

'83 The *New York Law Journal* named **Hon. Mary Kay Vyskocil**, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Southern District of New York, one of its Top Women in Law for 2016.

'84 **Kevin O'Shea** has joined Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP as a partner in the real estate practice group.

Miriam E. Villani, a partner at Sahn Ward Coschignano, PLLC, has been recognized by *Super Lawyers* in the area of environmental law.

Scott Walter, counsel at Alston & Bird, LLP, is the author of a new book, *Patent Trial and Appeal Board Motion Practice*, published by LexisNexis.

'85 *Super Lawyers* has recognized Sahn Ward Coschignano, PLLC partner **Chris J. Coschignano** in the practice area of land use/zoning law.

John P. McEntee, a partner at Farrell Fritz, P.C., was selected to the 2016 *New York Metro Super Lawyers* list for business litigation.

Carmen A. Pacheco, a partner at Pacheco & Lugo, PLLC, was inducted as president of the Puerto Rican Bar Association. Also inducted were Hon. Wilma Guzman '86 (president-elect), Stephanie Correa '10 (corresponding secretary) and Laura De Los Rios '14 (director).

The Latino Lawyers Association of Queens County honored **Jose Perez** as their 2016 Lawyer of the Year in recognition of his 31 years of service in the public interest, culminating in his recent, successful representation of Cesar Vargas, one of the first Dreamer/undocumented law graduates to be admitted to practice in the United States. Perez is deputy general counsel and legal director of LatinoJustice PRLDEF.

'87 **Bruce Baron** received the Fraternal Order of Court Officers' Bench and Bar Award in recognition of his professional excellence, compassionate leadership, and service to the courthouse community.

Robert E. Sandler, a partner at Farrell Fritz, P.C., has been selected to the 2017 *Best Lawyers in America*.

'88 The *Daily Journal* has recognized Sidley Austin LLP partner **Dan Clivner** as one of the Top 100 Lawyers in California.

Frank V. Kelly is of counsel at Stewart Bernstiel Rebar Smith, where he advises clients in complex litigation matters.

CLASS NOTES

Eric M. Kramer, a partner at Farrell Fritz, P.C., was selected to the 2016 *New York Metro Super Lawyers* list in the practice area of estates and probate.

Patrick McCormick will be installed as the Suffolk Academy of Law's 21st dean. He is a partner at the law firm Campolo, Middleton & McCormick, LLP.

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Alan B. Hodish received an Award of Special Recognition from the East Meadow School Board for his many years of child advocacy and exceptionally dedicated service to the children of East Meadow.

James M. Wicks, a partner at Farrell Fritz, P.C., was named to the 2016 *New York Metro Super Lawyers* list for business litigation.

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Christopher J. Kutner, a partner in Rivkin Radler LLP's investigation and white collar and health services practice groups, received the *Long Island Business News* Leadership in Law Award.

Howard M. Miller, a member at Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC, has been selected to the 2017 edition of *Best Lawyers in America*.

Hon. Jodi Orlow is the executive of the Brandeis Association of Queens, NY.

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Kerri E. Bianchi is the director of court services at Carolina Dispute Settlement Services in Raleigh, NC.

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Glenn M. Katon has opened Katon Law in Oakland, CA, focusing on civil rights.

Karl A. Roessner was named CEO of E*Trade Financial Corp.

Richard L. Stehl has been named chairman of Otterbourg, P.C. He will also chair the firm's executive committee. He previously headed the firm's corporate and specialty finance practice groups.

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Jennifer DeSena joined the Manhasset Community Coalition Against Substance Abuse as executive director.

Janet Keller is the president of the Brandeis Association of Queens, NY.

Leo Taddeo, Chief Security Officer of Cryptzone, was the keynoter at *Infosecurity Magazine's* 2016 Boston Cyber Security Conference.

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Patrick T. Collins, a partner at Farrell Fritz, P.C., was selected to the 2016 *New York Metro Super Lawyers* list in the bankruptcy practice area.

Jonathan Friedman has been named senior VP, general counsel, and secretary of Dentsply Sirona, Inc.

Amanda Mussalli, a partner at The Mussalli Law Firm, was featured in an article in *Texas Lawyer*.

Catherine Dugan O'Connor has been elected partner at Day Pitney LLP. She is a member of the firm's litigation department, where she focuses her practice on intellectual property.

Robert J. Saville has been named president and CEO of Five Star Electric Corp., the largest electrical contractor in New York City. He remains the company's general counsel.

