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A Message from the Dean

PATRICIA E. SALKIN
Dean & Professor of law

Despite headlines in newspapers and critiques on blogs, there has never been a more exciting time in legal education. While segments of the legal profession have been impacted due to the economic downturn, many law firms, corporate offices and legal service providers have reinvented themselves. Technology is significantly changing the way we practice law and our workplace environments are changing as well. Bar associations across the country, including the American Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association, have appointed task forces to address changes in the profession and changes in legal education.

Touro Law has always been a leader in innovative legal education. Our long-time tag-line touting our practice-ready approach existed long before it was en vogue to talk about experiential learning and profession-ready graduates. As you will read in the magazine, the Law Center’s move to Central Islip almost 10 years ago, paved the way for curricular reform and integration with the courts and with public interest legal services agencies. Now we are poised to once again be a leader in the transformation of legal education. Touro Law is a solid, financially sound institution. Responding in part to the decline in applications to law schools nationally and in the Northeast, Touro Law Center has decreased the size of the entering class each year for the last two years (and we anticipate doing to same next year) so as to maintain our commitment to quality and to admitting people dedicated to the practice of law who are bright, inquisitive and capable of being excellent members of the bar. The transformation of Touro Law Center includes plans to be a smaller, more strategic and stronger school. The pages of this magazine tell an important story about who we are and how we are changing.

Today, we have award-winning moot court teams, structured and exciting experiential pro bono programs for 1L students, and an expanded array of clinical opportunities for Touro Law students. Members of our faculty hold leadership positions and contribute to the growing body of scholarship in the field of legal education reform. The faculty has been working on significant curricular reforms and a complementary strategic plan that includes an updated mission statement. We are aligning our reforms with important market trends and projected employment opportunities for our graduates. We are investing strategically in niche institutes, centers and programs that provide opportunities to better prepare our graduates for the changing workforce and that will bring distinction and visibility to Touro Law.

In the fall we opened our new Community Justice Center (CJC), an innovative incubator where ten Touro Law alumni are starting their own law practices. We are working on changes in the curriculum to support students interested in solo and small firm practice to complement the CJC and our Institute on Justice and Postgraduate Development. Courses in law office management and electronic filing, and creative new joint JD/MBA opportunities enhance the offerings. Our new Institute on Land Use and Sustainable Development Law will, among other things, connect our students to the 110 units of local government in Suffolk and Nassau counties, as well as to the law firms who represent applicants before the hundreds of legislative and administrative municipal boards. We are also extremely excited with the launch of the country’s first aging and longevity law institute in the fall. With the aging of the baby boomers and myriad complex legal issues transcending so many different areas of law, cutting edge plans for this institute and its integration with new curricular offerings is putting Touro Law in a leadership role already in this arena. The faculty has approved a new concentration in criminal law, and is working on concentrations in the areas just discussed.

Of course Touro Law Center retains our commitment to the student experience and to an accessible legal education. Sensitive to the price tag of legal education, we have made the commitment this year to raise at least one million dollars earmarked for new student scholarships, and we are more than half way towards meeting this goal. We are not raising tuition next year, and we will continue with our newly instituted commuter scholarship initiative. We have increased the number of summer fellowships awarded and thanks to the generosity of alumni and friends, we have been able to provide needed assistance for costly bar exam support for students.

The faculty, staff and students could not possibly accomplish all that we do without the support and active engagement of our loyal alumni. The 2013 Advancement Report in this magazine represents an outstanding and exemplary demonstration of support for Touro Law Center. The philanthropic support invested in our institution ensures the future of the rule of law, access to justice and a diverse legal profession with skilled Touro Law graduates who serve the public, private and non-profit sectors.

Sincerely,

Patricia E. Salkin
Dean and Professor of Law
Touro Law Center’s 2013 Commencement ceremony was held on Sunday, May 26th at The New York City Center and celebrated 238 new graduates including 228 JDs (including 1 Dual Degree JD/MBA and 1 Dual Degree JD/MPA), 8 LL.M.s in US Legal Studies and 2 LL.M. candidates.

The ceremony included an address from Commencement Speaker the Honorable Victoria Graffeo, Associate Judge of the New York Court of Appeals who received an honorary degree along with Allen I. Fagin, Touro College board member and senior partner at Proskauer Rose, LLP. Graduates also heard from valedictorians Tiffany Frigenti and Pepito Santos as well as The Ronni D. Cohen Class Orator Anthony Luckie.

Addressing students, Dean Salkin said, “I can speak for the Touro Law faculty, staff and alumni in saying we are all very proud of you and are honored to welcome you to the profession. We expect that the world will be a better place because of how each of you chooses to use the skills and credentials you have acquired.”

Judge Graffeo had this advice for Touro Law students, “Let the sense of accomplishment sink in as you prepare to join a wonderful profession with unlimited opportunity for improving the lives of others and ensuring we all have adequate rights.” She continued, “You can be proud that you have attended a high quality law center that strives to produce confident attorneys who respect the rule of law and have a firm understanding of the need to provide equal access to justice to all members of our society. We expect great things from you and I know you will deliver.”

Allen Fagin was awarded an honorary degree from Touro Law for his service to the profession and commitment and dedication to the law school and his leadership as Chair of the Dean Search Committee. He served as Chairman of Proskauer Rose LLP from 2005-2011, and is a former co-chair of the Labor & Employment Law Department. He has represented clients in such diverse fields as telecommunications, transportation, health care, insurance, legal services, utilities, financial services, entertainment and manufacturing.

At the ceremony, three awards were given to faculty members for their contributions to Touro Law: the Paul Marks Award for Public Service was awarded to Professor Eileen Kaufman; The Milton Handler Award for Excellence in Scholarship was awarded to Professor Jeffrey Morris; and the Inaugural Excellence in Teaching Award was presented to Professor Rena Seplowitz. In addition, the Outstanding Adjunct Professor of the Year award was presented to the Honorable Cheryl Joseph-Cherry and The Honorable Mark Cohen was presented with the Devoted Service to the Ideals and Purpose of Legal Education award.

Class speaker Anthony Luckie told his classmates, “We are all receiving today a document, that combined with our wild optimism, is going to be the most powerful weapon in the world.” He continued, “From this day forward, you have a tool that has the capability to change lives, and we can use it every single day. Now it’s up to us what direction we want to move in, so… let’s set the world on fire.”

**A New Tradition: 3L Class Giving**

The class of 2013 began a new Touro Law tradition; more than 33% of 3L students contributed to a class gift. The funds will be used for a scholarship award to be presented on a competitive basis to a rising 2L who is active in student life. The class of 2014 is already organizing to continue the tradition and exceed the high bar set by the class of 2013.
New Faculty Awards

This past year, three new faculty awards were awarded during commencement to recognize outstanding members of Touro Law’s faculty.

The Paul Marks Award for Public Service was awarded to Professor Eileen Kaufman. During the last year, Professor Kaufman joined the Board of the Tibet Justice Center, an international organization that advocates self-determination for the people of Tibet through legal action and education. She has continued her pro bono advocacy on behalf of Tibetans in exile. She submitted a lengthy expert affidavit on behalf of a Tibetan refugee seeking political asylum in the United States. The individual escaped to India from China after he was detained, interrogated and beaten for possessing pro-independence audio cassette tapes. Professor Kaufman was also selected for this award based on her efforts following Superstorm Sandy. In the aftermath of the storm, she helped staff the TLC-HEART hotline and worked with clients on storm related issues.

Professor Jeffrey Morris was awarded the Milton Handler Award for Excellence in Scholarship for his book *Leadership on the Federal Bench: The Craft and Activism of Jack Weinstein*, published by Oxford University Press. The book is about the astonishing 45 plus year career of one of America’s most important and controversial judges, The Hon. Jack Weinstein of the U.S. District Court Eastern District of New York. Professor Morris considers how Judge Weinstein’s background affected his development and then examines how his conception of the judicial function, his beliefs, values and ability helped create the quintessential judicial activist. Professor Morris is a distinguished legal scholar and political scientist who, in addition to this book, has written and continues to write the history of some of America’s most important courts, often at the request of the judges of those courts.

The inaugural Excellence in Teaching Award was presented to Professor Rena Seplowitz. Professor Seplowitz is one of the advisors for *Touro Law Review*, she added an honors course to her teaching responsibilities and she is a favorite among current students and alumni alike. She is known for being a dedicated, approachable teacher who truly cares about her students. At commencement, Dean Salkin read student comments and alumni notes that attested to Prof. Seplowitz’s outstanding teaching that made lasting impressions.

Congratulations to Professors Kaufman, Morris and Seplowitz!

Touro Law Joins The United Nations Academic Impact Initiative

Touro Law Center has joined more than 600 universities in more than 100 countries as a member of the United Nations Academic Impact.

The global initiative was developed in November 2010 by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to align institutions of higher education with the United Nations in actively supporting ten universally accepted principles in the areas of human rights, literacy, sustainability and conflict resolution.

Touro Law Center has a rich tradition of academic opportunities in the area of international law. For example, summer programs provide students with study options in Croatia, Vietnam, India and Germany. Touro Law students have participated in the Vis International Moot Court competition, and the curriculum includes more than a dozen courses in various aspects of international and comparative law.

“This is an exciting opportunity for Touro Law. I look forward to being an active member and making the most of this partnership for our students, faculty and alumni,” said Dean Patricia Salkin. She continued, “With the increasing globalization of the practice of law, the opportunities for our community to interact in a more meaningful way with the UN through Academic Impact are most welcome. The fact that members of the Touro Law Center first year class hold citizenship in 10 different countries, were born in 28 different countries, and speak 26 different languages fluently speaks directly to the importance of this collaboration.”

Academic Impact provides a way for educational institutions to formally commit to using education as an engine for addressing global problems. Participating colleges and universities must demonstrate support of at least one of the founding principles each year. This new program has already resulted in Touro Law’s participation in a governance program at the U.N.
Dean Patricia Salkin announced the creation of a new position at the law school, Distinguished Jurist in Residence, and the first jurist to fill that post is the Hon. Leonard Wexler, Senior Judge, United States District Court, Eastern District of New York. Touro Law Center is the only law school in the country with a fully integrated collaborative court curriculum. The program includes a court observation program for all first year students in both the state and federal courthouses adjacent to the Law Center, as well as the state court complex in Riverhead, NY. Upper level law students have an option to further their court experience through a collaborative court program that integrates the law school classroom with the federal and state courtrooms, using a medical school model to rotate students throughout the diverse courts and correlating those rotations with academic and practical educational components. The Collaborative Court Program bridges the gap between doctrinal law classes, skills development classes and actual practice classes such as clinics and externships. It contains elements of all three types of instruction, culminating with student performances, written and oral, before sitting judges in the courtroom, on redacted real-life cases. Judge Wexler will continue to offer his externship program as the Distinguished Jurist in Residence and work with faculty to further advance the Collaborative Court Program.

“The establishment of a Distinguished Jurist in Residence program that affords our students and faculty regular curricular contact with leading jurists is an important complement to our collaborative court program,” explained Dean Salkin. “The appointment of Judge Wexler as the inaugural holder of this appointment is recognition of his unwavering commitment to positively affecting legal education through stronger collaboration between the bench and the academy.”

Judge Wexler currently oversees the Federal Judicial Summer Externship. This special summer externship places students in Judge Wexler's chambers four days a week for the month of June or July, with a concurrent seminar class meeting three evenings per week during that time period. Judge Wexler also participates in Touro Law’s Collaborative Court Program. He works with Touro Law professors, facilitates court visits for students, participates in student lunches and dinners at the law school and provides guidance for students.

Judge Wexler said, “I am proud to be associated with Touro Law. I believe Touro Law has the best program for teaching law students and is number one in the nation for training students to be good lawyers.”

“On behalf of our students, our faculty, our alumni and the entire Touro Law community, I want to thank Judge Wexler for honoring us with his involvement and contributions,” said Dean Salkin.

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- Honorable Leonard Wexler, United States District Court, Eastern District, NY
Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor Accepts the Bruce K. Gould Book Award and Spends the Day with Touro Law Students
Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, the first Hispanic justice and third women justice of the court, was the recipient of Touro Law’s Bruce K. Gould Book Award on September 9, 2013 for her critically praised memoir “My Beloved World.” Prior to the ceremony, she arrived early in the afternoon and spent the day visiting with small groups of students – getting familiar with the true spirit of Touro Law and inspiring all of those she met.

Justice Sotomayor spoke to students about her journey to the Supreme Court and her experiences in law school. She was candid and frank, she was influential and affecting. She answered any and all questions students had and spent time posing for pictures with everyone that wanted a photo.

“Meeting Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor was truly fantastic,” said Touro Law second year student Catherine Romano. “She was so approachable and down to earth which made her all the more inspiring.”

That evening, she accepted the Bruce K. Gould Book Award for her book which recounts her life from a Bronx housing project to the federal bench – in front of more than 500 students, alumni, faculty, staff and public. After the award presentation, Justice Sotomayor delivered comments and answered questions from students.

“Justice Sotomayor’s life and career have the capacity to inspire law students and all Americans,” said Dean Salkin. In presenting the award Bruce Gould ’84 said “Her presence today at Touro Law Center resonates in a special way, because our school places an emphasis on diversity and on service to the underprivileged.”

“I am thrilled that the Gould Book Award has fostered visits from prominent legal figures throughout the years, and most pleased that Justice Sotomayor accepted the award and was so gracious with her time. She truly has made a positive impact on the Touro Law community.”

Bruce K. Gould ’84
Preparing Touro Law GRADUATES for the Practice of Law in a Changing Legal Landscape

By Eileen Kaufman, Professor of Law, with Lois Schlissel, Member of the Board of Governors, Touro Law Center

Legal education has become front page news. For the past few years, we have been barraged with mass media accounts of the crisis in legal education fueled by rising tuition, increased debt load, and a shrinking job market. From the New York Times to countless blogs, law schools have come under withering attack for producing more lawyers than the market can bear. More nuanced reports emphasize the mismatch between unemployed lawyers and the vast unmet legal needs of the poor. Even President Obama entered the fray by suggesting that law schools be shortened to two years. The New York State Bar Association devoted the entire issue of its September 2013 Journal to "The Future of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar" with articles debating the economics of a legal education, proposing a national job corps, and calling for reform of the bar exam. Whether or not one believes that current market forces require a radical reformation of legal education, one substantive aspect of the critique that deserves serious attention is the charge that law schools need to do more to prepare their students for the practice of law. That critique is one that Touro Law has been addressing for decades.

Touro Law Center: An Early Leader in Experiential Learning

Touro Law was one of the first law schools to take seriously the critique that skills training and professional values needed to be an integral part of the law school curriculum. We have long rejected the false dichotomy between theory and practice. Practice is informed by theory and vice versa. A deep understanding of doctrine is made possible when doctrine is applied to practice in an actual social context. A law school curriculum must integrate the knowledge, skills, and values that professionals require. Other professional schools understand this: medicine, veterinary, pharmacy, dentistry, social work, architecture, and nursing schools all have clinical educational requirements in their professional schools. Only now is the accrediting agency for law schools contemplating requiring all students to satisfy a meaningful experiential component.

The Touro Law faculty began re-imagining legal education more than twenty years ago when Dean Howard Glickstein first proposed to move the school to Central Islip in order to create a unified legal campus alongside the state and federal courthouses, where legal education could be recreated along the lines of a medical school model. Drawing on the opportunities for experiential learning presented by our proximity to the two courthouses, Dean Glickstein asked the faculty to comprehensively examine the curriculum and assess whether we could do more to strengthen the relationship between theory and practice.

This was the era of the MacCrate Report, which served as a clarion call to the profession and to the academy in particular. The report commended schools for doing an excellent job teaching doctrine but urged them to examine ways in which they could also focus on the skills and values that are an inherent part of the practice of law.

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Touro Law Center’s former main entrance in Huntington, NY.
faculty began an exhaustive self-assessment and generated multiple reports calling for a more coherent integration of practice skills into the curriculum. At each step of the process, we asked ourselves three questions: what do we want our students to have achieved upon graduation; does our curriculum provide the basis for our students to achieve those objectives; what innovations would better prepare our students for practice and for undertaking their roles as community leaders. We noted that while our curriculum offered many opportunities to introduce students to a variety of practice skills, the curriculum was not designed to ensure that students were exposed to these skills or that the skills were delivered in a coherent sequential manner. We thus introduced the concept of verticality, not just in our doctrinal offerings, but in our skills-based curriculum. By verticality, we meant a sequenced delivery of knowledge, skills and values that progresses each year in the difficulty and sophistication of the materials and tasks assigned.

As part of our process of self-evaluation, we organized the Milton Handler Conference on Curricular Reform in Legal Education, held at Touro Law Center in May 2001. We invited a number of distinguished academics, judges, and practitioners, including Bob MacCrate, Elliott Milstein (past-President of AALS), Judge Juanita Bing Newton (deputy chief administrative judge for justice initiatives) and Daniel Greenberg (Executive Director of the Legal Aid Society). In a series of panels, these speakers responded enthusiastically to our proposals to make justice more central to the law school curriculum and to better integrate practice skills throughout the curriculum.

As a result of the conference, the faculty approved a number of pilot projects including a Justice course in the first year curriculum; the introduction of Practice Modules in the second year; and the addition of rotations in the US Attorney’s Office and Nassau Suffolk Law Services to third and fourth year students.

Over time, some of these pilot projects became entrenched parts of our curriculum, some were revamped and replaced with other innovations. Our skills curriculum has grown exponentially in the last decade. We have enhanced the first year curriculum to ensure that basic skills including interviewing, negotiating, and counseling are included, both in an expanded Legal Process course and in the doctrinal courses, and we launched our unique court observation program, which not only places first semester students in the courts but also offers them opportunities to assist self-represented clients in uncontested divorce proceedings. We added an Intermediate Skills Requirement, which includes practice modules designed to assist students in developing oral and written lawyering skills in the context of law practice simulations. In order to qualify, the course must include at least a majority of the ten fundamental lawyering skills identified in the MacCrate report, employ simulations that engage each enrolled student; and include practice-related writings and oral presentations by each student. The number of these courses has multiplied over the years and includes Advanced Trial Practice; Introduction to NYS Court Practice: American Trial Courts; Drafting Commercial Documents; Environmental Crimes: Law & Practice; Current Legal Issues in Government; Interviewing, Negotiating and Counseling; Introduction to New York Court Practice; The Justice Courts; Licensing in Intellectual Property; Pre-Trial Litigation; Settling Legal Disputes; and Trial Practice, as well as Practice Modules in Business Organizations; Criminal Procedure; Environmental Law; Family Law; Trusts & Estates; and International Sales Law & Arbitration.

We also expanded our already strong clinical offerings and externships and added clinics in subject areas representing pressing areas of need in our community. One example is our newest clinic – the Disaster Relief Clinic - which has received national attention and which serves as a prototype for clinics at other law schools. In this clinic, students learn basic lawyering skills essential to the practice of law while assisting clients who have been impacted by Hurricane Sandy. Under faculty supervision, students represent clients in real estate and land use matters, public benefits including FEMA claims, public utilities issues, insurance matters, employment issues, contractor and consumer issues as well as issues that have a...
broad impact on disaster recovery problems affecting a larger number of clients or public policies for disaster recovery or assistance.

The Disaster Clinic reflects the school’s deep commitment to helping others in crisis. For example, in the wake of Hurricane Sandy, Touro established TLC-Heart, an immediate community service effort involving law students and volunteer attorneys. The experiential learning we have been providing to our own students has been expanded to a national scale, thanks to a grant from the Rauch Foundation. Touro Law Center is presently spearheading a nationwide program that benefits a large number of victims of Hurricane Sandy while simultaneously providing an enriching and fulfilling practical educational experience for law students across the country. Our TLC Heart Project Coordinator is matching law school volunteers from around the country with our own Disaster Relief Clinic and with other regional agencies already providing legal services to those in need. The program has created opportunities for nearly 150 law students from other law schools around the country (and from the United Kingdom) to visit Touro during spring and summer breaks from their respective law schools to represent victims of Hurricane Sandy with respect to legal issues related to insurance, FEMA, foreclosure, environmental matters, consumer debt, landlord-tenant, and employment.

Another new clinic also addresses pressing needs in the community. The Veterans’ & Servicemembers’ Rights Clinic trains students to assist veterans and active duty service members in matters in which military service has created special protections or created unique burdens. Clinic students work closely with the Suffolk County Veterans Court, a specialized part of the Suffolk County court system that helps veterans charged with criminal offenses by diverting them from the traditional criminal justice system and providing them with the tools they need to live productive lives, through treatment and judicial monitoring. Students also represent veterans in benefits claims, regaining employment after deployment, employment discrimination claims, obtaining accommodation for disabilities and discharge review and upgrade proceedings. Our other new clinics reflect the economic downturn that our region has experienced that has resulted in loss of jobs, countless foreclosures, and deep financial distress. Touro now has two clinics – the Mortgage Foreclosure and Bankruptcy Clinic and the Advanced Bankruptcy Clinic – which give students the opportunity to assist local residents facing mortgage foreclosure or personal bankruptcy. Students negotiate mortgage modifications, appear in New York State Supreme Court at mandatory foreclosure settlement conferences, research and draft litigation documents necessary for foreclosure defenses, assist in the preparation and filing of both Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 bankruptcy petitions, and appear at hearings in U.S. Bankruptcy Court. Students also interview and counsel clients, investigate facts, review financial records and negotiate on behalf of their clients.

