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A Message from the Dean



The start of the new academic year always creates excitement as we once again begin the process of bringing bright individuals closer to realizing their dream of becoming a lawyer and we prepare a new group of professionals to serve our communities in myriad ways. This year, we have a fantastic new 1L class, larger than the 2014-2015 class and our LSAT scores saw a slight increase. Members of the incoming class come from 86 different undergraduate institutions. The average age of the class is 26.6. 48% of the class is female. Students of color make up 38.6% of the class. A number of the new students hold graduate degrees in fields including management, human resources, social work, education, finance, tax, social policy, public administration, political science and pharmacy. I know from the early feedback that this is one terrific group of eager and qualified students.

There have been many significant positive changes and trends at Touro Law Center over the past 18 months. Last July, Touro Law was one of only two schools to see its bar pass rate increase in NY. This was followed by an increase in our February 2015 pass rate, and Touro Law's pass rate for our inaugural class of Pro Bono Scholars was 100%, above the average pass rate for all schools combined. As you likely know, New York has announced a new bar exam effective July 2016. The faculty and administration worked hard all summer to prepare for necessary curricular/course coverage modifications to ensure that our students are

well prepared for the Uniform Bar Exam. Thank you to our alumni who also support our bar prep efforts by serving as tutors and by providing financial support to students who need additional help during bar prep.

We have also seen remarkable positive changes on the employment front for both current students and recent alumni. This past year we welcomed Jim Montes as the Assistant Dean of Career Services. Dean Montes joined us from Nixon Peabody, where among other things, he served on the hiring committee. The Law Center's Board of Governors stepped up and under the leadership of John Bishar, created and implemented a Board of Governors Summer Associates Program where our rising 2Ls and 3Ls now work in well-respected law firms on Long Island for good summer pay, and these employers are exposed to Touro Law students and the preparation they receive here. Throughout the last two summers, a number of students have secured full-time employment as a result of the program. While it is too early to report the employment statistics for the Class of 2015, the early information is promising. We have five alumni who secured clerkships, including one with the Pennsylvania Supreme Court; we have many alumni, as in the past, who have secured jobs with various district attorney offices, public defender offices, legal aid and law firms. We also have a number of alumni who accepted offers at large and medium-sized national and international law firms. The class of 2015 is also civic minded, and four alumni were accepted into the New York State Excelsior Fellows Program, one alumna accepted a post-graduate fellowship with the New York State Senate, and of course we continue to send graduates to the NYC Department of Law. These impressive results are just the beginning. This past academic year Touro Law became one of the inaugural schools to National Association of Law Placement's study on alumni job satisfaction and satisfaction with the Law Center's Career Services Office and the relevance of our curriculum to the practice of law. The good news is that we have had high levels of satisfaction and we also learned about opportunities to be more strategic. The results of the 2015 survey were shared with the Alumni Advisory Council this summer.

There is also renewed excitement in the Office of Alumni Affairs with the very recent appointment of Erica Vladimer '13 as Director. I am confident that Erica will create innovative and new levels of alumni engagement with the Law Center. We need you and we want

you to be involved with students, faculty, staff and fellow alumni. So many alumni have contributed thousands of hours of time and their resources and we are grateful.

As we start the new academic year, we welcome Professor Patrick Connors from Albany Law School as a Visiting Scholar. Professor Connors, who is a widely regarded as a leading authority on the New York Civil Practice Laws and Rules, will be teaching all sections of New York Practice this fall. This is an incredible opportunity for our 3L students. We also welcome Professor Joy Zheng from South China Normal School of Law in Guangdong Province as a Visiting Scholar in Residence for the year. Professor Zheng was selected by the Chinese Scholars Council for the honor which covers all of her expenses. Professor Joan Foley becomes the third distinguished professor to hold appointment as the Gitenstein Professor of Health Law & Policy, following Professor Deseriee Kennedy. Professor Marianne Artusio has been named as the Founding Director of our Institute on Aging and Longevity Law, and Professor Leif Rubinstein has been named Director of our Clinical Education Program. These appointments bring tremendous opportunity for Touro Law.

The Touro Law identity is solid and its strength continues to grow. Through the generous support of alumni and friends we have raised more than \$11M in the last three years, added more than two dozen named and endowed scholarships for our students, launched a Legacy Society with inaugural commitments of a \$1M bequest and a gift of a life insurance policy. Alumni support at any level of giving...from \$25 to \$25M makes a difference. At our spring 2015 Builders Society Dinner we commemorated the 35th Anniversary of Touro Law Center. We have come a long way, and working together the best is yet to come!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia E. Salkin". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Dean Patricia E. Salkin

Year *in* Review

Congratulations to the Class of 2015!

On Sunday, May 17, Touro Law Center celebrated the class of 2015 at the 33rd annual commencement ceremony. This year's graduation, held at the Tilles Center for Performing Arts in Brookville, NY, honored 169 JD candidates as well as 4 LL.M. candidates for the LL.M. in U.S. Legal Studies as well as December 2014 candidates.

Dean Salkin welcomed graduates, their families and friends. She stated, "It is your time now to celebrate and pause to remember that period when you were drawn to the legal profession and wondering about the path to law school and setting your sights on a future career. There is a special calling in each one of you to see that justice and fairness are achieved and to both apply the laws and help shape and reform laws. I have been privileged to watch you grow and am confident that each of you will write an exciting and rewarding chapter in your lives."

The commencement address was delivered by Richard D. Parsons. The former chairman of Time Warner and Citigroup and former advisor to Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama spoke about networking and interdependence as being

key factors of success. He reminded the graduates that there are many variables to success, but each person will need to rely on others. He also reminded Touro Law graduates to thank those who made sacrifices and supported each graduate and helped them achieve their goal of graduating from law school.

The ceremony also included remarks from full-time valedictorian Daniela Giordano and part-time division valedictorian Matthew Landon Zafrin as well as Jason Prince, who was elected the Ronni D. Cohen Class Orator. In her valedictory remarks, Ms. Giordano reminded her peers that while "law school taught us to think like lawyers, I hope we don't forget to think like human beings. I hope we continue to fight for what we believe in, always appreciate those who stand beside us, and grow to be lawyers with honor and integrity."

At the ceremony, Honorary Doctor of Law degrees were presented to both Richard D. Parsons and Congressman Peter T. King, U.S. Representative for New York's second Congressional District.

Congratulations graduates!

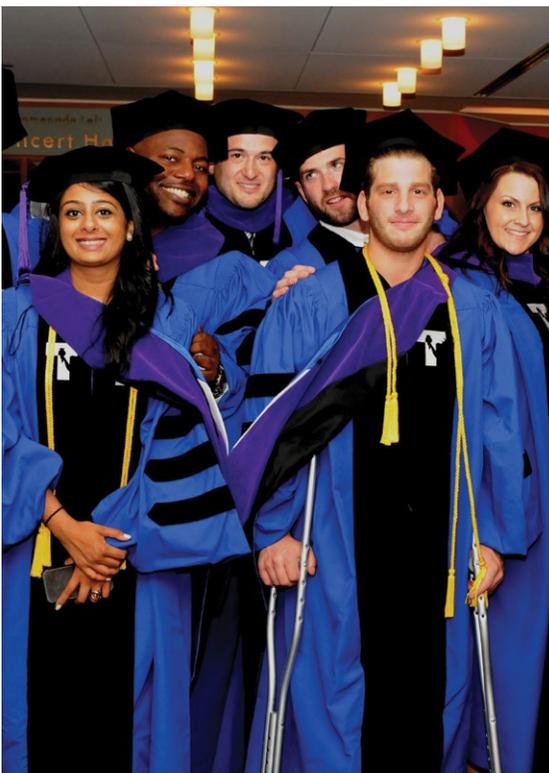


Watch the video, www.tourolaw.edu/video/commencement

CLASS of 2015 MOVING FORWARD



GRADUATION 2015



2015 Class Gift Sets New Record

The 3L Class Gift provides an opportunity for members of the graduating class to give back to Touro Law Center. The tradition, started by the Class of 2013, has increased in popularity each year. Since its inception, the percentage of student giving and involvement has increased. Each year, 70% of the class contributed toward the 3L Class Gift at Touro Law. In 2013 and 2014, proceeds created scholarships for students and they were matched by school administration and faculty. The 2015 class gift will be used to purchase equipment for the Gould Law Library.





CLASS of 2015 IN THE WORK FORCE

Touro Law is dedicated to ensuring that our students and graduates fulfill their dreams of making a difference through working in the legal profession. This past year our employment statistics show encouraging trends, demonstrating student success and institutional commitment. The Class of 2014 showed some of Touro Law's best statistics in recent years including 86% of the class who passed the bar reported employment. This year's graduates are already showing great initiative.

Class of 2014 Employment Stats



Preliminary Class of 2015 Employment List

Abrams, Fensterman, Fensterman, Eisman, Formato, Ferrara & Wolf, LLP	Matrix Investment Firm
Archer, Byington, Glennon & Levine LLP	Monmouth County Court, NJ
Bronx District Attorney's Office	Nassau County Legal Aid Society
Brooklyn Defender Services	NYC Dept of Education
Brooklyn District Attorney's Office	NYC Law Department
Bruno, Gerbino & Sortano LLP	NYPD Legal Bureau
Carter, Deluca, Farrell & Schmidt	NYS Department of Finance,
Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman, LLP	Financial Fraud and
Chancery Court of New Jersey	Consumer Protection Division
Construction & Realty Servicer Group, Inc	NYS Energy Research
Dechert LLP	& Development Authority,
Farrell Fritz, P.C.	Albany Lt. Governor's Office
Gemini Food Services Inc.	NYS Homes and Community
Jaspan Schlesinger LLP	Renewal Agency
Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Freedman	NYS Lt. Governor's Office
Kerben & Associates	NYS Unified Court System
Kushnick Pallaci	Roosevelt Island Operating Corp.
Law Offices of	Rosicki, Rosicki & Associates, P.C.
Willaim A. Fernandez	Rubin & Rosenblum, PLLC
Lewis Johns Avallone Aviles, LLP	Schiller Law Group, PC
Liberty International Underwriters	SCPD
Lighthouse Political Strategies	Solo Practioners
Lite & Russell	Suffolk District Attorney's Office
Mallilo & Grossman	Superior Court of New Jersey
	Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
	US Army Jag Corps

Touro Law's commitment to experiential education has always been ahead of the curve: Expanded Clinics Meet Graduation Requirements

New and revamped clinical programs have resulted in twice the amount of clinical offerings for students. New clinics have been created in subject areas including bankruptcy, criminal defense, criminal prosecution, federal prosecution and immigration law. In addition Touro Law's not-for-profit clinic has been revamped to include a small business component and the Veterans' and Servicemembers' Rights Clinic has been revitalized this semester. Other clinic offerings include our nationally recognized disaster law clinic, and clinics in elder law, family law, foreclosure and a senior citizens law program.

This past year the faculty made a clinic experience a requirement of graduation, months before the ABA standards on Legal Education were amended to require six credits of experiential learning.

Touro Law Clinics:

- Advanced Bankruptcy Clinic
- Bankruptcy Clinic
- Criminal Defense Clinic
- Criminal Prosecution Clinic
- Disaster Relief Clinic
- Elder Law Clinic
- Family Law Clinic
- Federal Prosecution Clinic
- Immigration Law Clinic
- Mortgage Foreclosure Clinic
- Small Business and Not-for-Profit Law Clinic
- Veterans' and Servicemembers' Right Clinic



Touro Law clinic students take a Student Attorney Oath, administered by Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota. The oath reminds students that they are serving as lawyers for their clients under a special student practice order from the courts and that they must conduct themselves as such.



Watch the video, www.tourolaw.edu/video/studentoath2015



 Clinic news and stories are published regularly at tourolawclinics.wordpress.com.

 Subscribe for updates! You can also follow the Clinics on Facebook at [TouroLawClinicalPrograms](https://www.facebook.com/TouroLawClinicalPrograms).

Dr. Meir Y. Soloveichik - Fall 2014 Distinguished Lecturer at the Jewish Law Institute

Touro Law Center's Jewish Law Institute hosted Rabbi Dr. Meir Y. Soloveichik as the Fall 2014 Distinguished Lecturer. Rabbi Soloveichik, who is widely known as a leading Jewish thinker, theologian and public intellectual, delivered an address titled, "Jews, Christians and the *Hobby Lobby* Decision."

Touro Law Professor and Director of the Jewish Law Institute Samuel Levine stated, "Rabbi Soloveichik is a rising star in the Jewish community and beyond. He has developed a reputation as a thoughtful and original commentator on religious and legal significance."

Rabbi Dr. Meir Y. Soloveichik is director of the Zahava and Moshael Straus Center for Torah and Western Thought at Yeshiva University and rabbi at Congregation Shearith Israel in Manhattan, the oldest Jewish community in America. He graduated summa cum laude from Yeshiva College, received his semikha from RIETS, and was a member of its Beren Kollel Elyon. In 2010, he received his doctorate in religion from Princeton University. Rabbi Soloveichik has lectured throughout the United States, in Europe, and in Israel to both Jewish and non-Jewish audiences on topics relating to Jewish theology, bioethics, religious freedom, wartime ethics, and Jewish-

Christian relations. His essays on these subjects have appeared in The Wall Street Journal, Commentary, First Things, The Weekly Standard, Mosaic, Azure, Tradition, and the Torah U-Madda Journal. Rabbi Soloveichik has testified in Congress on the subject of religious liberty and is a board member of The Becket Fund, the premier religious liberty law firm in the United States.



Touro Law Hosts First Veterans Treatment Court Training Program

Co-sponsored by North-Shore LIJ
and the New York State Unified Court System

Nearly 100 judges, prosecutors, defenders, court staff and treatment professionals from around the state convened at Touro Law Center in Central Islip in September 2014 for an all-day conference for New York State jurisdictions interested in starting Veterans Treatment Courts (VTCs). The training, co-sponsored by Touro Law and the New York State Unified Court System, with underwriting support from North Shore-LIJ, was designed to increase the approximately 20 New York VTCs, courts that allow U.S. veterans suffering from PTSD, Traumatic Brain Injury or other consequences of their military service, the opportunity to receive counseling and treatment as an alternative to incarceration when they are charged with relatively minor criminal offenses.

"I am proud of Touro Law's leadership role in helping to improve services statewide for servicemembers and am thankful to North-Shore LIJ for providing a generous grant to fund the training," said Dean Salkin.

Former Chief Administrative Judge of the Courts of New York State Hon. Gail Prudenti delivered the keynote address on behalf of Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman. Other panelists included former New York Chief Judge Sol Wachtler, Judge Robert Russell of Erie County, who established the nation's first VTC in 2008, VTC Judges John Toomey of Suffolk County and Marcia Hirsh of Queens, and from the Governor's Office of Veterans Affairs, Associate Dean Ken Rosenblum who also directs the Veterans' & Servicemembers' Rights Clinic, organized the event.

"This conference marked the first of its kind in the state," said Dean Salkin.

Expanded 1L ProBono Project for All Touro Law Students



All Touro Law first year full-time day students participated in a Poverty Simulation training activity, sponsored by the Office of Court Administration. These sessions were facilitated by Tracy McNeil,

Special Counsel to the Hon. Fern Fisher, the administrative judge responsible for all Access to Justice programs in New York State. Touro Law's proven commitment to Pro Bono service and Access to Justice initiatives is what solidified OCA's willingness to engage with our students in this manner.

The trainings provided students with critical knowledge in interacting with clients and helped them develop problem-solving skills while learning to work collaboratively. Following the simulation activity, students received several additional hours of substantive training prior to their participation in Touro Law's First-Year Pro Bono Projects which involve

uncontested divorces and Landlord Tenant Proceedings. In both projects, students have the opportunity to meet with unrepresented litigants under alumni and staff supervision.

Dean Salkin stated, "OCA sponsored trainings that result in our students working with real people with real problems support our first-year experiential learning initiatives that are part of our Portals to Practice curriculum. This is an exciting and valuable opportunity for our first-year students."

This year, Touro Law is pleased to work with OCA to provide the trainings again for all incoming students.

Four Graduates Selected as New York State Excelsior Fellows



For the first time in our school's history, four Touro Law students have been selected as prestigious New York State Excelsior Service Fellows. Congratulations to Daniel Cracco, Christopher Dor, Jeff Gautsche, and Jamie Ruiz.

The New York State Excelsior Service Fellowship is designed to provide graduating law students with an opportunity to

nurture and cultivate the next generation of leaders in New York State government. Fellows work in a variety of capacities within government agencies including the Department of Environmental Conservation, the Department of Labor, Housing and Community Renewal, the Department of Financial Services, and the Empire State Development Corporation.

Christopher Dor stated, "It is an honor to be selected as an Excelsior Fellow. This is a special opportunity for me to use the skill set that I have developed throughout my law school career to help better the citizens of New York State.

Each student will continue to excel as they impact others. These students will enjoy the opportunity to work in Albany for two years, with potential to remain in the State service.

The following prestigious placements were offered to Touro Law students:

Daniel Cracco - New York State Homes and Community Renewal Agency, New York City

Christopher Dor - New York State Department of Finance, Financial Fraud and Consumer Protection Division, New York City

Jeffrey Gautsche - New York State Energy Research & Development Authority, Albany NY

Jamie Ruiz - Lt. Governor's Office, Albany NY



Professor Jack Graves Named New Director of Digital Legal Education to Oversee Digital Lawyering Curriculum & Content

Professor Jack Graves has been appointed Director of Digital Legal Education. In his new role, Professor Graves will oversee the development of Touro Law's new digital lawyering curriculum, while simultaneously working with faculty to expand and improve our ability to deliver educational content online through a virtual classroom experience.

"Jack is dedicated to legal education and passionate about finding ways to ensure that today's educational experience uses cutting-edge technology to enhance the delivery of information and the student experience," said Dean Salkin. "He is also working on new curricular content in the rapidly developing world of technology-leveraged lawyering. These combined interests coupled with his commitment to Touro Law will benefit the entire Touro community."

Professor Graves teaches Contracts, Business Organizations, Arbitration and International Sales Law & Arbitration, as well as new courses in basic business principles for law students and 21st Century lawyering. In collaboration with a group of colleagues from the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Zagreb, Professor Graves founded and continues to serve as Director of the Institute of International

Commercial Law & Dispute Resolution. He also spends significant time collaborating with students and faculty from the U.S. and abroad in relation to the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, an international moot involving law student teams from over 250 law schools and over 60 countries. He co-chairs Touro Law's New Technologies Committee.

Touro Law Center already offers a number of "virtual" or online courses in its JD program. Professor Graves is currently teaching the Law Center's first "digital lawyering" course—"21st Century Law Practice by Design: Leveraging Legal Expertise with Technology for More Cost-Effective Delivery of Legal Services." This course is offered online this summer, and is planned for the fall and spring as well.

"Education is being reshaped by technology. Touro College and University systems is dedicated to providing state-of-the-art opportunities for our students. Touro Law Center's commitment to digital educational and lawyering demonstrates this commitment and will positively influence how information is delivered as well as content and curriculum."

—Marian Stoltz-Loike

Vice President of Online Education, Touro College

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Touro Law Launches Journal of Experiential Learning



Touro Law Center launched a new academic journal, The Journal of Experiential Learning. The online journal can be found at www.tourolaw.edu/jel.

“Experiential learning is critical to legal education today and this Journal is poised to become the foremost resource nationally,” said Dean Patricia Salkin. “The Journal has an outstanding editorial review panel and advisory board of prominent legal scholars and excellent teachers throughout the country setting a high standard for quality articles.” Salkin continued, “Long before the popular buzz words of “practice ready” and “experiential education” were in vogue, Touro Law Center’s faculty had committed to cutting edge curricular reforms designed to produce lawyers with enhanced practical skills. Therefore, the opportunity to create, support and launch this Journal was a natural extension of what we believe.”

The Journal of Experiential Learning’s Editorial Advisory Board and Editorial Review Panel represent a cross-section of educators including representatives of The Carnegie Institute’s Educating Tomorrow’s Lawyers and the Alliance for Experiential Learning. They are law school deans and

faculty from across the nation who share a commitment to improving the nature and quality of education we offer our law school students, in an environment that is making it more and more difficult for students to pay for law school, for law schools to pay for the education they want to offer their students, and for entry level attorneys to obtain employment.

“We have had an overwhelming response to the creation of this journal from across the country,” said Associate Dean for Experiential Learning Myra Berman, who also serves as the coordinating editor. “I believe there is a real need for an academic journal examining all aspects of experiential learning and am so glad to be part of the development of the Journal of Experiential Learning.

The first issue, with guest editor David Thomson of Denver’s Sturm College of Law, focused generally on experiential learning in legal education. It included articles from law school deans as well as a judge from the highest court of a state. The issue began with a definition of experiential learning and ended with innovative ways of integrating experiential education into the law school curriculum.

The second issue, currently in production, will focus on Incubators and Residency Programs and their contribution to legal education, particularly to the post-JD part of the educational continuum. The third issue will focus on pre-JD experiential learning programs, many of which are pipeline programs offered by undergraduate institutions. The guest editor of that issue is Diana D. Juettner ’83, J.D. Chair of the Department of Social Sciences at Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry, NY.

Please visit www.tourolaw.edu/jel.

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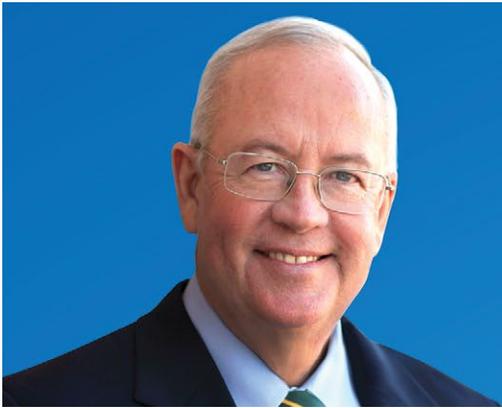
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Second Annual National Moot Court Competition was a Huge Success - Hon. Kenneth Starr Serves as Judge, Delivers Lecture

Twenty teams from law schools across the country competed in the Second Annual National Moot Court Competition in Law & Religion, hosted by Touro Law Center's Moot Court Honors Board on March 26-27, 2015. The competition featured distinguished judges as part of the final round and the Honorable Kenneth Starr delivered a public lecture.

Tiffany Bennett and Wesley Pilon, students at Regent University School of Law, were the winners of this year's competition after defeating Seton Hall University School of Law's team of Christopher Capitanelli and Angelo Cerimele in the final round.

The 2015 final round judges were Kenneth Starr, President and Chancellor of Baylor University, retired judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for D.C. Circuit, and former U.S. Solicitor General, Loretta

Preska, Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, and Patricia Salkin, Dean of Touro Law Center. The Moot Court Honors Board would like to extend a special thank you to our finalists, alumni, and other judges who were instrumental to the success of this competition.