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Brian S. Cohen has become a partner at Platte Klarsfeld Levine Lachtman & Cohen, LLP. An accomplished litigator, he focuses his practice on complex real estate, business litigation, and class action litigation.

Jacqueline C. Marzan has joined Attorneys' Title Fund Services, LLC as a senior commercial services underwriting counsel focusing on complex commercial real estate transactions.

Jane Norberg has been promoted to chief of the SEC's Office of the Whistleblower.

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John T. Seybert has joined Dearborn National as assistant general counsel.

'00

Jeffrey Cohen has joined Lowenstein Sandler LLP as a partner in the firm's bankruptcy practice, focusing on troubled retailers and technology companies.

'02

Kathryn Carney Cole was promoted to partner at Farrell Fritz, P.C. She handles all aspects of commercial litigation, with a niche practice in eDiscovery. Cole was also selected to the 2016 *New York Super Lawyers Rising Stars* list in the practice area of business litigation.

'03

David M. Curry was promoted to partner at Farrell Fritz, P.C., where he concentrates his practice in real estate.

Kristina M. Wesch was promoted to partner at Farrell Fritz, P.C. She is a transactional attorney, focusing her practice on restructuring and corporate matters.

Erin Frost was named a partner at Ahmuty, Demers & McManus.

'04

Michael Busch has joined the Georgetown Co., a real estate development firm, as general counsel.

Ryan Goldberg has been elected a partner at Rivkin Radler LLP, where he is a member of the insurance fraud practice group.

Heather P. Harrison, counsel at Farrell Fritz, P.C., was selected to the 2016 *New York Metro Super Lawyers* for employee litigation.

Steven Simicich has opened two more VSPOT restaurants, for a total of three. The original VSPOT is in Park Slope, Brooklyn and the two new locations are on St. Marks Place and on 24th Street in Manhattan. VSPOT specializes in Latin vegan comfort food and is kosher certified.

'05

Lauren B. Brassotti, of counsel to the litigation and dispute resolution practice of Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C., has been named to the 2016 *New York Super Lawyers Rising Stars* list as one of the top attorneys for the New York Metro area.

CLASS NOTES

'06

Nora Cronin co-edited *Human Trafficking: Emerging Legal Issues and Applications* (Lawyers and Judges Publishing Co., Inc. 2017), which includes a contributing chapter by Professor Robin Boyle Laisure titled "Human Trafficking and Cults."

Jaclene D'Agostino, an associate at Farrell Fritz, P.C., was selected to the 2016 *New York Super Lawyers Rising Stars* list in the area of business litigation.

The *New York Times* article "Runaway Teenager Slowly Reveals Tale of Horrors While Away" quotes Assistant District Attorney **Lauren DiChiara** as an authority on sex trafficking.

Esterina Giuliani has been promoted to partner at Baker Hostetler, where she is a member of the firm's litigation group and focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation.

Melissa Osipoff has joined Fisher Phillips as an associate. Her practice focuses on representing employers in single- and multi-plaintiff cases under the anti-discrimination laws, as well as defending employers in wage and hour litigation.

Daniel Schwarz has been named a partner at Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy, LLP, handling all types of U.S. immigration and nationality matters, including complex cases associated with criminal issues and prior immigration violations.

Kris Villarreal is counsel to the corporate practice group at Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP.

'07

Anupama Yerramalli has been promoted to special counsel at Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP, where she represents a diverse range of clients, including debtors, official committees, bondholders, and other investors, in bankruptcy cases, out-of-court restructurings, and other distressed situations.

Diana Cruz is an assistant corporation counsel in the New York City Law Department's tort division.

Rebecca Van Uitert is an associate at Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy, LLP, where she provides counsel on all aspects of corporate U.S. immigration, including non-immigrant visas and permanent residence. She also coordinates and manages the Chicago office's *pro bono* efforts. Most recently, she was selected for the Emerging Leaders Program, Chicago Council on Global Affairs, Class of 2017.

Paul L. Bonewitz was promoted to partner at Latham & Watkins LLP, where he is a member of the firm's finance practice group.

Erica Coleman has joined BronxWorks as general counsel. She oversees the organization's legal and compliance matters as well as human resources, employee education and training, information technology, and quality assurance.

Christine L. Hogan has been elevated to shareholder at Littler Mendelson P.C., where she advises employers in multiple areas of employment law, including contractor classification, wage and hour, disability accommodation, discrimination, harassment, and retaliation.