In addition to these new clinics, Touro offers several others: Family Law Clinic; Civil Rights Litigation Clinic; Elder Law Clinic; and Not-for-Profit Law Corporation Clinic, as well as externships in Criminal Law; Advanced Criminal Prosecution; Business & Technology Law; Civil Practice; Judicial Clerkship; and the U.S. Attorney. In addition, students enrolled in an upper level course may earn credit for an independent externship in a practice setting that relates to the subject matter of the course. We are currently in the process of expanding our externship offerings, including civil practice externships that correlate with our newly developed centers and institutes and criminal practice externships in juvenile justice, specifically with Touro students participating in the opening of a Suffolk County Felony Youth Offender diversion court. Our collaborative relationship with the courts provides our students with unique opportunities to become part of newly created programs, even while those programs are still in the planning stages, such as the Felony Youth Offender Program and a Human Trafficking Program.

While Touro does not currently require students to take a clinic or externship, the overwhelming majority of our students do take advantage of these wonderful opportunities to learn by doing and Touro offers sufficient placements for all students to participate. Indeed, Touro Law is one of only 18 law schools in the country that guarantees a clinical or externship experience to its students. The Curriculum Committee is currently working on a capstone requirement that would ensure that all Touro students benefit from our clinics and externships.

As part of our experiential learning offerings, Touro is restructuring its advocacy programs, providing administrative and faculty support to the student organizations involved in all three types of practice: Alternative Dispute Resolution, Trial Advocacy, and Appellate Advocacy. Students will have the opportunity to try out for each of the three programs and, if selected, will compete in regional and national competitions. Additionally, students on competition teams will be enrolled in an academic course designed specifically to address the subject matter of a particular competition, as rules permit. We also plan to involve alumni as coaches for our ADR, Moot Court, and Trial Competition teams. Our expectation is that Touro’s new focus on advocacy will result in even more victories for our teams than we have already achieved.

Experiential learning is also a key ingredient in Touro’s Centers for Innovation in Business, Law and Technology (IBLT). Touro’s IBLT is designed to encourage and support economic development and entrepreneurship for Long Island’s residents. Students enrolled in IBLT courses
or participating in IBLT externships develop an understanding of the legal issues integral to the technology-driven business communities of manufacturing, eCommerce and high tech. In addition to focusing on a coherent integration of skills, we also took heed of the MacCrate Report’s emphasis on professional values. Indeed, our clinics and externships are focused not only on skills development and access to justice, but also on professionalism, on helping our students develop into lawyers with values that reflect our mission. Touro Law Center’s mission has long reflected its Jewish affiliation which informs our vision of the lawyers we seek to produce. We defined our goal as follows:

Inspired by Jewish heritage and the Jewish legal tradition, Touro Law Center recognizes that its mission goes beyond that of most law schools. Touro Law Center’s primary mission is to help men and women become good lawyers – lawyers who provide competent representation to clients, with attention to justice and the moral sources and goals of law and to the lawyer’s responsibility to mediate between the public interest and the client’s wants.

The good lawyer is respectful of human dignity, and is committed to social justice, fairness, equality, and other values of the professional community, including participating in public life and assisting under-served segments of the community. The good lawyer develops a professional character that demands higher standards than apply to other occupations, making the profession of law a “calling”. Those professional qualities include integrity, honesty, trustworthiness, compassion, and faithfulness. These skills and character traits are essential whether the good lawyer is advising corporations, making government policy, or representing the indigent.

We translated our commitment to these values by being among the first schools in the nation to require students to perform pro bono work as a condition of graduation. We recently increased our 40 hour requirement to 50 hours to reflect the new rule announced by Chief Judge Lippman that applies to all candidates for admission to the New York bar. While most other law schools needed to quickly mobilize to assist their students in satisfying this requirement, Touro had long had in place its system for helping students find suitable pro bono opportunities. Indeed, our Public Advocacy Center, the only one of its kind in any law school, provides countless opportunities for students to engage in meaningful pro bono work.

We also introduced a Justice course, which was originally intended to be a required part of the first year curriculum, but instead is a popular elective. In this course, students examine justice by applying broad moral, philosophical, and political principles to real cases and controversies. Discussion topics include law and autonomy, race and justice, gender and justice, and economics and justice, as well as the scope of the criminal law and the role of justice in the international arena. The goal of the class is to construct guiding norms of justice and equity as they would be reflected in the laws that govern a model society.

Our commitment to social justice is reflected, not just in our curriculum, but in many other aspects of our program, including our annual Public Interest Practitioner-in-Residence Program, our summer public interest fellowships, our loan forgiveness program, and, most notably, our unique Public Advocacy Center (PAC) that houses public interest organizations working in areas such as domestic violence, health and welfare, housing, civil liberties, and student advocacy, including special education issues. The PAC offices provide a diverse range of experiences to our students from direct client practice to policy planning to community development. The PAC offers furnished offices to local non-profit agencies in exchange for their promise to use Touro students in their work. This is the ultimate win-win – unrepresented clients get much needed assistance and Touro students learn valuable skills while involved in meaningful pro bono work.

Our curriculum continues to be a work in progress, since self-evaluation is itself a valuable skill, both individually and institutionally. While always strong...
on experiential learning, we continue to expand opportunities for students to learn in context, consistent with the best thinking in legal education as expressed by the Carnegie Report and Best Practices. This commitment is reflected in Dean Salkin’s appointment of Myra Berman to serve as Dean of Experiential Learning. Dean Berman has worked to create opportunities for first year students to assist self-represented clients in uncontested divorce actions; she has worked with Lynne Kramer to expand our first year court observation program; and she has created upper level courses that are aimed at bridging the gap between classroom theory and courtroom practice. In American Trial Courts: Theory and Practice in the Federal Courts and American Trial Courts: Theory and Practice in the New York State Courts, Dean Berman uses the courtroom as an educational laboratory where judges assist students in understanding the law in context and help evaluate students as they work on real problems developed from actual cases in litigation.

As we continue to assess our curriculum, we are particularly mindful of what changes are taking place in the profession and to what extent those developments can and should drive curricular changes.

Changes in the Profession

In order to assess how the profession has changed and how, if at all, the law school curriculum should adapt to those changes, I had a series of conversations with Lois Schlissel, an active member of Touro’s Board of Governors and the managing attorney at Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C.

Q. How has the practice of law changed in recent years?

A. The profession is undergoing rapid innovation in several areas that impact the work of associate attorneys, including document management, e-discovery and legal research. There was a time in the not-too-distant past when newly-minted litigators would spend long days studying thousands of hard copy documents -- warehouses filled with paper records -- looking for relevant documents during the discovery phase of litigation. With the advent of electronic document management, the laborious task of document review is evolving into a more efficient and reliable process. Document organization and storage, and document searches are now accomplished electronically. Attorneys, together with legal support staff and specialized vendors, work collaboratively to design case-specific electronic search methods to identify potentially relevant evidence. These developing techniques, including predictive coding, are fast becoming accepted methods by which litigators can gather and use electronically stored information.

Legal research, too, has developed far beyond the methodologies of a decade ago. In addition to enhanced electronic research methods available through providers like Westlaw and LEXIS, several internet research sites, such as Cornell's Legal Information Institute site, facilitate on-line research. Additionally, legal support vendors have created software that provides a wealth of searchable materials for specific practice areas, from trusts and estates to corporate finance and tax law.

Q. Do the changes that you describe vary with practice area or size of firm?

A. Generally speaking, I would say no. Small and mid-size firms have access to the benefits (and challenges) of these developments. However, some practice areas, like litigation, are impacted more directly and significantly by the technological evolution in the practice of law. All firms, regardless of size and practice area, need to embrace these changes if they are to provide their clients with high quality, efficient legal services and remain competitive in our changing professional environment.

Q. How do these technological changes impact clients?

A. Not only has technology revolutionized document management, discovery and research, it has changed how we communicate with our clients, colleagues and adversaries. Far fewer hard-copy formal letters are exchanged among counsel, with most practitioners favoring the speed and ease associated with email and other forms of electronic communication. Despite the inherent dangers associated with email, it has become the primary vehicle of legal communication. Even our formal communications with courts are now “e-filed” in most jurisdictions. Recent technological advances have impacted everything from initial case analysis to trial practice to client requests for electronic billing. Some firms have been proactive in utilizing technology to assure improved client services and have developed practice models that enhance efficiency and provide greater value to clients. For these client-centric firms, staying current with advances in legal technology is as much a priority as recruiting top-flight legal talent and obtaining the very best results for their clients.

Q. What changes do you see in hiring practices as senior lawyers retire?

A. For a number of reasons, including the recession, many firms are focused on lateral and small-boutique acquisitions that can make immediate contributions to the firm’s ability to respond to client needs as well as the firm’s bottom line. Nevertheless, firms remain interested in attracting top-flight associates. Effective utilization of new attorneys to support the work of more experienced lawyers (often called “leveraging”) continues to be an essential element in providing value to clients. On the other end of the spectrum, as the baby boomer generation begins to retire from the practice of law, there is more focus on client succession, thus creating an incentive to help younger attorneys develop strong relationships with clients so as to facilitate successful transitions.
Q. Given the shrinking pool of jobs, what can students best do to position themselves in the job market?
A. Touro's externship program is an excellent opportunity for students to be placed in law offices where they can receive hands-on training and prove themselves in a practice setting. My own law firm has hired Touro graduates based on their performance as externs in our office. When we interview candidates for a position, all of whom have strong credentials, we look for the student who expresses a passion for the practice of law. The stand-out candidate is the one who is truly excited by the rule of law and client service.

Q. Are law firms engaged in as much training of new hires as in the past? Have those training programs changed?
A. Much of the training of associates that goes on at law firms continues to be hands-on learning under the supervision of senior attorneys. Work involving greater legal complexity is assigned as the associate attorney demonstrates that she has developed the skills necessary to handle more sophisticated work. Teaching, coaching and careful supervision of new attorneys is an on-going professional responsibility. In-firm training, even for those firms that are qualified as CLE providers, usually is supplemented by other continuing legal education sources, including bar association presentations. Additionally, vendors that provide document management services, legal software programs and other types of legal support often furnish training in the use of their particular technologies. And of course, as the MacCrate Report emphasizes, the educational process does not end in law school or even in the fifth year or the tenth year of practice. For most good lawyers, legal education is a career-long responsibility and opportunity.

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Touro's curriculum reflects many of the changes in the profession identified by Lois Schlissel. Most notably, with respect to document management and the profound changes in discovery practice made possible by technology, Touro now offers a course entitled “E-Discovery.” Among other topics, this course explores the legal and ethical challenges faced by attorneys, including identifying ESI (electronically stored information) types and locations, advising clients of their obligations in preserving ESI and the serious potential consequences for failing to do so. These issues are also explored in our Pre-Trial Litigation course where students participate in simulations and drafting exercises to apply what they have learned. The relevance of technology to law and law practice is reflected in such new courses as Digital Media and Advertising Law; Privacy in a Digital Age; Cybercrime; and Cyberlaw. Changes in the nature of the profession have led the faculty to approve courses entitled Law Practice Management; Entrepreneurship and the Law; Human Resources Management in the 21st Century Global Workplace; and Foreign and International Legal Research.

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These are challenging times for legal education. In an era of declining enrollment and an unfavorable job market, it is imperative that we offer a high quality program of legal education that equips students with the knowledge, skills and values they need for a changing profession. Fortunately, we have been hard at work on this project far before the current storm. Through our longstanding and ever-evolving emphasis on experiential learning and our deep-seated commitment to social justice, along with new initiatives in Land Use and Sustainable Development, Longevity and Aging, and Health Care Law – all designed to address burgeoning areas of the law – our curriculum continues to adapt to prepare students for a changing legal landscape.

Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center is committed to preparing our students for success in a changing legal marketplace through experiential learning programs that produce confident, skilled, and practice-ready lawyers. We advance this commitment with innovative and integrated course offerings including clinics and externships, a collaborative court program and a Public Advocacy Center. In keeping with the Carnegie approach to legal education, all of these programs, separately and cumulatively, are aimed at bridging the gap between the formal, traditional methods of classroom learning and the skills and values required for real world lawyering.

THE EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING CURRICULUM:
PROVIDING INTEGRATED, PRACTICE-ORIENTED PROGRAMS OF INSTRUCTION FOR OUR STUDENTS

Touro Law has added new programs or expanded existing programs in order to offer our students experiential learning opportunities. All of our students, including our first-year students, are provided with courses, projects or placements that focus on professional development; enabling students to “hit the ground running” upon graduation. What follows are just some of the areas where we have instituted experiential learning programs to prepare our students for practice.
Co-Curricular Advocacy Programs

As part of our experiential learning offerings, Touro Law has restructured its advocacy programs, providing administrative and faculty support to the student organizations involved in all three types of practice: Alternative Dispute Resolution, Trial Advocacy, and Appellate Advocacy. Students now have the opportunity to tryout for each of the three programs and, if selected, to compete in regional and national competitions. Additionally, students on competition teams enroll in an academic course designed specifically to address the subject matter of a particular competition, as rules permit. We have numerous alumni who serve as coaches for our ADR, Moot Court, and Trial Competition teams. Our expectation, that Touro Law’s new focus on advocacy will result in even more victories for our teams than we have already achieved, has already been fulfilled in our very first semester of implementation. Two of the teams sent to National Moot Court Competitions this Fall returned to Touro Law with awards for a Best Brief and a Best Oralist. We anticipate that our successes will be continuing during the upcoming semesters.

Certificate in Criminal Law

In the fall of 2013, Touro Law instituted a new program that offers our students a Certificate indicating that they have concentrated their studies in the area of criminal law. Many students are interested in criminal law and wish to learn more about the substantive law, policy, ethics, and skills needed in order to become practitioners in this field. Our new Certificate indicates to prospective employers that the student has focused a significant part of his or her coursework on acquiring the knowledge, skills and experience required of prosecutors and defense attorneys.

Clinics & Externships

Every Touro Law student is now guaranteed the opportunity to enroll in a clinic or externship for academic credit. Most of our students avail themselves of this opportunity, recognizing that these programs transform them from law school students to practice-ready graduates. During the last academic year, nearly 300 of our upper level full-time students participated in either a clinic or externship. During the Spring 2014 semester, we will be offering 9 clinics and more externship placements than ever before, specifically in the area of Post-Conviction Relief, Juvenile Justice, and Immigration. We are hopeful that during the upcoming year we will be able to expand these experiential learning programs even more.

Public Interest/Pro-Bono Programs

During the past semester, in order to provide our students simultaneously with programs that enhance their professional learning and serve the public interest, we have focused our efforts on tapping into the resources located right here at the law school, in the clinics and the Public Advocacy Center. Given Touro Law’s commitment to public interest lawyering and social justice issues, it is not surprising that many of our experiential learning opportunities are available through pro bono projects or externships with non-profit legal organizations. Some of the numerous programs or projects outlined below are clinical education offerings while others are similar to externships; all of them are vehicles, in the spirit of the Carnegie report, that provide our students with the kinds of skills, knowledge and values that are essential for all competent practice-ready attorneys.

Touro Law’s National Disaster Relief Program

The experiential learning we have been providing to our own students has been expanded to a national scale, thanks to a grant from the Rauch Foundation. We match law school volunteers from around the country with our own Disaster Relief Clinic and with other regional agencies already providing legal services to those in need.
These national (and even international) law students, who travel to Touro Law during spring and summer breaks from their respective law schools, have the opportunity to represent clients with legal issues related to insurance, FEMA, foreclosure, environmental matters, consumer debt, landlord-tenant, and employment. Our own students, enrolled in the Disaster Relief Clinic, are involved not only in summary proceedings related to foreclosures or debts, but also in initiating litigation for Sandy victims who have not been provided with any kind of financial assistance, despite their ongoing efforts to obtain insurance funds, either privately or through FEMA.

Touro Law’s role in Sandy relief has received national recognition but, more importantly, has provided many of our students with the opportunity to learn what it means to be a lawyer whose purpose is to solve the legal problems of clients in need.

New York State’s Access to Justice Program: Touro Law’s 1L Pro-Bono Uncontested Divorce Project

As a recipient and leader in the New York State Office of Court Administration Access to Justice initiative, Touro Law Center’s first year students participate in an innovative pilot program by assisting unrepresented litigants in our Pro-Bono Uncontested Divorce Project. This program integrates experiential learning into the first year curriculum and provides a hands-on learning opportunity for first year students while simultaneously addressing the legal needs of underrepresented members of our community. The project helps our students understand how to navigate the legal system and interact with litigants from their earliest days of law school.

As part of the project requirements, all first year students receive training in cultural competency, client interviewing, and professional responsibility as well as in court software and documents for uncontested divorces. Litigants are referred to Touro Law by the region’s largest non-profit legal services agency and by the HelpCenter of the state court. Students participate in meetings with pro bono eligible litigants where, working in teams, they assist these litigants with the completion of forms required for an uncontested divorce in Suffolk County. Volunteer alumni attorneys supervise our students as they input the data obtained from the litigants. Our pilot year has been encouraging. Students have worked with more than thirty clients and have stated that the experience of assisting a real person with a real problem has been invaluable, reminding them of why they want to be lawyers. Additionally, the unrepresented litigants are happy to interact with Touro Law students and alumni attorneys, thus avoiding the lengthy wait for assistance at other pro bono agencies. This program promotes
New York’s Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman’s initiative to provide access to justice and, simultaneously, to educate future lawyers about pro bono service.

**Experiential Learning in the William Randolph Hearst Public Advocacy Center**

The PAC was developed to have an impact on social justice, legal training and the lives of countless individuals in and beyond the local community.

Whether they are receiving academic credit or satisfying their pro-bono requirement, students are using these work experiences with PAC agencies to understand the legal issues faced in most local and regional communities and to further develop their professional identities. These experiential learning opportunities are immensely valuable because students are able to work with public interest organizations that may be categorized as offering direct legal services, legislative/policy advocacy, or community services. Some of the organizations with whom our students are placed include: The Empire Justice Center, NY Civil Liberties Union, Center for Restorative Practices/Hope for Youth, The Health and Welfare Council of Long Island, Nassau/Suffolk Law Services Committee, Inc., Long Island Advocacy Center, Long Island Housing Services, SEPA Mujer, Brighter Tomorrows and National Association of Jewish Legislators.

**Law Office of the PAC & Student Organized Public Interest/Pro-Bono Experiential Learning Projects**

Along with their faculty advisors, Touro Law student organizations have created and implemented numerous projects, all of which provide them with experiential learning opportunities, either in direct client contact, community advocacy or legislative/policy initiatives. The Law Office of the PAC, under the direction of a PAC staff attorney employed by Touro Law, helps our students provide direct legal assistance to hundreds of Long Island residents. Students who work with this office receive substantial court exposure, in-depth practical skill development and guidance, and the experience of working through multiple real cases, which fosters an experiential atmosphere conducive for an exponential advancement of their legal professional development.

The PAC staff attorney also supervises the numerous pro bono projects designed and implemented by many of our student organizations. These projects involve Youthful Offenders and other kinds of juvenile justice programs, suspended public school students, community education, foreclosure assistance, income tax assistance, unemployment representation, and numerous other practice areas where our community requires legal assistance. Again, while providing invaluable assistance to those in need, our students are gaining invaluable professional training.

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Touro Law Center’s Newest Community Empowerment Initiatives

Fred Rooney, Director for the International Justice Center for Post Graduate Development.
Touro Law Center hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony on November 12, 2013 at the Community Justice Center, the first law school incubator project to operate on Long Island. The event took place at the newly opened law offices located in Hauppauge, NY.

The Community Justice Center provides onsite space for Touro Law graduates to launch their solo practices for a period of 18 months. Much like medical internships and residency programs, Touro Law’s program will help strengthen the professional skills of its members through mentoring and practical ongoing training while also assisting them to learn how to develop solid solo or small firms that are both financially and professionally satisfying.

“This initiative in support of Touro Law graduates and the community at large places Touro Law at the forefront of the new legal incubator movement which was developed by our director Fred Rooney,” said Dean Salkin. “We are grateful to have Fred at the helm of the Center and look forward to great outcomes from this venture for all involved.” Rooney, recently designated “Father of Incubators” by the American Bar Association Journal, continues to travel extensively at home and abroad promoting the creation of law school incubators that help to address the unmet legal needs of individuals of moderate to low-incomes. Touro Law’s model assists graduates develop and sustain economically viable law practices that serve the needs of Suffolk County residents from all walks of life. However, particular emphasis is placed on the unmet legal needs of individuals and families of modest means.

Judge Fern Fisher, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge, New York City Courts, attended the ribbon cutting and stated, “I am proud of my relationship with Touro Law and am delighted that Touro Law has engaged Fred Rooney to head up its community justice center. Fred is the father of the international incubator movement and I’m confident that he will provide the leadership necessary to ensure the success of the Center. I am also pleased that Touro has taken the necessary steps to not only provide access to justice for families of our community but will ensure that the practicing lawyers continue to receive the training necessary to become successful lawyers while giving back to the community.”

Incubator participants will pay a low monthly rent as they learn how to balance the need to “do well in order to do good.” The business skills they learn help prepare them to run their own practices and the lawyering skills they gain augment their legal education at Touro Law.

Touro Law graduates involved in the project to date include: Dennis Amore ’11, Tracy Auguste ’10, Rosemarie Barnett ’01, Glenn F. Campbell ’09, Dominick Cattrano ’11, Bruce McBrien ’13, Tiffany Moseley ’12, Bikram Singh ’09 and Maurice K. Williams ’12.

“This project and the Touro Law graduates who participate in it will improve the quality and quantity of legal services offered to low and moderate income individuals and communities by addressing their unmet legal needs, while providing much needed support to lawyers who want to succeed in their own practice,” said Fred Rooney. “I am thrilled to be launching this incubator and look forward to watching it grow and flourish in years to come.”

THE COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER CURRENTLY HOUSES TOURO LAW STUDENTS INTERESTED IN LAUNCHING SOLO OR SMALL FIRM PRACTICES ON LONG ISLAND.
Touro Law Center has made great strides this year to create relationships with other educational institutions both nationally and internationally. These collaborations are the result of relationships of Board members and Touro Law administration and bring the possibility of national and international students as well as expanding the depth and breadth of faculty and course offerings, collaboration on new research projects, conferences and more. We are excited to welcome our newest partners.