This year's problem, written by Moot Court Honors Board Research Editor Alyse Delle Fave, involved the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act, 42 U.S.C. §2000cc et seq. ("RLUIPA"), a 2000 federal law that prohibits government from imposing land use regulations that substantially burden religious exercise unless such the regulation is the least restrictive means of furthering a compelling government interest.

As part of the two day competition, Judge Kenneth Starr delivered a lecture

titled "The First Freedom: Religious Liberty in America." Following the lecture, he met with competitors and posed for pictures with the teams.

"The Honorable Kenneth Starr's lecture was a highlight of the two-day competition," said Myra Berman, faculty advisor for the Moot Court and Associate Dean for Experiential Learning. "Not only did he share his thoughts for a public lecture, but he gave his time generously so all of the competitors could meet with him personally and take pictures. It was a memorable evening"

Congratulations to all of the competitors and coaches who participated, as well as the entire Moot Court Honors Board at Touro Law Center, which was widely praised by participants and judges alike for the professionalism they exhibited in running this year's competition.



The Hon. Kenneth Starr with Touro Law Moot Court Board members.

Defense Attorney Ben Brafman Inspires Touro Law Students



Benjamin Brafman

Criminal defense attorney Benjamin Brafman delivered a lecture, “Litigating in the Public Eye” at Touro Law Center in March 2015.

“Benjamin Brafman is a distinguished criminal defense attorney, known internationally. Our students were excited to hear his career reflections, and we appreciate his willingness to share his experiences and knowledge with the Touro

Law community,” said Dean Patricia Salkin.

Brafman has represented a wide range of high-profile celebrities, business leaders, lawyers and professionals in major criminal cases throughout the U.S., Canada, Europe, Israel, and South Africa. The lecture was part of the Jewish Law Institute’s Distinguished Lecture series and was co-sponsored by Touro Law’s Criminal Law Society.



Hon. Jenny Rivera

Hon. Jenny Rivera Visits Touro Law Center

Hon. Jenny Rivera, Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals, met with Touro Law students and then delivered a public lecture in March 2015. Her lecture was titled “Women in the Legal Profession.” Judge Rivera’s visit was part of the Women’s History Month experience at Touro Law. The event was sponsored by the Latino(a) American Law Students Association.

Judge Rivera will return to Touro Law Center in October 2015 as part of her visit with the Suffolk County Bar Association.

J.D./M.B.A. Launched with Touro Graduate School of Business



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PROGRAM

J.D. / M.B.A

Touro Law and Touro Graduate School of Business have launched a new J.D./M.B.A. degree program. The newly launched program allows students to earn their M.B.A. following the completion of law school, which will include 12 credits of business related courses.

Touro’s Graduate School of Business is located in New York City and offers master’s degrees in business administration, international business finance, human resources management and accounting. Courses are offered during the day and evening as well as Sunday to provide maximum flexibility for students.

Touro Law Focuses on Long Island's Piano Man

BILLY JOEL

& THE LAW

A Touro Law Conference



A live performance of Billy Joel songs was hosted and coordinated by *Darren Stacey*, class of 2015.

A Touro Law Conference on Billy Joel and the Law, held in March 2015, considered ways in which Billy Joel's work relates to American law, society, and culture. Sessions offered a wide range of perspectives, including those of judges, lawyers, law professors, and music scholars. The papers delivered at the conference will be published in an upcoming Touro Law Review.

Speakers at the conference addressed a variety of interrelated topics, including: Billy Joel and Legal Doctrine; Billy Joel and the Practice of Law; Billy Joel, Law, and the Performing Arts; and Billy Joel, Law, and Society. The conference also included performances of a number of Billy Joel's songs, drawn from the panel presentations.

The event was both meaningful and entertaining and fostered thought provoking conversations about the relevance of Billy Joel's work to our understanding of the American legal system.

Touro Law and Suffolk County Girl Scouts Create New Justice Patch

Touro Law Center and Girl Scouts of Suffolk County announced a new Justice Patch Program. Designed to introduce girls and young women to the possibility of careers in law, the program also helps to develop a sense of fairness, an understanding of why we have laws and how they can be changed when they don't work. Girls will learn how laws help people, and the role that lawyers and judges fill in the community.

Touro Law Dean Patricia Salkin stated, "I believe this is a first-of-its kind program between a law school and the Girl Scouts and we are proud to be a part of having girls talk about laws and learn about the justice system."

Professor Tracy Norton is serving as program coordinator for the law center. Girl Scouts of Suffolk County is the largest youth-serving agency on Long Island, serving more than 40,000 girls and 9,000 adult volunteers. One of every four girls in grades K through 12 in Suffolk County is a Girl Scout. Specific guidelines have been set to earn the patch for all levels of girls involved with the Girl Scouts including Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior and Ambassador. At the youngest ages, girls will talk about law and rules and consequences. As the girls get older and more mature, they will be involved in more engaging discussions, visit the law school, select a law to research, develop a brochure for community members to understand their rights, and more.



Watch the press conference,
www.tourolaw.edu/video/girlscouts



Pro Bono Scholars Program Inaugural Class

Touro Law had seven students as Pro Bono Scholars in the inaugural year of the Pro Bono Scholars Program developed by Chief Judge Lippman. The program allows students in their final year of law school to devote their last semester of study to performing pro bono services for the poor through an approved externship program, law school clinic, legal services provider, law firm or corporation. Candidates spend 12 weeks working full time in a pro bono placement for which they receive academic credit, during which they also complete an academic component at the law school. The program was designed to provide students with an opportunity to learn practice skills during the final semester while exposing them to the importance of serving clients of limited means. As a benefit of the program, participants are permitted to take the New York bar exam in February of their final year before graduation. We are proud to say that 100% of Touro's Pro Bono Scholars passed the February Bar - beating the state's average of 85% for all Pro Bono Scholars.

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Watch the video, www.tourolaw.edu/video/probono2015

Touro Law Inaugural Pro Bono Scholars Include:

Paige Bartholomew - *Barket Marion PC*
Svetlana Dunda - *Empire Justice*
Matthew Gamberg - *Greenblatt & Agulnick, P.C.*
Daniela Giordana - *Suffolk Legal Aid - Children's Law Bureau*
Matthew Hromadka - *Nassau/Suffolk Law Services*
Christopher Miner - *Federal Defenders of NY Inc.*
Darren Stakey - *Nassau/Suffolk Law Services Committee, Inc.*

Board of Governor's **SUMMER ASSOCIATES PROGRAM CONTINUES**



“ Nearly two dozen students and firms have participated in this 10 week summer internship program. ”

For the second consecutive summer, Touro Law students participated in the Board of Governor's Summer Associates Program. The Program, initiated by Board member John Bishar, enables Touro Law students to be more competitive in the legal marketplace by gaining valuable hands-on experience while in law school.

Through the Summer Associates Program, board members commit to a ten week paid summer associate. Students apply to be summer associates and are selected with an effort to match student interest and employee needs. To date, nearly two dozen students and firms have participated in this ten week program.

Student summer placements have been in law firm and corporate settings including: Cullen & Dykman, LLP, National Grid, Bethpage Federal Credit Union, Henry Schein, Inc., Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman, LLP, Jaspan Schlesinger, LLP, Rivkin Radler, LLP, Arbor Commercial Mortgage LLC, Rosicki, Rosicki and Associates, P.C., Abrams Fensterman LLP, Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C.

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SUMMER SERVICE SNAPSHOTS

More than **100** Touro Law Students spend their summers working as public interest fellows or through work study.

These students work in various offices and pro bono agencies across the country, gaining hands-on experiences in broad areas including immigration rights, municipal law, disaster law, children's rights, matrimonial law, and so much more. Our Summer Service Snapshots give a glimpse into these placements from a student's perspective. Here's a look at just a few of these placements.



Dana Mangiacapra
Narcotics Bureau, Suffolk County DA

Dana Mangiacapra worked this summer at the Narcotics Bureau in the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office on various projects for ADA's in the bureau. Throughout the month of June, she researched various issues including the proper way to authenticate a ledger or account book that has been seized through a search warrant and whether or not a squatter, who is renting from another squatter, has any standing to bring a claim based upon unreasonable search and seizure. Her latest project involves reading through the Search Warrant Manual that ADA's use and "shepardizing" the cases to make sure they are still applicable. Additionally, she is working for the Breaking Barriers Pro Bono Assistance Project helping individuals apply for certificates of rehabilitation so that they may be eligible to apply for certain jobs.



Eleonora Zeltser
National Association of Jewish Legislators

Touro Law student Eleonora Zeltser worked this summer with the National Association of Jewish Legislators (NAJL). One of her major projects was preparing for the August NAJL summit in Seattle. The Annual Summit of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) was held in Seattle, WA from August 3-7. This event, held every year since 1975, brings together state legislators and staff from the 50 states. NAJL held its annual breakfast during the meeting of about 1500 legislators. At the breakfast, topics included state strategies to address anti-Israeli boycott, divestment and sanctions efforts and how to address anti-semitism at the local level.



Ryan Blitz
Empire Justice Center

Touro Law student Ryan Blitz worked this summer with the Empire Justice Center. He reports that he has worked with individuals going through mortgage foreclosures, assisting them in receiving loan modifications, while also informing people about loan scams, and how to detect them. He has also worked on gathering data regarding "Career Pathways," a job-bridging program to help move displaced workers up the employment ladder. This data was reported to the New York State Assembly Social Services Committee in order to implement a bundle of bills regarding employment improvement.

Mike Papson

Suffolk County Legal Aid

Touro Law student Mike Papson spent his summer working at Suffolk County Legal Aid in the Felony Part. Pictured below with Legal Aid Staff Attorneys and Touro alums Liz Justeson and Juliann Strafer, Mike explains that the Felony Part’s main focus is to negotiate pre-Grand Jury indictment pleas for defendants in felony cases. He reports that he has had the opportunity to speak with clients, research legal issues, and negotiate pleas with assistant district attorneys. He says that the experience has been fantastic and the lessons learned are invaluable.



Pictured with Legal Aid Staff Attorneys and Touro alums Liz Justeson and Juliann Strafer.



Tyasia Chance

Law Offices of the Public Advocacy Center

Touro Law student Tyasia Chance spent the summer with the Law Offices of the Public Advocacy Center which she describes as nothing short of amazing. She assisted in many cases, mainly including landlord/tenant issues and uncontested divorces. While assisting in landlord/tenant cases, she helped in drafting documents such as Attorney Affirmations and Orders to Show Cause and has had the opportunity to accompany the staff attorney to the Second District Court as well as Third, Fifth and Sixth Districts. While in court, she learned how to fill out Notices of Appearances as well as Stipulation forms. When handling divorce cases, she assisted in drafting Affidavits and going to the Supreme Court across the street to file them with the Clerk. She has sat in on meetings with clients, set up appointments with them and interviewed them over the phone to see if they qualify for the uncontested divorce project. She has also assisted in drafting a Supplemental Needs Trust as part of the Last Will and Testament for a client. She has also participated in the restorative justice “circles” through the Center for Restorative Practices at the PAC.



Jolevette Mitchell

New York State Office of the Attorney General in Albany, NY

Jolevette Mitchell interned with the New York State Office of the Attorney General in Albany, NY. She worked in the Real Property Bureau on cases involving the state exercising its eminent domain powers. Jolevette drafted motions and memorandums on behalf of the State. She and other interns were treated to various informative meetings with high ranking AAG’s, federal and Court of Appeals judges, field trips around the Capitol and local courts. She stated, “This internship has been amazing and has reaffirmed my goals of working in the government and possibly going into legislative work.”

Jolevette is pictured with Assistant Attorney General Michele M. Walls. Ms. Walls is the section chief of litigation in the Real Property Bureau, Division of State Counsel, of the New York State Attorney General’s office, where she represents state agencies in eminent domain claims or the defense of state title to real property. She has also served as an AAG in the Claims Bureau, defending tort claims brought against the state and its officers in both the Court of Claims and supreme courts.

Melissa Grippa

Queens District Attorney’s Office

Touro Law student Melissa Grippa returned from her summer abroad experience to a job in the Queens D.A.’s office where, among other things, she got to work with alumna ADA Jacqueline laquinta ‘14. Melissa has been assigned to criminal court working in drug court, mental health court, youth court and human trafficking court. She had the opportunity to second seat a hearing, and reported that her experience was excellent.



Melissa Grippa with ADA Jacqueline laquinta, Touro Law Class of 2014, currently an ADA at the Queens DA office.



Institute on Land Use & Sustainable Development Law Draws Diverse Crowd of Practitioners, Government Officials and Scholars to the Law Center

by Sarah Adams-Schoen,
Director of the Institute on Land Use & Sustainable Development Law

Through the work of the **Institute on Land Use & Sustainable Development Law (LUSD)**, Touro Law Center is taking a leading role in addressing land use and sustainability issues of critical importance to Long Island, the region and beyond. In April 2015, the LUSD Institute hosted its inaugural annual conference, which was the first conference of its kind to focus on the role of local law and policy in addressing the threats of climate change on Long Island.

Conference speakers included scientists, leading land use and municipal law scholars, planners, and representatives from local and county governments, the New York Department of State and Department of Environmental Conservation, Governor's Office, FEMA and EPA, in addition to keynote speakers Michael Gerrard, the Director of Columbia Law School's Sabin Center for Climate Change Law, and Kate Dineen, Managing Director of the N.Y. Rising Community Reconstruction Program, which has worked closely with communities throughout Long Island to develop community resiliency plans.

"With hundreds of miles of coastal and estuarine shoreline, nearly 11 million people in the metropolitan region living just above sea level, and a mix of urban, suburban and agricultural communities, Long Island faces unique challenges from

extreme weather, storm surges and rising sea levels," said nationally noted land use law expert, Dean Patricia Salkin.

Institute Director Professor Sarah Adams-Schoen stated, "As every Long Islander knows, our future is inextricably tied to the sea. So many of us are still struggling to rebuild after the devastation of Super Storm Sandy and many experience flooding on a regular basis. Recognizing that severe storms and floods are projected to increase in intensity and frequency, many local governments on Long Island have developed coastal resiliency plans and some have begun to implement these plans. Touro Law was pleased to bring together many of the organizations and individuals on Long Island and throughout the region who have been working for years to increase the resilience of our coastal communities, and to facilitate an in-depth

Monthly Bagels with the Boards CLE Program sponsored by Farrell Fritz, P.C.

This year also saw the launch of Bagels with the Boards, a monthly continuing education program that focuses on land use and zoning law issues facing New York municipal boards. Each program begins with a half-hour of networking followed by a one-hour presentation on a cutting edge issue of land use and zoning law. Participants may earn CLE, AICP-CM Law, and zoning board credits. Spring 2015 programs have featured national experts on topics ranging from planning and zoning for accessible communities to the ever-evolving legal challenges of planning and permitting mobile broadband communications infrastructure. Like the Resiliency Summit, Bagels with the Boards has drawn a large and diverse audience of government officials and staff, planners, attorneys, architects, legal scholars and others. The schedule of Fall 2015 Bagels with the Boards programs is available at www.tourolaw.edu/landuseinstitute.

discussion among this diverse group, focusing in particular on the legal tools and obstacles to moving from coastal resilience planning to implementation.”

Successful Collaborations:

The success of these inaugural events depended in large part on a foundation of collaboration that the Institute has built over the past year—including the creation of partnerships with officials at all levels of government, community-based organizations, private firms and professional organizations. Event sponsors included The New York Sea Grant, Farrell Fritz, P.C., Cashin Spinelli & Ferretti, LLC, Cameron Engineering & Associates LLP, Meyer, Suozzi, English and Klein, P.C., Sahn, Ward, & Coschignano, PLLC, the Metro New York Chapter of the American Planning Association, the American Bar Association Section on Environment, Energy and Resources, the Municipal Law and Environmental Law sections of the New York State Bar Association, the New York Conference of Mayors & Municipal Officials, the Association of Towns of the State of New York, and the New York State Association of Counties.

Land Use & Sustainable Development Certificates:

Spring 2015 also saw the first class of Touro Law graduates with LUSD Law concentration. In addition to concentrating their studies in LUSD Law, students graduating with an LUSD Law concentration gained hands-on experience during law school by undertaking an externship in a related field and, for some, working on land use and sustainability projects as a Fellow for the Institute. These experiences are preparing TLC graduates more than ever to meet and master the challenges of a land use and sustainable development law practice.

Continuing Contributions:

The Institute continues to make a significant contribution to the local, state, and national dialogue on LUSD Law. To highlight a few of these many contributions, Institute Director Professor Sarah Adams-Schoen was the keynote speaker at a conference on water resource management hosted by the New York Department of State and United States Geologic Survey and was a symposium speaker at the Columbia Law School

annual climate change law symposium, where she presented on the role of local law and policy in climate resilience. She has an article on the same topic forthcoming in the *Columbia Journal of Environmental Law* and an article on hazard mitigation forthcoming in *The Urban Lawyer*. Institute faculty affiliate Professor Michael Lewyn presented on smart growth at Washburn School of Law and on sprawl at Rutgers urban planning school, published an article titled “The (Somewhat) False Hope of Comprehensive Planning” in the *University of Hawaii Law Review* and an article titled “How Environmental Review Can Generate Car-Induced Pollution” in the journal *Sustainable Development Law & Policy*. Faculty affiliate Dean Patricia Salkin made numerous presentations and published a number of pieces on topics ranging from planning for age-friendly communities, health impact assessments, ethics and the intergovernmental framework of planning. Significant attention from the press, including coverage in *New York Times* articles, continues to flow from the tireless work of TLC’s Disaster Relief Clinic.

Generous Support:

The Institute, which was launched in September 2013, has been able to make significant strides in its first full year thanks in large part to generous donors; Touro Law Center faculty, administration, and staff; and, current students and alumni. The Institute would not be possible without the generous funding it has received from Long Island developer Frank Castagna of Castagna Realty, and from the Skolnick Family Charitable Trust, a long-time supporter of the Law Center. The Institute is grateful to Farrell Fritz, P.C., which underwrote the first year of the Institute’s new monthly program Bagels with the Boards, as well as to the many organizations, firms and individuals who support the Institute with financial and in-kind contributions.

The Institute benefits immeasurably from the guidance of a dedicated Advisory Board, including the following:

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The Guardianship Quality Initiative (GQI)

Presented by The Aging and Longevity Law Institute



Millions of Americans are victims of Alzheimer’s disease or other diseases or conditions that cause diminished mental capacity. The Alzheimer’s Association predicts that by the year 2050, the number of people 65 years of age and older with Alzheimer’s disease will triple, from 5.1 million to 13.8 million. In addition, tens of thousands of older New Yorkers will suffer with other physical or mental health, personal or financial challenges which will require legal assistance, including, for some, the protection of the Guardianship Courts.

The Guardianship Quality Initiative (“GQI”) was created by Robert “Bob” Abrams, Esq. co-founder of Touro Law Center’s Aging and Longevity Law Institute (“ALLI”). GQI’s goal is to assess and address the legal needs of these vulnerable individuals as well as to inform and educate the legal community about the medical, societal, personal, legal, and non-legal issues that affect individuals with diminished mental capacity, their loved ones, and their communities. ALLI has created a comprehensive program that includes valuable and practical resources for New York judges, lawyers, court personnel, and all guardianship stakeholders.



GQI is an historic initiative that will not only improve the quality and delivery of legal services to older New Yorkers, but also serve as a national example as to how the legal community can partner with legal educators to leverage collective expertise, available technology, and unwavering collegial commitment to ensure our community is better equipped to address an important societal issue. The GQI endeavors to provide lawyers, judges, and court personnel with the information, tools, and resources necessary to meet the needs of individuals with diminished mental capacity and their families. A series of online continuing legal education (“CLE”) programs and numerous live CLE programs will address How to Humanely and Competently Assess, Litigate, and Adjudicate Matters Involving Individuals with Diminished Mental Capacity.

Weekly CLE Programs

Each online CLE program will provide CLE credit for “experienced” NYS attorneys who comply with the applicable requirements of the NYS Office of Court Administration (OCA). Beginning this Fall, CLE programs will be released and available to view on a weekly basis for 50 weeks.

Live CLE Programs

Over the course of the GQI, live CLE programs will be offered, which registered participants can attend at no extra charge. Live program faculty will consist of lawyers, judges, experts, and individuals from academia. All live CLE Programs will be recorded and uploaded onto the GQI website and made available for registered participants to view online

The first live Program titled, The Aging Process: What Guardianship Judges and Lawyers Need to Know About the Actual and Perceived Physical and Mental Consequences of Aging, was held at the Touro Law Center on Friday, June 19, 2015. The program was attended by more than 100 individuals from the fields of social work, law, government, and academia including, Touro Law Center students.

If you would like to learn more, please visit www.tourolaw.edu/alli.
For questions, please email: alli-info@tourolaw.edu or call (631-761-7190).



LAW & SOCIETY: THE JEWS OF SHANGHAI

From June 1-3, 2015 Touro Law Center sponsored an international conference focusing on those who survived the Shoah by escaping to Shanghai, China. The conference featured presentations by a number of former refugees, leading Sino-Judaic scholars, and Manli Ho, the daughter of the Chinese diplomat Dr. Feng-Shan Ho. Dr. Ho gave out thousands of visa to families in Vienna, Austria while he was the Chinese ambassador to Vienna prior to World War II. He made it clear to Jews that flight was their best option for security and survival.

As an important part of the story, the conference explored the Jewish community in China and Shanghai before World War II. Both Baghdadi Jews and Russian Jews, who initially settled in Harbin, were instrumental in many ways in helping the “new” European Jews settle in Shanghai until the end of the war. Four different speakers at the conference addressed various aspects of the experience of Russian Jews in Harbin

and Shanghai, while Dr. Maisie Meyer, the leading scholar on the subject of the Baghdadi Jews who came to Shanghai in the 19th century and subsequently prospered spoke on the subject.

More than 120 attendees participated in the three-day event which drew significant



media attention from China. There were literally dozens of video cameras, still cameras and reporters at the opening reception. Touro Law faculty, staff, alumni, board members and friends were present.

The conference had significance on many levels: this year is the 70th anniversary of the end of WWII. The Jews who escaped

Nazi occupation by way of Shanghai, then one of the only open ports open to Jewish immigrants, are referred to as “Shanghaianders.” For those still alive, this was an opportunity to see Shanghai, perhaps for the last time, to visit the Shanghai Jewish Refugees Museum, see

the Hongkou District where they lived, and (re)connect with Shanghaianders who attended the conference from the United States and Australia. Scholars came from the United States, England, and other parts of China to participate.