Kevin J. Rutkowsky has been named a partner in the corporate/securities practice group at Certilman Balin Adler & Hymann, LLP.

Eun Chong (EJ) Thorsen has been promoted to partner at Vischnick McGovern Milizio LLP, where she is a litigator and counselor-at-law to families and businesses. By appointment of Hon. Randall T. Eng '72, '16HON, Thorsen serves on the Committee on Character and Fitness for New York's Second, Tenth, Eleventh, and Thirteenth Judicial Districts. She also serves as the first Asian-American president of the Queens County Women's Bar

Association. Additionally, Thorsen is the executive vice president of the Korean American Lawyers Association of Greater New York; a board member of the Law School Alumni Association; and a board member of the Judges and Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert.

'09

Sheryl Giugliano has been promoted to partner at Diamond McCarthy LLP, where she represents debtors, creditors' committees, and secured and unsecured creditors in bankruptcy matters.

'10

Theodore J. Hawkins is an associate at Labaton Sucharow LLP, where he focuses his practice on complex securities fraud cases on behalf of institutional investors.

Thomas Scappaticci, Jr. has joined Goldberg Segalla, where he concentrates his practice on litigating complex product liability matters for clients in a range of industries.

'11

Adam M. Rafsky, an associate at Farrell Fritz, P.C., was selected to the 2016 *Super Lawyers New York Rising Stars* list for business litigation.

'13

Andrew J. Roth-Moore ('13LL.M.) has joined Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP as an associate in the firm's business reorganization and restructuring practice group.

Christopher M. Opisso has joined Farrell Fritz, P.C. as an associate in the corporate and finance practice group.

Tristan Evans-Wilent is a tax associate at Kirkland & Ellis LLP, where his practice focuses on the tax aspects of complex business transactions.

'15

Chelsea E. Marmor has joined Eversheds Sutherland LLP, where she counsels clients regarding state and local tax matters, including compliance, planning, litigation, controversy, and audit defense issues.

Nahid Noori has been promoted to the Felony Division at the Broward County Public Defender's Office. She previously served in the office's Juvenile Division.

MARRIAGES



Ryan Adams '12 and **Corinne Donohue '12** were married in August.

◀ **Chris Opisso '13** and **Hannah McCuiston '14** were married at the Old Field Club in East Setauket, NY in September. St. John's Law alumni in attendance were:

Lawrence Opisso '05	David Torreblanca '13	Mona Patel '14
Daniel Opisso '12	Eric Zisk '13	Joice Varughese '14
Brendan Silhan '12	Daniel Perrone '13	Jaclyn Feldman '14
Jonathan Pryor '13	Yekaterina Berkovich '14	Melanie Spergel '14
Megan Quail '13	Jonathan Sprintz '14	David Saponara '14
Danielle Thorne '13	Erin Rieu-Sicart '14	
Christine Torreblanca '13	David Hommel '14	

BIRTHS

David C. Pilato '06, wife Lindsay, and big brother Jack Joseph welcomed Norah Grace in July.

Richard Spatola '08 and wife **Kelly (Karneeb) '08** welcomed Olivia Shea in November.



◀ **Class of 2037 and 2038**
(courtesy of Nadav Zamir '11)

IN MEMORIAM

Professor Joseph A. Calamari (1919-2016)



In December, esteemed **Professor Joseph A. Calamari** passed away at the age of 97. He was a leading authority on admiralty law, was highly respected and involved in the admiralty bar in New York City, and was a trusted mentor to generations of St. John's Law students. In 1975, together with Alfred Will '75 and Peter Clark '75, Professor Calamari founded the Admiralty Law Society at St. John's to promote the study of Admiralty and Maritime Law. At its 2011 dinner, the society honored Professor Calamari's contribution and commitment to the Law School and, today, it proudly bears the name Joseph A. Calamari Admiralty Law Society.

Carl Tivolacci '35 LL.B., '36LL.M.	William J. Slater '53	James C. Daly '60CBA, '63L	Gary Zwilling '77
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END NOTE



WITH A DEEP-ROOTED PASSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

CAROLINE FISH '18

CHARTS HER PATH IN THE LAW

The canals wrinkle in the wind. The ducks leave small wakes behind them, paddling under the bridges I soar over, as I crisscross the quiet of The Hague and its suburbs. There's a windmill on my way home. I go through tunnels painted with murals. Yellow trains hum past each other on their way to Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Centraal. I cut across tram tracks, a light on my handlebars. The moon comes up. The stars breathe in the cool night.