One of the many new initiatives that Touro Law has undertaken is the creation of the 3 + 3 Accelerated Law Program with the University of Central Florida (UCF). This newly established academic program provides the opportunity for qualified UCF students to seamlessly complete a UCF Legal Studies B.A. or B.S. and a Touro Law Center J.D. degree in six (6) years rather than seven (7) years.

Participants in the program will finish their first three years of undergraduate study at UCF and their fourth year in residence at Touro Law Center as they complete their first year of law school. This innovative program will be available to the Fall 2014 entering students at UCF.

- The nation's second largest university.
- Student base includes many students from the tri-state area
Touro’s faculty also recently approved a 4 + 2 Program (Two-Year J.D. Program for Foreign Law Graduates) allowing foreign Law graduates to earn a Touro J.D. degree in two years. This program is especially attractive to candidates who desire a comprehensive understanding of American legal principles, who seek the ability to have access to the bar exam in all 50 U.S. States or who want to build an international practice in their home country.

Admission to the program requires successful completion of a degree from an accredited law school in a country other than the United States, completion of the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) and a subscription through LSAC to the Credential Assembly Service (CAS).

Partnership Includes a 3+3 Among other Initiatives.

Touro Law Center announced a newly formed collaboration with Shanghai University of International Business & Economics (SUIBE) School of Law. Since welcoming its first students in 1984, SUIBE School of Law has earned a distinguished reputation as an institution producing top-notch legal professionals in international economic law, international trade and policy. SUIBE Vice President Xu Xiaowei visited Touro Law in April 2013 and signed a collaborative agreement with the law school. The collaborative initiatives include an invitation for SUIBE students to receive an LL.M. degree in U.S. Legal Studies at Touro, a 3 + 3 Accelerated Law Program, faculty and student exchanges, study tours, joint research projects, and co-sponsorship of an International Conference on Jews in Shanghai in June 2015.
In September 2013, Touro Law Center launched a new Institute on Land Use & Sustainable Development Law (LUSD). In making the announcement, Dean Salkin explained, “Since being recruited to Touro Law Center I have been encouraged by many to bring my passion for land use and sustainable development law to benefit the students and alumni of Touro Law as well as the Long Island community. The bulk of the routine land use litigation in New York State arises from the Second Department, which covers Long Island.” Dean Salkin notes, “This is not surprising, since there are 110 units of local government that engage in land use regulation and the value of real estate makes these decisions high stakes for property owners and impacted neighbors.”

The LUSD Institute is a forum for discussion, innovative ideas, and resources for law students, practitioners, government bodies and related public interest organizations concerned about land use and sustainable development law issues specific to Long Island.

The Institute made significant strides in its inaugural quarter, thanks to the generous help and encouragement of the Institute’s inaugural Director; an active Advisory Board; generous donors; Law Center faculty, administration, staff, including nationally-renowned land use law expert, Dean Salkin; and, current students and alumni.

The Institute received generous funding from well-known Long Island developer Frank Castagna of Castagna Realty, and from the CAMBR Foundation, a long-time supporter of the Law Center. The Institute benefits from the guidance of an active Advisory Board, including the following: Advisory Board Chair, Richard Eisenberg, and A. Thomas Levin of Meyer, Suozzi, English and Klein, P.C.; Anthony Guardino and Erin Sideras of Farrell Fritz, P.C.; Jonathan Sinnreich of Sinnreich Kosakoff; Maureen Liccione of Jaspan Schlesinger LLP; Linda Margolin of Bracken Margolin and Besunder, LLP; the Honorable Merik Aaron ’92, Nassau County Family Court; Daniel Baker ’92 and John Farrell ’00 of Sahn Ward Coschignano & Baker, PLLC; Keith Brown ’94 of Brown & Altman, LLP; Pamela Greene ’98, Attorney at Law; Judge Leon Lazer; and student representative Michael Spinelli, class of 2017. A Committee of faculty affiliates, including Professors Joan Foley, Michael Lewyn, Ann Nowak, Benjamin Rajotte and Pat Rooney, is also working with the Board. Dean Salkin and Assistant Dean Linda Weissman serve as ex-officio members of the Board.

After a national search that drew applicants from California, Florida, Mississippi and across New York State, Dean Salkin selected Professor Sarah Adams-Schoen, who teaches, among other things, Environmental Criminal Law at Touro Law Center, to serve as the Director. Prior to joining the Touro Law faculty, Professor Adams-Schoen was a Visiting Professor at Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland, Oregon. She received a Master’s in Public Policy and Public Administration with distinction from the London School of Economics, where she focused on urban planning. Professor Adams-Schoen worked as a senior policy analyst for Portland, Oregon’s Metro Regional Government, a tri-county governmental body world-renowned for its comprehensive approach to growth management and sustainability. Upon receiving her J.D. magna cum laude from Lewis & Clark Law School, Professor Adams-Schoen worked as a civil and regulatory litigator at Stoel Rives, a 400-attorney firm in the Northwest, gaining environmental, energy, regulatory, and administrative law experience. She later helped start the nationally-ranked energy law firm, McDowell, Rackner & Gibson. Professor Adams-Schoen has written and presented on a diverse range of topics, including the role of local zoning and building codes in creating natural-disaster resilient communities, the constitutional rights of corporations implicated by environmental inspections, and the economics of climate change. She currently serves as co-editor-in-chief of Municipal Lawyer, a publication of the New York State Bar Association’s Municipal Law Section.

The Institute is increasing the Law Center’s curricular depth in LUSD Law to prepare Touro Law graduates to meet and master the challenges of a land use and sustainable development law practice, including the creation of LUSD Fellowships, Externships and a certificate program. Hand-in-hand with curricular development, the Institute is promoting LUSD Law and related areas of law to Touro Law students by, among other things, sponsoring opportunities for students to interact with environmental law practitioners, developing a web page of...
LUSD-related resources for Touro Law students and alumni, and developing interdisciplinary presentations and conferences that maximize student interest by intersecting with other areas of Touro Law strength—for example, land use and natural-disaster mitigation, and land use and issues related to race and poverty.

The Institute has begun developing a series of small conferences to bring together LUSD practitioners, judges, government officials and public interest organizations to address LUSD concerns relevant to Long Island such as coastal resiliency and rebuilding, main street revitalization, and affordable housing. To this end, the New York Planning Federation has expressed an interest in working with the Institute in Fall 2014.

The Institute has also begun work on projects that will provide useful tools for practitioners and others working in LUSD. These projects provide opportunities for students and recent graduates to work as Fellows of the Institute. Current beta projects include a searchable database of Long Island zoning codes.

The Institute made a significant contribution in its inaugural quarter to the local, state and national dialogue on LUSD Law, with Institute-affiliated faculty giving 7 presentations, publishing 4 articles, and being recognized in more than 10 news stories. Significant attention from the press, including a quote in a New York Times piece and a Leadership Award from the Long Island Business News, is due in large measure to the significant work of Touro Law’s Disaster Relief Clinic, directed by Professor Benjamin Rajotte.

Looking toward a momentous 2014, Professor Adams-Schoen stated, “I am thrilled at the opportunity to contribute to a Long Island that is both economically and environmentally sustainable, while providing our talented Touro Law Center students with more opportunities to serve their local communities and develop their skills as lawyers.”
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Because an essential mission of the Institute is to educate lawyers and other professionals of the unique problems of the elderly, the Institute devoted its inaugural program to exploring the effects of diminishing capacity in the legal arena. Held on October 7, 2013, this day-long program, entitled, The Capacity Crisis: What Lawyers Need to Know and Do for Their Clients, the Public and Themselves, brought together lawyers, judges, doctors, social workers, public officials to examine the multitude of consequences that diminished mental capacity has for the law. The conference focused on the causes and implications of diminished mental capacity, the need for the government to address the legal needs of individuals with diminished mental capacity and what lawyers and judges need to know and do to address the capacity crisis. The audience heard from Greg Olsen, the Acting Director of the New York State Office for the Aging; Hon. Gail Prudenti, Chief Administrative Judge, New York State Unified Court System; Dean Robert Goldberg of the Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine, Honorable Sol Wachtler, former Chief Judge, New York State, Kathleen Rice, Nassau County, District Attorney, Melissa J. Earle, Associate Dean, Touro College Graduate School of Social Work, Robert Abrams, Marianne Artusio and many other distinguished lawyers, esteemed for their contributions to the development legal rights of the elderly and compassionate treatment for their concerns.

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Because an essential mission of the Institute is to educate lawyers and other professionals of the unique problems of the elderly, the Institute devoted its inaugural program to exploring the effects of diminishing capacity in the legal arena. Held on October 7, 2013, this day-long program, entitled, The Capacity Crisis: What Lawyers Need to Know and Do for Their Clients, the Public and Themselves, brought together lawyers, judges, doctors, social workers, public officials to examine the multitude of consequences that diminished mental capacity has for the law. The conference focused on the causes and implications of diminished mental capacity, the need for the government to address the legal needs of individuals with diminished mental capacity and what lawyers and judges need to know and do to address the capacity crisis. The audience heard from Greg Olsen, the Acting Director of the New York State Office for the Aging; Hon. Gail Prudenti, Chief Administrative Judge, New York State Unified Court System; Dean Robert Goldberg of the Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine, Honorable Sol Wachtler, former Chief Judge, New York State, Kathleen Rice, Nassau County, District Attorney, Melissa J. Earle, Associate Dean, Touro College Graduate School of Social Work, Robert Abrams, Marianne Artusio and many other distinguished lawyers, esteemed for their contributions to the development legal rights of the elderly and compassionate treatment for their concerns.
A SYMBOL of STRUGGLE, DEDICATION AND PASSION

Professor Richard Klein Exemplifies Unwavering Commitment to Touro Law & Criminal Justice

By Hilari Graff
IF WE ALL HAD
advocates the caliber of
Professor Richard Klein
——— exhibiting tireless
dedication, extraordinary
insight, infectious passion,
and an unrivaled ability to
be heard – we'd all be lucky.

Few individuals embody the strength and spirit of the word “commitment” like Professor Klein, who has been teaching Criminal Law and International Human Rights courses at Touro Law Center for 30 years and is the only Distinguished Professor of Law on the faculty (an honor bestowed six years ago when he was named the Bruce K. Gould Distinguished Professor of Law). Many alumni say he changed their lives by opening their minds to the causes of the indigent and nurturing their love of the law. Others are astounded by his down-to-earth demeanor against such an impressive career in public service. The impact Professor Klein has had – and continues to have – on Touro Law Center students and alumni, as well as the criminal justice system itself, is equally immense and immeasurable.

“He made me understand the importance of doing the right thing as a prosecutor and operating at the highest levels of honesty and integrity,” said Jared Scotto, class of 2013, an Assistant District Attorney in the Queens District Attorney’s Office. “He helped foster my desire to be a prosecutor for the right reasons and with an eye toward justice. I wouldn't be where I am today without him.”

Professor Klein is distinguished not only by his breadth of knowledge (including degrees from Harvard Law School and Columbia University), impressive resume (a decade at the Legal Aid Society in New York City, a nationally recognized scholar in the Sixth Amendment), and incredible passion, but his “regular guy” appeal, stellar communication skills, and tremendous capability to empathize.

Exceedingly genuine, Professor Klein drives transformation in the finest possible ways, whether in improving the quality of lawyering for the poor and disadvantaged, lobbying for enhancements to the criminal justice system, or cultivating the skills and minds of Touro Law students and alumni. He is firmly building a legacy that reflects his great depth of character and his deep commitment to the field of criminal law, international human rights and the Touro Law Center family.

“I find myself extremely fortunate because the aspect of our legal system that I believe needs the most reform – criminal justice – has my heart and soul,” Klein said.

“My research and professional focus is on improving the quality of lawyering so that indigent defendants can have the level of representation that our Constitution requires. The right to an effective counsel is what is needed to guarantee the other basic rights – to be protected from an illegal search, to not be improperly coerced to make a false confession, or to be placed in a suggestive line-up. In many aspects, it is the criminal defense lawyer who is engaged in the day-to-day work of enforcing our Constitution,” he added.

How did Professor Klein start on this storied path? Coming from a family of labor lawyers, the notion of working in the law field was ever-present. While in college at the University of Wisconsin, he was extremely committed to the civil rights movement. Following graduation in 1964, he joined the Peace Corps and spent two years in Somalia in East Africa. “I thought my work in Somalia was crucially important and that led to my interest in pursuing my graduate studies in international affairs,” Klein said. His experiences built upon one another; after his time in East Africa he went back to school and earned Master’s and Doctoral Degrees in International Affairs from Columbia University.

Furthing his passion and drive for social justice, Klein began Harvard Law School in 1970. “I entered Harvard Law School knowing from day one that I wanted to be a defense trial attorney and that my ideal job would be to work for the Criminal Defense Division of the New York Legal Aid Society,” he said. His dream became a reality when in 1972 he joined the office in New York City and spent a decade there as a trial attorney.

His well-deserved reputation for being the voice of the indigent grew, and in 1982, a law school called with an offer to teach a course in criminal law. He was intrigued by the prospect of teaching but thought it would be a one-year stint. The experience was so rewarding that it changed the course of his career. “I loved teaching so much because it was enormously stimulating and exciting, but I made a commitment
open the minds of a new generation of lawyers to the rights of the poor, to seeing both sides of an argument, and the need for raising the bar of legal counsel. "I truly thrive on the day-to-day of teaching; I can't imagine many people go to work with the excitement and joy that I get from my job. I really do love this school," Klein said.

In his nearly three decades at Touro Law, Klein's commitment to the school has been – and continues to be – unwavering. He has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues and captured the hearts and minds of Touro students and alumni.

"Being in Professor Klein's class impacted not what I do but how I approach what I do. I see the point of view of others and have an open mind," said Danielle Davis, who graduated in 2010 and is an Assistant District Attorney in Suffolk County.

Similar sentiment is echoed by Andrew Bernstein, class of 2011. "I always wanted to be a private criminal defense attorney. Professor Klein teaches students about the realities of the criminal justice system, which treats people with and without money differently. His classes inspired me to become a public defender," said Bernstein, who has been a public defender at the Legal Aid Society in New York City since October 2011.

Successful, impactful teaching requires more than knowledge of the subject at hand; it's a craft that necessitates the ability to awaken, inspire and challenge today's students to consider all aspects of the law and embrace that well-rounded view in their professional lives. This skill is a rare gift – and Professor Klein possesses it. Stories from alumni best illustrate Professor Klein's devotion to Touro. Recalls alum Davis, when a Republican conservative backed out of a "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" panel session last minute, Professor Klein stepped in without hesitation and effectively argued the point – the opposite of his position on the matter – because he wanted the event to take place for Touro students.

According to Bernstein, Professor Klein has the amazing capacity to make a huge difference by organizing events that ultimately resonate with students. For example, Professor Klein opened the eyes of many students to the work of public defenders when he brought lawyers from the Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem to Touro in fall 2010. This group spoke candidly about representing the poor, how much they love their jobs, and why the indigent deserve a fair defense. "There has been much discussion recently about many in the legal profession being unsatisfied with their work, but criminal defense lawyers, as well as prosecutors, typically love their jobs. That kind of energy and enthusiasm, based on my experience, is simply more true of those lawyers who work in the public interest," Klein said.

Klein's tenacity is undeniable. He makes frequent phone calls on behalf of his students as they go through the process of getting jobs. He attempts also to prepare them for life outside of Touro. As a faculty advisor for the Student Bar Association (SBA), Klein relishes seeing law students develop a powerful voice regarding the school's curriculum, employment opportunities, and speakers to bring on campus. "I am confident that the SBA leadership wouldn't be what it is without the advice and supervision of Professor Klein," said Joseph Indusi, class of 2011, who is a trial attorney with Brooklyn Defender Services.

Klein is diligent in ensuring that students have thought through the professional path they seek to pursue. Indusi noted, "I came to Touro wanting to do criminal defense work and 'fight the underdog fight' but Professor Klein truly honed my desire for this job by urging us to explore tough ethical issues in the classroom and making sure we understand that criminal defense work can positively impact all citizens, not just the individuals being represented on a case."

And, this mentoring doesn't stop after graduation. Bernstein sums it up well when he says "He was my professor, my boss, and now my life-long friend." At the end of the day, Klein is tremendously motivated by his students. "It's wonderful to see the students get their diplomas at graduation and know the degree of passion and dedication they'll bring to the law."

An accomplishment Professor Klein is particularly proud of is Touro's new certificate in the study of criminal law. He was integral to the creation of this certificate program, an offering very unique across U.S. law schools. Criminal law is currently the only area in which Touro grants a certificate of specialization.

Professor Klein thrives on the dynamic of the Touro faculty. "The Touro Law faculty is amazing. They are a cohesive, wonderful,
dedicated bunch of teachers, many of whom share similar concerns about the need to reform our justice system.” The esteem and adoration are mutual.

Away from the Touro campus, Professor Klein uses the international stage as a classroom for teaching students from Touro and other U.S. law schools about human rights issues in foreign countries. For 14 summers, Klein has taught summer programs around the world (including China, India, Russia, Israel and most recently Vietnam) where the group collectively analyzes human rights in depth and realize in the process that people in many countries in the world simply don’t have it as well as the United States.

“Our international programs are so special to me in part because the students and I are learning together about a new country’s political and cultural structure. Students typically come back transformed. They are more interested in the law and global politics and gain a greater sense of the importance of international aid and development,” noted Klein.

His six-month sabbatical in 1993, when he taught trial practice at the University of Hong Kong Law School, was another captivating experience. “It was fascinating to watch these Chinese students, who had been educated to be much more passive in the classroom setting than is true of Americans, become aggressive lawyers. It was a tremendous learning experience for me,” said Klein.

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After four-plus decades, Professor Klein continues to make his mark on the legal system. One of his missions has been to help ensure that prosecutors nationwide abide by American Bar Association (ABA) Standards of Criminal Justice as well as boost funding for lawyers. “Defendants completely rely on having effective and competent counsel, so increasing funding for public defenders is crucial. Our adversary system expects and demands the active and aggressive participation by defense counsel,” Klein said.

Most recently, Klein was part of a group who lobbied the New York State legislature to pass a cap on caseloads for public defenders effective April 2014. The cap will now be 400 weighted cases per year (a misdemeanor counts as 1 case and a felony counts as 2.66 cases) – prior to this, some layers handled upwards of 700 cases annually. As a public defender, this is particularly significant to Bernstein. “Lawyers can now dedicate more time to their clients. Better lawyering and better investigating means clients are better represented,” he said.

Reflective of Klein’s commitment to the field of criminal justice, his work outside of Touro could easily amount to a full-time job. He participates in the following committees of the ABA Section on Criminal Justice: The Defense Function, Racial and Ethnic Justice and Diversity, Judicial Function, and Ethics, Gideon and Professionalism. He is active in the Association of American Law Schools, including being a past Chair of the Section on Criminal Justice and serving on the Section’s Executive Committee. Last January, he was elected to the Executive Committee of the Association’s Section on International Human Rights, as well as Treasurer of the Section. He has appeared as a legal commentator on CBS Evening News and CNN, been recognized as an expert in criminal justice by USA Today and other newspapers around the country, and is frequently quoted by Newsday as an authority on high-profile issues. One of Klein’s articles was cited by Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun in support of the Justice’s conclusion that the death penalty in the U.S. was unconstitutional. He is also a Public Interest Mentor for Harvard Law School. The list can go on endlessly…

Klein authored his first book in 2012 – “Recent Landmark Criminal Law Decisions of the Supreme Court: The Jurisprudence of the Supreme Court: Fair Trials, Juvenile Justice, the Death Penalty, and the Right to Counsel” (published by Lambert Academic Press). The book presented an analysis of recent Supreme Court decisions that greatly impacted the criminal justice system; it was based on annual lectures he gives at the annual Supreme Court Review Conference held at Touro every October.

Known affectionately as a “rock star” both on and off the Touro Law Center campus, Klein remains humble about his lengthy list of accomplishments, instead simply saying “I perceive myself as a criminal law person – it is one of the primary ways I self-identify.”

“I hope I’ve influenced the kind of work our students do, and that they’ll be loyal to the ethical demands of the profession – not just in words, but in practice, especially as to the overarching need to consistently provide zealous and competent representation at the highest of levels.”
PROFESSOR ILENE BARSHAY

Before attending Touro Law Center, Professor Barshay worked as a teacher, magazine editor and principal of a speaker’s bureau. Dedicated to public interest law and teaching, she has served on several Boards and advisory councils dedicated to improving the community around her. Professor Barshay taught legal writing and valued teaching her students a skill necessary to their success. She was regarded by many of her students as a mentor as well as a teacher. She took great pride in the successes of her students and Touro Law Center. Professor Barshay was the recipient of the Paul Marks Public Interest Award in 1996 and 2004 and is the author of “The Implications of the Constitution’s Religion Clauses on New York Family Law” which was published by the Howard Law Journal.

PROFESSOR LOUISE HARMON

Professor Harmon joined Touro Law Center in 1983. She served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Faculty Development, developing scholarship programs and initiatives for faculty members. She gave leadership to Touro Law’s abroad program in India for many years. In addition to her regular teaching in jurisprudence, she taught courses in Indian and Tibetan Law and Philosophy and China’s Legal Traditions in Touro Law’s summer programs in India and China. She is the author of several publications. She was regarded as a mentor by both students and colleagues and is remembered as an instrumental member of the faculty.