The highlight of the conference was the participation and attendance of a number

of people who were children at the time, and who shared their memories of life in Shanghai, their parents’ struggle to flee Europe, and their journey to places around the world after the end of the War. A few of the speakers had written books about their survival stories and those were available to attendees. One of the speakers



Red entry door, still visible in the Hongkou District - A reminder that the area once housed 1,000's of Jews.

from Long Island, Evelyn Pike Rubin, had previously presented her story to faculty and staff at Touro Law Center. Another conference highlight was the presentation by Manli Ho, who has spent more than a decade researching her father's life story. Among other things, Dr. Feng-Shan Ho has been recognized at Yad Vashem as a

consulate, Touro was thanked for doing this conference and the importance of the relationship between China and Israel was emphasized and words were said about how this conference was one more positive step in a building relationship. The U.S. Consulate was helpful in the pre-planning and a representative participated with remarks at the opening reception. Rabbi Shalom Greenberg at the Chabad in Shanghai was helpful from the beginning with advice about working in Shanghai and with all aspect of conference food needs. He also graciously hosted the Touro Law team for Shabbat in Shanghai. Prof. Xu Xin who directs the most comprehensive Jewish Studies/Israel program in China (out of the University of Nanjing) was helpful in advance planning, delivered an excellent

from the Shanghai Jewish Refugee Museum.

Conference proceedings are being compiled by Associate Dean Rodger Citron, and we plan to present a manuscript to the Touro College Press for book publication in early 2016.

This conference continued the Law Center's commitment to Holocaust studies and was an important step this year especially given the loss of Prof. Harry Reicher who would have been an integral part of the project team. Prior conferences in Berlin, Nuremburg and Paris focused on more "mainstream" aspects of the Holocaust studies. The China conference explored lesser known stories of survival and legal issues confronted by those who became "stateless" in Shanghai while under Japanese occupation.



L-R, Dvir Bar-Gal, Rabbi Shalom Grenberg, Israeli Consul General Aron Perlman, and Deputy Consul General Nadav Zysblat

Righteous Gentile. It also is worth noting that Professor Jonathan Goldstein presented new and important findings with respect to developments in the Philippines relating to Jewish immigration on the eve Word War II.

Local sponsors included: our academic partner, the law school of the Shanghai University of International Business and Economics (SUIBE); the Shanghai Jewish Refugees Museum; the Center for Jewish Studies in Shanghai, and the Shanghai Society for People's Friendship Studies. Five individuals and foundations provided the financial support for the conference, including the Herman Goldman Foundation, the Sino-Judaic Institute, the Florence and Laurence Spungen Family Foundation, the Capobianco Family, and the Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Firm.

In addition, a number of key players in and around Shanghai were instrumental in assisting with the conference. Arnon Perlman, the Israeli Consul General attended the opening reception and Deputy Consul General Nadav Zysblat provided substantive remarks during the conference. In a pre-meeting at the Israeli



Shanghai Landers at the opening reception with Deans Salkin and Citron.



Dean Salkin and Dean Ni of SUIBE Law School.

address at the conference, and led an optional tour of Nanjing and his Institute following the conference. It is interesting to note the financial support from the Jewish community in the U.S. for his Institute, the fact that they have a Torah in an ark at the Institute, a Center for the study of Sholem Alechem, a Center for Israeli Studies, they teach Hebrew and they send their students to study in Israel. Prof. Xu said that there are a number of such institutes in China, including one in Shanghai directed by Dr. Pan Guang, who had visited Touro Law Center prior to the conference to speak to faculty and students, and to help with conference planning. Also prior to the conference, the Law Center has hosted the traveling "Jews of Shanghai" exhibit on loan

Making Connections

- The U.S. Consulate hosted a public information session where Dr. Susan Thompson, Assoc. Dean Rodger Citron and Dean Salkin spoke about U.S. LL.M. and J.D. degrees in general to approximately 35 interested Chinese lawyers and law students.
- Dean Salkin delivered a substantive presentation on land use law to faculty and students at JiaoTong School of Law in Shanghai. The head of the faculty expressed an interest in collaboration with Touro Law and the Land Use and Sustainable Development Institute.
- A new agreement of cooperation was signed between SUIBE Law and Touro Law extending our existing agreement and reaffirming interest in faculty and student exchanges and collaborative research.
- An agreement of cooperation was signed with Jimei School of Law located in Xiamen.
- Touro Law has agreed to host Professor Joy Zheng for the year as a Scholar in Residence. She has been awarded a Scholarship by the Chinese government to visit a law school in the U.S. for the 2015-2016 academic year. Deans Salkin and Citron had the opportunity to meet Prof. Zheng in Shanghai.

RICE ON THE RISE



Freshman U.S. Congresswoman Continues to Trail Blaze Putting Community Interests at the Forefront of her Efforts

Achieving professional firsts is becoming a pattern for Kathleen Rice, the freshman U.S. Representative for New York's 4th Congressional District. Nearly a decade ago, she became the first woman in Long Island's history to be elected District Attorney (she held the post of Nassau County District Attorney from 2006 through 2014). Now, the 50-year-old Long Island native holds the distinction of being the first female Touro Law graduate (class of 1991) to win a seat in Congress (and the second Touro Law graduate to achieve a Congressional seat). The Democrat assumed office in January 2015; replacing retiring Democratic incumbent Carolyn McCarthy.

Although Rice didn't initially imagine that her career path would take her to Washington, D.C., the ideas of public service and making communities stronger, safer places have been the backbone of her more than 20 years of work as a lawyer. And, it was a prevalent theme throughout her Touro Law education.

Prior to Congress and the Nassau County District Attorney's office, Rice was appointed in 1999 as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Philadelphia under Attorney General Janet Reno. In her more than five years there, she prosecuted federal drug and gun cases as well those relating to corporate fraud and public corruption. Rice began her career in 1992 as a prosecutor in the Brooklyn District Attorney's office where she handled cases of domestic violence, sexual assault, armed robbery and murder.

Rice has received many honors for her service as a state and federal prosecutor including the U.S. Inspector General's Integrity Award and the U.S. Attorney General's Award for Superior Performance as an Assistant U.S. Attorney.

In a recent interview with the Touro Lawyer, Rice spoke about her impressive accomplishments thus far, the value of her Touro Law education, and what's on the horizon for her in Congress.

What did you learn at Touro Law that helped guide your career path?

I found my professors and the Touro Law community to be very public-service oriented and to value work that allows you to contribute to the community. That was something my parents always emphasized to my siblings and me, so having it reinforced at Touro certainly influenced my decision to pursue a career as a prosecutor.

What advice would you give Touro Law students about how to make the most of their time at Touro Law?

My advice would be to keep an open mind, and challenge yourself to see every class as an opportunity to improve. Your time at Touro is a chance to develop your work ethic and learn how to solve problems and overcome challenges. Those are traits that will stick with you throughout your careers.

What suggestions would you give recent Touro Law graduates in charting the course of their own career track?

I think the most important thing is to find something that you're passionate about – something that will constantly motivate you and challenge you day after day to get better and be the best you can be. That may not always be the job that pays the most, but if you're in a job that you enjoy and that's always pushing you to improve, that will create the best opportunities for you down the road.

Were any faculty at Touro Law particularly significant to you with respect to how you utilize your legal education?

I found that all of my professors at Touro truly valued public service – for many of them, I think that was a big part of why they were teaching because they could give back by helping to educate the next generation of attorneys. That's something they imparted in me, and it helped lead me to see my legal education not as just a piece of paper or a means to a paycheck, but as knowledge, skills and training that I could use to serve others and to benefit my community.

What experiences at Touro helped impact your professional self?

There was one class, Trial Advocacy, where we had to do one case from beginning to end. I loved it. It gave me a glimpse of the real work that lawyers do, and I realized I truly enjoyed it – and I was good at it. I could see myself doing that day after day.

As a law student or recent graduate, did you envision the path that your career would take?

Not really, no. I knew I wanted to be a prosecutor, and I knew I wanted to use the skills, knowledge and experience I'd gained at Touro to serve others and fight for victims. But, I didn't anticipate at that point that it would lead me into the world of politics.

What keeps you engaged with Touro Law as an active alum?

As Nassau County District Attorney, I had several opportunities to come and speak with current Touro Law students about some of the work we were doing on issues like human trafficking, domestic violence, drunk driving, and public corruption, and

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about ways we were reforming the office so that we could be more progressive, proactive and innovative in our response to modern crimes. I was always grateful to have those opportunities to interact with students as DA, and I hope I'll continue to be invited back as a Congresswoman. I also have the honor of serving on the Board of Governors, which keeps me very engaged with the community.

Do you continue to connect with the Touro Law network of fellow grads/classmates?

Yes, I stay in touch with a lot of my fellow graduates and classmates. Many of us are still living and working on Long Island, and a lot of new and recent graduates start their careers here as well, so that helps us stay connected.

What was your greatest accomplishment as a District Attorney?

Our success in taking on drunk driving – that is still and will always be an ongoing effort, but we made a tremendous amount of progress and were able to lead a state-wide overhaul of DWI laws. I'm also especially proud of our efforts to combat public corruption because I know people have a real lack of faith in the integrity of their government. We convicted dozens of public officials for violating the public's trust, which I think speaks to the level of political independence we maintained in the DA's office, and that was always a priority for me.

What are your most significant goals as a Congresswoman?

First and foremost, my goal is to do whatever I can to move us past the divisive partisan politics that has made Congress so ineffective in recent years. I've never been a partisan politician – I'm someone who wants to get things done – work together to solve problems, and that's the approach I'm going to take in Congress. We need to put the partisanship behind us and get back to doing what we were elected to do: keep people safe, create new economic opportunities, and help people overcome the obstacles that prevent them from achieving the American Dream.

Is having a law degree an advantage as a Congresswoman? If so, how?

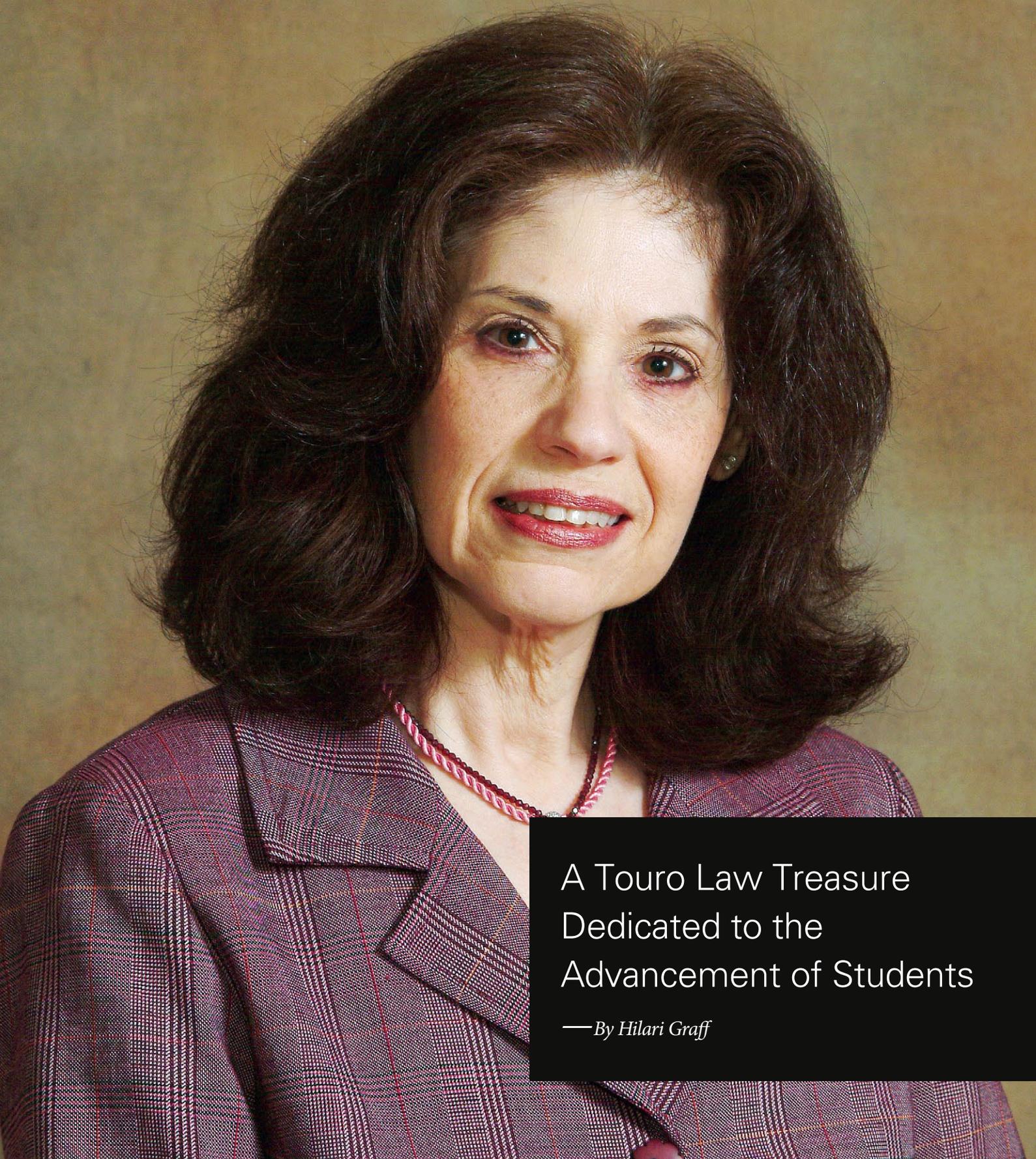
Yes, I think it is. My legal education gave me tremendous respect for the law, and that's only deepened throughout my career. I think understanding and respecting the law is certainly an advantage for someone charged with making our nation's laws.

What do you anticipate as your biggest challenges as a new member of Congress?

A lot of people have asked me how I can be effective as a freshman member of the minority party, and how I can do anything to break through the partisan gridlock when both sides are so entrenched. I'm not naïve; I know those are serious challenges. But, I've never been afraid of a challenge, and I truly believe I can make a difference. I'm making it a priority to build relationships with people on both sides of the aisle and show that I'm not going to be a part of the partisan back and forth, and that I'm not out to score partisan points. I'm here to do my job, and I think when people see that and know that about you, they want to work with you and help get things done.

P R O F E S S O R

SUZANNE DARROW-KLEINHAUS



A Touro Law Treasure
Dedicated to the
Advancement of Students

—By Hilari Graff

A savior. A selfless educator. Intelligent, supportive and compassionate. The list of praise that genuinely illustrates what Professor Suzanne Darrow-Kleinhaus means to Touro Law students and alumni is endless. To say she is beloved by the community of lawyers she guided through (and continues to guide through) course work, bar preparation and personal/professional matters is an understatement.

“I believe that I share my J.D. and Esq. status with Professor Kleinhaus because without her I certainly would not be a practicing attorney today,” said Michelle Azoulay (class of 2011), an Associate with Azoulay Weiss, LLP in Albertson, Long Island. “She is both a wonderful professor and phenomenal friend, and it is a great honor to call her my colleague today.”

Herself an alum of Touro Law (Kleinhaus graduated in January 1998 – and a notable second in her class), she is Director of Academic Development and Professor of Law, and has been a proud member of the Touro Law Center faculty for 15 years. “I’m just doing what I love. The most wonderful thing in the world for me is to teach. I’ll be at Touro Law until I can’t teach anymore,” Kleinhaus shared.

Undeniably impactful as an educator, Kleinhaus beams with pride when she witnesses her students’ triumphs. According to Kleinhaus, one of the best things about being a law professor is that once students graduate “we’re all lawyers together, all peers and practitioners of law, and I share their successes as a teacher and fellow alum.”

Touro Law alumni repeatedly echo the same sentiment—that Kleinhaus “goes above and beyond” what is necessary. “She perpetually puts the needs of her students over herself, and I believe it is her best asset,” explained Michael Gionesi (class of 2013), an Associate at the Law Offices of Winter &

Grossman, PLLC in Garden City.

Ari Shulman (class of 2012), an Assistant District Attorney in the Kings County District Attorney’s Office, agrees wholeheartedly. “Her utmost concern is not how she is perceived but how her students succeed.”

Azoulay’s first experience with Kleinhaus exemplifies the professor’s fierce belief in her students’ capabilities. As a 1L, Azoulay performed poorly on her first midterm. She was feeling completely defeated and accidentally stumbled into Kleinhaus’ office. Azoulay became very emotional, so Kleinhaus had her sit down and talk things through, and shortly after she felt significantly better.

From that point on, Kleinhaus began

speak to her, and she is always responsive, attentive and warm.”

A testament to her excellence as a teacher, Kleinhaus is extremely skilled at counseling students in the distinctive thinking process that is required of being a lawyer. One of her greatest gifts to Touro Law students is her instruction in how to carefully examine a situation, analyze information, divide it into understandable bits of material, and critically think – which are crucial skills that can be applied to any area of law and beyond law life.

“Professor Kleinhaus taught me that law is a powerful tool, which can be used to help me solve problems for myself and



meeting with Azoulay once a week to review her notes from that specific class, which marks the beginning of a relationship that forever changed Azoulay’s life. She ended up making Dean’s List that first year and was invited to try out for Law Review and Moot Court (she made the moot court team that summer and later served on the editorial board as the recruitment editor).

“She gave me the confidence and guidance to succeed in law school,” said Azoulay. “She helped give me perspective and focus on both what I like and what I’m good at, and she always reminds me that I belong in this profession. I still e-mail and

others, regardless of my area of expertise,” noted Schulman.

Kleinhaus believes in making sure students understand a legal concept by presenting relevant examples. Reading and understanding the cases are only one part of the learning process. Students need to really understand the context and consequences of applying legal principles. Once this understanding is achieved, students can really commit the law to memory and recognize how to appropriately apply it in practice. “She breaks down the information into real-world scenarios, which makes everything so much easier to understand,” recalled Gionesi. “She has the ability to give students a fundamental

basis on how to succeed in law school, and every student should heed her advice.”

“The process is about thinking, and thinking is invisible, so I have to make this visible for them by explaining through examples,” observed Kleinhaus.

For many of those examples, Kleinhaus brings shopping into the mix – using handbags, shoes and cars to demonstrate buying and selling, or even discussing the

professional rite of passage – passing the bar exam. She currently oversees a number of bar-preparation courses for graduating students that take an integrative, problem-based approach and provide an opportunity for students to refine their mastery of substantive law and practice analytical skills in the context of bar exam questions. She also conducts one-on-one summer tutoring with

an Adjunct Professor to teach a section of Legal Process in the evenings (at the time, Kleinhaus was an associate with Solomon Richman Greenberg, practicing labor law). She was working for the firm for over two years when, in August 2000, Kleinhaus was offered the position of Adjunct Professor of Legal Methods (to replace a professor who was taking a sabbatical). “I looked at where

I was in the firm and realized how much I loved teaching so I decided to take this opportunity,” said Kleinhaus.

For the next three years (until August 2003), Kleinhaus taught legal writing to first-year students, conducted academic workshops focusing on the development of legal reasoning and writing skills for students at all levels, and provided individual tutorials to enhance a student’s analytical and writing capabilities. Her endless patience and devotion to the Touro Law community was evident. During this time, Vice Dean Gary Shaw realized there was a huge need for someone to oversee academic

support programs, which paved the way for Kleinhaus’ next role.

In August 2003, Kleinhaus was named Director of Academic Development and Bar Programs and Professor of Law – the position she maintains today. In this role, she sees students who might not have performed well and gives them an opportunity to connect with the process of legal thinking. “Touro Law has always been at the vanguard to implement programs to help students achieve success in their classes and excel on all components of the bar exam,” she said. “As a teacher, your words have such a profound effect on your students. Teaching takes time, and students need encouragement.”

In 2006, she launched Touro Law’s Summer Bar Preparation Program offering one-on-one tutoring for students at risk of not passing the bar – and the program continues to thrive today. This started with faculty tutors and grew to include a solid network of over a dozen faculty and alumni (known as bar counselors) who Kleinhaus personally trains before they start coaching the bar candidates.



students at risk of not passing the bar.

Kleinhaus’ roots in bar preparation go back to 1998,

not long after she herself passed the bar exam. Having developed close relationships with her fellow classmates, she began hosting weekly in-home study sessions on Sundays with Touro Law alumni to help them study for the exam. This experience keenly tapped her into the individual manner in which people learned. Kleinhaus shared what she was doing with Howard Glickstein, Touro Law’s dean at the time, and he started referring to her students seeking assistance with the exam. Positive word spread, and in spring 1999, she began teaching Sunday workshops at Touro Law to guide students with essay writing. This was just the beginning of “the Kleinhaus effect” on Touro Law’s educational offerings.

A call Kleinhaus received from Heather Melniker, a Professor of Law in Legal Process, in August 1999 changed the course of her professional life. Professor Melniker asked if Kleinhaus was interested in becoming

renovation of her home bathroom to teach about defective performance in a Contracts class. “Instead of being abstract, I want to make the law concrete and real for my students,” she said. “That’s how we learn. When we make it about the students, making them the star, they can emotionally connect with the material and best learn.”

And, this method resonates with Touro Law students. “I wouldn’t have my mindset today if it wasn’t for her educational process,” said Azoulay.

Shulman concurs. “She made Contracts come alive by not sharing textbook cases but real-life stories of her own.”

One of the biggest Touro Law legacies that can be attributed to Kleinhaus is the unrivaled programming she has implemented to aid Touro Law students in enduring a

“She is a brilliant, caring professional,” praised Gionesi, who is one of the bar counselors and recently accepted a position offered by Kleinhaus as Adjunct Professor of Foundations of Legal Analysis. “She has the ability to memorize law and understand it. She communicates in a way that you’d want to communicate yourself.”

Among Kleinhaus’ extensive responsibilities, she selects, trains and supervises teaching assistants for the 1L Teaching Assistant Program, creates teaching materials for the Academic Development Program, and conducts an orientation presentation on the adaptation to law school learning.

“I love being in academic support because I get to know people individually. I never pre-judge a student’s abilities. They constantly surprise me with their victories.”

Created as a result of Kleinhaus’ influence – and new for 2014 – was a first-year, first-semester required course called Legal Foundations to help students cultivate their basic reading, writing and analysis skills. “Law school is a progression, and working on a foundation for the critical thinking and knowledge to be acquired is crucial,” she noted.

Since Kleinhaus is such a natural born educator, it might be hard to imagine that she had another career prior to becoming a lawyer. When pondering what profession she would pursue, she first wanted to be a lawyer but then, due to her love of history and literature that emerged in college, she decided to become a history professor. Kleinhaus began her graduate studies but after realizing she would need a Ph.D. – at a time in her life when she had married her husband, Murray, at age 20 and wanted to start a family – she changed her career course.