This vivid and elegant reflection on a journey far from home is taken from Caroline Fish's online journal. While her classmates continue their studies at St. John's Law, she's spending the semester interning for Hon. Raul Pangalangan, a judge on the International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague, Netherlands.

"Judge Pangalangan is the former law dean of the University of the Philippines and a very thoughtful jurist," Fish says. "He's currently sitting on three cases, including one which is in the trial phase, addressing war crimes and crimes against humanity perpetrated by the Lord's Resistance Army in Uganda. I assist the judge and his legal officers with legal research and writing, editing decisions, and preparing various legal documents."

The work suits Fish, who is a member of the *St. John's Law Review*, a Center for International and Comparative Law fellow, and one of the Law School's International Honors Program scholars. "It's a fascinating and exciting legal experience," she says of her ICC internship. "International criminal law is a field that requires a creative spirit. 'Creative' isn't a word that people usually use to describe legal work, but it's the perfect word to describe what I do in my research and writing on very unique international criminal law questions. International criminal law jurisprudence isn't extensive, and it's constantly evolving. So we're frequently confronting issues of first impression."

Before attending St. John's, Fish earned a Master of Social Work degree. In social work school, she chose to specialize in international development and global issues, so she could eventually do human rights work on a global scale. As Fish saw it, a legal education would complement and enhance her skills as social worker. "Social workers focus on social justice and the entire system of inequality, injustice, and discrimination and tackle these issues on every level of society," she notes. "On the other hand, attorneys know the law intricately and hold a unique position as advocates who can influence people through their body of knowledge and lawyering skills. That's a powerful combination."

The ICC's mission to take a stand against mass atrocities for which there might otherwise be no punishment, Fish says, is exactly in line with her professional interests. "The ICC has made a concerted effort to address crimes of sexual violence and enslavement, which is important to me," she says. "And this effort provides validation that, on an international level, lawyers are needed to continue to make sure issues of sexual violence, enslavement, and human trafficking are addressed and that survivors are given hope."

Fish's next step in her professional and personal journey is a *pro bono* internship at DLA Piper in Paris, France. During this two-month rotation, she will assist in the implementation of the firm's *pro bono* program in 15 offices in Continental Europe, particularly with regard to human rights matters. From there, she returns to New York City as a summer associate at DLA Piper's office there.

"I want to continue to work against the awful, pervasive, and often unpunished crimes of human trafficking and sexual violence, as I was doing as a social worker," says Fish. "But, for now, I'm leaving my eyes and horizons open to whichever path this interest in international law takes me on."

Events Calendar

The St. John's Law Alumni Association hosts and participates in many events throughout the year. Below is just a sampling of the slate of upcoming events. Please visit our online events calendar at stjohns.edu/law/events for full event details and updates as they come in.

June 4, 2017

Law School Commencement
St. John's University
Carnesecca Arena, Queens, NY

June 6, 2017

Celebration for Vice Dean
Emeritus Andrew J. Simons '65
The Carlton, Eisenhower Park
East Meadow, NY

June 13, 2017

Hon. Theodore T.
Jones, Jr. '72, '07HON
Memorial Golf Outing
Wykagyl Country Club
New Rochelle, NY

June 19, 2017

Suffolk Chapter Golf Outing
The Vineyards, Riverhead, NY

June 27, 2017

Hon. John E. Sprizzo Reception
New York Athletic Club
New York, NY

September 18, 2017

Hon. Guy J. Mangano Golf Classic
Nassau Country Club
Glen Cove, NY

November 4 and 5, 2017

Fall CLE Weekend
St. John's School of Law
Queens, NY

November 16, 2017

Reunion: Classes of 2012, 2007,
2002, 1997, 1992, 1987, 1982,
1977 and 1972
New York Athletic Club
New York, NY

December 10-11, 2017

St. John's U.S. Supreme Court
Reception and Admission
U.S. Supreme Court
Washington, D.C.

Classes of 2012, 2007, 2002, 1997, 1992,
1987, 1982, 1977 and 1972

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, November 16, 2017

Join Us For Reunion 2017 And Make A Weekend Of It

Catch a Broadway show, hit some dining hot spots, enjoy incomparable shopping, stroll the parks and High Line . . . and start it all off by celebrating *alma mater* with friends old and new at Manhattan's iconic New York Athletic Club.

Please contact Claire C. McKeever '80SVC, '93L at mckeevec@stjohns.edu or **(718) 990-6006** for more information.





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