PROFESSOR BEVERLY MCQUEARY SMITH

Professor McQueary Smith joined Touro Law’s faculty in 1988. She has taught contracts, torts, environmental law, consumer law, race and American law, land use planning and zoning, appellate advocacy, professional responsibility and legislation. She serves or has served on several boards and chaired the Southern Africa Environmental Project and the National Campaign on Black Health. In April 2006, she received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Touro Law School Chapter of the National Black Law Students’ Association. In September 2007, she earned a Trailblazer Award from the Northeast People of Color Legal Scholars Conference. She authored a host of articles on a wide variety of topics and delivered papers at professional and continuing legal education programs in the United States and abroad.
Dear Friends,

The past 18 months have been an incredibly successful and exciting time for Touro Law Center in general and its Office of Institutional Advancement in particular. As the accompany chart shows, our fundraising has risen dramatically in all categories. We have secured a $1,000,000 gift to fund the second Distinguished Chair in our 33 year history thanks to the generosity of Board member Steve Schlesinger and the Kermit Gitenstein Foundation; our endowed scholarships have grown from 4 named scholarships to 16; and gifts to the Annual Fund for clinics, institutes and fellowships have allowed us to initiate new programs that will directly benefit our students and our community. Thanks to the vision, passion, hard work and energy of our new Dean we are already on our way toward our increased fundraising goal for this fiscal year. But, as you might suspect, we have far to go, and much to do in the next three quarters of the fiscal year. We need your help and support in order to sustain our growth. Continued progress will mean continued imagination, innovation and investment.

Thank you,
Linda Howard Weissman
Assistant Dean of Institutional Advancement

Our alumni are our past, our present, and our future; please let your voice be heard by contributing to our success.

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Ilene ’87 and Stan Barshay

In May of 2012 Stan Barshay and members of the Barshay family established the Ilene H. Barshay Award for Excellence in honor of Professor Ilene Barshay, a beloved professor, and mentor who retired after nearly 25 years of teaching Touro Law students.

“I “give” to Touro because Touro has given so much to me. For the better part of the past twenty five years Touro served as my home away from home, my second family, and my support system. As a student I was mentored by many of the same faculty who are teaching today. Not only did they help me to develop a skill set which enabled me to become an effective and successful attorney and professor, but they also taught me how to think logically. I hope my former students think of me as a mentor as well.

As a faculty member, I grew to appreciate my colleagues for their individual and collective contributions and commitment to Touro and to Touro’s student body.

I was privileged to observe the student body’s pride grow as new challenges were faced and met. Most importantly, we all learned that by giving of ourselves to the law school the Institution was enriched as was Touro’s student body, alumni, faculty and administration. I give to Touro because it invested in me and it is my way of investing in the future - it is also my way of saying thank you.”

— Professor Ilene Barshay, Class of 1987

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Why I Give...
Tom ’97 and Cynthia Rosicki

Tom and Cynthia recently established the Thomas and Cynthia Rosicki Disability Fund to help meet the needs of disabled students, a cause which has been a longtime passion for them and their law firm. Tom is a member of the Touro Law Center’s Board of Governors, and has been honored at the Law Center’s Liberty and Justice Dinner in 2008 and again as a “Builder” at this past year’s dinner.

“I’ve often remarked, in the words of Brian Wilson of the Beach Boys, that one should, “Be True to Your School”…… be true to Touro. This may sound corny, but in life, loyalty is a precious asset to receive, and a precious gift to give. Throughout your years of law school at Touro, I am sure that you can remember times when the faculty, administration and staff, went out of their way to help you to overcome challenges and obstacles. In contrast to many other non-personal law schools, (and I’m speaking from personal experience), they were there for you when you needed them.

As we mature as lawyers and as people, you find that as friends and acquaintances come and go, you remember and cherish those who were loyal and true. You find that loyalty shown, and loyalty received are anchored assets which accrue to your reputation – and reputation is everything, in how we are perceived, trusted and judged. Loyalty indeed, is a rare valued jewel in a world of fleeting friendships, relationships and associations. Call it karma, call it mitzvah, call it grace, call it want you want, but loyalty comes back to the giver 10-fold. So be true to your school …….. be true to Touro!”

— Tom Rosicki, Class of 1997
Florence Hessen Scher, a member of the class of 1985, recently created the Gerald J. Scher Moot Court Scholarship in memory of her late husband. Prior to creating this Scholarship, Florence helped to support the Moot Court room naming in our new building, and most recently hosted an alumni reception at her home in Florida.

“I was privileged to be a member of one of the early graduating classes of Touro Law. It was during that time that I realized this law school had a conscience and a soul as demonstrated by the faculty, staff and administration in their enthusiastic efforts to ensure that we had the best skill set to start our new careers in law. It is because of all of these efforts that I soon realized that Touro was a very special place to acquire my law degree.

This very special place should continue forever, but will not without my fellow alumni stepping up to the plate and making this happen by contributing to the future of our school. I have been lucky to be economically fortunate since my graduation and have tried to support Touro Law Center whenever and wherever I can. I can state with certainty that any gift to the school will be most appreciated and I encourage you to give back to Touro Law. My opinion is that Touro Law Center changed my life for which I will always be grateful. Giving back, for me, provides the opportunity to do something that is such a very fulfilling part of my life.”

— Florence Hessen Scher, Class of 1985
Bruce Gould has long been our most generous graduate. Many years ago he created our first endowed chair, and established the prestigious Bruce K. Gould Book Award. Together with his family he has named the Law School library. Bruce Gould sits on our Board of Governors and our Foundation Board. He has hosted numerous events, including a recent event at his home in Florida. He was a member of our first “Builders” Class given at our “Liberty and Justice for All” Dinner, and was our first honoree at the Susan Dietrich Clyne Memorial Golf Outing.

“For the past 30 years, Touro has been a huge part of my life and my heart.

I support Touro Law Center because it brings together my two most important charitable endeavors: education and the preservation of the Jewish laws, Judaism and heritage here in the United States and in Israel.

I believe Touro Law has set itself apart by combining the traditional requirements of a law school education with the ancient principals of legal and societal teachings of the old testament. This I believe is the foundation of modern juris prudence. Touro Law has taken legal education to the next level by combining practical knowledge with a hands-on approach to teaching the law. The school’s commitment to academic excellence, social justice and community service represent the ideals that make it the law school for the 21st Century.”

— Bruce Gould, Class of 1984
Rosicki, Rosicki & Associates, P.C. wins the 2012 Law Firm Challenge

Touro Law alumni from Rosicki, Rosicki & Associates, P.C. were presented with the Touro Law Firm Challenge Trophy for the second year in a row at the 2013 Annual Winter Alumni Reception on January 24, 2013.

Firms employing five or more Touro alumni competed against one another in an effort to reach 100% alumni giving at their respective firms. Alumni are invited to give a gift in an amount that fits within their philanthropic goals to the Annual Fund. All gifts to the Law Center by alumni at participating firms during the challenge year count toward the firm’s participation goal. The winners, in addition to bragging rights, will have their firm’s name engraved on the Touro Cup and will hold the trophy for display at their firm for the year. All firms receive a visit from the dean during the course of the year for a personalized update on the school. The Law Firm Challenge as a component of the Touro Law Annual Fund provides resources for the dean to use where the need is greatest. Programs at Touro Law which receive Annual Fund support include student scholarships, hosting distinguished speakers and library enhancements.

2012 Final Results:
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If you are interested in signing up for the 2013-2014 Law Firm Challenge, or to request more information, please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 631-761-7065 or lawfirmchallenge@tourolaw.edu.

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An annual graduating class gift has been established as a new Touro Law tradition by the Class of 2013.

Beginning in January of 2013, the graduating students of 2013 fundraised together to collect grant money to benefit graduating students of the Class of 2014. With help and motivation from a generous donation of t-shirts from Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, and a matching pledge from Dean Salkin and Howard Gross, 33% of the Class of 2013 contributed to the class gift and started a new tradition of giving at the law center being continued this year by the Class of 2014.

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The Sidney R. and Walter Siben Scholarship is named for its benefactors, the founders of the Siben & Siben Law Firm in Bayshore, NY. The Scholarship was established to recognize students with significant potential and it is awarded administratively based on academic promise.

The Fay and Saul Starr Scholarship, was created by the Fischtein family in honor of Sharon Fischtein’s parents. It is administratively awarded annually to a rising 2L who is an academically gifted student.

The Susan M. Dietrich Clyne ’88 Memorial Scholarship – Susan Dietrich Clyne, a member of the class of 1988 perished on 9/11 in the World Trade Center tragedy. The Scholarship, established by her family, is awarded annually based on an application to one or more 2L part-time student(s) with significant family responsibilities.

Bess and Samuel Zeigen Scholarship – The late Marshall Zeigen (Buddy) established this scholarship in 1997 in honor of his parents. It is awarded administratively to a rising 2L student who has demonstrated exceptional academic promise along with a proven commitment to community service.

The Ilene H. Barshay Award for Excellence – Stan and Ilene ’87 Barshay, together with their family, created this Scholarship in 2012 to be awarded to a Touro Law student entering his/her second year of study who has demonstrated both excellence in Legal Process and compelling circumstances outside the classroom. Students who CALI the Legal Process course are invited to apply.

The Dean Patricia E. Salkin Scholarship, was established by the family and friends of Dean Patricia Salkin on the occasion of her Academic Convocation and installation as the 5th Dean of Touro Law Center in 2012. It will support a female Touro Law student who demonstrates based on an application, interest in issues of importance to women in the legal profession and/or interest in land use and sustainable development law.

The Gerald J. Scher Moot Court Scholarship, was established in 2013 by Florence Hessen Scher ’85 in honor of her late husband. The Scholarship will be awarded to a 2L student who is an incoming member of the Touro Law Center Moot Court Board. The determination of the award is based upon 50% need and 50% on a written essay regarding the candidates’ Moot Court aspirations.

The Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman Scholarship – Touro Law Center Board Chair Howard Stein and the partners of Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman established this scholarship in 2013. It is to be awarded annually administratively to a rising 2L who shows academic promise.

The Arline Besunder ’92 Scholarship, was established in 2013 by Harvey Besunder, Esq. in memory of his wife Arline, a 1992 Touro Law graduate. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a rising 2L female student who demonstrates, based on an essay application, an interest in health law and/or professional ethics.

The Sheila and Stuart Salkin Scholarship, was established in 2013 by Dean Patricia Salkin and her husband Howard Gross in honor of Dean Salkin’s parents. The Scholarship will be awarded annually to a law student based on an application who is either currently or was previously a K-12 teacher pursuing school while also raising a family; or someone raising a family while in law school, or someone who has expressed an interest in education law.

The Shirley Fuchsberg Scholarship, was established in 2013 by the Fuchsberg Family in memory of their mother, Shirley Fuchsberg, a long term supporter and friend of Touro Law. The Scholarship will be awarded based on an application to a female student who shows academic promise and who best exemplifies Shirley Fuchsberg’s commitment to Touro Law.

The Maschler Family Scholarship, was established in 2013 by Touro Law alumnus Matthew Maschler ’97, this Scholarship will be awarded annually to a rising 2L student who shows academic promise and an interest in business or real estate law.

The Rhonda Gelfman Szabo ‘86 Scholarship, was established in 2013 by Touro Law alumna Rhonda Gelfman Szabo ’86 to be annually awarded administratively to a rising 2L who shows academic promise.
The John Santucci Justice Scholarship, was established in 2013 by Touro Law alumnus Thomas Santucci ’83 and his family and friends in honor of his father, John Santucci, former District Attorney of Queens and a longtime friend to Touro Law Center. The Scholarship will be awarded to a rising 2L who shows academic promise and a demonstrated interest in criminal law.

The Lefkowitz Family Scholarship, was established in late 2013 by Touro Law alumna Helen Lefkowitz ’88. This scholarship will be awarded annually to a rising 2L student who shows academic promise.

The Grossman Family Scholarship – Touro Law Center alumnus, Jack Grossman ’88 established this scholarship in 2013. It is to be awarded annually to a rising 2nd year law student who shows academic promise and is a well-rounded student.

Funds

The Thomas and Cynthia Rosicki Disability Fund, was established in 2013 by Touro Law Center alumnus Thomas Rosicki ’97 and his wife Cynthia. The Fund is to be utilized as needed to meet reasonable accommodations for one or more students with a disability. At the discretion of the Law Center, interest income of the Rosicki Disability Fund can also be utilized as a scholarship for a deserving student with a disability.

The William Randolph Hearst Emergency Fund, was created with two generous grants from the William Randolph Hearst Foundation and is designed for students who are participants in Touro Law’s Legal Education Access Program (LEAP). It is intended to provide grants for students in crisis situations.

Fellowships

David Berg Fellows – This prestigious Fellowship program was created in 2006 with funding from the David Berg Foundation to support twelve (12) Berg Summer Public Interest Fellows. The program is highly competitive and awarded to students in order to further develop their passion for Public Interest Law while earning a summer stipend and honing their practical legal skills in a workplace setting.

The Fanny and Samuel Glickstein Memorial Fellowship – Dean Emeritus Howard A. Glickstein established this Fellowship in honor of his parents, Fannie and Samuel Glickstein. This Fellowship is designed to encourage public interest employment by awarding a Summer Public Interest Fellowship to a qualified student who demonstrates a clear passion for public interest work.

Honorable George Pratt Judicial Fellow – This Fellowship was created by the Honorable George Pratt, a retired member of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, the Touro Law faculty and a current member of the Law Center’s Board of Governors. The Fellow receives a summer stipend while working for a member of the Federal Judiciary.

Steven Schwartzapfel Fellowship – Steven Schwartzapfel, the founding member of Schwartzapfel Partners, created this Summer Fellowship for a student to work in civil legal services on Long Island. The selected student works with people facing various problems including housing, discrimination, disability and/or family law issues.

Long Island Hispanic Bar Fellow – This Summer Public Interest Fellowship was created by the Long Island Hispanic Bar with funding from the Bethpage Federal Credit Union. The Fellowship is awarded to a Latino American student for a summer fellowship in the Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office.

Professor Beverly McQueary Smith Fellow – Created in 2013 by the Long Island Amistad Bar to honor Professor McQueary Smith on the occasion of her retirement, it is to be awarded to a Touro Law student for a 2014 Summer Fellowship.

Lawrence Raful Public Interest Fellowship – This Summer Public Interest Fellowship, created by Dean Patricia Salkin and her husband Howard Gross, was awarded for the first time in the summer of 2013 and will be awarded again in 2014.
As befitting an Institution that has just celebrated the 33rd year of its founding, a growing number of Touro Law alumni, faculty and friends have chosen to provide future support for the Law School through their financial or estate plans. Dean Salkin and the Office of Institutional Advancement would like to publicly recognize every individual who has chosen this increasingly vital form of support.

We are currently in the process of creating the Touro Law Center Legacy Society. The Touro Law Legacy Society will recognize all who have named the Law Center as a beneficiary of a planned gift of any size; donors have remembered Touro Law Center as a beneficiary of a will, trust, retirement plan, or life insurance policy or with a lifetime income gift.

These visionary gifts are designed to create a legacy for Touro Law Center and they will ensure the success of generations of future Touro Lawyers. In our next Honor Roll of Donors we will include those individuals we know of, who have remembered Touro Law in their estate plans, and we will profile some of the founding members of the Legacy Society. For some, this may be a first gift to the Law Center, but for others it may be a continuation of giving begun during their lifetimes. In addition to supporting bright and highly motivated students, a planned gift can support outstanding faculty, provide funding for state-of-the-art facilities, or be used by the Dean to support priority needs.
The process of “planned giving,” offers several ways to make a charitable donation, that not only help to create a legacy for the law school, but also offering potential tax advantages, while retaining the benefit of lifetime income for the donor. A planned gift may also allow you to make a much larger gift, and create a more significant legacy, than you might imagine possible. A planned gift may be revocable, giving you the flexibility to alter your plans if your circumstances change, or irrevocable, often making you eligible for a current income tax deduction and a reliable payment stream for the rest of your life. Charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, and life insurance gifts are among the several instruments available.

Wills and Bequests:
Many of us are not able to make the kinds of gifts we would like during our lifetime. Yet, we may wish to remember Touro Law in our wills. A charitable bequest is the simplest and most commonly used form of planned giving.

A gift in your will can be:
• A specific dollar amount or a specific asset.
• All or a percentage of the “residue” of your assets (what is left after you have made other gifts).
• Unrestricted (used for general educational purposes).
• Restricted (used for a particular purpose).
• Structured to provide lifetime income to family before the gift is available for Touro Law.
• Contingent (made only if specific conditions occur, e.g., spouse has died before you).
• Changed by you at any time.

Tax Talk:
Charitable gifts from estates present a variety of tax planning opportunities. But unlike charitable gifts made during your lifetime, you may not receive a current charitable income tax deduction. However, if your estate is subject to estate tax a bequest to Touro Law Center Development Foundation may entitle your estate to an estate tax charitable deduction for the amount donated and reduces the amount of tax your estate must pay. Note also that if you make a gift by naming the Law Center Foundation as a beneficiary of your retirement plan or IRA, there are income tax benefits.

How To:
An existing will or trust can be amended to make a gift without rewriting the entire document. Your attorney can prepare a codicil, which adds a new bequest while reaffirming the other terms of your will. Similarly, an attorney can prepare an amendment to a revocable trust to add Touro Law Center Development Foundation as a beneficiary.

Please be assured that no individual bequest amounts will be released publicly and we would honor all requests for anonymity.

Sample Bequest Language:

I give and bequeath the sum of $_______ to The Touro Law Center Development Foundation, Inc., a New York State not-for profit corporation at 225 Eastview Drive, Central Islip, New York 11722. Please talk with your attorney regarding specific language for your personal situation.

In Conclusion:
We are very excited to have come to a place in the life of our Institution where we are able to create the Touro Law Legacy Society. We are in the process of putting together a “Planned Giving Committee,” currently being co-chaired by estate planning experts - Joseph Rosenberg ’87 and Patricia Marcin ’85. If you would like to join this committee, please let us know – everyone is welcome.

Other effective planned giving vehicles include:
Gift of Life Insurance, Charitable Remainder Trusts, Annuity Trusts and Charitable Lead Trusts. In the near future our friends and alumni will receive a series of brochures designed to explain these financial and estate planning instruments in greater depth. Please look for these and call with questions. And finally, some of you may be in a position to counsel your own clients about their estate planning and philanthropy. We will be hosting a CLE program later this spring for Trust and Estate Planning. Please look for more information on that topic in the coming weeks.

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We ask that you please, if you have not already done so, let us know if you have remembered Touro Law with a Bequest or Life Insurance gift so we may include you among the donors we recognize.
Hurricane Sandy marked the most significant natural disaster in living memory in the northeast with a direct hit to Long Island – home to 3 million people in Nassau and Suffolk Counties and Touro Law Center. Immediately following the storm, Touro Law launched a significant community service and pro bono outreach effort – providing free legal assistance and referrals to anyone in need in the wake of Hurricane Sandy. That effort grew to become the only comprehensive disaster law program of its kind in the country. We added a Disaster Law course to our curriculum and opened a Disaster Relief Law Clinic, where students work under close faculty supervision with clients. In addition, we have been organizing service trips to the area for law students from around the country who want to come to the region and offer assistance. As the legal needs for many continue, Touro Law is strategically placed to continue to help as the country’s only law school with a campus adjacent to both the state and federal judiciaries.

Three days after the storm, faculty, staff, students and alumni gathered in our auditorium to brainstorm about what we could do to help our devastated community. We also invited the ABA Young Lawyer Division Representative who is the local liaison with FEMA, the leadership of the Suffolk County Bar Association, and other local NGO leaders. What emerged from that initial meeting of about 80 volunteers was remarkable. It was agreed that we would immediately begin collecting necessities to help individuals and families who had urgent needs for physical items, and that we would organize and coordinate with the local legal services providers to establish a pro bono legal services effort. That same week, on Friday, we held a press conference to announce our intention to serve as a point of coordination and referral with partners including the New York State Bar Association, Suffolk County Bar Association and many others. We publicly announced a phone number and email address where the public could access help beginning the following week. That week we organized our list of student volunteers, developed in-take sheets, set up a web address and Facebook page where information could be posted for the public, and we developed a training program for students, faculty, staff and alumni who volunteered to staff the “HEART Line.”

Exactly one week after the storm, Touro Law was the first legal services organization in the region to mobilize and launch a pro bono effort to help people and small businesses affected by the storm. The phone/email referral and assistance center opened which we called TLC HEART (Touro Law Center Hurricane Emergency Assistance...
Response Team). Still today, trained law students and volunteers provide assistance for a broad array of inquiries.

To date, we have assisted more than 1,500 Sandy-affected households, predominantly seniors and working families in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Sandy-related legal needs have ranged from FEMA’s disaster assistance program, flood and homeowner insurance, landlord-tenant disputes, real property issues, and contractor disputes. Since the summer, the greatest unmet need in vulnerable populations has converged around three core areas: flood insurance disputes, which are widespread and frequently involve underpayments of 50% or more; disputes with contractors over substandard work; and mortgage and foreclosure issues arising from significant uncovered losses.

Next we began to develop a more robust plan for sustained leadership and service. Our faculty approved a new seminar course in disaster law and a new disaster law clinic. The clinic is fully staffed with faculty and students and is actively engaged in providing legal services to our community. Professor Benjamin Rajotte was hired and the clinic began serving the clients in January 2013.

By training law students in this clinical setting, we are able to nurture and draw upon their talents, while engendering their commitment to public service. Up to 12 upper-level law students work in each of our clinics at any given time, which translates to a collective 120-140 billable-quality hours per week at the Disaster Relief Clinic.

Through this real-world experience and the supportive academic community which Touro provides, students are able to hone their practical lawyering skills while enabling the law school to help a significantly greater number of at-risk Sandy households.

Still, more is needed to be done to help satisfy the unmet legal needs in the community. We were able to hire a coordinator to facilitate the arrival and placement of law students from other schools around the country who want to travel to the region and offer help. So far students from several schools across the country have visited and completed pro bono hours providing legal assistance to those in need and more trips are scheduled in the coming months.