She was a skilled writer and landed a job working in the marketing department of Hadax Electronics, Inc., writing data sheets, technical brochures, and system manuals, and developing product promotions. As a technical writer, Kleinhaus moved on to positions at The Wheatley Group, Ltd. and then Bennett X-ray Technologies where she oversaw all regulatory reporting requirements for this \$43 million medical device manufacturer. Her passion for education was ever-apparent, even while she was a technical writer – Kleinhaus taught a course in Basic Report Writing at Polytechnic University in Farmingdale for two years.

After 14 years, she recognized that all her regulatory work completely related to the law field (plus there were limits to her growth as a technical writer) so at the age of 40, Kleinhaus began her legal studies at Touro Law, completing her degree in 3½ years as she attended part-time in the evenings and through the summers.

In her final year at Touro Law, she was invited to hear labor attorney and Touro Law alum Harry Greenberg, class of 1984, speak and it was life-changing for Kleinhaus. “He was the kind of lawyer, and the kind of person as a lawyer, that I wanted to be,” she said. “I wanted to help employees in the workplace and deal with something so important to someone’s life.” She wrote a letter asking to be an intern – and then the rest is history. She spent over a year working at the firm after graduation until she received that call from Melniker.

Kleinhaus is an accomplished author having published in the areas of contracts, labor law, the Fourth Amendment’s Exclusionary Rule, and federal preemption of state tort law as it relates to government regulation of medical devices. She has also published extensively in the area of bar exam preparation and law school learning, including books in the area: *The Bar Exam in a Nutshell 2nd Edition*; *Acing the Bar Exam*; *Mastering the Law School Exam*; *Acing Contracts*; and *The New York Bar Exam by the Issue*. She is currently working on a new series of books for West Academic entitled *Mapping the Law: Cases and Concepts* (there will be a *Mapping* for each of the first-year subjects). *Mapping Contracts*, published in 2015 with co-author Professor Sidney Kwestel, is the first in this

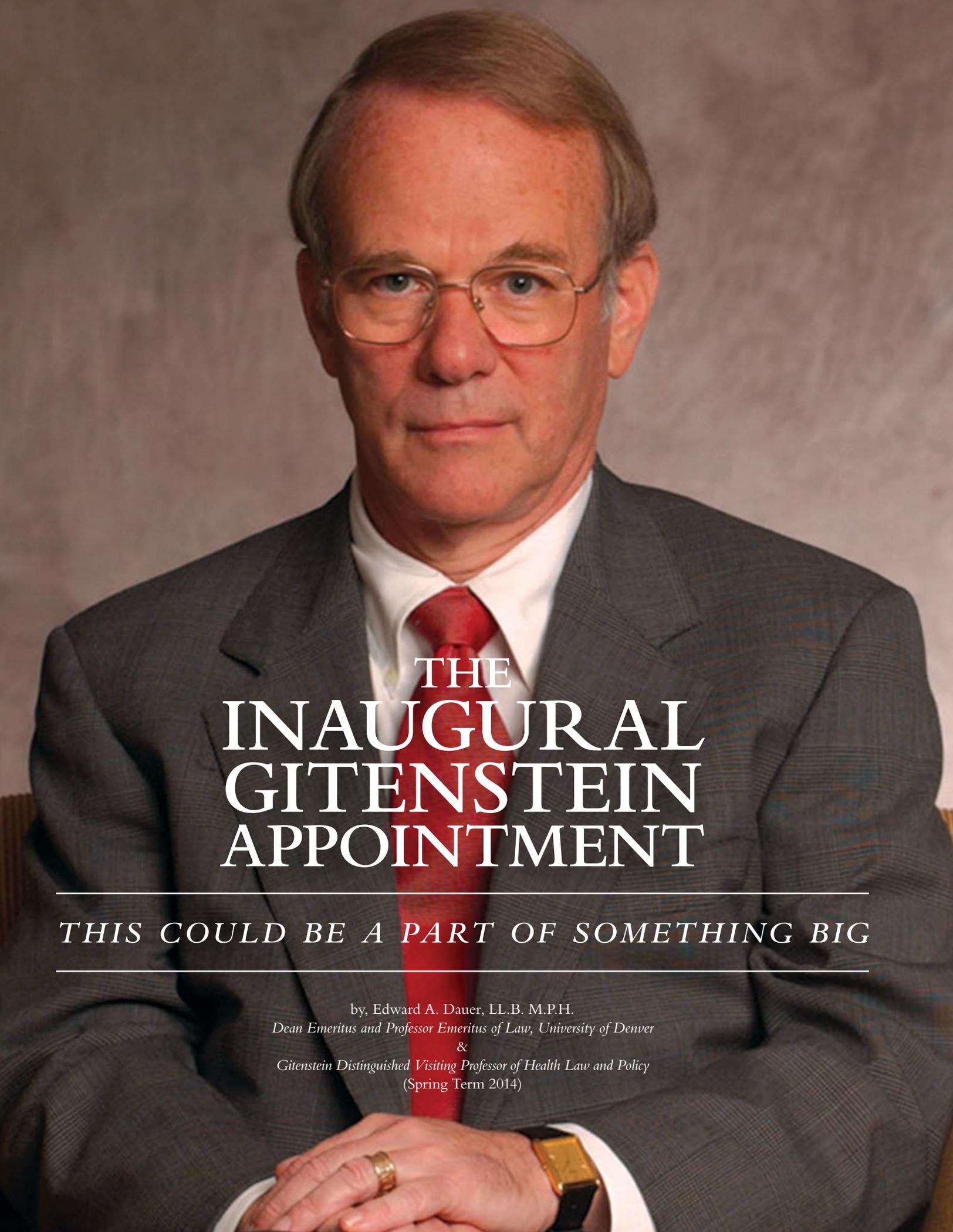
new series of study aids; *Mapping* combines the substance of the doctrinal law with the process for learning it.

Outside of her work at Touro Law, Kleinhaus is a member of the AALS Committee on Academic Support, the AALS Sub-Committee on the Bar Exam, a mentor with the Mentoring Partnership of Long Island; and a CUNY grant reviewer. She has a husband, Murray, a daughter, Meredith, and a grandson, Benjamin.

Despite her impressive achievements, Kleinhaus is exceedingly humble about her impact on students’ lives but her students are eager to laud what she means to them as a professor and friend. “She is 110% committed to her students,” said Azoulay. Noted Gionesi: “She wants to keep the Touro Law community close and the alumni close and make them feel a part of the school.”

“Touro Law gave me the life I wanted,” said Kleinhaus. “I loved it as a student and never wanted to leave, and I’m very grateful to now go to Touro Law every day.”



A professional portrait of a middle-aged man with short, light brown hair, wearing glasses, a dark grey suit jacket, a white dress shirt, and a red tie. He is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. His hands are clasped in front of him, and he is wearing a gold ring on his left hand and a gold watch on his left wrist.

THE INAUGURAL GITENSTEIN APPOINTMENT

THIS COULD BE A PART OF SOMETHING BIG

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Nearly one of every five dollars we Americans spend on everything we buy every year is spent on health care. I haven't actually counted it; but it would not be a farcical guess that at least one of every five words spoken in the American political arena in recent years has been about health care as well. The latter of those facts is perhaps as it should be: Within those years healthcare has been a watershed of transformation in American social policy, changing needs to rights for many of us in less than half a generation. Likewise in the law where, among other changes wrought by healthcare reform, government has emerged from being the dominant purchaser into being a comprehensive regulator.

It is not surprising, then, that health law has become one of the fastest growing segments of legal practice.

That too is as it might well be. Lawyers' contributions, both public and private, find their greatest calling in times of significant social and legal change. When the rules of the game are shifting, private interests face the challenges of adjustment and the opening of new opportunities; and in the public sector the articulation of new rights inevitably calls for counsel, for implementation, and for advocacy.

It was in this setting that in 2013 the Kermit Gitenstein Foundation made two of the largest grants it has made in its long history of support to health and higher education. One of the grants came to the Touro Law Center. The Foundation's support created a Visiting Professorship in Health Law and Policy. It was my privilege to have been the inaugural holder of that chair, during the Spring Term of 2014. Whoever may have been its incumbent, the professorship allowed for an enhancement of the Law Center's curricular offerings in health law and health policy; but its purpose went beyond that. A second and equally important objective of this first Gitenstein Semester was to explore from the focal point of the law school the opportunities for interdisciplinary and cross-campus initiatives among Touro's several New York venues, in research and public service as well as in teaching. As I came quickly to learn, it was

in this sense too that the Gitenstein grant could be part of something big.

Touro is an extraordinary if not unique university, operating under the leadership of Dr. Alan Kadish, the President of the Touro system, who is a physician with both interest and experience in American healthcare policy.

Within New York alone there are two Touro medical schools (D.O. and M.D.) operating on three different campuses, plus a fourth in Nevada and a fifth in California; two New York-area schools of health sciences and practice; one Public Health program (MPH/DPH) in place and another under review; and three nursing programs in three population

centers around New York. The Medical School in Valhalla alone has teaching programs – at last count – at some 28 hospitals in the tri-state area. There is a school of Pharmacy

in New York City and another in California. PAs (physician assistants) are educated at the Bayshore campus along with PTs (physical therapists) and OTs (occupational therapists.) The Graduate School of Social Work in Manhattan includes faculty with extensive capabilities in the health care aspects of that discipline. In addition to these campus-based facilities, the Law Center itself has through its faculty, its alumni, and supporting members of the bar significant relationships with healthcare systems and other public and private agencies working on the leading edges of the field.

Even with nearly 25 years experience working at the intersection of Law, Medicine, and Public Health, both in practice and in academic programs at other universities, I found this constellation of educational riches awesome (a word I use with more restraint than is customary in the argot of the day). I felt like the proverbial kid in the candy store. It would be difficult to overstate the potential for the Law Center in exploring integrated programs with these other schools and institutes. And, of equal importance and potential, the contribution the Law Center could make to the work of the others and together, to the work of the whole. More than most others, health law and policy is a team sport.

Even more deeply, among Touro's diverse schools and departments there are important common denominators—philosophies and missions already well in place, forming a common culture across what in many universities is the polyglot of the disciplines. One of the most obvious, I learned almost immediately, was an educational mission with a strong flavor of public service in addition to private practice, active participation in public policy, and deep connections to the communities in which the several schools have their homes.

Some of the programmatic commonalities were truly striking. One of the Law Center's leading programs is its Institute on Aging and Longevity; at the Medical College in Valhalla the Public Health program includes a Center for Long Term Care Research and Policy; the Graduate School of Social Work in Manhattan includes faculty members with long experience in aging education and retiree service; the School of Health Sciences in Bayshore excels in aging studies, from neuropsychiatry through gerontological OT and PT to multidisciplinary LTC and numerous others. The logistics of dealing with the New York area's traffic notwithstanding, the educational, the research, and the service potentials of joint activities among the campuses is outstanding. Some of it is already in place. What the Gitenstein grant enhanced is the Law Center's presence at the table.

And so the work of the first Gitenstein Semester had two broad paths—exploring joint activities with the health sciences campuses, and enhancing the Law Center's own curricular offerings in Health Law and its related fields. Adding one



course, as we did in the Spring of 2014, was easy and was an obvious choice. So was creating externship placements for students pursuing health law studies. Tom Maligno, Executive Director of the Law Center's Public Advocacy Center (the "PAC"), stitched the course work of the curriculum together with the work of the Health & Welfare Council of Long Island, one of the PAC's resident agencies. The result included both externships in 2014 and a model for future expansion into private and public placements alike. The rest was more a process of identifying possibilities than of implementing easy answers. Some examples: Should there be a "concentration" in health law within the JD program? Should there be in the much longer run a plan for an LL.M.? Should the flavor of Touro's health law studies be the Law & Medicine model in place at many law schools, or the Law and Public Health model followed by fewer schools but growing more rapidly? Maybe a blend of both? Which would better serve the profession and offer the greater career choices? Which would be the better fit for the cooperating programs on Touro's other campuses?

Within the Law Center itself, what part of curricular growth should be in the form of dedicated new courses (e.g. Public Health Law), and what part might be developing novel healthcare-related "modules" in other selected courses (e.g. the Affordable Care Act in the Insurance Law course, professional licensure and discipline in Administrative Law, the unique features of healthcare organizations in the Business Organizations course, health policy issues in Appellate Advocacy and Legal Writing...) Could joint degree programs (JD/MD or JD/MPH) work given Touro's New York geography?

How about meaningful cross-listing of coursework? Or maybe clinical teaching programs serving the area population's health and legal needs simultaneously? Health-related problems often come that way.

commitments in the field (Desirée Kennedy and Joan Foley, the next two holders of the Gitenstein chair), and a retinue of adjunct and associated teachers in specialized subjects such as Bioethics (viz. Dr. Robert Cassidy, Director of Bioethics and Social Policy at Long Island Jewish Medical Center.)

Moving beyond the Law Center's Central Islip campus and into the wider world of Touro, the second path for the semester's work was to consider how the synergy of the candy store, so to speak, might be explored. I should take a short digression here. Whatever it might look like from the outside, the work of innovation at universities is done in very flat hierarchies. Deans and Presidents have essential roles but limited ways of directing the academic evolution of their campuses. Ideas coming from the faculty and presented for approval and support generally have more successful lifetimes than do ideas developed by executives and directed from above. I have learned this fact of academic life as both a long-time faculty member and as an occasional academic administrator. (Without getting into exactly how I learned this, suffice it to say that good judgment comes

One of the events was a webinar. Rather than showcasing only the incumbent of the Chair, as most such named lectureships do, this one engaged law faculty, medical faculty, lawyers, doctors and representatives of patients in a joint focus on the effects of medical liability law for patient safety and healthcare quality.

All of these possibilities and more are before the Faculty even now, as it considers the possibilities, the needs and the resources required to meet them. These are not new issues for the Law Center. While the process of curricular deliberation was encouraged and facilitated by the Gitenstein grant, the grant was at least as much the result of the Law Center's ongoing attention to educational enhancements in Healthcare Law as it was the occasion for them. The Law Faculty already includes, for example, one senior member with both a J.D. and an M.D. (Ted Silver), two others with experience and teaching

from bad experience, which in turn comes from having exercised bad judgment.)

The point is that successful innovations are more likely to be those that grow from members of the faculty themselves, exploring interactions and common interests and, as much by way of serendipity as plan, weaving new multi-colored fabrics for programs in teaching, or research, or service, or all of those. That serendipity may be easier to achieve on a single campus than it is at a multi-campus institution, but it's not impossible by any means. One way to do it is

Aging In Place

to do almost anything that brings the several faculties and their students together, around projects that have significant resonance for all of them. Thus two concrete initiatives were planned during the Spring semester of 2014. One of them was completed; the other is well underway at the time of this writing. Both have extensive involvement of the faculties of the law school and of the health science campuses.

The other of the two events took place at the Law Center campus on June 20. It was an invitational conference titled “Aging in Place.” Its focus was the challenges to health policy created by the aging of America, and particularly by the aging of the populations of New York in general and of Long Island in particular. That demographic trend is of central importance to the world of health law and healthcare policy. One of the most insistent problems in health care policy is the seemingly uncontrollable “cost curve” – the growth in health-related expenditures that has made the United States an outlier, alone on the planet in the portion of its total GDP devoted to health, and that by a factor of almost twice the runner-up (Norway) and far more than the developed-country mean. A prime contributor to the future of the cost curve is this one demographic change. In 2004 there were 36 million people in America over the age of 65. In 2030 it is estimated to be double that, to 72 million – about one person in every five. At the same time, the pressure to “bend” the cost curve was one of the most potent forces –

second only to the plight of the uninsured – behind the push for healthcare reform. Older people are simultaneously among the most expensive parts of the problem and of necessity a focal point for cost reduction. At the same time, the cohort of the aging is in general the group with the most chronic and complex needs. Thus we have entered an era in which we will simultaneously have less but will need to do more.

“Aging in Place” is a moniker for one set of possible solutions – initiatives that may alter the institution-centric / acute-care centric / clinical care-dominant character of much of American health care. Addressing the problem will ineluctably create legal issues, from the world of legislative policy to the implementation of new rules of entitlement. Few topics in health law and policy could be more timely. And few topics could better be a common ground for inter-disciplinary and inter-campus initiatives at Touro. Centers of excellence in aging, services to the aging, legal problems of the aging, and health care problems of the aging are already well in place. Creating the Conference built an institutional framework for bringing them together – and for creating both institutional and personal relationships across the University’s faculties.

The Aging in Place initiative was by every measure a success due largely to the efforts of the Law Center’s Administrative staff and those of Bob Abrams, Robert Canon and Joan Foley at the Law Center, and to

Deborah Viola at the Medical School and Andrew Siegal at the School of Health Sciences. It garnered the support of the New York AARP, and the participation of the Alzheimer’s Foundation of America, of the New York Office for Aging, the Health and Welfare Council of Long Island, and forty participants from government, from the for-profit healthcare sector and the non-profit sector. The same group will meet a second time, to apply what they shared during the first event to the development of concrete projects and initiatives – legal, medical and social – for application to the challenges of Aging in Place in New York, and by example perhaps beyond.

Woody Allen is credited with the observation that “Time is nature’s way of keeping everything from happening at once.” The evolution of health law studies at Touro is and will be a careful, deliberate process, unfolding over time initiatives and enhancements built on existing strengths and shaped by the needs of the public, of the profession, and of Touro’s present and future students. Steven Jay Gould – speaking from a genre rather different from Woody Allen’s – is famous for the hypothesis that evolution occurs through “punctuated equilibriums,” rather than being either continuously rapid or smoothly continuous. Both metaphors fit the Spring 2014 Gitenstein Semester. Following Gould, what a great punctuation mark the Gitenstein Foundation has made! And what a privilege it was to have been there at the time.

FACULTY ON THE *MOVE*



Rodger Citron
Serving as
Associate Dean
for Academic
Affairs

Following
the tenure
of Professor

Deborah Post, who served for three years and has returned to the faculty full time, Professor Rodger Citron has been serving as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs since July 2014.

“Dean Citron brings tremendous energy and dedication to our students, faculty and staff,” said Dean Salkin. “As a member of our faculty, Rodger has proven himself to be a leader who is thoughtful, resourceful and creative. I look forward to continuing to work with him as we implement our five year strategic plan for the Law Center.”

Touro Law has completely revamped its educational programs in response to the changing legal profession. The changes, including curricular reform, began this Fall for incoming students but will have positive impacts on students at every level. Dean Citron will play an integral role in implementing these changes over the next several years and evaluating the success of the program. Dean Citron stated, “Touro Law is committed to experiential learning and access to justice, and I look forward to working with the Dean and the faculty to make sure we continue improving our programs in those areas.”

Citron is a graduate of Yale College, Phi Beta Kappa and summa cum laude, and Yale Law School, where he was a senior editor of the Yale Law Journal and a recipient of the C. LaRue Munson Prize for excellence in clinical work. After law school, Citron clerked for the Hon. Thomas N. O’Neill, Jr., of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Before becoming a law professor, he worked as a trial attorney at the United States Department of Justice, a director at FindLaw, Inc., and an attorney-advisor at the Federal Communications Commission.



Joan Foley
Named
Third Kermit
Gitenstein
Distinguished
Professor of
Health Law
& Policy

Dean Patricia Salkin is pleased to announce that Associate Professor Joan Foley has been named the Kermit Gitenstein Distinguished Professor of Health Law & Policy for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Professor Foley is the Co-Editor of Touro Law Center’s newest journal—The Journal of Aging, Longevity, and Law. She has been active in Touro Law’s Aging and Longevity Law Institute. She was a lead organizer for the Touro College and University’s System inaugural “Aging in Place: A Stakeholder’s Conference on Care, Health Care, Finance, and the Law” in which she delivered the closing remarks in June 2014. She has worked for the past two years with previous Gitenstein Chairs Dean Edward Dauer and Professor Deseriee Kennedy in helping to build a more visible and meaningful presence for Touro Law within the region.

Professor Foley graduated from the New York University School of Law. Prior to joining the Touro Law Center faculty in 2009, she was a faculty member at the University of Washington School of Law. Previously, she was a partner at the law firm of Gordon Thomas Honeywell in Seattle, Washington. Her practice focused on health law, complex litigation, appellate litigation, and environmental litigation.

She serves on a number of boards of professional and non-profit organizations. She is the Secretary to the Federal Bar Association – Eastern District of New York Chapter Board, a Steering Committee Member of the Laurel Rubin Farm Worker Justice Project, and she was recently appointed to a leadership position in the American Bar Association’s Health Law Section as Vice-Chair of Publication Book Editorial Board for the 2015-2016 Bar Year.



Professor
Meredith R.
Miller Named
Director of
Solo & Small
Practice
Initiatives

Professor Meredith R. Miller was appointed as the Director of Solo & Small Practice Initiatives. In this role, she will provide support to the existing Touro Law post-graduate incubator, continue to develop Touro Law’s hands-on solo & small practice concentration and develop synergies between the incubator and the concentration curriculum.

“Seventy percent of American lawyers in private practice are in solo or small firms and trends demonstrate more and more interest in solo and small firm practice. While we have innovative programs already in place, there is great opportunity for Touro Law to continue its leadership in this area,” stated Dean Salkin.

Professor Miller will work to ensure that Touro Law students are afforded the most cutting-edge curriculum and hands-on learning opportunities to prepare them for the realities of solo and small firm practice. She will host information sessions for students, identify speakers and adjuncts for programs and courses, and build relationships with alumni and practicing attorneys. In addition, she will collaborate with coordinating attorneys at the incubator, build a curriculum for incubator attorneys and assist in transition plans for those attorneys. She will take the lead in developing synergies between Touro Law, the incubator and the legal community.

Both the concentration and the incubator fit within Touro Law’s new Portals to Practice curriculum providing a multi-dimensional approach for students to learn while gaining hands-on experience. This concentration is an integrated program of instruction that incrementally immerses students in the skills development required for entering solo or small practice.

STAFF ON THE *MOVE*



New Assistant Dean for Career Services

Jim Montes, Esq. was appointed Assistant Dean for Career

Services at Touro Law Center. Having been a partner at the global law firm Nixon Peabody LLP, he remains an active member of the legal community while overseeing the delivery of quality career services for both students and alumni.



Joan Clay Hired as Practitioner in Residence for Mortgage & Foreclosure Clinic

Joan Clay was hired as the

Practitioner in Residence for the Mortgage and Foreclosure Clinic. She is teaching, supervising and mentoring students in the Mortgage Foreclosure Clinic as they provide representation to Suffolk County homeowners facing foreclosure of their primary residences.



Cynara Hermes McQuillan Hired as Assistant Director of Bar Programs and Academic Development

Cynara Hermes McQuillan was appointed as the Assistant Director of Bar Programs and Academic Development. In this role, McQuillan works with students on an individual basis, coordinates and provides skills training workshops, develops student learning materials, coordinates and teaches bar-preparation programs and implements new services relevant to enhancing the academic experience for Touro Law students.