Lastly, at the suggestion and organization of Touro Law Center, all of the legal service providers on Long Island met together in the same room at Touro Law Center to create an ongoing forum for the open exchange of information and support to enable all of us to better serve those in need. The initial meeting resulted in now weekly coordinated phone calls and wiser sharing and allocation of available resources.

Today, Touro Law Center stands as the leader in the disaster relief effort having developed the only comprehensive disaster law program of its kind in the country. We have collaborated with bar associations and non-profit organizations as well as local state and federal government agencies. We have received referrals for assistance from places as varied as local church organizations to the Governor’s office to FEMA. We have received funding from private individuals and other funders including the Robin Hood Foundation and New York State to ensure our worthwhile efforts continue for years to come. Touro Law Center’s response to the storm is no doubt having a lasting and positive impact on the community and on a generation of future lawyers.
A FUNDRAISING PERSPECTIVE:
CREATING A NEW DISASTER RELIEF CLINIC, THEN FINDING THE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS

At Touro Law the race to find funding for disaster relief work took off just days after the storm devastated much of Long Island and the surrounding tri-state area. We knew fairly quickly that there needed to be a larger presence in the community to provide legal services to those in need and, based on our experience and under the leadership of Dean Salkin, we determined that a disaster law clinic would be the most effective vehicle to provide services to the storm victims. That clinic would require significant funding, and we would need to find those funds quickly. And so this story of involvement and generosity from individuals, the government, foundations, and community organizations giving to help others began to take shape.

At a December faculty meeting Dean Salkin asked the faculty to approve the disaster law clinic even though there was no funding in place at that moment. There was no funding yet, but our heroes would soon surface, transforming a plan to a reality.

The first hero of the story is Touro Law Board member Cliff Richner who made the call to Martin Olney, the mayor of the town of Lawrence - a community heavily affected by the hurricane. Marty is a Board member of Touro College and a supportive friend of the Law School. Within an hour Marty had made a $50,000 pledge to get the clinic off the ground and paid half of that commitment before December 31. The second hero of the story is Touro Law alum Grayce Wiggins Class of 1995. Grayce called in late December and asked if she could help introduce us to the Robin Hood Foundation. The Robin Hood Foundation was in the process of raising serious funds for disaster relief in the wake of Superstorm Sandy. The Foundation has a strong history of funding only in New York City – with the only exception to that policy for 9/11 funding. After some intense discussions and a detailed and lengthy proposal, we received the good news that the Robin Hood Foundation would fund the Touro Law Center clinic. In February we received an $80,000 donation.

The next chapter begins with three additional significant gifts. The Long Island Community Foundation in a quick response to a proposal to help fund the clinic made a grant of $20,000 in early spring, 2013. We are very appreciative of our friends David Okorn and the staff and Board of the Long Island Community Foundation for their faith in our efforts. The Long Island United Way, thanks to Theresa Regnante and Betty Eberhart and a first rate staff, also quickly responded to our proposal, we received the good news that the Robin Hood Foundation would fund the Touro Law Center clinic. In February we received an $80,000 donation.

The work of the clinic continues as does the ongoing need for funding. We are currently in discussions with other funders including various levels of government for additional funds to begin to address a myriad of public policy issues that have arisen from the disaster. We remain incredibly appreciative to all of those who have enabled us to raise more than $1,000,000 for Disaster Relief efforts.

All along it has been the support of board members, alumni and friends who have provided access and helped us to secure funding. We remain so very appreciative to those who have been with us from the beginning, and we ask that if you can join us to help in any way with this incredibly important endeavor that you consider doing so.

Thank you,

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STEVEN C. SCHNITZER ’88
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Whether he’s negotiating an acquisition or a private equity investment or coaching his daughter’s lacrosse team, Steven C. Schnitzer, who graduated Touro Law Center in 1988, brings the same level of inspiration, dedication and analytical thinking to the task at hand, and that has served him extremely well during his 25 years in practice.

As a partner and the head of Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP’s corporate practice in Washington, DC, Steven has married his keen passion for business with his practice of the law. “I was always interested in business and knew from my first days in law school that I wanted to practice corporate law,” he said.

Following his graduation from Touro, Steven began work at the Wall Street firm Debevoise & Plimpton as a corporate finance attorney focusing primarily on private placements for large institutional investors and “big ticket” equipment financings in both the public and private debt markets. In 1994 his family moved to Washington D.C. where he joined Crowell & Moring.

At Crowell & Moring, Steven quickly found himself having to retrain as a mergers and acquisitions lawyer on behalf of large defense contractors like Lockheed Martin and GEC. The corporate group was doing larger and larger transactions, and it became clear to Steven that he needed to be at a firm with a much greater sized corporate group and more depth in the ancillary practices that support an M&A transaction. In 2000 Steven joined Katten’s DC office.

At Katten, Steven represents a diverse group of publicly-traded and privately-held companies, private equity investors, start-ups, CEOs and other senior executives, and high-net-worth individuals. His practice spans a wide range of industries, including coal mining, technology, banks and other financial institutions, chemicals, renewable energy, retail and aviation, among others. He focuses on mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, private equity and general corporate financing. “I went from being a corporate finance lawyer with a special focus on leveraged lease aircraft financings at Debevoise to becoming a more broad-based corporate lawyer representing a wide range of clients through the entire lifecycle of a company, from formation and early-stage capitalization to strategic growth by add-on acquisitions and, ultimately, sale. For me, this fits well with my interest in learning how businesses operate, make strategic decisions, grow and reach the end of their life cycle by concluding with a sale or merger,” he explained.

In order to be an effective negotiator on behalf of his clients, Steven tries to gain a good understanding of a client’s business. “Gaining insight into how your client’s business works can be extremely valuable to you as a lawyer when it comes time to negotiating an M&A transaction, a private equity investment or structured financing, a joint venture or, for that matter, almost any transaction. It also helps when it comes time to think creatively about solving structuring problems on a deal,” he noted. "One thing about being a corporate lawyer is you never stop learning. In many respects, your education just moved from the traditional classroom to your office!"

Steven remains connected to Touro by keeping in touch with its leadership team, and he is quick to mention that the faculty makes the difference. “I valued the quality of all the professors at Touro. Many of my professors had a meaningful impact on me, and I remember with fondness some of my after-class chats with my professors and with Dean Glickstein.

Steven has practiced solely in a large law firm setting, so his advice to young lawyers is specific to that backdrop. He recommends that young lawyers graduating from Touro “try to determine early on how you can be relevant to your firm and your clients, and to develop skills that are transferable within the practice of law. Don’t be afraid to ask questions but “be thoughtful as you approach partners and senior attorneys for guidance by demonstrating you have at least given some thought to the issue and have some potential solutions, even if you think they may not be correct.” He also encourages junior lawyers to cultivate their client development skills early on in their career because “those junior business people and in-house counsel with whom you work will one day grow up to become CEOs, CFOs and general counsels, and you’d like to be in a position to grow with them – as their counsel and as they move higher within their organization or transition to other organizations.”

Success comes with some sacrifice – including working very late hours when in the throes of orchestrating a deal. “There is just no way to get around doing so when you spend all day on the phone negotiating and have to turn around documents by morning,” he said. His career has been gratifying, though. “Although most of my clients have been large corporate enterprises or private equity investors, I have had the good fortune of representing some senior executives and high-net-worth individuals in their private transactions. The personal and business relationships with these individuals have been some of the most rewarding experiences I have had since I started practicing in 1988.”

NOTE: Just before going to press Steven Schnitzer announced that he was leaving Katten and has taken a position as Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of Lightfoot Capital in New York City. We wish him well in his new job.
RALPH WINNIE ’99
Director of Global Business Development
The Eurasia Center

Ralph Winnie redefines the word “peripatetic” as he travels the globe in his quest to “build better relationships” for his country, as well as for his clients. “My conduct, my presentation, reflects on the U.S.” he says, as he tries to explain why his extensive work in international trade relations has relevance beyond its economic implications.

This 1999 graduate of The Law Center is deeply committed to his work as Vice President of Business Development for The Eurasia Center, as well as Director of The Eurasian Business Coalition’s China Program. This is not a surprising career for an attorney who was, from the very beginning, focused on international work. Born and raised in Hawaii, Ralph completed his undergraduate work in California and eventually headed east to begin law school. He transferred to Touro Law Center when he learned about the International Law Program. Immediately impressed with the caliber of the faculty and their personal interest in each student, Ralph immersed himself in the Asia Pacific Law Student Association and the International Law Society. He was a staff editor of the International Law Review and was offered a position on the Touro Law Review. He took his summer terms in India, the UK and Moscow and received his JD magna cum laude. Ralph credits Dean Howard Glickstein with encouraging him throughout his early career. Ralph was the first Touro Law student from the state of Hawaii, and comments frequently that Dean Glickstein and other members of the faculty were particularly welcoming and encouraging. Armed with a solid academic record and recommendations from the Dean, he moved to Washington D.C., where he pursued an LL.M in Taxation from Georgetown University Law Center and published a definitive article on Taxation of International Athletes which appeared in Tax Notes International.

Today, Ralph finds himself in the business of reaching out to public officials in the U.S. and throughout the world in an effort to build understanding and bridge cultural gaps so that trade relations can thrive. In 2006, he was appointed by the Provincial Government of Guangxi Province as Business Development Representative for North America, which gave him the opportunity to become deeply immersed in the work of building U.S./China business partnerships. “I really like engaging with people,” he states, explaining that the opportunity to interact at the highest levels of government has been an important part of his work. Forming relationships is integral to doing business in China. “The Chinese people want to feel comfortable with you, they want to develop personal trust first and the contracts can flow from that. The first meeting is key.” Forging those relationships has given him the opportunity to work with officials throughout China, and even throughout the world. Ralph is now a recognized expert in international business development. Among other high level meetings, he had the opportunity to engage with the President of Mongolia, Tsakhiagiin Elbegdorj in 2011 when he came to Washington, D.C. to meet with President Barack Obama.

In May, Ralph was invited to travel to Baku, Azerbaijan to participate in the US-Azerbaijan Convention, along with such notable speakers as former Congressman Michael McMahon, David Plouffe and Paul Wolfowitz. In 2012 he flew to Tashkent as a member of the U.S. delegation to an International Conference on “The Role and Importance of Small Business and Entrepreneurship in the Implementation of Socio-Economic Policy in the Republic of Uzbekistan” sponsored by the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan. He appears regularly on CCTV, (Chinese Central Television) and Voice of America, and he has published several articles in the Washington Post relating to economic development and trade with China and Russia. He is a well-known speaker, and has presented at the Woodrow Wilson Institute, Columbia University and The World Bank.

Asked to speculate on his future, he offered a wide ranging list of possibilities; but they all related to his work ethic and his training as a lawyer. “It teaches you to think critically and analytically. It gives you an opportunity to engage at a very high level and people respect your credentials.”

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Melanie Hendry, a newly-minted (November 2012) US Attorney in the Civil Division of the Eastern District, Asset Forfeiture Division, is a really happy in her new position. “I got my dream job” she says contentedly, describing the path that got her to exactly where she wanted to be, standing in front of a judge and saying “I am here on behalf of the United States of America.” Melanie graduated from Touro Law in 1994. While she does acknowledge that she entered a bit uncertain of what she wanted to do within the law, she knew that litigation was in her future. “That’s the only kind of lawyer I ever wanted to be. That to me was what a lawyer was – a litigator.” To that end, she prepared herself by participating in all facets of law school life. An outstanding student, she served as an intern in the Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office and also in Nassau County Family Court. In her final year, she worked as an intern at the firm of Meyer, Suozzi. She was Editor in Chief of the Law Review. But it was her Elder Law clinic training that was, perhaps, the most significant experience of her law school career. Her clinic exposure “made the difference” for her, confirming that the pace and excitement of litigation was the career path she wanted. “I used law school to explore, but I knew that I wanted to be a litigator… I love litigation.”

While interning at Meyer Suozzi, she received the offer of a permanent position. She worked there as a commercial litigator and spent ten years at the firm. But the opportunity to work in the US Attorney’s office was a deeply held ambition. She landed in Brooklyn in November and is thriving on the experience. “You’re encouraged to work hard and there are so many opportunities for professional growth.” Melanie still stays in touch with a few of her professors and has strong ties to the law school. She is active in the New York State Bar Association Council on Minorities and the Profession and helped plan and participate in the Youth Law Day at Touro. Youth Law Day brought students from Central Islip and Brentwood to the Law school to meet faculty and alumni, attend demonstration classes and become acquainted with law students and attorneys who came from backgrounds similar to their own. She loved the program and sees it as a valuable tool for introducing minorities to the profession.

Melanie’s law firm experience taught her a lot, she says, but she began to feel that she wanted the excitement she discovered in her current work. “I love the very fast pace – and working among some of the most well respected litigators in the field” Like we said, she’s a very a very happy woman. “It’s really nice to be able to love what you do.”

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JEFFREY STARR ’86
SEVP, General Counsel
Bank United

After completing law school, newly graduated counselors are eager to set their career path ablaze but Touro alum Jeffrey Starr (class of 1986) offers sage advice to young lawyers today – “A career is a marathon and not a sprint. The journey will take many turns offering numerous opportunities to take different paths. Be patient.”

Jeffrey, Senior Executive Vice President and General Counsel of BankUnited, N.A., knows the truthfulness of this sentiment from personal experience. “While attending law school, my goal was to be a real estate lawyer in New York. But, my first job offer was in the California office of the labor litigation department of a very large firm. I decided that the opportunities coming out of being a part of this firm were too vast to pass up.”

Leveraging such opportunities, constant networking, and embracing every occasion to learn from clients and colleagues have led Jeffrey to a thriving career spanning nearly three decades. Following his graduation from Touro in 1986, he headed to California. He transitioned to the field of banking law in 1992 when he joined, a small Long Island-based firm where he provided legal representation to North Fork Bank in a variety of areas.

After five years, Jeffrey experienced what he considers “the most significant event that accelerated my career path.” The CEO of North Fork Bank, John Kanas, shared with him that the Bank required its own designated in-house counsel because of its growth, and that Jeffrey was the ideal candidate for the position. “Although I was only 36 at the time, John and his senior management team believed that I was the right person for the job,” Jeffrey said. Propelled by this deep vote of confidence, Jeffrey became General Counsel of North Fork Bank in 1997, a position he held through 2006 when the Bank was sold to Capital One. He stayed on with Capital One for three years, and in 2009 he rejoined John Kanas in his current role as the General Counsel of BankUnited.

Every industry presents its challenges. In banking, Jeffrey is faced with navigating the ever-changing regulatory landscape, and he must stay abreast of new framework that’s implemented. What he likes most about his career are the occasions to constantly cultivate his foundation of knowledge. “I have been fortunate to be associated with some of the brightest people in my industry, and I always look to gain more knowledge during my interactions with these individuals,” he said.

One of the best ways to bolster this knowledge base is to be inquisitive, ask questions and dig deeper. “The key to giving proper advice is to make sure you have all the relevant facts and circumstances, not just the one the client believes are relevant. Several of my professors at Touro Law were masters at teaching this general lesson,” Jeffrey remarked.

“They would have the class analyze a series of events and then draw a conclusion based on the law we had just learned;” he continued. “While we were pondering how proud we were of ourselves for being so smart, the professor would ask us to consider an additional fact of which we were previously unaware. That one fact would change our entire conclusion. Then the professor would add another fact, and we would come to yet a different conclusion. The pattern would continue, teaching us all an invaluable lesson.”

An invaluable lesson indeed – Jeffrey applies this mindset of constant curiosity and profound questioning so he can effectively examine a situation and provide the best counsel. “I have always prided myself on my ability to assess a situation and make a sound decision, and my current role at BankUnited provides plenty of opportunity for me to utilize those skills.”

Despite his busy work schedule and weekly commutes between Miami and Long Island (BankUnited has 99 branches in Florida and five in New York), Jeffrey remains connected to Touro, most notably as a member of its Board of Governors. When he transferred to Touro Law in his second year of law school, he was instantly impressed with the faculty and administration’s distinct and cohesive vision for the school. “I maintain my affiliation with the school because I see that same dedication and commitment today from the current faculty and administration, and it’s energizing to be a part of it.”

When Jeffrey graduated Touro, he couldn’t have anticipated that 21 out of his 27 years in practice thus far would’ve been spent as an in-house bank attorney. But the opportunities arose, and he welcomed each one with the same drive and inspiration for success, and he continues to heed his own advice that a fulfilling career is indeed a marathon, and a journey to be savored along the way.
When Lisa Pellegrini completed her MBA Program at Pace University, she immediately began a job search. But she had some time on her hands, so she also began to watch a televised murder trial. She was completely “mesmerized” by the trial, sensing immediately that “I knew this is what I was meant to do.”

She enrolled at Touro and, from the beginning, was focused on her goal. “I went to law school to be a prosecutor” says the current head of the Homicide Unit in the Office of the Allegheny County District Attorney. The summer following her first year, she interned in the Nassau County District Attorney’s Office, working in the sex crimes unit. At the end of her second year in law school, she was awarded the Public Interest Fellowship and chose the Suffolk County DA’s office, working with domestic violence and child abuse cases. She continued in that office until she left Long Island to return to her native Pittsburgh.

In Pittsburgh, she again joined the District Attorney’s office and began in the general trial unit, where work was anything but dull. In addition to prosecuting robberies and other violent crimes she also won a national award for a RICO prosecution. By 2000, she met her destiny, and she joined the Homicide Unit as the first female prosecutor in the unit. In March of this year, she was named head of the unit, supervising a staff of full and part time attorneys, some of whom are active in other units and who bring their own expertise to homicide trials. “We always try to bring in others; it’s very much a team approach in this office.”

The position is filled with professional and personal challenges. Allegheny County has already seen 71 homicides this year and because her office must approve every search warrant and every arrest warrant in the county, she is always on call. “Murder really isn’t nine to five.” But she is determined to do her best for victims, admitting “Sometimes it’s very hard to get justice for everyone.” In her current role, she deals with some of the most hardened criminals in the city. “I have prosecuted some of the biggest gangs in Pittsburgh” she says calmly. Acknowledging that witness intimidation is an enormous problem, as it is in most major cities, she admits that “building cases” may be her biggest challenge. Criminals are getting more sophisticated in the uses of social media to intimidate witnesses, too, and that is adding to the problem.

Of course, the methodology of prosecution has changed enormously, too. That first murder trial she watched as a “civilian”. The prosecution depended up on blood analysis to build the case. Today, as anyone who has a TV can tell you, it’s all about DNA and other forensic evidence. Lisa admits that she is fascinated by the science behind her job, but admits that the public’s familiarity with it can be a disadvantage. “You don’t always get that blue line like you see on TV” she says “and juries want to know if you don’t have testing. It’s important to educate juries about is realistic about the science. My job is to explain when it (the testing) is going to lead to results.”

Lisa Pellegrini landed exactly where she planned to land when she entered law school. She credits Touro Law with strengthening her commitment to public interest. “Touro Law instills a sense of responsibility; you are encouraged to take the road less traveled.” There is no argument that she did that. So, while others might find her career path unusual, she does not. She is not at all surprised to find herself prosecuting a mother who drowned her son out of vengeance or staring down the murderer of three Pittsburgh police officers. She is currently preparing a case against University of Pittsburgh professor who poisoned his wife. It is a far cry from her undergraduate days as a high school cheerleader, but as she says “I speak for the victim.” And she wouldn’t have it any other way.

“I knew this is what I was meant to do... I speak for the victim.” And she wouldn’t have it any other way.

-Lisa Pellegrini
Faculty Notes
A RECAP OF FACULTY PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND ACCOLADES

HAROLD ABRAMSON
Professor of Law

Presentations: Presented on mediation representation in a program sponsored by the Nevada Bar Association. The panel included a member of the Nevada Supreme Court. Sole presenter of a half day program on mediation advocacy for the dispute resolution program at DePaul Law School. Team-taught a two day course on mediation representation to the members of the ADR Club at Thomas Jefferson School of Law. At the annual ABA Section of Dispute Resolution Conference in Chicago, presented on teaching mediation representation at a plenary session for legal educators and presented on a panel that examined different global approaches to obligating parties to participate in good faith. Team-taught mediation advocacy at the University of Nice. Co-facilitated a two day faculty retreat at another law school for the AALS.

Publications: This past summer, published the third edition of Mediation Representation along with a comprehensive teacher’s manual. This new edition of the leading text on the subject was published by Aspen and is one of the first textbooks to be published with video-based questions integrated throughout the text.

Professional Activities: Served as a member of an IMI Task Force on Certifying Mediation Advocates. The IMI (International Mediation Institute) is an international organization based in The Hague.

In the fall, he was invited to and did visit full-time at UNLV in Las Vegas to teach in its dispute resolution program.


MARIANNE ARTUSIO
Professor of Law


SARAH ADAMS-SCHOEN
Assistant Professor of Legal Process
Director, Land Use & Sustainable Development Law Institute

Presentations: She wrote an article on learning theory that examines the application to legal education of psychological research on theories of intelligence, also known as “Mindsets,” which will be published in Volume 19 of Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute.

Professional Activities: Professor Adams-Schoen was named the co-editor-in-chief of the New York Bar Association publication Municipal Lawyer. She was also named appointed as an associate editor for the peer-reviewed law journal Legal Communication & Rhetoric: JALWD.

FABIO ARCILA, JR.
Professor of Law, Associate Dean of Research & Scholarship


Professional Activities: Named inaugural Associate Dean for Research & Scholarship in 2012.

WILLIAM M. BROOKS
Professor of Law, Director of the Civil Rights Litigation Clinic

Presentations: Spoke at the annual conference of the National Association of Rights Protection and Advocacy, an advocacy organization for people with mental illness. His topic was “Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act as Mechanism to Address Wrongful Civil Commitment.”