Erica Edwards O'Neal Appointed as Director of Diversity and Inclusion

Erica Edwards-O'Neal

has been appointed Director of Diversity and Inclusion. In her new role, she is providing leadership and training on matters relating to valuing diversity and cultural competence, and she is assisting the dean in guiding the development and implementation of a comprehensive plan focused on embedding effective diversity and inclusion practices for the law school. Edwards-O'Neal will continue in her role as Senior Director of Career Services as well.



Melissa Luckman Working as Staff Attorney in the Disaster Relief Clinic

Melissa H. Luckman, is

working as a staff attorney in the Disaster Relief Clinic. She was born and raised in New York, New York. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Long Island University in 2006 with PSI CHI Honors, and her Juris Doctor degree from Touro College's Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center in 2010.



VISITING FACULTY ON THE MOVE



Professor Patrick Connors Appointed Scholar in Residence

Touro Law Center Dean Patricia Salkin is pleased to announce that Professor Patrick Connors has been appointed Scholar in Residence for the Fall 2015 semester. Professor Connors is teaching New York Practice.

“Professor Connors is the authoritative scholar in New York Practice. His years of scholarship and teaching, drafting and consulting work, will be a great asset to our law school community. Our students will benefit greatly from his experience and expertise and there is already a buzz in the community about the fact that he will be in residence at Touro Law this fall,” stated Dean Patricia Salkin.

Professor Patrick Connors grew up in Mineola, where he resided until moving upstate for his clerkship with Judge Richard D. Simons in 1998. He first visited Touro Law in the summer of 1993, when he was a Reporter for the Committee on New York

Pattern Jury Instructions (“PJI”). Professor Connors served in that role until 2004, working closely with its chair, Prof. Leon Lazer, and Professor Eileen Kaufman, who was also a Reporter for the Committee.

Professor Connors’s first contact with Albany Law School was, coincidentally, with Dean Patricia Salkin, who recruited him to present an ethics CLE in 1999. Professor Connors left private practice to teach New York Civil Practice and Professional Responsibility at Albany Law School in 2000, where he continued to work closely with Dean Salkin on several programs over the next decade. Prior to joining the Albany Law School faculty he was an Adjunct Professor of Law at Syracuse University College of Law where he taught Professional Responsibility from 1991 to 1999.

Professor Connors stated, “Based on my history with the school, I know Touro Law to be a vibrant school with an active student body, accomplished alumni community, and dedicated faculty. I look forward to returning to Long Island and teaching New York Civil Practice at Touro in the fall of 2015.”

He received his B.A. degree from Georgetown University and his J.D. degree from St. John’s Law School, where he was an editor of the Law Review and research assistant to Professor David D. Siegel.

Upon graduation from St. John’s in 1988, Professor Connors served as a personal law clerk to Judge Richard D. Simons of the New York Court of Appeals until 1991. From 1991 until May of 2000 he was an associate and then member of the litigation department at Hancock & Estabrook, LLP, in Syracuse, New York.

Commencing with the January 2013 supplement, Professor Connors became the author for Siegel, New York Practice

(5th ed.). In addition, he is the author of the McKinney’s Practice Commentaries for CPLR Article 22, Stay, Motions, Orders and Mandates, Article 23, Subpoenas, Oaths and Affirmations, Article 30, Remedies and Pleading, and Article 31, Disclosure. He also authors the Practice Commentaries for the New York Rules of Professional Conduct (available on Westlaw; in progress) and several articles in the Surrogate’s Court Procedure Act. He is also the author of the New York Practice column and the annual Court of Appeals Roundup on New York Civil Practice, which are published in the New York Law Journal. His publications have been cited in over 140 reported cases.

He is a member of the New York State Bar Association’s Committee on Professional Ethics. He served on the New York State Attorney Grievance Committee for the Fifth Judicial District from 1997 until 2000.

He was the Reporter for the New York State Bar Association’s Special Committee on the Code of Judicial Conduct, which published a report recommending substantial amendments to New York’s Code of Judicial Conduct. He was also the Reporter for the New York State Bar Association’s Task Force on Non-lawyer Ownership of Law Firms.

He is a member of the Office of Court Administration’s Advisory Committee on Civil Practice and served as a member of the New York State Bar Association’s CPLR Committee from 2003 through 2007.

Professor Connors is a frequent lecturer at continuing legal education seminars on recent developments in New York Practice, professional ethics and legal malpractice.



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We are extremely proud of the fact that in the past three years Touro Law has raised more than \$11.3 million in new gifts, pledges and bequest commitments from all sources. These funds include dollars raised for endowed chairs, programs, scholarships, and so much more.

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- Our Liberty & Justice Dinner raised close to \$200,000 and honored builders and community leaders.
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- Government grants for Bankruptcy and Mortgage Foreclosure, Senior Citizen Programs, and Family Law continue to allow Touro Law to serve the community while educating the next generation of lawyers who will form the base of our local bar and bench for many years to come.
- Fundraising for our Disaster Relief Clinic continues to be successful with a \$75,000 grant from the Robin Hood Foundation.
- Two years ago the Class of 2013, in a first-time program, raised approximately \$1,500 for a Class Gift with a giving percentage of 33%. Last year the class of 2014 raised close to \$2,500 for a Class Gift with a participation rate of 63.24%; and in FY 2014-2015, the Class of 2015 has raised more than \$3,000 with a participation rate of 70%. This shows remarkable student leadership – and bodes well for our future.
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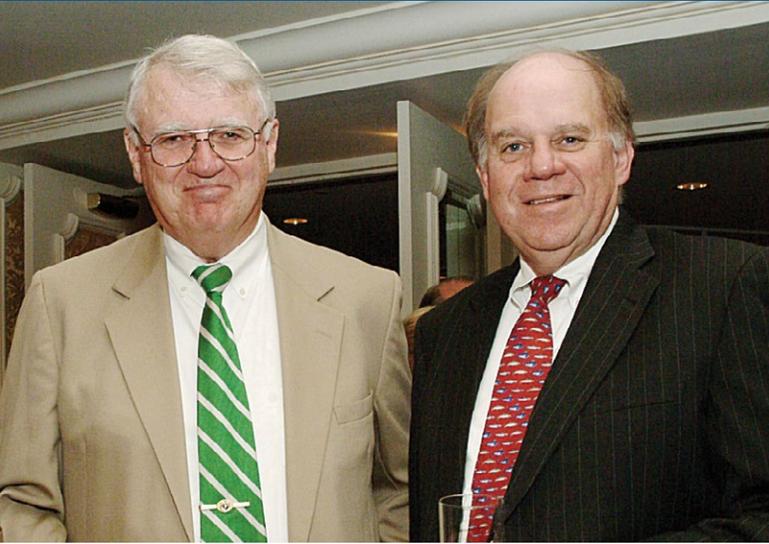
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The Shirley Fuchsberg Scholarship – Established in 2013 by the Fuchsberg Family in memory of their mother, Shirley Fuchsberg, a longtime supporter and friend of Touro Law. The scholarship is awarded, based on an application, to a rising 2L (FT/PT) or rising 3L (five-year PT) female student who shows academic promise and who best exemplifies Shirley Fuchsberg's commitment to Touro Law.

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Luis Pagan Leadership Scholarship – Established in 2014 by the Long Island Hispanic Bar Association (LIHBA) Community Service Fund with the goal of enhancing the diversity of the student population at Touro Law Center and in the Long Island legal profession. The scholarship is awarded to a student who is a member of Touro Law Center’s Latin American Law Student Association (LALSA) with a demonstrated commitment to Long Island and the Hispanic community.

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The John Santucci Justice Scholarship – Established in 2013 by Thomas Santucci, a 1983 Touro Law graduate, and his family and friends in honor of his father John Santucci, a former District Attorney of Queens and a longtime friend to Touro Law Center. The scholarship is awarded to a rising 2L (FT/PT) or rising 3L (five-year PT) student whose profile demonstrates a commitment to perseverance and personal integrity.

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The Gerald J. Scher Moot Court Scholarship – established in 2013 by Florence Hessen Scher, a 1985 Touro Law graduate, in honor of her late husband. The scholarship is awarded to a student who is an incoming member of the Touro Law Center Moot Court Board.

Tsunis Family Scholarship – established in 2014 by John Tsunis. The scholarship is awarded annually to a student with an interest in land use and/or real estate law.

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 student who has demonstrated exceptional academic promise along with a proven commitment to community service.

Securing the Future

Join the Touro Law Legacy Society



As befitting an Institution that has just celebrated the 35th 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 have created the Touro Law Center Legacy Society with lead gifts from Florence Hessen-Scher '85 and Bruce K. Gould '84. 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 who have remembered Touro Law Center as a beneficiary of a will, trust, retirement plan, 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. 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.

If you have already included Touro Law in your estate plans, please let us know so we may include you among the donors we recognize in our Legacy Society.

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 offer potential tax advantages, while retaining the benefit of lifetime income for the donor. A planned gift may allow you to make a much larger gift, and create a significant legacy, than you might imagine possible. A planned gift may be revocable, giving you the flexibility of altering 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 can be income tax benefits.

Please let us know if you have included Touro Law Center in your will so that we have the opportunity to recognize your philanthropy during your lifetime. Your gift is not binding on you or your estate, but informing us of your current plans will help us plan for the Law School’s future. Please note, you should speak to your financial planner, lawyer, and/or tax advisor before making any gifts.

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 without your permission 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, Patricia Marcin ’85, and Dana Mark ’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 months.

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THE TOURO LAW LEGACY SOCIETY

Florence Hessen-Scher '85

Gratitude Drives Generosity of Touro Law Alum Florence Hessen-Scher, Charter Member of Touro Law's Legacy Society — *by Hilari Graff*

Profound appreciation for her law school experiences and the nurturing environment she was privileged to enjoy at Touro Law Center has inspired alumna Florence Hessen-Scher, class of 1985, to give back in a generous manner – she is bequeathing \$1 million in her will to Touro Law.

“Touro Law gave me a chance when others would not. The school changed my life in such a positive way that it is hard to put into words. I was provided with opportunities that I never would have had if Touro Law had not given me that chance [she was accepted into the law school in 1982],” explained Hessen-Scher.

“Law school is extremely competitive, and while I was challenged as a student at Touro, the professors and staff treat students with more of a family attitude with a genuine desire to see students succeed,” she continued. “This is quite rare in a law school environment.”

With this charitable gift, Hessen-Scher becomes a charter member of the school's Legacy Society, a designation that makes her feel “quite honored” and reaffirms the significant role Touro Law played in her life. She hopes the gift can be applied to the development of the law school so it remains current with the changing times. “I always promised myself when graduating from Touro that if I were in a position, I would give back to the school,” she acknowledged.

“I would encourage any alum that no matter what size the gift, to donate to the law school. It gives you a terrific sense of pride along with many other positive feelings.”

Hessen-Scher's bequest is not the first time she has given back to Touro Law. She previously set up a moot court scholarship in the name of her late husband, Gerald J. Scher. “When in school, I was one of the charter members of the Moot Court Board with Professor Gary Shaw as our faculty advisor,” she noted. “This was such a positive experience so I designated that gift to fund an organization that teaches such valuable lessons of legal research and writing together with advocacy, which are very important skills for a lawyer.”

Hessen-Scher's desire to become a lawyer began at the young age of nine while growing up in Sands Point, Long Island, and was shaped by two experiences in her youth – watching her first Perry Mason show, a weekly drama that aired in the 1950s and 1960s, and visiting her father, Jules J. L. Hessen, at his law firm (Hahn & Hessen, LLP, a mid-sized law office still housed in New York City).

Her time at Touro Law was filled with intense study and inspiring engagement with her peers and educators. She credits Professor Shaw, who taught a criminal procedure course during her second year, as her most influential instructor at Touro

Law because of his tireless dedication to encouraging students to perform at the highest levels. “Touro Law taught me to chart a path towards a goal and work like hell to achieve said goal,” she said. “Hard work and discipline are essential for a person to be successful in the legal field since this profession is quite serious in dealing with people's lives.”

After graduating Touro Law, Hessen-Scher briefly worked at several law firms in New York and New Jersey before going out on her own under the entity Florence F. Hessen, Esq. LLC, which she continued after relocating to Florida in 2005. She handled real estate, corporate and appellate cases as well as conducted criminal defense work and litigation.

Her general love of animals was the impetus behind the next chapter in her life. “When I retired four years ago, I fell into a sweet deal for a pregnant horse, built a barn, and as such, the rest is history,” she remarked. “I like to tease and state that I morphed from a lawyer girl to a horse gal, and I've become reasonably successful at breeding horses.”

Although now retired, the Wellington, FL resident stays tapped into her profession and provides legal consultancy at a reduced rate to those navigating the court system.

“I have been truly blessed in my years, and Touro Law was an essential element in achieving my goals and terrific life.”



THE TOURO LAW LEGACY SOCIETY

Bruce K. Gould '84

Bruce K. Gould '84 Bestows Legacy Gift To Enrich Touro Law's Legal Education — *by Hilari Graff*

The experience alumnus Bruce K. Gould, class of 1984, encountered at Touro Law Center was life-changing. He became a critical thinker, embarked on a path of self-discovery, and developed the leadership skills that served him well during his career.

When education is this inspiring and impactful, it motivates graduates such as Gould to ensure that this enriching experience grows stronger for future students. So, to continue enhancing the quality of education at Touro Law Center, Gould has generously decided to leave a gift of \$500,000 to the law school in the form of his life insurance policy.

"I made this gift because I had a number of insurance policies on my life when I was in business with my family. Several of those policies were no longer necessary but still had value," explained Gould, 54. "I decided to donate the policy to the school, which is similar to appreciated property. It may not be worth the face value today, but upon my death the school will receive a much larger tax-free gift."

Bestowing this gift makes Gould a charter member of Touro Law's Legacy Society, a group of alumni, faculty and other individuals who are including the law school in their wills, trusts or other planned philanthropic gifts. "Over my lifetime, I have donated legacy gifts to a few different charities that I believe strongly in prospering long after I'm gone," shared Gould. "Many people don't realize they have appreciated policies that if sold will

have significant tax implications. Gifting life insurance, appreciated stock or property, or using a planned gift annuity or trust will enable them to make a much larger contribution to the charity they love and save tax dollars today."

For those considering granting a legacy gift, Gould encourages alumni to "do it" especially since the laws on these types of gifts are constantly in flux. "If you want to make a gift to a charity and you want to get the pleasure of it during your lifetime, do it sooner rather than later," he noted.

Becoming a lawyer was destiny for Gould. "Most people who knew my family as I was growing up would say being a lawyer was the 'family business' since my father was an attorney," quipped Gould. "In all seriousness, it was a natural fit for going into the family business, and with a concentration in copyright and trademark law, I was able to utilize my degree in legal publishing."

When applying to law school, Gould (who spent the first part of his life in Queens and his teen years in upstate New York) knew he wanted to stay in the greater metropolitan New York City area. Touro was "a new and upcoming law school in the heart of New York City" with tremendous possibilities. He described the school as a "close-knit community" where the "faculty, students and administration all bonded." He received a stellar education and found that classes such as Trust and Estates, Creditors Rights and Constitutional Law were particularly beneficial in his professional life.

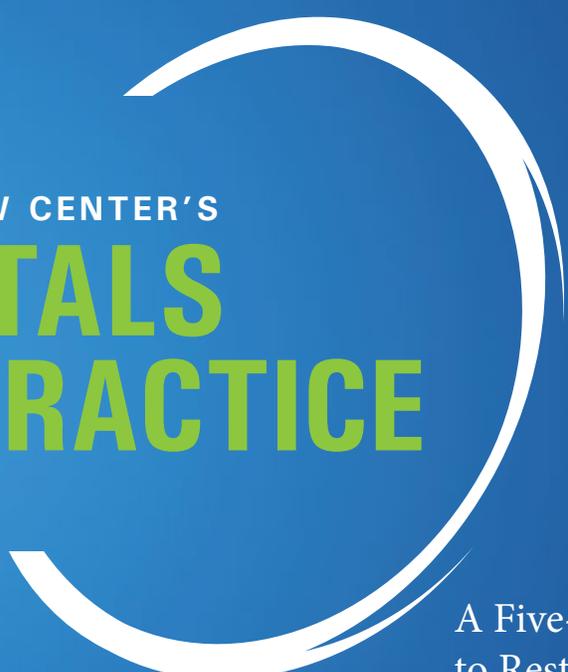
"I loved law school. I really found myself during those three years," said Gould. "I became a good student, I made some life-long friends, and I found my calling by getting involved in the Student Bar Association as President, organizing and leading a new organization to be a change agent for the student body."

"The degree you receive in law school can be applied to any profession," he continued. "I don't think you should feel pigeon-holed to just become an attorney. Look to utilize your degree in the corporate world, the entertainment industry or the non-profit sector."

Gould spent 20 years at his family's publishing business (Gould Publications, Inc.) – specializing in treatises and statutory publishing for the law enforcement, legal and educational communities – until it was sold in 2004.

Now a resident of Orlando, Gould handles private practice and legal consulting work in Florida. He holds an advanced certification of Master of Laws (LL.M) in trade regulations from New York University and serves on numerous charitable and philanthropic boards including the Touro Law Center's Board of Governors.

The successful blend of a first-rate education with meaningful relationships forged with professors and students continues to distinguish Touro Law, and the experiences are invaluable. Noted Gould, "I enjoyed my time at Touro and felt like it was an extension of my family."



TOURO LAW CENTER'S
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A Five-Year Strategic Plan to Restructure Legal Education

Touro Law Center implemented a five-year strategic plan called **Portals to Practice**. This program reconceives and restructures the law school experience. Portals to Practice expands the scope and quality of legal education by focusing on the development of legal professionals, from pre-law through post-graduation.

Each of the portals prepares Touro Law students for the practice of law by integrating the knowledge, skills and values learned in law school classrooms with experiential opportunities that encourage students to develop and apply to the real world what they've learned inside the walls of law school. The traditional continuum of legal education is transformed from a chronological sequence of learning to a multidimensional portal to the profession. At the center of the portals is an innovative curriculum that provides Touro Law students with immersive and sequential programs in diverse fields of practice. Over the course of their legal education, from their admission to law school through their admission to the bar, Touro Law students will be engaged in increasingly complex practice activities. The portals are designed to contemporaneously expose students to sequenced coursework and practice opportunities that correlate with the level of doctrinal and skills development students have achieved. The curricular offerings embedded into the portals positions our students to enter the legal profession competently and confidently in a range of settings, including private practice in a solo, small or large firm, public interest organization, government office, or a law-related field where a J.D. is preferred.

Touro Law's commitment to excellence in teaching, scholarship and service on the part of our faculty, to professionalism and dedication to service on the part of our students and alumni, to access to a legal education for all qualified students, and to access to justice for the vulnerable members of our community, informs the substance of each of our portals. While the four portals are chronologically organized, they are interdependent in terms of how they create competent and ethical members of the legal profession. Students enter the first portal during their first year where, traditionally, they are taught legal doctrine; Touro Law students are also provided with meaningful and appropriate opportunities to engage in practice-related activities and learn professional values, working with litigants before the end of their first year. Even in this first portal, there is a merging of doctrine, theory and practice skills, but at a level that a first-year student can master. The second portal continues the learning begun in the first portal, focusing as much on continuing to develop core competencies related to substantive law, through sequenced courses in concentrations or other fields of practice, as on skills related directly to practice. The learning process is incremental, growing in complexity as the student moves through the portal. In the third portal, during an apprenticeship final year, students immerse themselves in practice through clinical education, externships, advanced coursework in concentrations, and licensure activities. The balance among knowledge, value, skills may alter somewhat within the portals, but each area is an integral part of the student's educational experience, from the first through the final portal. The final portal reflects the Law Center's commitment to the transitional and integration of our students into the profession, including an opportunity to participate in an incubator program for entry-level attorneys.

PORTAL ONE:

INTRODUCTION TO LAW AND LAWYERING

During the 1L year, Touro Law students learn foundational legal doctrine and are provided with enhanced and meaningful opportunities to engage in practice-related activities. Upon entering law school, students are quickly introduced to the professional values inherent in access to justice activities and to pro bono initiatives offered by the law school.

PORTAL TWO:

DEVELOPING COMPETENCIES – INTEGRATING DOCTRINE & PRACTICE

Through the second portal, students continue to learn substantive law but focus equally on the development of other core competencies necessary to the practice of law. Touro Law offers 2L students opportunities for in-depth and focused studies through optional concentrations in specific fields of practice, complementing the offerings of our Institutes and Centers.

PORTAL THREE:

THE APPRENTICESHIP AND LICENSURE YEAR

The third portal encompasses an apprenticeship year – a two semester period during which students focus on their entry into the profession by enrolling in clinics, legal externships and courses that prepare students for the bar exam.

PORTAL FOUR:

POST-GRADUATION EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Portals to Practice includes a commitment to recent Touro Law graduates. Alumni are offered continued support through the Career Services Office, ongoing professional development workshops, networking opportunities, Continuing Legal Education courses sponsored by Touro Law and an opportunity to learn how to open a law practice.

FOUR CONCENTRATIONS AT TOURO LAW:

Touro Law now has four concentrations for students who want to study a specific field of law in depth. Concentrations offer advanced training and provide intense study for students who are ready to focus on a specific area of study.

As the older segment of our nation's population increases there will be a greater need for lawyers trained in the specialized skills and knowledge needed to assist the elderly and their families. The institutions that provide medical and other services to the elderly, legislatures and government and private agencies that develop laws, programs and policies that affect the aging require lawyers with broad knowledge of the law and sensitive understanding of the circumstances of today's elders and the challenges they will confront in the future. Allied with the Aging and Longevity Institute, Touro Law Center now offers students an opportunity to concentrate in this growing field of law. The concentration in **Aging and Longevity Law** will prepare students to begin careers in elder law, health law, health regulatory compliance, wealth preservation or health care administration, all burgeoning areas of law practice that offer promising career paths.

Touro Law's Concentration in **Criminal Law** is designed to aid students in their pursuit of careers as prosecutors and defense attorneys by offering a course of study in criminal law theory, advocacy skills development, and experiential learning through clinics and externships. When prospective employers review the records of our concentration students, they will be assured that these job applicants have the requisite substantive law knowledge and skills training to be highly successful attorneys in this specialized field of legal practice.

The **Solo and Small Practice Concentration** bridges the gap between the doctrinal knowledge and practical competencies taught in law school and those necessary to successfully operate a solo practice. This concentration focuses students on courses where they will build the diverse set of business, legal, and interpersonal skills necessary in solo and small firm practice. For example, courses required for the concentration include Interviewing, Negotiating and Counseling, Law Practice Management, Selected Topics in Ethics for Solo and Small Firm Practice, and New York Legal Research. In addition to these courses students will have the opportunity to work with practitioners on simulated cases that will involve the types of matters likely to present themselves in a solo practice. Following that experience, students will work on actual cases in a law office setting. Participation in this concentration will eliminate the mystery that often terrifies the new practitioner. The goal of this concentration is to help students succeed both in business and as a high-caliber attorney.

The concentration in **Land Use & Sustainable Development Law** prepares students for a wide range of diverse practices, including practices in the areas of Construction, Environmental Law and Sustainability, Fair Housing, Land Use Planning and Zoning, Real Estate, or State or Local Government Law. Graduates who have taken this concentration will have specialized knowledge and skills that should be attractive to many employers in the for-profit, public interest, and government sectors, and provide a useful grounding for those who embark on solo practice.

"This approach to legal education fuses the traditional gap between theory and practice, between the academy and the practicing bar. By integrating skills and doctrine beginning in the first year and incrementally increasing exposure to hands-on training we are preparing students for the realities of practice, training them to be successful legal professionals and supporting them in their endeavors beyond law school. This is an outstanding program that will surely have a profound impact on our students and future Touro Law alumni."

—Myra Berman,
Associate Dean for Experiential Learning

Remembering Harry Reicher

by Lawrence Raful



Professor Harry Reicher, of blessed memory, used to enjoy telling a story about two Jews learning that Hitler was planning to come down a certain street at noon on a certain day. They decide to assassinate him. The day arrived, and the two Jews were in hiding, guns drawn. At noon, no Hitler; By twelve fifteen, still no sign of Die Fuhrer. At 12:30, still nothing.

One Jew turns to the other Jew and says, “Gosh, I hope nothing’s happened to him!”

When the Touro Law community lost Harry last year, I recalled how he giggled when he told that story. And truth be told, the fact that he told this little tale encapsulates all you need to know about Harry Reicher, a brilliant scholar, a gifted teacher, and most

twinkling eyes. When Harry died, what so many people here at Touro told me was that more than anything else, they were going to miss that signature smile. He was truly beloved here, and when we lost him, it was a devastating loss to our community.

Harry Reicher was born in Prague, but grew up in Australia, so part of his charm was this bearded, Hassidic figure, modestly dressed, with a deep Australian accent, “I come from way down South,” he used to joke. He first made his reputation as a brilliant tax lawyer, but he later broadened his expertise to include international law, international human rights (Harry was a fearsome and tireless advocate for the indigenous peoples of Australia), and then Law and the Holocaust, in which he

became the acknowledged expert. He was completing his much-anticipated casebook on this topic when he died, but his family hopes to publish it posthumously.

One of Harry’s most important roles was serving for nine years as Representative to the United Nations of Agudath Israel World Organization, a 100+-year-old international NGO, which has consultative status with the world body. Harry dedicated himself to promotion of international human rights, with special emphasis on freedom of religion. He was heavily involved in Holocaust-era restitution, reparations and compensation.

Prof. Reicher wrote all the time – books, law review and journal entries, magazine and newspaper articles, op-ed pieces – in English and in Yiddish (his first language!). He was a leading member of Brooklyn’s Hassidic Bobover community, bridging the world between his deeply religious community and the secular world.

Harry is survived by his wife and his beloved son Aaron. To say that he will be missed at Touro Law is simply too inelegant an expression. He was part of our fabric, a life force, a magnet, a moral compass. May he rest in peace.



Harry Reicher speaking at Touro Holocaust Museum Reception in 2011.

importantly, a wonderful human. He dedicated his life to teaching law students, lawyers and judges, and everyone else who listened to him, about the Holocaust. He was one of the most educated people in the world about the Shoah, and in his specialty, the legal dimensions of the Holocaust, he was without peer.

He loved being a Jew, and he loved the history, culture and faith of the Jewish people. And while he lived his life consumed by the greatest crime in the history of the world, he lived his life with humor and kindness, a most gentle man, always with a smile and

A REMARKABLE WOMAN

Barbara Mehrman

A Part of Touro Law's Legacy



Barbara Mehrman served as Assistant Dean of Career Services at Touro Law from 1989 to 2006, then as Assistant Dean Emeritus until 2011. During her tenure, Barbara worked tirelessly and selflessly for the students, the alumni and the advancement of a law school that, at the time, was new to the area and not well known in the surrounding legal communities.

Barbara had worked for nine years with the Suffolk County Bar Association and their Academy of Law. She was a known entity in the legal community for her innovative programs, passion for helping to provide access to justice and dedication to women and children's issues. Dean Glickstein, realizing that Barbara was a major presence in the legal community with an inclination toward public interest, recognized she would be a great fit for Touro Law. Dean Glickstein recruited Barbara to head the Office of Career Services.

"Barbara's work ethic and presence in the community helped raise the profile of Touro Law during a critical time in our history. We were a new law school with relatively few connections on Long Island. Barbara worked unremittingly for the institution, including

our students and alumni. She was able to establish relationships on our behalf, build bridges and she helped put Touro Law on the map. Hiring Barbara Mehrman was one of the best decisions I had made as dean. She helped propel the law center, setting us on the path to our current status," said Howard Glickstein.

Barbara was a valued, respected and revered member of the Touro Law family. She spent many of her days in the early years meeting with members of the bench and the bar to share stories of Touro Law students and school successes. She was passionate about helping to establish the law school and open doors for students and alumni.

Many alumni credit their current careers to her efforts on their behalf and remain thankful to Barbara. Jeanine Compitello, Class of 1990 stated, "Barbara always had the best interests of students in mind and she worked tirelessly to network and help find positions and opportunities for students."

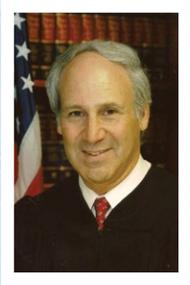
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Students and colleagues alike would trust Barbara with their problems – personal and professional. She always had time to lend an ear and some words of wisdom. Many Touro Law staff reflect on their early days and state that Barbara was one of their first friends, one of the first to reach out and welcome them. Barbara faced many of her own challenges during her tenure at Touro Law – from breast cancer to esophageal cancer – but she always continued to work, continued to be upbeat, continued to smile and continued to be a valued member of Touro Law community.

Barbara Mehrman is a cornerstone of Touro Law's growth and success and has touched many lives along the way. And, while she will be greatly missed, Barbara will never be forgotten by her Touro Law family.

TOURO LAW ALUMNI

On November 9, 2014 Touro Law installed the Touro Law Center Alumni Judicial Wall of Honor. This permanent portrait exhibit, located on the second floor of the law school, recognizes our alumni who have served, or are currently serving on the bench. Those recognized were invited to join the Dean and administration as well as students for a brunch reception to celebrate.



Honorable Merik R. Aaron '92
*Nassau County Family Court
Judge & Acting Supreme Court
Justice*



Honorable Anna Anzalone '86
*Justice of the Supreme Court,
Tenth Judicial District, State of
New York, Nassau County*



Honorable Anthony Beltrami '89
*Judge of the Court of Common
Pleas of Northampton County,
Pennsylvania*



Honorable Margaret Chan '93
*Acting Supreme Court Justice,
New York City Civil Court*



Honorable Bernard Cheng '94
*Suffolk County
Family Court Judge*



Honorable Rhonda Fischer '93
*Nassau County
District Court Judge*



Honorable Jeffrey A. Goodstein '97
*Acting Justice Nassau County
Supreme Court in the Tenth
Judicial District of New York/ New
York State Court of Claims*



Honorable Melissa B. Greenberger '94
*Acting Village Justice
of Lake Grove*



Honorable John Andrew Kay '05
*Suffolk County
District Court Judge*



Honorable Lynn R. Kotler '91
New York Civil Court Judge



Honorable Lewis Lubell '94
*Justice of the Supreme Court,
Ninth Judicial District, State of
New York, Putnam County*



Honorable Terence Murphy '93
*District Court Judge,
Second District, Nassau County*

JUDICIAL WALL of HONOR ESTABLISHED



Honorable Eileen Nadelson '84
Judge, New York City Civil Court, Retired



Honorable Gayle Nathan '88
District Court Judge, Family Division, Eighth Judicial District Court, Nevada



Honorable Joan Piccirillo '85
Bronx County Family Court Judge



Honorable Deborah Poulos '88
Suffolk County Family Court Judge



Honorable Lisa Rana '92
East Hampton Town Justice and Sag Harbor Acting Village Justice



Honorable Jeffrey Arlen Spinner '87
County Court Judge & Acting Justice Supreme Court



Honorable Barbara Wilson '92
Southampton Village Justice & Southampton Town Justice



Honorable Maria Vazquez-Doles '97
Justice of the Supreme Court, Ninth Judicial District, State of New York

WE ALSO WISH TO RECOGNIZE THE FOLLOWING ALUMNI:

Honorable Frank R. Cositore, Jr. '89
Malone Village Town Justice, Retired

Honorable Ellen Fishkin '91
Justice of the Head of the Harbor Village Court in Suffolk County

Honorable Jennifer Henry '93
Suffolk County District Court Acting County Court

Honorable Carol MacKenzie '13 (LLM)
Justice of the Suffolk County Supreme Court, 10th Judicial District of New York

Honorable Sonia Veras '90
Former Suffolk County District Court

Congratulations to our most recently elected judicial alumni:

Honorable Rachel Hahn '87
Westchester County Family Court

Honorable Thomas Rademaker '96
Nassau County Family Court

Faculty Notes

A RECAP OF FACULTY PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND ACCOLADES



HAROLD ABRAMSON

Professor of Law

Appointments: In November, 2014 Professor Abramson was selected by the International Academy of Mediators (IAM) to serve at their first Scholar-in-(virtual) Resident. In March 2015, he was selected by UNLV Saltman Center on Dispute Resolution to be one of first two Senior ADR Scholars. He was also selected again for International Who's Who of Commercial Mediation.

Presentations: ABA Planning Committee for International Mediation Summit in Delhi, February 2015 - Professor Abramson served on the planning committee for this International Summit and served as Chair of the Post-Summit Initiatives Subcommittee. At the Delhi Summit, he presented four times including opening the substantive sessions by introducing an opening that was designed to facilitate connections among the 150 participants and begin harvesting the collective wisdom of the group. He also facilitated the final plenary session. In addition, he participated on the panels of two programs. He presented on a plenary panel that focused on the UN new initiative to

draft an international treaty for enforcing mediated settlements. The panel was moderated by the head of UNCITRAL, the branch of the UN responsible for drafting the treaty. He also presented in a half day workshop on mediation advocacy. The subject was how to bridge cultural differences that may arise during an international mediation.

Treaty on Enforcement of Mediated Settlement Agreements Cross-Border - Professor Abramson is working with the U.S. State Department and UNCITRAL (UN Agency) on drafting a treaty for enforcing mediated settlement agreements cross-border. He participated in a series of meetings facilitated by the State Department, gave written feedback on draft proposals, and attended the meeting at the UN in July when the initiative was first presented, and he presented at the February UN meeting on why the treaty should cover the enforcement of non-monetary provisions.

International Academy of Mediators (IAM) - At the Chicago meeting of IAM in November, the Board of Directors approved a proposal to create a new program called Scholar-in-Residence (SIR Program) and the board selected him as their first SIR. Professor Abramson agreed to design this first of a kind program over year one and then serve in the role for year two. At this same Chicago meeting, he presented Nelson Mandela as Negotiator: What can we learn from him? In late May, 2014 at an IMI

Board Meeting - Professor Abramson facilitated a one and half-day strategic planning process for the Board of Directors of the IMI (International Mediation Institute), San Diego Advanced Mediation Program, AMATI (Association of Mediation Assessors, Trainers and Instructors).

In the Spring, AMATI, based in London, was launched. Professor Abramson was asked to serve on its founding advisory board and to present at its first conference in London in the fall. AMATI arranged for him to present by Skype. He presented on the need to design assessment techniques in training programs in order to determine whether trainees are learning what we are teaching.

PR International Institute for Dispute Resolution Awards Committee (December and January) - He served on an Awards Committee that reviewed nominations for the best law review article. ICC International Mediation Representation Competition-Ninth Annual, Paris, France (February) - He served as a mediator in this global competition. 16th Annual Conference of ABA Section of Dispute Resolution in Seattle (April) - At the ABA annual dispute resolution meeting, Professor Abramson presented on how to mediate intercultural disputes. La Trobe University, Australia - In June, he presented a program on mediation advocacy and intercultural mediations for the La Trobe University School of Law in Melbourne, Australia.



SARAH ADAMS-SCHOEN

Assistant Professor of Legal Process Director, Land Use & Sustainable Development Law Institute

Publications: Professor Adamn-Schoen published an article, *Of Old Dogs and New Tricks—Can Law Schools Really Fix Students' Fixed Mindsets?*, 19 J. Legal Writing 1 (2014), and contributed to a coauthored article, *A Response to the IPCC Fifth Assessment*, 45 *Env't L. Rep.* 10027 (2015), with Deepa Badrinarayana et al.). She was also an invited guest blogger on the Land Use Prof blog for September 2014, and published several essays: *Will Reed v. Town of Gilbert Require Municipalities Throughout the Country to Rewrite Their Sign Codes?*, 29 *Municipal Lawyer* 16 (2015); *New York's New Climate Change Resiliency Law*, 28 *Municipal Lawyer* 4 (Fall 2015); and *Land Use Law Update: The Court of Appeals Issues a Victory for Home Rule in Wallach v. Town of Dryden and Cooperstown Holstein Corp. v. Town of Middlefield*, 28 *Municipal Lawyer* 43 (Summer 2014). Her article *Sink or Swim: In Search of a Model for Coastal City Climate Change Resilience*, is forthcoming in volume 40 of the *Columbia Journal of Environmental Law*, and her article, *A Three-Legged Stool on Two Legs: Recent Federal*

Law Related to Local Climate Resilience Planning and Zoning, coauthored with Edward Thomas, is forthcoming in volume 47 of *The Urban Lawyer*.

Presentations: Professor Adamn-Schoen was the keynote speaker at the Coordinated Water Resource Monitoring Conference at Farmingdale State College, sponsored by the United States Geological Survey and N.Y. Department of State; presented on her forthcoming article “Sink or Swim: In Search of a Model for Coastal City Climate Change Resilience” at Columbia Law School’s annual climate change symposium; presented the “Hazard Mitigation Law Update” at the American Bar Association State and Local Government Law Section Spring Meeting; was a panel commentator on the panel “Putting the Pieces Together: New York State’s Community Risk & Resiliency Act, the Coastal Zone Management Act, LWRPs and Model Codes” at the Long Island Coastal Resiliency Summit at Touro Law Center; participated in the webinar “Municipal Certification for the NFIP Community Rating System” sponsored by the New York State Climate Smart Communities program and Molloy College Sustainability Institute; presented the “Masters Roundtable on Sea Level Rise and Land Use Issues” at the ABA Section of State and Local Government Law Young Lawyers Committee with Jessica A. Bacher, Executive Director of Pace Law School’s Land Use Law Center; was an invited commentator on the panel “Environmental Rights and Water Rights” at the New York Law School conference

on Twenty Years of South African Constitutionalism; co-facilitated the “Creating Livable Communities” working group of the Aging in Place Conference at Touro Law Center; presented on “The Role of Cities in Responding to the IPCC’s Fifth Assessment Report on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation” at the Environmental Law Collaborative meeting at the Teton Science School; was an invited participant at a “United Nations Special Session on Sustainable Urbanization and Green Innovation” hosted by the International Ecological Safety Collaborative Organization (IESCO), UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, UN Alliance of Civilizations, and UN-HABITAT; and presented her paper “Of Old Dogs and New Tricks—Can Law Schools Really Fix Students’ Fixed Mindsets?” at the Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute.

Professional Activities: She is the co-editor in chief of the *Municipal Lawyer*, a publication of the New York State Bar Association, and an Associate Editor of *Legal Communication & Rhetoric: JALWD*. She accepted invitations to serve in the following capacities: as the Vice Chair of the Environmental Law subcommittee and as a member of the Hazard Mitigation subcommittee of the ABA State and Local Government Law Section Land Use Committee, as the ABA State and Local Government Law Section’s liaison to the ABA Commission on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI), as a member of the steering committee of the American Planning Association New York Metro Chapter Long

Island section, as a participant in the Long Island Community Rating System (CRS) Users Group, and as a member of the Environmental Law Collaborative, a collaborative of environmental law professors from throughout the country.



FABIO ARCILA, JR.

Professor of Law, Associate Dean of Research & Scholarship

Publications: Professor Arcila published several essays: *Computer Age Search and Seizure Law*, *Suffolk Lawyer* (Suffolk County Bar Association Feb. 2015); *The Future of Scholarship in Law Schools*, 31 *Touro Law Review* 15 (2014); and *Nuance, Technology, & The Fourth Amendment: A Response to Predictive Policing and Reasonable Suspicion*, 63 *Emory Law Journal Online* 87 (2014).

Presentations: Professor Arcila presented “The Resurgence of Property Principles Under the Fourth Amendment” at the Brigham-Kanner Property Rights Conference at William & Mary Law School, as well as “The Plausibility Pleading-Discovery Nexus” at the Pace University Law School Faculty Workshop Series.

Professional Activities: He accepted an invitation to serve on the planning committee for the new AALS Associate and Research Dean Section.



RODGER CITRON

Professor of Law & Associate Dean of Academic Affairs

Publications: Professor Citron published the following law review articles: *From Kiobel Back to Structural Reform: the Hidden Legacy of Holocaust Restitution Litigation*, 2 *Stan. J. Complex Litigation* 139 (2014) (co-author with Leora Bilsky and Natalie Davidson); *A Life in the Law: An Interview with Drew Days*, 30 *Touro L. Rev.* 153 (2014) (also published online July 2013). He also published *An Assessment of Mayor Bloomberg’s Public Health Legacy*, featuring an interview with Professor Lawrence O. Gostin, in the *Municipal Lawyer*, and wrote two short articles for the online publication *Justia* (www.verdict.justia.com) in 2014.

Professional Activities: Professor Citron served as the moderator of a panel session on “Professional Opportunities for Lawyers in E-Discovery” held at Touro Law Center in October 2014.



SUZANNE DARROW-KLEINHAUS

Director of Academic Development and Bar Programs

Publications: *Mapping Contracts: Cases And Concepts*, co-authored with Sidney Kwestel, West Academic, January, 2015. *A Comparison of the New York Bar Exam and the Proposed Uniform Bar Exam*, with Mary Campbell Gallagher, New York State Bar Association Journal, February 2015. *How to Ace the Bar Exam*, National Jurist, January, 2015.



DANIEL DERBY

Professor and Director of International Programs

Professional Activities: Prof. Dan Derby was tapped for a project involving the American Bar Association and the U.S. State Department in conducting a review of Vietnam’s Criminal Code and Criminal Procedure Code. Both are in the process of amendment and the U.S. is offering comments on various

provisions of both codes that have been impacting adversely on human rights. Each of the codes features about 300 articles and a great number of changes are being proposed, but there are still provisions that do not comport with Vietnam’s obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Convention Against Torture. Vietnam is a party to both of those treaties.

Last November Prof. Derby presented a paper at a conference in Vietnam on implementation of the Convention Against Torture which was published in a journal of the Ho Chi Minh City Law University. Vietnam is offering its summer program in Vietnam for its fifth year, which is also the 20th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Vietnam, and the 40th anniversary of the fall of South Vietnam.



JOAN FOLEY

Kermit Gitenstein Distinguished Professor of Health Law & Policy

Professional Activities: Professor Joan Foley was chief co-organizer of the Touro College and University System’s “Aging in Place: A Conference on Care, Healthcare, Finance,

and the Law.” The conference took place in two sessions at the Law Center. One on June 20, 2014, and the other on September 18, 2014. The conference was co-sponsored by the Touro College of Health Sciences, the New York Medical College’s Center for Long Term Care Research and Policy, and AARP.

Professor Foley delivered the Closing Remarks at the first conference session, as well as moderated a panel discussion on “Aging and Disability.” The conference brought participants expert information, nationally and locally, on analysis on the latest developments in the field. At the second conference session on September 18th, Professor Foley, along with Professor Sarah Adams-Schoen, facilitated the Working Group on “Livable Communities & Land Use.” Professor Foley was also a panelist in the conference Review of Findings. At this conference session, participants joined in facilitated working sessions on innovative policy and regulatory change with the context of four areas: Financing and long Term Care; Workforce and Workforce Training Needs; Livable Communities & Land Use; and Ethics.

Professor Joan Foley was sworn in as Secretary to the Board of the Federal Bar Association - Eastern District of New York Chapter by US District Court Judge Joanna Seybert on October 6, 2014 at the Central Islip Federal Courthouse.

Professor Foley served as Facilitator for the Discussion by the Honorable Frederic Block, US District Court Judge

for the Eastern District of New York, at the Law Center on October 28, 2014.

Professor Foley, along with Professor Ann Nowak, presented on “Meeting the Needs of Today’s Law Students: Integrating Distance Learning into the Legal Writing Classroom,” at the Legal Writing Institute’s One-Day Workshop at UConn School of Law, Hartford, CT, on December 12, 2014.

She presented a poster, “Aging in Place: At the Intersection of Healthcare, Finance, and Law,” at Touro College Research Day, New York, NY, on April 28, 2015.

“Perspectives in Legal Writing: From the Newsroom and Courtroom to the Classroom,” Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Boulder, CO, 2013.



JACK GRAVES

Professor of Law & Director of Digital Legal Education

Publications: Professor Graves contributed to a symposium in the Touro Law Review about the past, present and future of NY LLC Law on the occasion of its 20th birthday entitled *Fiduciary Duties of LLC Managers: Are They Subject to Prospective Waiver under the New York LLC Statute?* (forthcoming 2015). He also published an essay in the first issue of the new Journal on Technology in International Arbitration (Juris Publishing).

Presentations: Professor Graves delivered a presentation on "Distance Legal Education" to the New York State Bar Association Committee on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar, on December 15, 2015. He also moderated the opening panel and spoke on the final panel in the Global Sales Law Conference: The CISG at 35: Challenges Today, at Georgetown Law Center in Washington, D.C., on January 30, 2015. On June 11, 2015, he served as a commentator in a global online conference on Technology in International Arbitration. On June 18, 2015, he spoke on "Contract Formation: Unique Issues under the CISG as Default Governing Law" at a conference in the Dominican Republic organized by the NYU Center for Transnational Litigation, Arbitration, and Commercial Law.

Professional Activities: As the Law Center's newly appointed Director of Digital Legal Education, Professor Graves has begun to play a significant role in the national Working Group on Distance Learning in Legal Education.