Professional Activities: He litigated Mary Jo C. v. New York State and Retirement System, 707 F.3d 144 (2d Cir. 2013), in which the Second Circuit held that
an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act that requires a waiver of a state law may be reasonable. He also argued before the Second Circuit a case that raises the issues of whether (1) civil commitment at a private hospital constitutes state action and (2) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act can be used to seek damages for a wrongful civil commitment. He also argued Mary K. v. Levy, 2013 WL 4437163 (2d. Dept. Aug. 21, 2013), in which the Appellate Division held that the plaintiff set forth a cause of action when she alleged that a Suffolk County law that prohibiting sex offenders from living within ¼ mile from parks was preempted by state law.

Rodger Citron
Professor of Law

Publications: Professor Citron published the following law review articles: “A Life in the Law: An Interview with Drew Days,” which was published online in the Touro Law Review in July 2013, and “Persecution through Prosecution: Revisiting Touro Law Center’s Conference in Paris on the Alfred Dreyfus Affair and the Leo Frank Trial,” 29 Touro L. Rev. 1 (2013), which provided an introduction to articles from the Law Center’s conference in Paris in the summer of 2011. He also wrote three short articles for the online publication Justia (www.verdict.justia.com) in 2013.

Professional Activity: Professor Citron was appointed Treasurer of the AALS section on Law and Humanities; named co-editor of the Municipal Law newsletter, a New York State Bar Association publication; and participated in a panel session on the Jeffrey MacDonald case at Touro Law Center in the spring of 2013. He also presented on “The Law and Literature of the Rosenbergs Case” at panel sessions held at the AALS annual meeting in January 2013 and the Law and Society Conference in May 2013.

Peter Davis
Professor of Law


Daniel Derby
Professor of Law

Professional Activity: As director of Touro Law Center’s summer law program in Vietnam, Professor Derby met with officials of three different universities in both Vietnam and Cambodia regarding potential modes of future cooperation with Touro Law Center and its Summer Abroad Program in 2015 and in years to come.

Joan Foley
Associate Professor of Law


Jack Graves
Professor of Law


“Re-Imagining Legal Education: A Specific Proposal for a New Model” – a colloquium presented to the Touro Law Center faculty in February, 2013.

EILEEN KAUFMAN  
Professor of Law

 **Presentations:** She participated in a panel entitled “Multiplicity of Perspectives on the War on Terror – Teaching Social Justice in the Aftermath of 9/11.” She also delivered a lecture at Touro’s annual Supreme Court conference. The subject was the Supreme Court’s First Amendment cases in the 2011 term.


 **Professional Activities:** Serves as co-chair of the NY State Bar Association Committee on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar. She co-edited the September 2013 edition of the *New York State Bar Association Journal* entitled “The Future of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar.” She also serves on SALT’s Advisory Committee and on its Issues in Legal Education Committee.

 **Honors:** Joined the Board of the Tibet Justice Center and was elected Class Professor for 2013. She also received Touro’s Public Interest Award in 2013.

DESERIEE KENNEDY  
Professor of Law

 **Presentations:** She spoke as a co-panelist/workshop leader at the Applied Feminism: How Feminist Legal Theory is Changing the Law conference held at the University of Baltimore School of Law in March 2013. The presentation was entitled, Feminist Lawyering and Teaching Uncontested Divorces: A Case Study & Discussion. Professor Kennedy was also a co-panelist at the Society of American Law Teachers Teaching Conference on Teaching Social Justice, Expanding Access to Justice: The Role of Legal Education and the Legal Profession, University of Maryland School of Law October 2012. The panel was entitled, Creating an Effective Marriage of Access to Justice and Social Justice Pedagogy Through Divorce Representation: A Case Study and Discussion. She was a guest speaker, on the topic of Risk Assessments & Cultural Competence at a Suffolk County Women in Courts lunch during Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October 2012.

 **Publications:** She has been selected as one of the new co-authors of the third edition of the two volume treatise, *New York Law of Domestic Violence* along with Professor Melissa Breger of Albany Law School, practicing New York attorney Jill Zuccardy, and Judge Lee Elkins. The treatise is a Reuters-Thomson-West publication and the edition is forthcoming.

 **Professional Activities:** Professor Kennedy continues to serve as a member of the board of the Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence and is a member of the Theodore Roosevelt American Inn of Courts of Nassau County, serving as the faculty liaison.

RICHARD D. KLEIN  
Bruce K. Gould  
Distinguished Professor of Law

 **Expertise:** Professor Klein was quoted as an expert in criminal law in U.S.A. Today, Newsday, Channel 12 News, Long Island Business News and in syndicated news stories throughout the country. He was interviewed in a twenty five minute segment dealing with Rape Reform on the Ted Cordiss News Hour.

 **Presentations:** Professor Klein was a panelist at the Annual Robert Cover Program of the Society of American Law Teachers at the Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, analyzing “Gideon, Fifty Years Later.” He gave a presentation on Supreme Court cases dealing with habeas corpus, effective assistance of counsel during plea bargaining, and abandonment of counsel’s client during the post-conviction phase in a case where the defendant had received the death penalty, at the Annual Supreme Court Review held at Touro Law.

 **Publications:** Professor Klein authored, *The Role of Defense Counsel in Assuring a Fair Justice System*, in *The Champion*, the magazine of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. He also authored: *A Criminal Quartet: The Supreme Court’s Resolution of Four Critical Issues in the Criminal Justice System*, which was published in the *Touro Law Review*. His work continues to be cited in the major law school texts dealing with Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure; the ALR Commentaries dealing with Right to Counsel; and in many law review and bar association articles concerning the Sixth Amendment.

The following Committees: The Defense Function Committee, the Racial and Ethnic Justice and Diversity Committee, and the Ethics, Gideon and Professionalism Committee.

 **Presentations:** Professor Klein was a panel member at the University of Maryland Law Schools special program on Plea Bargaining, the Sixth Amendment and Judicial Ethics. He was a panelist at the Annual Robert Cover Program of the Society of American Law Teachers at the Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, analyzing “Gideon, Fifty Years Later.” He gave a presentation on Supreme Court cases dealing with habeas corpus, effective assistance of counsel during plea bargaining, and abandonment of counsel’s client during the post-conviction phase in a case where the defendant had received the death penalty, at the Annual Supreme Court Review held at Touro Law.

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LYNNE KRAMER  
Professor of Law  

Professional Activities: 
Named as a Super Lawyer 
Reappointed as chair of the Suffolk County Bar 
association Scholarship Committee. Reappointed as Chair of The National Jewish 
Sports Hall of Fame and Museum. Reappointed to the 
Board of The Suffolk County 
Bar Association Charitable 
Foundation. Re-elected to the 
Board of the Suffolk YJCC 
Elected President of the Board of VIBS ( Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk County).

LEON D. LAZER  
Professor of Law  

Professional Activities: 
Chaired nine meetings and the 
issue of the 2013 four volume set 
of charges and treatise material 
of the Pattern Jury Instructions 
Committee of the Association 
of Justices of the Supreme Court 
of the State of NY. Moderated 
annual Supreme Court 
Conference at Touro Law on 
October 26, 2012 and presented 
three of the cases from the 
Supreme Court 2012-2013 term. 
Participant and presenter at 
Suffolk Court Bar Association 
CLE program in January.  
Professional Honors: 
Member of Academic Policy 
Committee. Named to the 
Advisory Board of Institute 
Land Use and Sustainable 
Development Law.

LYNNE KRAMER  
Professor of Law  

Presentations: 
Presented “Is Pole Dancing Artistic 
Expression? Teaching Law 
Students to Write Effective 
Public Policy Arguments” at the 
Southeast Regional Legal Writing 
Conference at the Savannah Law 
School. Presented “Expelled on 
the Eve of Graduation: Why 
Lawyers Should Write Like 
Journalists” at the 2013 
Applied Legal Storytelling Conference 
at The City Law School, City 
Presented “Fact Selection 
and Organization: Legal 
Writing Lessons learned from 
Journalism” at the New England 
Legal Writing Conference at 
the University of Massachusetts 
School of Law. Together with 
Touro Law Professors Joan Foley 
and Debbie Lanin, presented 
“Perspectives in Writing: From 
the Newsroom and Courtroom 
to the Classroom,” at the 2013 
Rocky Mountain Legal Writing 
Conference at the University of 
Colorado Law School.

DEBBIE LANIN  
Assistant Professor of 
Legal Process  

Presentation: Debbie Lanin 
presented “Perspectives in 
Writing: From the Newsroom 
and Courtroom to the 
Classroom” at the 13th Annual 
Rocky Mountain Legal Writing 
Conference along with fellow 
colleagues Joan Foley and 
Ann Nowak.

HEATHER MELNIKER  
Professor of Law  

Presentation: Together with Professor Michelle Zakarin, 
presented “Transitioning from a Question of Fact to 
a Question of Law” at the 
Empire State Legal Writing 
Conference hosted by Albany 
Law School in April.

MEREDITH R. MILLER  
Professor of Law  

Presentations: Participated 
in the Southeastern Law 
Scholars conference at 
Charleston School of Law and 
the 8th Annual Conference 
on Contract Law at Texas 
Wesleyan School of Law; 
she presented on corporate 
codes of conduct and working 
conditions at factories of 
suppliers to transnational 
corporations. She made a 
more developed version of that 
presentation at West Virginia 
University School of Law. 
The article will be published 
as a chapter in a book to be 
published by Cambridge 
University Press.

Publications: Her article, 
“Party Sophistication and Value 
Pluralism in Contract,” was 
published in Volume 29 of the 
Touro Law Review. 
Honors: Voted “Best 
Professor” for the 2012-2013 
academic year.  
Professional Activity: 
Vice Chair of the Judiciary 
Committee of LeGaL, the LGBT 
Bar Association of Greater New 
York and was recently elected to 
LeGaL’s board of directors.

ANN NOWAK  
Director of the Writing Center  

Presentations: Presented 
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Students to Write Effective 
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Law School in April.
Her article, “Dancing With Semicolons—Using Distance Learning to Motivate Student Writers,” was selected for publication in The Second Draft. Her article, “Writing Clearly: What I Teach May Be Hazardous To Your Wallet,” was selected for publication in Clarity.

Professional Activities: Served as Deputy Editor of the International Lawyer, Year-In-Review issue, published by the American Bar Association, Section of International Law. She also served on the Planning Committee for the 2013 Empire State Legal Writing Conference. She served as co-chair of Touro Law Center’s Task Force on Distance Education. Serve as a member of the Southampton Town Zoning Board of Appeals.

Honors: Named to the board of the Performing Arts Center of Suffolk County.

Sharon A. Pocock
Associate Professor of Legal Process

Presentations: Gave a talk entitled “Visual Storytelling: Uses and Interpretations of Videos in the Legal Arena” at the 2013 Southeastern Regional Legal Writing Conference held at Savannah Law School. She also spoke on “The Case for a Course on Visual Persuasion as Part of an Upper-Level Writing Program” at the 2013 biennial conference of the Association of Legal Writing Directors held at Marquette University Law School.

Publication: Professor Pocock wrote a short essay published in the fall 2012 newsletter of the AALS Section on Legal Writing, Research, and Reasoning, which was devoted to the topic of getting the most out of conference attendance. Her essay was entitled “The Annual AALS Conference – It’s Not Just About Legal Writing.”

Lawrence Raful
Professor of Law
Director of Externship Programs

Presentations: Conducted a CLE for First American Title Insurance Company. Spoke at NY State Bar Association CLE Program on “Legal Ethics 2013”


Harry Reicher
Professor of Law
Scholar-in-Residence at the Institute for Holocaust Law and International Human Rights

Presentations: Professor Reicher has delivered numerous speeches, addresses and lectures on the Holocaust, discrimination, the Nuremberg Trials and human rights. He has appeared at various colleges and universities throughout the country.


Benjamin Rajotte
Visiting Professor of Law
Director, Disaster Relief Clinic

Publication: Quoted in several publications nationwide as an expert on disaster relief in the wake of Hurricane Sandy.

Professional Activities: Launched the Disaster Relief Blog. Heads the Long Island Disaster Relief network of non-profits working with Superstorm Sandy victims.

Leif Rubinstein
Professor of Law
Acting Director of Clinical Programs

Presentation: Professor Leif Rubinstein has attended the Annual AALS Clinical Conference and participated as a workshop leader.

Professional Honors: Professor Rubinstein was elected Co-Chair of the Touro Graduate Faculty Council. He was also recently appointed as Acting Director of Clinical Programs at Touro Law Center.
MARTIN SCHWARTZ  
Professor of Law

Presentations: Chaired Practising Law Institute annual Section 1983 Litigation and Trial Evidence programs and co-chaired its annual Supreme Court Review program. Conducted CLE presentation on Section 1983 Developments for Nassau County Attorney’s Office. CLE presentation on Methods for Impeaching a Witness’s Credibility for NY State Attorney General’s Office. Served as Planning Chair and Delivered presentations Touro Law Annual Supreme Court Review program.


THOMAS SCHWEITZER  
Professor of Law

Publication: “Is Prayer Constitutional at Municipal Council Meetings.” It will be published in the next issue of the Municipal Lawyer.

LEWIS A. SILVERMAN  
Professor of Law

Presentations: Presented an annual Custody Update at the Suffolk Academy of Law. Coordinated, moderated and spoke at a panel on “Defending Marriage: Same-Sex Couples and the Defense of Marriage Act” at the Annual Meeting of the NYSBA. Coordinated and moderated a program “After the Disaster: Ongoing Legal Needs for the Victims of Superstorm Sandy” at Touro in February.

DAN SUBOTNIK  
Professor of Law


RENA C. SEPLOWITZ  
Professor of Law

Presentation: Spoke to the IPLaw Students Association on trademark protection.

HONORS: Received the Teaching Award in May 2013.

MICHELLE ZAKARIN  
Professor of Law

Presentations: Together with Professor Melniker, presented “Transitioning from a Question of Fact to a Question of Law” at the Empire State Legal Writing Conference hosted by Albany Law School in April.

MARJORIE A. SILVER  
Professor of Law

Presentations: Helped organize a panel at the 2013 AALS Clinical Conference on “Rewiring and Rewinding Clinical and Experiential Education the TJ Way.”

Professional Activities: She was appointed to the Advisory Board of the Dave Nee Foundation in January. She spent the month of February working out of the William Richardson School of Law of the University of Hawaii on her second anthology.

THOMAS SCHWEITZER  
Professor of Law

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**John Raftery** has been promoted to Principal-in-Charge – Washington Metro Region at the firm of Offit Kurman, Attorneys at Law, Washington, DC. He is chair of the firm’s landlord litigation practice group and focuses his practice in the areas of real estate litigation, contractual disputes, and representation of managers and owners of residential and commercial real estate.

**Harold M. Somer** received the 2013 Thomas Maligno Pro Bono Attorney of the Year Award from the Nassau County Bar Association in recognition of his dedication to assisting those in financial crisis. He has his own bankruptcy law practice located in Westbury and is the president of the Alumni Association of Touro Law Center. He also serves as a member of the New York State Bar Association’s Committee on Volunteer Lawyers and is a member of the Law Center’s Dean’s Alumni Advisory Council, Alumni Council and special event committees. In addition, he has been named an Access to Justice Champion, a new recognition sponsored by the Nassau County Bar Association. This inaugural honor recognizes NCBF member attorneys with outstanding service and dedication of time and effort to provide legal representation, guidance or advice on a pro bono basis to serve those in Nassau County.

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**Roxanne Levine** has been recognized by Chambers USA as a leader in the field of immigration. Chambers USA ranks the leading firms and lawyers in an extensive range of practice areas throughout America. Chambers researches the legal markets of over 180 countries through interviews with thousands of lawyers and their clients. Each year, Chambers conducts an extensive, independent research process that is largely client focused. Roxanne is a partner with the Manhattan law firm of Tarter Krinsky & Drogin LLP in its Business Immigration Practice Group. She has over 25 years of experience representing major multinational financial institutions, corporations, banks, universities, and cultural institutions, as well as leading energy companies, the hospitality industry, and not-for-profit institutions. She has also represented individuals, including entrepreneurs, artists, performers, and entertainers. Roxanne is a member of Touro Law Center’s volunteer Alumni Council and participates in the school’s Mentor Program.

**Sherry Sarbofsky** has her own law practice in the area of negligence. She recalls one of her highlights from her days here at Touro Law was meeting with Bernard Lander, founder of Touro. She was honored that he asked his grandson to work at her office, he did and eventually opened his own practice. She was born in Williamsburg, Brooklyn to a Jewish family and the daughter of a New York City Police Officer. She became a schoolteacher with the New York City Board of Education and taught for 13 years. She taught in neighborhoods such as East New York, Coney Island and Bayside. She switched careers mid-stream, accepting the challenge and she didn’t want to spend her days disciplining students and keeping them from fighting and hitting one another. Sherry states, “The schools were so dangerous that at the beginning of the school year, all the teachers would look to see what news articles were posted on the bulletin board showing which of our students were not returning because they were murdered. It was not an infrequent experience. After my car was broken into 5 times, having a battery stolen, tires slashed, windows broken and after having put chains and padlocks on my hood and having them clipped too, it was costing me more to fix the car than I was making.” She decided...

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Welcome Touro Law’s new Director of Alumni and Donor Relations

**Jacqueline Burbridge** has 8 years of experience as a successful fundraiser and more than 10 years of experience in event planning and strategic outreach. In her previous position at Variety Child Learning Center, she oversaw all development and marketing efforts in a large private school setting for 6 years as the Senior Development and Marketing Officer. Jacqueline comes to Touro Law Center with a background in student and alumni relations earned during her tenure in the Office of Student Leadership and Activities at Hofstra University. She has extensive experience in cultivating and enriching relationships with donors, business and community leaders, media, corporate partners, government and non-government organizations with the end goal of strengthening awareness and advancing organizational growth. She holds a BA in English from Spelman College and an MBA in Marketing from the Zarb School of Business at Hofstra University.

We hope you will take the time to welcome her to the Touro Law family!

You can reach her by phone at: *(631) 761-7063* or email at *jburbridge@tourolaw.edu*
it was a good time for a change. She then applied to Touro, before the school was accredited. She was thankful to be accepted and she recalls the days the accreditation committee came to Touro Law and the library wasn’t quite finished in Huntington. She also remembers before the school moved to Huntington, traveling to Manhattan for her first year of classes. The building was beautiful – the commute was not. Sherry states, “because of Touro, I have been able to create a solo career, and work for myself. I’ve been extremely successful in my career. Also, I specifically remember Professor Klein who taught NITA. (He helped me tremendously in trial work). It was the first year a course like that was given. Out of gratitude and being successful as a solo practitioner, I was able to contribute $25,000.00 to Touro and a plaque was put up in the Quadrangle at Huntington.” She completed her degree in two and a half years and recalls her classmate, Bruce Gould and his publications. She has been invited back to campus, speaking about opening a solo practice, which she established 29 years ago. Sherry knew she didn’t want to work for anyone else. [Her areas of practice is negligence which includes automobile accidents, products liability, staircases falls, slip and falls, accidents against the City, and ironically, the Board of Education.]

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Mark Berman, CompliGlobet Ltd, has recently released three new books: Hedge Funds & Prime Brokers, 3rd edition (Q1 2014); SEC Regulation Outside the United States, 7th ed (Q1 2013); An Introduction to Hedge Funds (Q3 2014). He received the 2013 Award for Outstanging Long-Term Service to the Compliance Industry.

Randy Grossman, managing partner at Greenberg, Walden & Grossman located in New Jersey, has been selected for publication in New Jersey Super Lawyers in 2013. He was also previously selected in 2005-12. He concentrates in personal injury, workers’ compensation, and civil litigation and handles complex matters including accidental injuries and hazardous exposures causing internal diseases or death. He has experience trying cases in New Jersey and New York State and administrative courts. He is a Certified Workers’ Compensation Law Attorney; and has appeared in the New Jersey Law Journal for handling a Top 20 Personal Injury Award product liability case. He has lectured for the New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education and the New Jersey Association for Justice; has volunteered since 1993 as attorney-advisor to a Hudson County high school’s Mock Trial team; and is proficient in American Sign Language.

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Randy Zelin, a partner of the firm of Moritt Hock & Hamroff in the firm's Manhattan office, has been named as President of the Men's Division of the Children's Medical Fund of New York. The Children's Medical Fund of New York is a volunteer-driven nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring that children from the New York metropolitan area, as well as from around the world have access to the best available pediatric care. CMF raises millions of dollars each year to help build and equip medical facilities and sponsor vital programs at the Steven and Alexandra Cohen Children's Medical Center of NY. He heads the firm's white collar defense and government investigations, compliance and internal investigations practice areas. He is a member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the New York Criminal Bar Association and the Nassau County Bar Association.