EILEEN KAUFMAN

Professor of Law, Director of Study Abroad Programs

Presentations: Professor Kaufman participated in a panel on Same Sex Marriage

co-sponsored by Amicus and American Constitution Society at Touro Law Center. She also delivered a lecture titled "Affirmative Action: From Bakke to Fisher and Beyond" at Touro's annual Supreme Court Conference.

Publications: Professor Kaufman co-authored *Testing, Diversity, and Merit: A Reply to Dan Subotnik and Others*, 9 U. Mass. L. Rev.206 (2014), co-authored with Andrea Anne Curio and Carol L. Chomsky. She also authored a report entitled, *Tibet's Stateless Nationals II: Tibetan Refugees in India 2014 Update*, for Tibet Justice Center.

Professional Activities: Professor Kaufman is the Co-Chair of Tibet Justice Center.



DESERIEE KENNEDY

Professor of Law

Publications: Professor Kennedy authored the article, *From Collaboration To Consolidation: Developing a More Expansive Model for Responding to Family Violence*, 20 Cardozo Journal of Law & Gender 1 (2013) and the essay, *Love Behind Bars: The Darker Side of Incarcerating Mothers, Incarcerated Mothers: Oppression and Resistance* (Gordana Eljdupovic and Rebecca Jaremko Bromwich,

co-editors) Demeter Press (2013). She is the co-author along with Melissa Breger, Jill Zuccardy, and Judge L. Hand Elkins, of the treatise, *New York Law of Domestic Violence*, 3rd ed., (Thomson-Reuters 2013) and the 2014 update.

Professor Post and Deseriee Kennedy supervised the editors of the Journal of Race, Gender, and Ethnicity's publication of a groundbreaking Voting Rights Act Symposium issue featuring 32 leading scholars on the Voting Rights Act, which is co-published by the Berkeley Journal of African-American Law and Policy.

Presentations: Professor Kennedy served as a presenter on the Law School Curricular Offerings that Infuse Access to Justice Panel at the Fourth Annual Access to Justice Conference, held at Fordham Law School in May, 2015.

Professional Activities: Professor Kennedy is a member of the board of directors of the Nassau County Domestic Violence Agency, The Safe Center, Long Island and the Theodore Roosevelt Inn of Court.

Professor Kennedy is working with Touro Law, Stony Brook Medical students, and recent alumna Keri Mahoney to form a Medical-Legal Partnership; In March, Professors Kennedy and Artusio, along with Mahoney and several Touro students participated in a Health Fair for uninsured patients to help attendees understand and execute Health Care proxies.



RICHARD D. KLEIN

Bruce K. Gould Distinguished Professor of Law

Publications: Professor Richard D. Klein authored, *Civil Rights in Crisis: The Racial Impact of the Denial of the Sixth Amendment Right to Counsel*, in the University of Maryland Law Journal of Race, Religion, Gender, and Class, Volume 14, Issue 2 (forthcoming).

Presentations: Professor Klein served as a presenter for Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure Decisions of 2013-2014 Term of the Supreme Court, Leon Lazer Annual Supreme Court Review, October 2014.

Professional Activities: Professor Klein was elected Chair-Elect of the Section on International Human Rights of the Association of American Law Schools at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the AALS.

Media Appearances: Professor Klein had numerous citations this year as an renowned professor and an expert in Criminal Law Issues.



MICHAEL LEWYN

Associate Professor of Law

Presentations: Spoke on "Smart Growth-Oriented Density and Parking Regulations" at Washburn School of Law property conference, and on "Sprawl and the Law" at Rutgers urban planning school.

Publications: *The (Somewhat) False Hope of Comprehensive Planning*, University of Hawaii Law Review 39 (2015).

How Environmental Review Can Generate Car-Induced Pollution, 13 Sustainable Development Law & Policy 16 (2014) (published by American University Law School) *Learning from Detroit*, 28 Mun. Lawyer 29 (2014).

Quarterly articles in the Real Estate Law Journal including *Is An Apartment A Nuisance* (2015), *Suburban Sprawl: Weaker but Still Alive* (2014), *How to Make America Walkable* (2014), *How Often Do Cities Mandate Smart Growth or Green Building?* (2014), and *How Real is Gentrification?* (2014).



SAMUEL J. LEVINE

Professor of Law and Director of the Jewish Law Institute

Publications: *Foreword: Conference on Religious Legal Theory: RLT IV: Expanding the Conversation*, 30 Touro Law Review 1 (2014); *Judicial Rhetoric and Lawyers' Roles*, 90 Notre Dame Law Review (forthcoming 2015); *The Law and "Sprit of the Law" in Legal Ethics*, 2015 ABA Journal of the Professional Lawyer (forthcoming 2015).

Presentations: Professor Levine organized the Conference on Billy Joel and the Law at Touro Law Center; delivered lectures at Johns Hopkins University and Loyola University Maryland; made presentations at conferences at the University of California Irvine School of Law and Fordham University School of Law; and presented a Faculty Colloquium at CUNY School of Law.

Professional Activities: Professor Levine serves as Chair of the Fred C. Zacharias Memorial Prize for Scholarship in Professional Responsibility and the Association of American Law Schools Section on Professional Responsibility; on the Executive Committee of the Association of American Law Schools Section on Jewish Law and the Religiously Affiliated Law Schools Association; on the Advisory Committee of the Journal of Law and Religion; on the Advisory Board of the SSRN

Law & Religion eJournal; and on the US/Canada Committee of the Jewish Law Association.

Honors: Judge George C. Pratt Award for Contributions to Moot Court; Faculty Scholarship Award.



MEREDITH R. MILLER

Associate Professor of Law and Director of Solo & Small Practice Initiatives

Presentations: Presented on practical ideas for teaching solo & small firm practice in the law school curriculum at Enhancing Social Justice Through the Development of Incubators & Residency Programs, a conference held at California Western Law School. Presented a talk about problems that freelancers have collecting on invoices at the 9th Annual International Contracts Conference at St. Thomas Law School in Miami and at a faculty colloquium at Albany Law School.

Publications: *Getting Paid in the Naked Economy*, volume 32 of the Hofstra Labor and Employment Law Journal, *Designing a Solo and Small Practice Curriculum*, volume 84 of the UMKC Law Review. She also authored the introduction to a symposium in the Touro Law Review about the past, present and future of NY LLC Law.

Honors: Received the Jeffrey E. Rockwell Alumni Achievement Award from Brooklyn Law School.

Professional Activities: Elected President of LeGaL.



ANN NOWAK

Director of the Writing Center

Presentations: Presented "A New Blueprint for Teaching Law Practice Management" at the Global Legal Skills Conference at John Marshall Law School in Chicago, IL. Presented, with Touro Law Professor Joan Foley, "Meeting the Needs of Today's Law Students: Integrating Distance Learning Methodologies Into the Legal Writing Classroom" at the Legal Writing Institute's One-Day Workshop at the University of Connecticut Law School. Presented, "Is Teaching Law Students to Write in Plain Language Hazardous to Their Wallets?" at the IC Clear/Clarity 2014 Conference in Antwerp, Belgium. Presented, "Netiquette for Professors: Don't Teach With Your Mouth Full," at the Fall 2014 meeting of the Working Group for Distance Learning in Legal Education at William Mitchell College of Law. Presented, "Writing Across Cultures and Languages: Teaching ESL/EFL Students" at the 16th Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute in Philadelphia. Presented, with Touro Law Associate Dean Myra Berman, "Reshaping Experiential Education: Global Externships Powered by Distance Learning" at the 2014 Global Legal Skills Conference in Verona, Italy.



SHARON A. POCOCK

Associate Professor of
Legal Process

Presentations: Professor Pocock gave a talk titled “New British Sleuths: Old and New Detective Archetypes” at the 2014 Conference of the Mid-Atlantic Popular & American Culture Association in Baltimore, Maryland, in November 2014.



LAWRENCE RAFUL

Professor of Law

Presentations: Delivered keynote address at the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals Judicial Conference titled “40 years After Watergate: Has Ethics Changed?” in August 2014.



KEN ROSENBLUM

Associate Dean for Administration
and Director of the Veterans' &
Servicemembers' Rights Clinic

Presentations: Dean Rosenblum was keynote speaker at a program, “Military and Veterans' Resources - Tools For Reintegration,” co-sponsored by Touro College Graduate School of Social Work, Touro Law Center, Seafeld Center and Island Federal Credit Union, on June 5, 2015 at Touro Law Center.

Honors: The Veterans' & Servicemembers' Rights Clinic was honored by the Federal Bar Association-Eastern District of New York Chapter for its work on behalf of veterans, particular female veterans, at a ceremony, “A Tribute to Our Women Military Veterans,” at the Alfonse D'Amato United States Courthouse in Central Islip on Thursday, May 14, 2015.



Institute of Land Policy, 2015); *Learning from Experience: An Introduction to the Journal of Experiential Learning*, 1 J. of Experiential Learning vii (Winter 2014/2015); *2014 Ethics in Land Use: Annual Survey of the Law*, 46 The Urb. Lawyer 815 (2014); *The Executive and the Environment: A Look at the Last Five Governors in New York*, 31 Pace Envtl. L. Rev. 703 (2014); *Legal Lessons: Health Impact Assessment*, Planning Magazine (American Planning Association, April 2015) (w/Ko); *Revisiting Ethical Considerations in the Land Use Game*, 38 Zoning and Planning Law Report 1 (March 2015); and *Educating Tomorrow's Lawyer for Digital Success*, NYLJ 8/17/2015 (w/Graves).



MARJORIE A. SILVER

Professor of Law

Presentations: Workshop coordinator, Transforming Legal Education in the Classroom and the Clinic (with Prof. Susan Brooks), Project for Integrating Spirituality, Law and Politics conference CUNY Law School, October 2014. Presenter (with Prof. Cindy Adcock & Dr. Rob Durr), Advancing Social Justice by Teaching Interpersonal Competencies, SALT Teaching Conference, October 2014, UNLV, Las Vegas, Nevada.



LEWIS A. SILVERMAN

Professor of Law

Presentations: October 22, 2014, Support Magistrate Training at Judicial Institute in White Plains on “Trial Evidence.” November 7, 2014, Suffolk Academy of Law, “Custody Update including Defining Who Is a Parent”.

Honors: “Attorney of the Month” in October, 2014 by the Suffolk Pro Bono Project. At least the sixth time he has received this designation.



DAN SUBOTNIK

Professor of Law

Publications: *Tyranny of the Meritocracy?: A Disputation over Testing* with Professor Lani Guinier, 31 Touro Law Review, 343 (2015).

Presentations: Professor Subotnik gave a talk at the Akron Law School on race and law.

Honors: He was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Sousa Mendes Foundation.



Alumni Success

TOURO LAW ALUMNI MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Congratulations to Senator Flanagan, Class of 1990

*John Flanagan was named Temporary President
and Majority Leader of the New York State Senate
on May 11, 2015*

Touro Law is proud of alum John Flanagan, recently named Majority Leader of the New York State Senate. He was an active member of Touro Law while attending law school, and remains engaged with the law school as a speaker at a number of student programs and receptions.

Dean Salkin stated, “We know John is a dedicated public servant who will continue to make us proud. The Touro Law community wishes him success.”

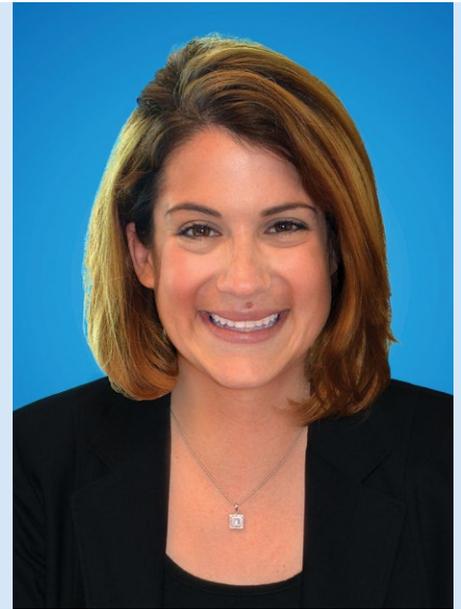
Sen. Flanagan represents the Second Senate District, which includes the entire Town of Smithtown and portions of the Town of Brookhaven and the Town of Huntington. He was first elected to represent this part of Suffolk County in 2002 and overwhelmingly reelected in 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012 and 2014.

During his time in the Senate, Senator Flanagan has been a constant leader in the fight to reduce the tax burden facing Long

Islanders – an effort he began when he served during his sixteen years in the New York State Assembly immediately prior to his service in the Senate. During his tenure in the lower house, he served as the ranking member of the powerful Ways and Means Committee where he fought for meaningful tax relief.

He stated, “I thank my colleagues for the confidence they have placed in me. With this job comes a responsibility to lead and to listen, and to rebuild the public’s trust.”

Erica Vladimer '13 Appointed New Director of Alumni & Donor Relations



Erica Vladimer was raised alongside her twin sister in New Jersey by their two loving parents. In 2005, she graduated from John P. Stevens High School in Edison, N.J. and attended the University of Connecticut where she received her bachelors in Sociology. As a student, Erica volunteered in Nutmeg Big Brothers Big Sisters and even took on the role as site director, overseeing and supporting forty-five matches. Upon graduation, Erica joined Public Allies Connecticut, an AmeriCorps non-profit leadership training program founded by First Lady Michelle Obama. As an Ally, Erica worked for the Urban League of Greater Hartford as a youth program director. It was this role that confirmed Erica's desire to focus on child advocacy and education reform. After working for a year as a Public Ally, she chose to attend law school at Touro Law Center, where she was began turning her passion for social justice into a career. From day one, Erica immersed herself in the Touro Law community. She sat on the Student Bar Association Board as a first-year representative, and became the treasurer her second year. In addition to her treasurer position, Erica was appointed as student representative for Touro Law's Dean Search Committee.

Dean Salkin's first year at Touro Law was also the year Erica was elected Student Bar Association President. Erica enjoyed a good relationship with the dean and administration while working to ensure the best student experience for all at Touro Law. It was through this close working relationship that Erica learned about the New York State Senate Fellowship. At the urging of Dean Salkin, Erica applied and was accepted to the program. She moved to Albany in September 2013. She was placed with the Independent Democratic Conference (IDC) in their Program and Counsel Office, where she focused on education and higher education policy. After completing her Fellowship, Erica stayed with the IDC as a policy analyst and counsel, working with legislators and advocates to ensure students across the state receive the education they deserve. She also represented the IDC in the Education and Higher Education budget negotiations.

Although her time in Albany was extremely valuable, Erica knew an opportunity to return to Touro Law was one she could not pass up. As the Director of Alumni and Donor Relations, Erica

looks forward to working as an advocate for alumni and an ambassador for the law school. "I look forward to connecting with alumni and getting to know them. I believe an important part of my role is to act as a bridge for our alumni to connect with the school and each other. I am extremely excited about this opportunity. Touro Law and the Touro Law community have always been special to me and I am honored to be able to work in this role to strengthen ties among the community while advancing the institution."

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or evladimer@tourolaw.edu.



Glenn Campbell '09

Attorney for the Community Justice Center of Long Island

“Helping others help themselves” has been a driving force behind Glenn Campbell’s ambition since a bicycle accident in 1985 left him paralyzed from the neck down. For more than 20 years, Glenn has advocated for the rights of individuals with disabilities and their families and believes that everyone should be given an opportunity to live an enriched and independent life. This ambition is what drove him to attend and excel in law school, graduating from Touro Law in 2009.

In 2013, Glenn joined Touro Law’s Community Justice Center of Long Island (CJCLI). This has given him an opportunity to open his own law practice and to launch a nonprofit that he envisioned in 2012. In 2014, the Disability Resource And Development Center, Inc., (DRDC) received its 501c(3) nonprofit status as a disability advocacy organization is now ready to begin “changing the landscape” in our community on a systemic level.

“The mission of the disability Resource and Development Center is to break down physical barriers and change policies that encourage discriminatory behavior,” said Glenn.

DRDC’s platform will be launched through an aggressive campaign that will educate, coordinate and provide solutions

to legal issues faced by individuals-in-need and protect the basic human rights of individuals living with disabilities.

Utilizing innovative techniques and technology, DRDC is developing a Community Network Website for individuals to access valuable information such as current news related to technology, education, the law and other social issues. It will be an inclusive virtual interactive gateway that raises public awareness and overcomes erroneous perceptions regarding people with disabilities.

Campbell, “Imagine someone who uses a wheelchair visiting a building that does not have a ramp or accessible bathroom or child is prohibited from accessing a playground because of sand or rough terrain. DRDC has developed a program to engage local governments so that they meet their obligations of accessibility as mandated by the ADA,” he claimed.

Hurricanes and snowstorms have left the elderly and disabled stranded in their homes and without electricity, even in the most populated of areas. Since individuals

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Glenn Campbell '09 practices law in the areas of Civil Rights, Elder Law & Wills, and Trusts & Estates. Glenn is the Executive Director of Disability Resource and Development Center, Inc. He is also the author of “I Wouldn’t Change a Thing,” a book that chronicles his life as someone living with a disability.

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and other Civil Rights laws were signed into law to address issues of discrimination against people with disabilities. Two of DRDC’s early programs and initiatives are designed to confront these problems and the ADA will be their backbone.

“It is not uncommon for a resident to visit a local town hall or community playgrounds and be denied reasonable access,” said

who use a ventilator or a wheelchair can oftentimes find themselves facing life-threatening circumstances, DRDC is developing an Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery program to educate and formulate solutions for these and many other safety issues that result from extreme weather conditions.



Frank DeMartini '86

General Counsel for Millennium Films

Touro Law Center graduate Frank DeMartini, Class of 1986, has built a thriving career that has allowed him to work with Academy-award-winning and 'A' list celebrities (such as Diane Keaton, Tommy Lee Jones and Katie Holmes) and brought him to film locations around the world including Eastern Europe, Southeast Asia, India and Brazil.

He is currently General Counsel for Millennium Films, a position he has held since 2002, and one of seven executives running the company, so he's intimately involved in legal and most creative decisions. Plus, he produces one movie approximately every 18 months. Throughout his nearly 30 years of practicing law, Frank has merged the legal knowledge and skill set he learned at Touro with the energy, imagination and innovative spirit of the world of movies – and he has earned tremendous professional satisfaction from being able to devote the majority of his time to a combination of creative endeavors and legal analysis.

In addition to having represented actors, writers, producers and directors, Frank is a specialist in all aspects of motion picture and TV production from development to financing and distribution.

A desire to learn how to effectively strategize and function in the corporate arena so that he could apply that expertise to multiple areas, such as music and entertainment (two of his life-long passions), is what drove Frank to law school in the first place. "A legal education is good for a number of things," explained Frank. "It develops thinking that can help you succeed in the business world. It also offers you instant credibility in any number

of business structures. By having a legal education, you can use that education to further the needs of business at any level."

Embracing his desire to enter the entertainment industry, Frank took his legal education with him and moved to California in 1986. "Breaking into entertainment in Los Angeles without the help of any relationships, and moving cold to a new state and city have been the most challenging parts of my career," said Frank.

Immediately after passing the bar exam, Frank worked for a year at Edwin J. Richards and Associates, a small firm in Orange County, CA where he practiced insurance defense law. Seeking more challenges, and with an eye towards achieving his goal of working in the field of entertainment, he decided to launch his own firm – and in 1988 Martin & DeMartini was born. What began with two lawyers developed, through mergers, to an agency of 15 attorneys.

Nine years later, the firm, whose business mix was 50/50 entertainment and car rental companies, disbanded when one of the partners moved back to Missouri. Leveraging the experience and contacts he developed when his agency represented most of the major independent film companies in Hollywood, Frank starting moonlighting as a tax lawyer and producing films.

He completed his first feature in 1998 called "Motel Blue" starring Sean Young and Robert Vaughn. After that, he made "The Alternate" with Eric Roberts and Ice-T, and then a series of SciFi (now SyFy) Channel horror flicks. Since then, Frank has produced almost 20 films, the two biggest being "Mad Money" with Diane Keaton, Queen Latifah, Katie Holmes and Ted Danson (which grossed nearly \$26 million), and "Mechanic 2" with Jason Statham, Jessica Alba and Tommy Lee Jones (to be released in late 2015/early 2016).

Taking Entertainment Law with Martin Silfen confirmed his desire to work in the field of entertainment. Frank also worked closely with Professor Dan Subotnik, who taught a series of tax classes; Frank was his research assistant and they developed several theories on federal taxation. They kept in touch after graduation for years to discuss tax issues together.

"My education in entertainment and tax have helped me tremendously. At this point, I consider myself to be one of the few tax lawyers practicing in entertainment. While at Millennium Films, we have developed a number of strategies to lessen the tax burden on the company through use of corporate structures at both the international and domestic level."

Frank's strong music background has also served him well in his career. He was trained in jazz trumpet and minored in classical guitar at Syracuse University (where he earned his undergraduate degree in Political Science in 1983 and a minor concentration in music history and appreciation). He is credited with writing various songs, primarily background music in movies, which have been published and earn him royalties, and continue to feed his artistic side.

The Westbury, NY native now resides in Los Angeles with his wife (they married on May 25, 2014) who he met in Thailand on one of his film productions. He greatly values the impact his Touro education, and what he learned outside of the classroom, has had on his career. He advises Touro students to "Learn as much as you can about the real world. The theories taught in law school are only half the game."



Whitney Montgomery '12

Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP

A “solution provider” from the time she was a young girl growing up in Long Island, Touro Law graduate Whitney Montgomery (class of 2012) knew becoming an attorney was her natural career choice.

Whitney is currently an associate with Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP in the firm’s Manhattan office; she began working there full-time in 2012 shortly after graduation (she had completed a summer internship there the summer before, which led to a job offer). In her role, Whitney assists the Business and Finance Practice Group with a focus on mergers and acquisitions, securities, finance and restructuring, and tax. She assists senior associates draft corporate documents such as asset or stock purchase agreements, escrow agreements, proxy statements, and other ancillary documents as well as researches and drafts due diligence memoranda. Clients encompass Fortune 500 companies, investment banks and emerging market companies.

A reflection of her commitment to pursuing a career in law and her exceptional level of determination, Whitney began gathering legal experience before even enrolling in law school. While attending Northeastern University in Boston, she interned with the New York State Unified Court System in Mineola at the Nassau County Matrimonial Center prior to college (in summer 2002) summarizing New York Supreme Court decisions regarding marital matters. She was also a legal intern during three spring semesters at Foley Hoag, LLP in the Labor & Employment and Litigation Departments. After earning her Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice in 2006, Whitney took a position as a paralegal for Aviva Life Insurance and then spent two years (2007 –

2009) as a Labor Relations Assistant in the Labor Relations Department of The New York Times Company. She entered Touro Law Center in fall 2009.