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Lawrence Steckman, partner with the firm of Eaton & Van Winkle LLP has been renamed as one of New York's Super Lawyer in the areas of securities and business litigation. In 2011, AVVO attorney rating service awarded Lawrence a rating of "superb", its highest achievement level. He has been litigating securities cases and business disputes for twenty-five years. His areas of practice include securities and derivatives private and class suits, complex
Congratulations to the alums below who were selected to this year's listing of Super Lawyers and Rising Stars 2013 edition. Super Lawyers is a listing of outstanding lawyers who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. Attorneys are selected using a rigorous, multi-phase process. Peer nominations and evaluations are combined with third-party research. Each candidate is evaluated on twelve indicators of peer recognition and professional achievement. Selections are made on an annual, state-by-state basis. For Rising Stars, lawyers nominate the best attorneys who are 40 years old or younger, or who have been practicing for ten years or less. The attorney-led research team reviews the general survey and credentials of potential candidates, assigning points based on a set of evaluation criteria. Those with the highest point totals are named to the list.
federal and state commercial litigation, prosecuting and defending civil RICO private and class suits, merger and acquisitions litigation, bond, arbitration and real estate fraud litigation, corporate, contract and commercial litigation, international commercial arbitration, broker-dealer and broker-customer securities arbitration, including, municipal arbitration fraud arbitration, securities regulatory matters and professional liability litigation. He has represented mutual hedge and private equity funds, insurers, accounting and audit firms, real estate and mortgage companies, a rating company, officers of domestic and foreign companies, investment bankers, brokers, law firms and entrepreneurs. He has published book chapters and articles on federal procedure, attorney client privilege, constitutional law securities fraud pleading, loss causation, insider trading and risk arbitrage, securities arbitration, government contract law and damage computation. He has published extensively on the RICO statute and has published on public policy matters ranging from international terrorism and impeachment to application of the Sixth Amendment right to counsel. Lawrence was a member of the Touro Law Review and is currently on the Board of Advisors, Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 Reporter, 1996-2013; American Bar Association Antitrust, RICO and Labor Law Committee, 2004-2013; was a member of the P.L.I. Securities Arbitration Faculty, 1996, 1998-1999, 2001, 2004, 2008-2009; and was a member of the New York State Bar Association Committee on Securities Litigation, 1995-97.

John Zenir was named Pro Bono Attorney of the Month by the Nassau County Bar Association and appeared in the April 2013 edition of the Nassau Lawyer. John started his own family law practice in 1992 and since then, he has been an active member of the Nassau County Bar Association, Suffolk County Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association where he is a member of the Association’s Standing Committee on Children and the Law. He has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Nassau County Bar Association and the Legal Aid Society. He has volunteered with the Bar Association to serve as Chair of the Lawyer Referral Committee and the Family Court Law and Procedure Committee and has also served as a member of the Judiciary Committee. He is currently a member of the Nassau County Family Court Attorneys For Children and 18B panels and is a member of the Appellate Panels of both. John continues to volunteer for the Bar Association and other agencies.

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Seymour Liebman has been appointed to a new role with Canon U.S.A. as vice chairman while retaining his positions as executive vice president, chief administrative officer and general counsel of Canon U.S.A., vice chairman of Canon Solutions America as well as executive officer of Canon Inc. Japan. Seymour has recently been named to the Long Island Press “Power List,” an award that honors 50 of Long Island’s most influential leaders. This is his third consecutive year on the list, moving from spot six to five for the year 2013. Now in its 12th year, the Long Island Press “Power List” recognizes some of Long Island’s most influential figures throughout the fields of business, politics, education, healthcare and not-for-profit. Members of the list are selected from hundreds of potential candidates and are deemed as honorees based on their contributions to Long Island and their impact on the Island over the past year. Seymour has been an integral part of shaping the direction of Canon U.S.A. since joining the Company in 1974 as a manager in the accounting department. Earlier this year, Mr. Liebman was promoted to senior executive officer of Canon Inc., by the Company’s Shareholders and Board of Directors, becoming the first non-Japanese Canon executive honored with this achievement. During his tenure at Canon U.S.A., he has held the positions of Executive Vice President and General Manager for Administration and Regional Operations, General Counsel, Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer. He is also responsible for establishing the corporate legal department which now houses over 20 attorneys. In conjunction with his roles at Canon U.S.A., Inc. and Canon Inc., Mr. Liebman serves as a board member for various local councils and associations including the Touro Law Center where he serves on the Board of Governors, the Long Island Association Board of Directors, the Information Technology Industry Council, the Council of Overseers for the Tilles Center and the Board of Directors of Zygo Corporation.

Michael Markowitz has been elected to serve a one year term on the Nassau County Bar Association Board of Directors. He has his own law practice, Michael A. Markowitz P.C. located in Hewlett, and practices in the areas of commercial, litigation, contracts, divorce, commercial Litigation, real property litigation, probate and transactional.

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Chris J. Coschignano was honored as a recipient of a Leadership in Law Award by Long Island Business News at their dinner on November 29, 2012. Chris is a member and a partner with the firm of Sahn Ward Coschignano & Baker PLLC and concentrates his practice in the areas of zoning, land use and planning, real estate and transactions, municipal law, civil litigation in state and federal courts, corporate and commercial law, trusts and estates and matrimonial and family law. Since 2002, he has served as an elected Councilman on the Town Board of the Town of Oyster Bay. In this capacity, he serves as Chairman of the Syosset Hamlet Revitalization Committee.

Sally Donahue recently joined the firm of Jaspan Schlesinger
difficult divorce matters. helping many clients navigate collaborative lawyer while as divorce mediator and a 2006, he has provided counsel and real estate closings. Since fields of divorce, family law, Award and practices in the Hubbell’s Client Distinction was a recipient of Martindale Long Island for 22 years. He has been practicing law on his own practice located in Centereach earlier this year. He has been practicing law on Long Island for 22 years. He was a recipient of Martindale Hubbell’s Client Distinction Award and practices in the fields of divorce, family law, and real estate closings. Since 2006, he has provided counsel as divorce mediator and a collaborative lawyer while helping many clients navigate difficult divorce matters.

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Hon. Kathleen Rice, Nassau County District Attorney, was honored at the 2013 Nassau BOCES Education Partner Award - paying tribute to the Most Influential people for Public Education in Nassau County. In July 2013, she was appointed by Governor Andrew Cuomo as co-chair of the new Moreland Commission. The Moreland Commission was formally convened by Governor Cuomo to investigate public corruption and brings together district attorneys, police commissioners and U.S. attorneys.

Edward J. Nitkewicz, senior consultant at Sanders, Sanders, Block, Woycik, Viener & Grossman PC, was recognized for his work as a leader in the field of education law. From 1991 through 1996, she taught Legal Ethics at Adelphi University’s Lawyers’ Assistant Program. She is a member of the New York State and Nassau County Bar associations, and is a member of the Trusts and Estates Committee of the Nassau County Bar Association. She is also a member of the Heckscher Museum Development Committee and Touro Law School’s Alumni Executive Board and Dean’s Advisory Board.

David Vallone opened his own practice located in Centerreach earlier this year. He has been practicing law on Long Island for 22 years. He was a recipient of Martindale Hubbell’s Client Distinction Award and practices in the fields of divorce, family law, and real estate closings. Since 2006, he has provided counsel as divorce mediator and a collaborative lawyer while helping many clients navigate difficult divorce matters.

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Matthew Daus, partner with the firm of Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP, participated in the October 2012 IRTA conference in Australia addressing the topic of smartphone apps, regulatory reform and previews. On November 5, 2012, he delivered a keynote address on smartphone apps and “the right regulatory mix” before the 5th International Taxi Forum that was held in Cologne, Germany. The Forum was organized by the IRU – the International Road Transport Union and the theme was “Taxi-Anywhere, Anywhere.” He participated in an educational tour, that was designed to educate, share information and build consensus among government, technology and ground transportation industry stakeholders on smartphone app technology during the International Association of Transportation Regulators (IATR) Conference that was held on November 17, 2012 in Washington DC. At the end of November 2012, the IATR and its European regulators participated in its annual Taxi Research Network in London, sponsored by Taxi Expo in Amsterdam. Matthew leads the firm’s transportation practice group and focuses on transportation law, counseling clients on a broad range of matters including regulatory compliance, strategic planning, procurement, litigation, administrative law and public policy. Prior to joining Windels Marx, he served as Commissioner and Chairman of the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission.

Robert Goldman was recognized for his excellence in the community and was honored by Long Island Business News at the Crest Hollow Country Club on September 19, 2013. Robert has his own general law practice located in Commack, is the founder of Tikkun Long Island, an adjunct professor of criminal justice at St. Joseph’s College and is also a licensed psychologist. Tikkun Long Island is a non-profit organization that works to prevent crime, reduce recidivism and heal both victims and offenders of crime.

Rosemarie Tully, Chair of the New York State Bar Association’s Entertainment Arts and Sports Law Committee, headed a celebration of 25 years with a learning, lunch and levy program in September 2013. Rosemarie has her own law practice located in Islandia, focusing in the areas of entertainment law, music, motion picture, copyright, publishing, and corporate and business law. She is an adjunct professor of law at Touro Law Center and has participated in the Law Center’s Alumni-Student Mentor Program.

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Lois Schwaeber was honored by Yashar, the Attorneys’ and Judges’ Chapter of Hadassah at their annual dinner on May 13, 2013 at Westbury Manor. She received the National Leadership Award. Lois is the Director of Legal Services at the Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence, is a member of Touro Law Center’s Alumni Council and Alumni-Student mentor program.

Edward Alexander was honored with the Regional Volunteer of the Year Award from the University of Central Florida Small Business Development Center for his volunteer legal work with early
and stage II entrepreneurs in Central Florida in May 2013. Ed is the founder of the Entrepreneurship Law Firm, located in Orlando. He practices in the areas of business and commercial law, representing entrepreneurs. He has been practicing since 1993 and is admitted in both Florida and New York.

Bradley L. Gerstman, partner of the firm Gerstman Schwartz & Wink LLP, Millennial Strategies and Gotham Government Relations and Communications, was honored by Long Island Business News at their Leadership in Law Awards dinner on November 29, 2012. Brad is an attorney, lobbyist and communications specialist. He has extensive experience in law, business, government, education and not-for-profit law. He has built a political career that spans all levels of government and has served on a number of finance committees. Brad has been celebrated for his ability to provide clients with a blend of legal, political and business experience. He has built his career as a defense attorney, prosecutor and general corporate counsel. He is also a member of the Education Law Association and the Nassau County Bar Association’s Education Law Committee.

Terence Murphy, Judge, Nassau County District Court and Army Judge Advocate General, has been called to active duty and has been deployed to Kuwait. He has presided over the Nassau Veterans Treatment Court, a special part that oversees cases involving service members who have pleaded guilty to non-violent misdemeanors and some felonies for the past two years. He is the only active military judge presiding over a New York veterans treatment court.

Adam B. Rosen, a partner in the firm of Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP, New York office, has accepted an invitation to join Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM), an invitation-only organization. CLM is a nonpartisan alliance comprised of thousands of insurance companies, corporations, corporate counsel, litigation and risk managers, claims professionals and attorneys. Through education and collaboration, the organization’s goals are to create a common interest in the representation by firms of companies, and to promote and further the highest standards of litigation management in pursuit of client defense. Selected attorneys and law firms are invited to join based on nominations from CLM Fellows, who include risk managers, claims managers and adjusters, general counsel, insurance company executives, brokers and service providers. Adam’s New York State civil defense practice focuses on valuation, risk mitigation and resolution of personal injury and property damage claims. He is a member of the firm’s national General Liability & Casualty, Crisis Management and Construction practices. In addition to CLM, he is a member of the New York State Bar Association, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, and Nassau County Bar Association.

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Nancy Ellis, professor of paralegal studies at Suffolk Community College, was recognized by Long Island Business News during their Leadership in Law Awards in November 2012. She received the Leadership in Law Educator Award. She is a member of the Suffolk County Bar Association and has participated on the Suffolk Academy of Law’s Marketing Committee, co-chair of the Suffolk County Bar Associations Alternate Dispute Resolution committee (2007-10) and was also a member of the Town of Brookhaven’s Women’s Service Advisory Board.

Bonnie Parente has opened her own law practice located in Mineola. She will focus her practice in the areas of real estate, wills and labor law. She has worked as director of human resources for the New York Racing Association for the past eight years, handling contract negotiations and prior to that, she worked in a similar role at Newsday. She was elected as a trustee in the Village of East Williston in 2011 and she serves on the parish council for the Church of St. Aidan in East Williston.

David Sperling authored an article in the October 2012 Suffolk Lawyer “DREAMers and ‘Significant Misdemeanors.’ The article focuses on Long Island, thousands of previously undocumented youths - mostly from Central America - will soon be emerging from the shadows with work permits, Social Security numbers and driver’s licenses. David maintains his own immigration law practice located in Central Islip.

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Regina Brandow was recognized as Pro Bono Attorney of the Month in the April 2013 issue of the Suffolk Lawyer for her extraordinary volunteer work with Nassau Suffolk Law Services and for her long-standing commitment to helping families in guardianship, disability, special needs and education matters. Regina has her own law practice located in Stony Brook.

Paul A. DeJesse, Jr., of Hatcher Law Group, has been named by Business North Carolina among the 2013 Legal Elite in the field of Family Law. The 2013 Legal Elite are North Carolina’s best lawyers as identified by their peers. Business North Carolina magazine sent ballot notices to more than 20,000 active members of the N.C. State Bar. Lawyers voted for those they rated as the best in 14 business-related specialties. The select group of 735 winners represents a little more than 3% of the state’s lawyers. The Legal Elite was featured in the January 2013 edition of Business North Carolina magazine. Paul was a
George Likourezos and his wife Maria are pleased to announce the birth of their son, William Phillip on Monday, July 22, 2013 weighing 8 lbs 7 ounces. George recently joined the board of directors of Long Island Capital Alliance, the leading non-profit capital formation and business development organization serving regional companies in September 2013. He is a partner at Carter, DeLuca, Farrell & Schmidt, LLP, one of the largest and most respected Intellectual Property law firms in the New York metropolitan area, and one that is nationally recognized for excellence. In addition to being registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office and a member of the New York Intellectual Property Law Association, of the New York Intellectual Trademark Office and a member of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Schmidt, LLP, one of the largest firms in the nation, is nationally recognized for excellence. In addition to being a partner in a large Long Island firm where he co-chaired the firm’s appellate practice group, he has recently been selected to this year’s list of New York Metro Super Lawyers in the area of appellate practice. He was the editor-in-chief of the Touro Law Review and graduated from Touro Law, magna cum laude. He is a member of the Law Center’s volunteer Alumni Council and Mentor Program. Visit the firm’s website at www.zakarinlaw.com.

Laura McCabe Brandt was quoted in a Crain’s Article 5-6-13 titled “Wanted: Women General Counsels”.

“The GC is a marriage between business and legal,” said Laura McCabe Brandt, general counsel for venture firm Burch Creative Capital, her third general counsel job. “You understand where the business wants to go, you’re part of that conversation in a proactive way, and you help shape the movement toward the goal.”

Leslie Farber Tayne, Esq. and her firm, Tayne Law Group, P.C. were named in 2013 among Melville Chamber of Commerce’s Businesses of the Year for 2012. Leslie is a financial attorney with offices in Melville, Manhattan, White Plains and Mount Kisco. She also contributes to the Family Service League of Huntington’s Debt Counseling Division and is a member of the Long Island Women’s Agenda work and family committee and the Jewish Lawyers Association of Nassau County.

Judah Cohen recently had the high honor and fortune to successfully argue and win a reversal in the Court of Appeals in the case of: Ramkumar v. Grand Style Transportation Enterprises Inc. (2013 WL 5610267). The case had statewide importance and has garnered significant exposure. He argued on behalf of the appellant in the Court of Appeals in order to obtain a reversal of the Appellate Division First Department’s 3-2 majority decision affirming the lower court dismissal of the case. He has written and argued nearly 100 appeals in the New York State and Federal courts. Judah represented the Plaintiff in the case. Judah has his own practice, the Law Office of Judah Z. Cohen, PLLC located in Woodmere.

Sally Ramsey has joined the national labor and employment law firm of Constangy, Brooks & Smith, LLP in its Nashville office as senior counsel. She focuses her practice in comprehensive employment law litigation prevention and defense, as well as counseling on discrimination and EEO-related matters. She joined the firm after serving for 11 years as Senior Trial Attorney at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Sally’s expertise encompasses all areas of anti-discrimination law, including Title VII, ADA, ADEA, GINA, and the EPA. She has successfully defended clients before the EEOC, and has litigated both jury and bench trials in federal court.
and handles applications for site zoning and planning boards, municipal boards, including development applications before represents clients in land use and use & municipal law. She represents clients in business and social relationships.

Dawn L. Hargraves, attorney and partner of Hagney, Quatela, Hargraves & Mari, PLLC, was honored as a 2011/2012 Professional Woman of the Year in Law by National Association Professional Woman of the Year was honored as a 2011/2012 Hargraves & Mari, PLLC, and partner of Hagney, Quatela, 1999 & Employment Law Section and Federal Practice and Procedure Section and was appointed to Touro Law Center’s Dean’s Alumni Advisory Council in 2012. From 2008 to 2011, she served as an investigator for the Supreme Court of New Jersey District V-B Ethics Committee and was recognized in New Jersey Monthly magazine by Super Lawyers as a New Jersey “Rising Star” in employment litigation defense in 2010 and 2011.

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Erin Sidaras has joined the firm of Farrell Fritz as of counsel in the firm’s new Hauppauge office, concentrating in land use & municipal law. She represents clients in land use and development applications before municipal boards, including zoning and planning boards, and handles applications for site plan review, subdivisions and variances in towns and villages throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties. She has been recently appointed to the Board of Touro Law Center’s newly-formed Institute on Land Use and Sustainable Development Law.

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Edward Friedland, Southern District Executive was quoted in a New York Law Journal article in March 2013. He discussed how guidance should come from the Administrative Office with regards to avoiding furloughs. Edward is District Executive for the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. At this court, the Clerk of the Court handles judicial filings and Edward handles all administrative and staff matters. Among other tasks, he supervises hiring of personnel, including law clerks, working with judges on this; and supervises the student internship programs. He previously served as the Deputy Commissioner of the New York State Division on Human Rights.

Joseph Geller has joined the Syracuse office of Harris Beach as special counsel. He was previously with a law firm in Newton, Massachusetts. Joseph was an electrical engineer at Brookhaven National Laboratory for 13 years and prior to that, he served in the U.S. Coast Guard as a pilot flying HU-25A Falcon jets.

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Anthea des Etages Sweeney has been appointed Vice President for Accreditation Relations with the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Universities. She previously served as Assistant Dean for Academics at Charlotte School of Law and completed her doctorate in Higher Education Leadership and Policy at Vanderbilt University, Peabody College this past May. Anthea continues to applaud the LEAP program at Touro and attributes much of her professional success to the example and mentorship of Professor Doug Scherer.

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Thomas Galan, director of corporate programming with the Peoples Improv Theater, was featured in two articles – The
Emily A. S. Romanoff, chair of the firm’s Labor and Employment Relations Practice Group at the Long Island Development Corporation named Elke as its Attorney of the Year for her role in providing significant contributions to Long Island small businesses and economic development. She is admitted to practice law in the State of New York and is a member of the Nassau County and New York State Bar Associations. She volunteers provides pro bono services for several organizations including the Nassau County Bar Association Pro Bono Senior Citizen Law Clinic, Nassau County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project Mortgage Foreclosure Clinic and the Suffolk County Pro Bono Project. She also serves as a mentor in Touro Law Center’s Alumni-Student Mentor Program, in the Nassau County Academy of Law’s mentorship program and the Lawyers Involved with Kids’ Education (“LIKE”) program. She also volunteers with the Little Shelter Animal Rescue Adoption Center and the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Long Island.

Captain James Van Thach was mentioned in a news article on PRWeb titled “Wounded U.S. Army Captain Goes to War Zone in Afghanistan.” The article explores how Captain Van Thach, a Vietnamese American law graduate, retired from the United States Army in March 2009 and decided to return to a war zone on Operation Proper Exit, a program sponsored by the Troops First Foundation. The article is located at: http://www.prweb.com/releases/2013/3/prweb10539960.htm. Captain Van Thach was also featured in a New York Daily News article on May 3, 2013 titled “Wounded Iraqi war veteran returns to the front for ‘proper exit’” which explored how he faced his fears and made a terrifying return to the war zone. His brave return to the front caught the attention of his friends at Canine Companions for Independence, a group that paired him with his assistance dog named Liz last year. The group selected him as one of its honorees at the annual Hearts & Heroes Gala on May 9 at the New York Hilton. He was paired with Liz, a lab/golden retriever mix, as part of CCI's Wounded Veteran Initiative.

Mona Conway, principal of the Conway Business Group wrote an article which appeared in the November 2012 Suffolk Lawyer titled “Think Before You “Cease and Desist” Somebody.” Mona focuses her civil practice on business transactions and litigation for small commercial enterprises, assisting clients with entity formation, contracts, agreements, intellectual property, commercial leases, real property, debt collections, state and federal claims. Prior to starting her legal career, she established and managed an event production company for eight years. She is a member of the New York State Bar Association, the Suffolk County Bar Association, Commercial and Corporate Law Committee and is an adjunct professor at Touro Law Center.

Nicole Marmanillo, associate with Campolo, Middelton & McCormick, LLP in its litigation group was featured in Long Island News as Who’s Who in Professional Women – August 3-9 2012 Edition. Her practice focuses on complex insurance defense litigation, including transportation law, bus company liability trucking law, motor vehicle negligence, labor law and premise liability.

Daniel Panico Brookhaven Town Councilman, appeared on a half hour interview with Pat Halpin on Meet the Leaders morning edition, which aired in August 2012. Daniel was appointed Brookhaven Town Deputy Supervisor in December 2012 by town supervisor Ed Romaine.

Jennifer Bentley, an associate in the Labor and Employment Law Group at Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman LLP, has been elected President of the Long Island Advocacy Center. She has served on its board for three years. Jennifer works primarily with public sector labor unions, representing them in grievance arbitrations, improper labor practice proceedings, contract negotiations, interest arbitration, and other administrative proceedings. She is also a member of the Labor and Employment Relations Association (LERA), as well as Touro Law Center’s Alumni Council. She is admitted to practice in the State of New York.
and in Federal Court, both the Eastern and Southern Districts, as well as the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Judicial Circuit.

**Thomas Rosselli** has been promoted to partner with the Melville firm of Carter DeLuca Farrell & Schmidt, LLP. He joined the firm as an associate and he is admitted to the Courts of the State of New York and is registered to practice before the United States Patent Trademark Office. He practices in the areas of intellectual property with fields of technology including chemistry, pharmacology, immunology, biotechnology, polymer technology, pharmaceuticals, cosmeceuticals, and medical devices.

**Marjorie Sharpe**, lead counsel with the firm of Phillips & Associates located in New York City, has been working on a trial on the effect of discrimination: in the case of an African American woman in the workplace. She has been working on some cases that have been mentioned in the media recently - in the New York Post "Rev. tried to sin with me"; The Journal News "White Plains Officer Suing the department and city"; and on News12 Westchester “Officer Jeannette Parra files sexual harassment suit against White Plains Police Department.” Marjorie focuses her practice in the areas of labor and employment law, discrimination and sexual abuse and harassment.

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**Adam D’Antonio**, has been selected as the Pro Bono Attorney of the Month (September 2013) by the Nassau County Bar Association for his dedication to the Nassau County Bar Association Mortgage Foreclosure Project. Adam is an accomplished attorney who has experience working in both the public and private sectors. He was a member of the Touro Law Review, is a member of the Law Center’s volunteer Alumni Council and he currently serves as Chair of the Nassau County Bar Association’s Community Relations and Public Education Committee.

**Michelle Leonard Smith** has been named clerk of the Superior Court by the New Jersey State Supreme Court. As Clerk, she will oversee the Superior Court Clerk’s Office, in the Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex in Trenton. She will direct the administration of staff and budget resources, develop and implement plans for the efficient operation of the office and implement court rules, policies and directives related to court processing, public access to court records, records management and electronic filing of court cases. She was named an assistant chief in the Superior Clerk’s Office in July 2012, and held this position until her present appointment.

**Matthew Zangwill**, senior associate with the Uniondale firm of Ruskin Moscou Faltischek, P.C. in the Real Estate Department, IDA and Municipal Development Incentives and Environmental practice groups, provided quotes for two Q&A articles which appeared in the real estate section of The New York Times: “Too Many Condo Units Rented Out” 5-23-13 and Neighbors’ Refuse in a Garden” 7-19-2013. Matthew’s practice involves commercial real estate transactions including the acquisition and disposition of commercial properties throughout the New York metropolitan area. He is a member of the board of directors of The School for Language and Communication and Development, an active member of the Great Neck Chamber of Commerce, the New York State Bar Association and Nassau County Bar Association.

**2006**

**Allan Hollander** was named partner at the Melville law firm of Bruno, Gerbino & Soriano, LLP in January 2013. The firm consists of 40 attorneys who specialize in general liability defense litigation and practices in the five boroughs of the City of New York, and Long Island. Allan’s practice includes case management and handling trials in defense litigation involving insurance fraud, premises liability, vehicular negligence, uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage, property damage and coverage analysis.

**David Kirsch** accepted a position at Koehler and Isaacs LLP located in New York City. He serves as an associate in the Criminal/Disciplinary Division of the firm representing private clients and union-based clientele in and around the Metropolitan New York area in Criminal, Labor, and Disciplinary actions.

**Robert Jacovetti** was recognized in a New York Law Journal article on April 22, 2013 as an attorney working with the Access to Justice Program. The program celebrated a milestone – celebrating its volunteer for a day lawyer program, serving 10,000 clients. Robert has his own law office located in Rockville Centre, practicing in the areas of immigration law, debt collection, bankruptcy and foreclosures. He is the coordinator for the Brooklyn Bar Volunteer Lawyer Project.

**William Madigan** has been promoted to Chief of Detectives, the second highest ranking spot in the Suffolk County Police Department. He was promoted during a ceremony on January 15, 2013 at the Staller enter for the Arts at Stony Brook University with over eight hundred people in attendance.

**Darren Marks** has been selected by Super Lawyers Magazine to be a part of the 2013 New York Metro Rising Stars. Darren has recently joined the Manhattan firm of Borah, Goldstein, Alschuler, Nahins & Goidel as partner in the firm’s Supreme Court Division. In this capacity, he will litigate in the New York State Supreme and Federal courts and before various administrative agencies. He previously was partner at Smith Mazure Wilkins Director Young & Yagerman.

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**Aimee L. Alix** has joined the New York State law firm of Hurwitz & Fine at...
the firm’s Long Island office in Melville, New York. She practices in the areas of alternative dispute resolution, appellate practice, automobile liability and premises liability with a focus on the defense of general liability matters, including auto accidents, premises liability and property damage claims. She has litigated in the state and federal courts of New York, including appellate practice. She is a member of the American Bar Association and a member of the Young Lawyers Section of the New York State Bar Association.

Leonard Badia authored an article in the November 2012 Suffolk Lawyer titled “District Court Supervising Judge Madeline Fitzgibbon Retiring” Leonard was installed as a director of the Suffolk County Bar Association at their annual dinner on June 7, 2013. He is Major, New York State Court Officers, Cohalan Command and is an active member of the Law Center’s volunteer Alumni Council.

Mita Carriman, an entertainment law attorney and band manager - was listed as one of the top 10 people to follow on Twitter music law resource! Follow her on twitter @nymusclawyer. One of the cases she filed was covered in the New York Post in August 2013. The case was about an entertainment marketing investment made into a rap group which was not handled appropriately.

Rachel Freeman has been appointed as Senior UI Referee in our Schermerhorn Street Brooklyn office. She has been an Administrative Law Judge since March of 2010. From September of 2007 through February of 2010 she was an associate attorney at the law firm of Dealy and Silverstein LLP. In her new role, she will be leading the new Brooklyn appeals team.

Sandra Irby Buchanan has joined the Uniondale firm of Rivkin Radler as an associate in the firm’s Litigation & Appeals Practice Group. Prior to joining the firm, she served the New York State Court of Appeals, holding the titles of Senior Principal Law Clerk to an Associate Judge of the Court and Senior Court Attorney. She served as a member of the Touro Law Review, was president of the Black Law Students Association and was a teacher’s assistant to the Legal Access Education Program. She is active in the New York State Bar Association where she is a member of the Committee on Diversity and Inclusion. She also served the New York State Board of Law Examiners as a grader since 2011.

Orville Reynolds and his wife, Oroma Homa Mpi, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Madison Adaora born on Sunday, September 22, 2013 at 7lbs, 10oz. & 20 inches. Orville & Oroma were married on September 30, 2012. He is an assistant district attorney with the Bronx District Attorney’s Office and she is a senior staff attorney at Legal Services in the Bronx.

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Alison Leigh Epilone received the 30 under 30 award from the Huntington Chamber of Commerce at their annual recognition event that was held in May 2013. She is with the firm of Feldman Kramer & Monaco located in Hauppauge, focusing in the area of family law. She is an adjunct professor at Touro Law and volunteers countless hours on the Law Center’s Volunteer Alumni Council and with Touro Law Center’s Moot Court, assisting as a judge and preparing the teams for competition.

Todd Jones joined the firm of Goldberg Segalla in the Garden City Office. He is a member of the firm’s Workers’ Compensation and Labor and Employment Practice Groups. He previously was an attorney with the firm of Pasternack, Tilker, Ziegler, Walsh, Stanton & Romano, LLP. He has made presentations to local organizations and authored articles for the Young Lawyers Section of the New York State Bar Association. He was appointed to the Executive Committee of the Young Lawyers Section for the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) and in this capacity, he services as a NYSBA Executive Committee liaison between the Young Lawyers Section and the Torts, Insurance, and Compensation Law Section. He is also a member of the Brehon Law Society of Nassau County, a member of Touro Law Center’s Dean’s Alumni Advisory Council and volunteer Alumni Council.

Matthew Moisan is pleased to announce the opening of his own practice, Moisan Legal, P.C. located in Long Island City. He is an accomplished corporate attorney with extensive experience handling general corporate matters, including, but not limited to, securities, mergers and acquisitions. He represents publicly and privately held companies in securities offerings and other types of business transactions, including private placements, corporate governance and SEC reporting. He works with entrepreneurs in the formation of business entities, and represents buyers and sellers in mergers, acquisitions and related transactions. Admitted to practice in the state of New York, he is a member of the Nassau County Bar Association, American Health Lawyers Association, New York State Bar Association, Alexander Hamilton Inn of Court, Willem C Vis. International Commercial Moot Court Alumni Association, and the American Bar Association.

Jessica Sparacino was featured in the January 2013 Suffolk Lawyer as the Pro Bono Attorney of the Month. Jessica has her own law practice, Sparacino & Sparacino PLLC located in Northport focusing in the areas of matrimonial and real estate law, including divorce and family mediation, matrimonial and family law, real estate transactions, foreclosures, small claims, estate planning and administration, and general
practice. She is also a real estate broker, an impartial hearing officer for the New York State Education Department and a certified divorce mediator. She is a member of the Suffolk County Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association and the Suffolk County Women’s Bar Association. She is also the Philanthropy Chair of the Long Island Villanova University Alumni Chapter and a member of Touro Law Center’s volunteer Alumni Council. She has been so inspired by doing pro bono work that she has applied her valuable background in real estate to her most recent pro bono contribution. She serves on the Pro Bono Foreclosure Settlement Project along with a dedicated panel of attorneys.

Sarah Simpson wed Rudolph Baptiste ’08 on April 26, 2013. Sarah and Rudy met and began dating during their time as students at Touro Law. The happy couple was thrilled to have a number of their friends from Touro Law at the ceremony and reception, including: Elizabeth Morse ’10, Captain Adam Kama ’08, Ferron Lien ’08, Pierre Bazile ’06, and Julie Collins ’10. Ms. Simpson currently serves as Assistant Counsel to the Suffolk County Legislature and Mr. Baptiste is a Senior Assistant County Attorney for the County of Suffolk.

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Zachary Beriloff married Elizabeth Hart on August 17, 2013 at the Waterview Club in Bayville. Zachary a personal injury attorney for Gruenberg Kelly Della in Ronkonkoma.

Kathleen Evers and her husband Chris are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Keigan Raymes Evers, born at 1:04 am on September 25, 2013, weighing 7 lbs 12 oz., 20.5 inches long.

Jeannine M. Farino has joined the Uniondale firm of Rivkin Radler in the Health Services, Litigation & Appeals and Products Liability & Toxic Tort Practice Groups. She focuses her practice on the defense of a variety of cases, including medical malpractice, toxic tort, products liability and general liability cases. She is a member of the Nassau County Bar Association and the Nassau County Women’s Bar Association.

Brittni Feldenkreis and her husband Bradley Vialpando are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Xander Madden Vialpando, born April 9, 2013, weighing 7lbs 6 oz. at 6:13 p.m. Brittni has her own law firm, Feldenkreis Law, PLLC, located in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. Her areas of practice include Estate Planning, the drafting of Wills, Trusts, Powers of Attorney, Health Care Surrogates and Living Wills. Visit her website at www.feldenkreislaw.com.

Christina Richeeram Jonathan has joined the firm of Terence E. Smolev in Jericho as an associate. While earning her law degree, she successfully completed clinical programs with the Suffolk County Legal Aid Society and the New York State Division of Human Rights. She was admitted to the New York State Bar in 2010, as well as the United States District Court for both the Eastern and Southern Districts in 2012. She has over three years of solid litigation experience in the areas of criminal law, matrimonial, personal injury, housing, civil prosecution and defense law, as well as guardianships and estates. In addition to her general practice background, in March 2013, she was appointed pursuant to Part 36 of the Rules of the Chief Judge wherein she may serve as a court appointed Guardian, Court Evaluator or Attorney for an Alleged Incapacitated Person. She is a member of the Queen’s County Women’s Bar Association, the New York State and New York City Bar Associations, as well as the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society.

Karen E. Schwimmer has joined the firm of Porzio, Bromberg & Newman, P.C. as an Associate in the firm’s Real Estate Practice group. She is a member of the firm’s Real Estate Practice group. She concentrates her practice in the areas of real estate law and cooperative and condominium law, representing current and prospective homeowners and commercial property owners, landlords and tenants, and cooperative and condominium boards. She has provided pro bono legal services to homeowners with subprime or unconventional mortgages facing default or foreclosure through the Nassau County Bar Association’s Volunteer Lawyers Project Mortgage Foreclosure Clinic. She is a member of the New York State Bar Association and the New York City Bar Association.

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Alyson Berman-Lonardo and her husband Thomas are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Rayanna Eva, born September 20, 2013 at 3:02 a.m., weighing 9 lbs, 3 oz. and 22.5 inches long.

Biana Borukhovich, was recently interviewed with Fuzion Magazine, a fashion magazine. She has her own law office located in Brooklyn practicing in the areas of fashion law, business law, divorce, adoption, trademark law and landlord tenant.

Lane M. Bubka married Kimberly Shalvey on September 15, 2012. The ceremony and reception was held at Atlantis Marine World Aquarium in Riverhead, with the Hon. William J. Condon officiating at the ceremony. Lane has opened his own law practice, the Bubka Law Group located in Riverhead and Kim...
is with the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office. Prior to opening his practice, he was with the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office and is also an Assistant Staff J.A.G. at the 104th MA ANG, in Westfield MA. Founding partner of the Bubka Law Group, Lane focuses his practice in the areas of criminal defense, bankruptcy, commercial litigation, matrimonial disputes, landlord tenant actions and trusts and estates.

**Christopher Clarke**, associate with the Garden City firm of Morrit Hock Hamroff, is a member of the Nassau County Bar Association's Access to Justice Committee. The firm has recently created a formal pro bono program and Christopher will be leading the program for the firm. Christopher practices in the areas of commercial litigation and trusts and estates. He is a member of the American and New York State Bar Associations, as well as the Nassau County Bar Association where he served on its Pro Bono Task Force.

**Alyson Repp** was honored by the Long Island Builders Institute as its Rising Star Associate Member this past September. She is an associate at the Bohemia law firm Campolo, Middleton & McCormick LLP, where she represents clients in commercial and residential real estate transactions. She has been a member of LIBI for the past year and was recognized for her involvement in LIBI committees and activities. As a law student, she volunteered with Servicios para el Avance de la Mujer (SEPA Mujer), a non-profit organization that works with Hispanic immigrant women, and Nassau/Suffolk Law Services. In addition, she interned in the Suffolk County Attorney's Office. She also was involved in Touro's Veterans and Service Members' Clinic, providing legal services for veterans, service members and their spouses. Alyson serves on the board of directors of the Suffolk County Women's Bar Association and, among other things, is a member of the Suffolk County Bar Association and both the Touro Law Center Alumni Council and the Alumni Association.

**Christopher Shishko**, associate with the firm of Guercio & Guercio LLP, is now a village prosecutor in Malverne. His areas of concentration are in education law and municipal law and he is a member of the Nassau County Bar Association.

**Bernadette Tuthill**, has joined the Riverhead law firm of Twomey, Latham, Shea, Kelley, Dubin & Quartararo as an associate. She focuses on estate administration, estate planning and taxation, corporate law, elder law and guardianships. She was a member of the Touro Law Review, notes and comment editor and is a member of the New York State Bar Association and the Suffolk County Bar Association.

**Peter D. Valenzano** is an associate with the Roseland New Jersey law firm of Brach Eichler LLC practicing in the area of health law. Prior to joining the firm, he was an associate at Kirsch Gartenberg Howard and Hyderally & Associates, where he participated in all aspects of civil litigation from client intake to trial. His current practice includes representation of physicians and hospitals in a variety of corporate, transactional and regulatory matters. Before enrolling in law school, he worked full time for United Cerebral Palsy in New York City as a Medicaid Service Coordinator providing access to social services to families caring for loved ones with disabilities and special health care needs. He also served as an intern in the Office of United States Senator Jon S. Corzine and for the Passaic County Criminal Court in Paterson, New Jersey. He was president of the Student Bar Association while attending Touro Law and is currently the co-chair of the Law Center’s New Jersey Alumni Chapter.

**Andrew Van Singel** has joined the Board of Directors for Community Support Services, Inc. in Brookfield, IL. Community Support Services is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families. Andrew is the Director of the Low Income Tax Clinic at Prairie State Legal Services, Inc., which provides advice and representation in tax controversies for low-income individuals. He was an editor on the Touro Law Review and he is an assistant editor of The Affiliate, a publication of the American Bar Association. He volunteers with Ladder Up, a Chicago-based Volunteer Tax Assistance (VITA) Clinic that provides free income tax preparation for low-income individuals and families. He is also a member of the Finance Committee for DuPage Habitat for Humanity.

**Ashley Zimmerman** has joined the practice of Michael E. Weinstein, Attorney at law in Milford, PA. She concentrates her practice in the area of criminal defense. Ashley has been involved in extensive volunteer work in Port Jervis, N.Y.

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**Sharon Barkume** has joined the firm of Campolo, Middleton & McCormick as of counsel. She focuses her practice on representing businesses and individuals in intellectual property matters, including patents, trademarks, copyrights and trade secrets. The Manorville resident was previously an associate at Barkume & Associates in Manorville.

**Dana Marie Carrera** and Joseph Saia Jr. are engaged and planning a June 2014 wedding. Dana is an associate with the law firm of Frenkel, Lambert, Weiss, Weisman & Gordon LLP, located in New York City in the firm’s Mortgage Default Litigation Department. Joseph is a teacher with the city Department of Education in Brooklyn.

**Christopher Chimeri** is pleased to announce the formation of his law office, located in Massapequa. He focuses his practice in the areas of family and divorce law. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the National LGBT Bar Association, the Nassau and Suffolk County Bar Associations, and the Suffolk...
Court Board and the Student Director of Students Helping Students. She is a member of the Law Center’s volunteer Alumni Council and participates in the school’s Alumni-Student Mentor Program.

Tanya Freeman has been nominated by Governor Christie to the Board of Governors for Rutgers University – an opening that arose because of the merger or consolidation of Rutgers with University Hospital, awaiting Senate confirmation. She is a partner with the firm of Freeman Hughes Freeman, LLC, located in Jersey City, New Jersey. She is a member of the National Bar Association, New Jersey State Bar Association, Garden State Bar Association and the Hudson County Bar Association, Family Law Committee. She is a trustee of the University of Phoenix, Jersey City Campus, chair of the Juvenile Justice/Family Court Subcommittee, Hudson County Vicinage Minority Concerns Committee and a past member of the Board of Directors of the Salvation Army, Jersey City. She is a qualified Family Law and Civil Mediator.

Shana Slawitsky has joined the Uniondale firm of Rivkin Radler as an associate in the firm’s Litigation & Appeals Practice Group. While at Touro Law Center Ms. Slawitsky participated in not-for-profit clinics and organizations and she was awarded the Public Interest Fellowship Award and the CALI Excellence for the Future Award in the Mortgage Foreclosure and Bankruptcy Clinic. As a volunteer for the Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project, she was a writer and editor of appeals to the United Nations High Council on Refugees and organized and researched legal standards and filed special immigration visas for Afghanistan Citizens.

James Tsimis joined the firm of Tsunis, Gasparis, Lustig & Kenney in Islandia. He was as an editor of the Touro Law Review and was given the honor of addressing his graduating class. James will practice in the firm’s real estate department.

Konstantinos Kousiaris joined the Banking and Commercial Lending Practice Group at Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman, LLP as an associate. Prior to joining the firm, he was in private practice. He is a member of the Hellenic Lawyer’s Association, and while a law student he was a member of the Hellenic Law Society. He coached basketball for five years for the Boys Youth Division of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Flushing, and he also volunteered for eight years in the areas of event planning and bookkeeping for the Greek Children’s Fund Young Adult Division in Manhattan. He is admitted to practice in the state of New York. He speaks fluent Greek and conversational Spanish.

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Desiree M. Gargano the Litigation Practice Group at Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman, LLP as an associate in the firm’s Melville office. She had previously worked at the firm as an intern. She was a Staff Member of the Touro Law Review, she made the Dean’s List, and earned CALI Awards for Academic Excellence in Legal Process I, Legal Process II (Best Brief), Civil Disobedience, and Administrative Law. She was in the accelerated studies program and was active in school activities. Desiree served as the Treasurer and then President for the Environmental Law Society; led the International Law Students Association as its Evening Vice President; and participated in the National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition. She is admitted to practice in the state of New York.

Cory Morris has joined the legal staff at the Law Offices of Frederick K. Brewington. He was a recipient of the David A. Berg Public Interest Fellowship and the Howard A. Glickstein Public Interest Fellowship. He served as President of the American Civil Liberties Union student group, vice president of the criminal justice society at Touro Law and was a member of Touro’s International Law Review. He also participated in the Center for Restorative Practices, the Unemployment Action Center, and other student groups and public interest organizations. Upon graduation, he was the recipient of the Brian Lord Memorial Award for his demonstrated commitment to public interest. Most recently, he received the Equality Award from the New York Civil Liberties Union, Suffolk County at their 50th Anniversary Gala on October 24, 2013.

Rachael Davey and her husband Todd are pleased to announce the birth of their baby boy, William Wade on March 16, 2013, weighing 7 lbs, 10 oz., 19.5 inches. Rachael is an associate with the Jericho firm of Torre, Lentz, Gamell, Gary & Rittmaster, LLP, practicing in the areas of construction law and surety law. She was an Honors Scholar, a member of the Moot Court Board and the Student Director of Students Helping Students. She is a member of the Law Center’s volunteer Alumni Council and participates in the school’s Alumni-Student Mentor Program.

Justin Dominguez and Rose Abousselman are engaged. The couple is planning an August 2014 wedding. He is an associate attorney with the Druckman Law Group, located in Westbury. She is a teacher with the city Department of Education in Brooklyn.

Patricia Sturm has been named an “Access to Justice” Champion by the Nassau County Bar Association for her pro bono work with Spanish-speaking individuals in the NCBA’s Pro-Bono Mortgage Foreclosure Clinic and their Hurricane Sandy Relief Clinic. She will be a VISTA volunteer working with Touro Law with the school’s disaster relief efforts. Her work will consist of working with the Student Disaster Network and the Disaster Clinic.

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