Whitney knew she wanted to be a corporate transactional attorney, and the internships and externships she completed while attending Touro (even during the summers) opened her eyes to the possibilities in front of her. She was a summer associate in the Legal & Compliance Division of Morgan Stanley & Co., an extern in the Division of Enforcement for both the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission, and an intern with the Mortgage Foreclosure & Bankruptcy Clinic. She also served as a law clerk to Judge Laura Taylor Swain of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

“Your resume should tell a story, so start developing your brand and your resume as soon as possible so that potential employers can tell what you’re interested in doing,” Whitney emphasized. And, she certainly heeded that advice by maximizing her opportunities and time at Touro. After her first year in law school, Whitney became a 2010 Diversity Fellow through the New York City Bar Association. Soon after, she joined the New York City Bar Association and became active as a student representative on two committees – Securities Litigation and Law Students Perspectives. As a 2L, she was Vice President of the Black Law Student Association (Touro Law chapter), participated with the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) to provide tax assistance to community members, and was a part of the Touro Law Center’s Honors Program. She added Touro Law Review to her accomplishments during her second and third years.

“Law school is a juggling act, and balancing it all while you try to succeed academically

is the challenge,” she said. And succeed she did – she graduated in the top 8 percent of her class and was named to the Dean’s List all three years. “There is so much material to learn in a short period of time. The law is always changing and you must keep up with the substantive changes,” she noted.

Several of Whitney’s Touro professors were particularly impactful and inspiring. Professor Gary Shaw in Criminal Procedure taught her invaluable preparation skills that can be applied to any legal discipline – and skills she absolutely taps into during her workday. Whitney describes Professor Sharon Pocock, who instructed Legal Process, as someone extremely meticulous who drove her to challenge herself. “The Drafting class I took with Professor Pocock during my second year, where I learned about different provisions in contracts, made me feel really comfortable looking at contracts when I was a summer associate.”

Beyond its academics, Touro prides itself on cultivating a family-type atmosphere where individuals matter as much as the knowledge being taught, which proved to be an unexpected but very pleasant surprise for Whitney. “For me, after I finished my first year, I really felt like the school was invested in me. I enjoyed the people, the work, the learning. You weren’t just a number, and you weren’t overlooked.” This sentiment is what compels Whitney to connect with Touro law students and recent graduates to provide advice and guidance. She is also on the Touro Alumni Council.

When Whitney looks back to her childhood dream of hoping to solve problems, she knows unwaveringly she chose the right career path. “I really do enjoy being able to help people. It feels good when I am working so hard and then clients give you that genuine ‘thank you.’ It motivates you and makes you want to give clients all that they need.”

Class Notes

TOURO LAW ALUMNI SHARE THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1985

Patricia Marcin was recently made Partner at Farrell Fritz. Patricia concentrates her practice in estate and tax planning, including the preparation of wills and trusts and estate administration. She helps her clients plan for the transfer of their assets through lifetime gifting techniques and at death in the most tax-efficient manner to achieve their goals. She analyzes estate and fiduciary income tax issues in estates, and helps clients and their families navigate the practical issues that arise after death, as well as the legal and tax issues such as probate, the preparation of estate tax returns and federal and New York State estate tax audits.

1991

Mitchell Shelowitz is leading the newly formed Software Copyright Protection Group at the law firm of Pearl Cohen Zedek Latzer Baratz LLP. Mitch is a partner with over 22 years' experience representing clients in business and technology matters at the US-Israeli firm, and is based in Herzelia, Israel. He is the head of the U.S. Software Copyright Protection Group and represents many Israeli tech companies in their US activities.

1992

Matthew W. Daus, Partner and Transportation Practice Group Chair at Windels Marx, recently appeared on Bloomberg TV to discuss safety

concerns involving recent passenger assaults in Boston and elsewhere by rideshare company drivers, and the need for biometric criminal background checks, as well as the controversy involving the alleged tracking of passengers and the press by Uber.

1993

Therese Ebarb recently joined Touro Law Center's Community Justice Center of Long Island incubator program, opening Therese Connors Ebarb, Esq. Attorney and Counselor at Law. Therese spent time as the Attorney Coordinator of the Law Center's TLC-HEART hotline helping Superstorm Sandy victims. She has a strong commitment to public interest and a special concentration in elder law. She previously worked with the Elder Law Clinic at Touro Law Center and assisted clients in the Senior Citizens Law Project.

1995

Kenneth Litman spoke at the Nassau Lawyers Association Convention in November in San Juan Puerto Rico at the Marriott Stellaris.

1996

Leslie Farber Tayne of Tayne Law Group, P.C. was among this year's honorees for Long Island Center for Business & Professional Women's 35th Annual Achievers' Award. She 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 Tayne has more than a decade of experience in the practice area of consumer and business financial debt-related services. She launched the law firm, Tayne Law Group, P.C. (formerly known as Law Offices of Leslie H. Tayne, P.C.), in 2001, concentrating in the unique practice area of debt resolution and non-bankruptcy strategies for consumers, small business owners and professionals who are in need of help with managing current finances. Leslie was also named among Long Island Business News' 2014 Top 50 Women in Business. Additionally, Leslie recently released a novel titled *Life & Debt*.

1999

Esther M. Schonfeld gave a lecture in Jerusalem, Israel at The Crisis Center for Religious Women's International Conference titled "The Jewish Community Confronts Violence and Abuse" on December 2, 2014.

2001

Bryan N. DeMatteo recently became a senior associate in the Intellectual Property Litigation group at Brown Rudnick. Bryan has extensive experience litigating patents, copyrights and other commercial disputes. He has also actively participated at trial (directing and cross examining technical witnesses), as well as in numerous inter partes and covered business method patent

review proceedings before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). Bryan has also litigated cases before the International Trade Commission, argued dispositive motions and claim construction at numerous Markman hearings, and assisted in mediation and settlement conferences on behalf of his clients. Bryan is admitted to the patent bar, having drafted and prosecuted patents for several major corporations, including Bosch GmbH, Olympus Corporation, and Select Comfort Corporation. Prior to practicing law, Bryan worked as a computer circuit designer.

2002

Tamika Mendoza joined Bethpage Federal Credit Union in January 2015 as Assistant Vice President and Associate General Counsel. Prior to joining Bethpage, Tamika worked for several years at Long Island Power Authority as Associate Commercial Counsel, Deputy General Counsel and Assistant General Counsel.

Captain James Van Thach recently returned from Israel after having received notice through the US Army that they were looking for wounded military Veterans for a non-profit effort that coordinates efforts with the Israeli government and Israeli Defense Forces. James volunteered as a wounded U.S. Army combat soldier to go to Israel to mentor Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) troops that have been wounded, and also to motivate healthy troops in the battle against terrorism. He

traveled to the Golan Heights, which is at the front lines of the battle, advising and mentoring Israeli defense forces. He met Israeli Defense Forces wounded veterans and coached soldiers on using coping skills to help deal with war wounds, practiced peer mediation and bonded at group sessions in the military section of the hospital.

2004

Sheila Ann Johnson was nominated to the Suffolk Youth Advisory Board, Suffolk County Legislator and Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory. Sheila was selected as an honoree in the Unsung Hero category at the November 13th 2014 Leaders In Law Awards Event hosted by the Long Island Business News.

2005

Kristine Pizzo, formerly an executive at Columbia University, has joined the New York Power Authority (NYPA) as Senior Vice President of Human Resources. Kristine will oversee all employee benefits, programs, services and talent development at the Power Authority, which has 1,700 employees in New York State, including 600 at its administrative headquarters in White Plains.

2006

Pierre Bazile appeared as a Guest on Hot 97's radio show "Street Soldiers" on January 11, 2015. Pierre is a criminal defense attorney, serving New York City,

Nassau, and Suffolk Counties. He is also a retired police officer and a graduate of the New York City Police Academy. Prior to his 2007 admission to the Bar, he served for fourteen years as a police officer with the New York City Police Department, serving in commands in Washington Heights, Harlem, Brooklyn, and the Bronx.

2007

John P. Christopher has been promoted to Partner at Sahn, Ward, and Coschignano, PLLC. He previously served as an Associate of the Firm. John concentrates his practice in the areas of municipal law, zoning and land use planning, real estate law and transactions and commercial and residential landlord/tenant disputes. In both 2013 and 2014, Metro New York Super Lawyers selected Mr. Christopher to its list of "Rising Stars" in the legal profession. He was recognized in the practice area of Real Estate Law. In 2014, he received the Long Island Business News' "Leadership in Law" award in the category of Associate. Mr. Christopher has had several legal articles published, including "The Unsettled Law of Eminent Domain," which appeared in the Spring/Winter 2010 issue of Report from Counsel, and two articles for The Nassau Lawyer: "Current Issues in Land Use and Zoning: The Impact of an Increase of Business at a Property with an Established Pre-Existing Nonconforming Use" (April 2009) and "Temporary Zoning and Planning Moratoriums" (April 2007).

2008

Michael Ciaccio joined Boyle & Anderson, P.C. as an Associate Attorney in October 2014. Michael gained his legal experience with two Long Island law firms before starting his own law practice in Hempstead, New York, in 2011. For the last four years, Michael served an array of clients throughout New York City, Long Island and Westchester County. As a Member of Boyle & Anderson, his areas of practice include: Commercial Litigation, Landlord/Tenant, Personal Injury, and Real Estate.

2011

Daniel G. De Pasquale was recently honored by the Suffolk County Bar Association for his Pro Bono efforts. Daniel is a member and founder of the firm, Daniel G. De Pasquale, P.C. Attorneys at Law. He has represented an array of clients in banking, estate, and real property related litigation matters, among others. Prior to founding the firm, Daniel gained years of valuable experience at Cullen and Dykman LLP wherein he represented lenders, banks, and other financial institutions in litigation and transactional matters. He also has experience representing clients in a variety of matters including: insurance defense, trusts and estates, personal injury and family law. While in law school, Mr. De Pasquale served as an intern to the Honorable John B. Riordan of the Nassau County Surrogate's Court.

Jason W. Klimek has joined Blitman & King in Rochester as an Associate. Prior to joining Blitman & King, Klimek worked for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York as a staff attorney. Jason counsels private and public employee benefit plans concerning issues arising under ERISA and the Internal Revenue Code. He advises sponsors of multi-employer and single-employer plans, companies and tax-exempt entities on plan amendments, drafting, tax implications, fiduciary responsibilities and prohibited transactions. Jason is recognized in corporate tax matters and has published in the Journal of Corporate Taxation. Prior to joining Blitman & King, LLP, Jay attended Boston University's Graduate Tax Program where he received an LL.M. in Taxation. Before his LL.M., Jay was a Pro Se Staff Attorney in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York where he drafted numerous decisions for active U.S. district court judges regarding Civil Rights and various other federal statutory and constitutional law.

Michael Meyers joined The Law Offices of Clifford J. Petroske, P.C., back in November, 2011 and recently announced his partnership at the newly re-named firm, Petroske Riezenman & Meyers, P.C.

Patricia Sturm recently accepted a position as a bilingual staff attorney with Long Island Housing Services.

2012

Gregory Atherton has been appointed as Chief of Staff to Suffolk County Legislator Kevin J. McCaffrey. Legislator McCaffrey is the Minority Leader of the Suffolk County Legislature. Prior to this appointment, Gregory was Counsel to New York State Assemblyman Chad A. Lupinacci where he focused on conducting legal research related to the legislative aims of the Assemblyman.

Rachael Davey recently became an Associate at The Bubka Law Group.

Erica Diner recently joined Touro Law Center's Community Justice Center of Long Island incubator program, opening the Law Office of Erica C. Diner. Erica has successfully represented clients in courts throughout Long Island, New York City, and upstate New York and has represented clients in Supreme Court, Family Court, District Court, and Civil Court. She is admitted to all State courts throughout New York, and is a member of the Suffolk County Bar Association, Nassau County Bar Association, and New York State Bar Association.

Tiffany Moseley was honored last fall by the Suffolk County Bar Association for her Pro Bono contributions to the community. Tiffany is the founder of the Law Office of Tiffany Moseley, practicing in family, matrimonial, and guardianship law. She previously worked at the Law Offices of Mallilo and Grossman in their matrimonial/

family law department. As an associate there, she handled custody/visitation, child support, divorce, and landlord/tenant matters. She is the founder of G.E.A.R.S. Inc. a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing mentorship, college preparation, and character building to inner city high school students.

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Keri Mahoney was published on the ABA's Law Technology Today blog with an article titled Google Calendars as a Timekeeping Tool, which she wrote about her timekeeping system.

Svetlana Minevich has joined Kirschenbaum & Kirschenbaum in Garden City as an attorney in the alarm litigation division.

Michael Pernesiglio recently joined Touro Law Center's Community Justice Center of Long Island incubator program, opening the Law Office of Michael S. Pernesiglio, PLLC. While at Touro, Michael was the President of the Arts, Entertainment and Sports Law Society and is pursuing a career as a Sports/Entertainment agent. He is currently enrolled in the Suffolk County Pro Bono Foreclosure Settlement Conference Project and occasionally makes pro bono appearances at the Suffolk and Nassau County Supreme Courts and the Nassau County Bar Association. Michael is admitted to practice law in all State courts throughout the State of New York. He is also

admitted to the United States District Court Eastern District of New York. Michael is an active member of the Suffolk County Bar Association and frequently appears in courts throughout Long Island and occasionally in the five boroughs of New York.

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Jared Artura has started working with Geico as staff counsel for the subrogation department in Woodbury, NY.

Michael Barone joined Sahn, Ward, and Coschignano, PLLC as a law clerk in September.

Mark Chiavola is now a clerk for Judge Jerejian in Bergen County Superior Court of New Jersey.

Vincent Costa joined Campolo Middleton & McCormick. Vincent is a member of the firm's corporate and private equity groups. His practice includes corporate transactions, corporate governance, and other related business matters.

Melissa Ann Eisenberg has joined the Bronx District Attorney's Office

David Greenberger recently became an Associate at Tikhomirov & Associates, PLLC.

Natalie Gonzalez has accepted a position with the Law Offices of J. Stewart Moore, PC.

Elkanna Light is now an Associate Attorney at Law Offices of Lawrence Andelsman, PC.

Paul Lipsky is now working with the Suffolk County Attorney's Office in the Tort Bureau.

Michael Nolan completed a six month post graduate fellowship with Touro Law Center's hurricane relief clinic.

Elected & Re-Elected Officials

Kathleen Rice '91
House of Representatives,
4th District, New York

Senator Kenneth LaValle '87
Senate District 1

Senator John Flanagan '90
Senate District 2

Sen. Joseph Addabbo, Jr. '92
Senate District 15

Alfred Graf '02
Assembly Member,
Assembly District 5

Jennifer Henry '93
Suffolk County District Court

Terence Murphy '93
Nassau County Court Judge

Anna Anzalone '86
State Supreme Court,
Nassau County

Thomas Rademaker '96
Family Court,
Nassau County

Rachel Hahn '87
Family Court,
Westchester County

Touro Law Super Lawyers

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.

Moriah R. Adamo	2006	Abrams, Fensterman, Fensterman, Eisman, Formato, Ferrara & Wolf, LLP	Dana L. Mark	1985	McCarter & English, LLP
Mark E. Alter	1991	Law Office of Mark E. Alter	Bradly G. Marks	2009	The Marks Law Firm, P.C.
Aaron G. Baily	2003	Law Office of Aaron G. Baily	Darren R. Marks	2006	Borah, Goldstein, Altschuler, Nahins & Goidel P.C.
Jason M. Barbara	2000	Jason M. Barbara & Associates P.C.	Michael E. McDonagh	1986	Lester Schwab Katz & Dwyer, LLP
John Belesi	1997	Abrams, Fensterman, Fensterman, Eisman, Formato, Ferrara & Wolf, LLP	Marjorie Mesisor	2004	Phillips & Associates, Attorneys at Law PLLC
Abram I Bohrer	1991	Law Office of Bohrer & Lukeman	Jeffrey A. Miller	1992	Westerman Ball Ederer Miller Zucker & Sharfstein, LLP
Marc D.Braverman	2007	Dealy Silberstein & Braverman, LLP	Scott Michael Mishkin	1992	Scott Michael Mishkin P.C.
Daniel S. Brill	2003	The Brill Law Firm PLLC	Matthew J. Moisan	2008	Moisan Legal P.C.
Peter E. Briskin	2006	Fishbeyn & Briskin, P.C	Mark Montague	1993	Cowan, Liebowitz & Latman, P.C.
Nathan F. J. Bucar	2009	Ciancio Ciancio Brown, P.C.	Elizabeth Murphy	2006	Miller and Milone, P.C.
Adam D. Cahn	1994	Sakkas, Cahn & Weiss, LLP	Nooshin Namazi	1993	Nicoletti Hornig & Sweeney
Christopher Campbell	2005	The Law Offices of Christopher T. Campbell, LLC	Donna A. Napolitano	2002	Berkman, Henoch, Peterson, Peddy & Fenchel, PC
Gerard S. Catalanello	1992	Duane Morris LLP	Edward J. Nitkewicz	1991	The Sanders Firm, Attorneys at Law
Christopher J. Chimeri	2001	Law Office of Christpher J. Chimeri	Gerard A. Nixivoccia	2007	Nisivoccia Law Firm LLC
John Christopher	2007	Sahn Ward Coschignano & Baker, PLLC	Thomas D. O'Connor	1989	Duval & Stachenfeld LLP
Terry Cipriani	1997	Terry Cipriani, PLLC	Patti Piccininni	2006	Abrams, Fensterman, Fensterman, Eisman, Formato, Ferrara & Wolf, LLP
Scott R. Cohen	1989	Scott Cohen, P.C.	Marc Poles	2011	Schultz & Associates
Elaine M. Colavito	2007	Sahn Ward Coschignano & Baker, PLLC	Yale Pollack	2006	Kaufman Dolowich & Voluck LLP
David B. Corley	1986	Trolman, Glaser & Lichtman, P.C.	Joseph M. Puzo	1991	Zaklukiewicz Puzo & Morrissey, LLP
Scott M. Daniels	2006	Markhoff & Mittmann, P.C.	Michael J. Redenburg	2006	Attorney at Law
Michael J. Deem	1998	R.C. Shea & Associates	William Ricigliano	1994	William Ricigliano, P.C.
Paul A. DeJesse, Jr.	1995	Hatcher Law Group, PC	Greg T. Rinckey	1998	Tully Rinckey, PLLC
Darren J. Del Sardo	1996	Damico Del Sardo & Montanari, LLC	Joel H. Robinson	1994	Robinson & Yablon, P.C
Anthony Michael Deliso	2011	Bisogno & Meyerson, LLP	Richard A. Rodriguez	2009	Santangelo & Rodriguez, P.C.
Frank C. Dell'amore	2005	Jaspan Schlesinger LLP	Craig D. Rosenbaum	1995	Rosenbaum & Rosenbaum, PC
Anthony F. Destefano	2000	Mauro Lilling Naparty LLP	Joel R. Rosenberg	1985	Stark & Stark
Arnold E. Di Joseph	1983	Arnold Di Joseph P.C.	Joseph B. Rosenberg	1987	The Law Offices of Joseph B. Rosenberg
Gary J. Douglas	1987	Douglas & London	Lee Rosenberg	1986	Saltzman Chetkof & Rosenberg LLP
Alison Leigh Epilone	2008	Feldman, Kramer & Monaco, P.C.	Gayle Rosenblum	2003	Rubin & Rosenblum, PLLC
Jeffrey K. Epstein	1984	Szaferman Lakind Blumstein & Blader, PC	Meredith L. Sales	2006	Breiter and Gura, Attorneys at Law
Nussin S. Fogel	1986	Law Offices of Nussin S. Fogel	Barry Salzman	1988	Barasch McGarry Salzman & Penson P.C.
Howard A. Fried	1983	Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney, Ltd.	Denise Santangelo	2008	Santangelo & Rodriguez, P.C.
Danielle H. Garten	2004	Marks, O'Neill, O'Brien, Doherty & Kelly P.C.	Tzvi Saperstein	2005	Salem Shor & Saperstein
Jack Grossman	1988	Mallilo & Grossman	Gennaro Savastano	2008	Weitz & Luxenberg, PC
Randy Grossman	1985	Greenberg, Walden & Grossman, LLC	Edward Schulman	1991	The Schulman Law Group, LLC
Allan S.Hollander	2006	Bruno, Gerbino & Soriano, LLP	David M. Schwartz	1993	GerstmanSchwartz, LLP
Richard S. Jaffe	1994	Law Office of Cohen & Jaffe LLP	Judah Serfaty	1993	Rosenberg Calica & Birney LLP
Rosh H. Jaffe	2004	Zeichner Ellman & Krause LLP	Wendy H. Sheinberg	1992	Davidow, Davidow, Siegel & Stern LLP
Todd M. Jones	2008	Goldberg Segalla LLP	Mitchell C. Shelowitz	1991	Pearl Cohen Zedek Latzer Baratz LLP
Jeffrey Kamenetsky	1997	Novak Druce Connolly Bove + Quigg LLP	Steve Spanolios	2007	Davidoff Hutcher & Citron LLP
Irina A. Karlova	2008	Feldman, Kramer & Monaco, P.C.	Lawrence A. Steckman	1988	Eaton & Van Winkle LLP
Harvey S. Kauget	1995	Burr & Forman LLP	Bradly M. Sussman	2006	Peckar & Abramson, P.C.
Judd F. Kleeger	1995	Hecht, Kleeger & Damashek, P.C.	Lina G. Telese	1992	Zetlin & De Chiara LLP
Andrea Kleinman	2005	Gallo Vitucci Klar LLP	Julie A. Tribble	2004	Kaufman Borgeest & Ryan LLP
Scott E. Kossove	1997	L'Abbate, Balkan, Colavita & Contini, L.L.P.	Brian Andrew Tully	1997	Tully & Winkelman, P.C.
Nicole M. Kozin	2004	K&L Gates LLP	Seth M. Weinberg	2008	Mauro Lilling Naparty LLP
Richard M. Langone	1998	Langone & Associates, PLLC	Adam S. Weiss	2007	Methfessel & Werbel, PC
Joan Lensky Robert	1991	Kassoff, Robert & Lerner, LLP	Jessica Wilde	2007	Jones Waldo
Matthew J. Levy	1997	Kern Augustine Conroy & Schoppmann, P.C.	Jeffrey A. Wurst	1987	Ruskin Moscou Faltischek, P.C.
Jeffrey A. Lhuillier	2011	Kushnick Pallaci, PLLC	Harris J. Zakarin	1995	Harris J. Zakarin, P.C.
Andrew Luftig	2004	Chaves & Perlowitz LLP	John M. Zenir	1988	Attorney at Law
C. Alex Maltese	2001	Law Office of Carl Maltese	Jordan A. Ziegler	1991	Pasternack Tilker Ziegler Walsh Stanton & Romano LLP
Patricia C. Marcin	2005	Farrell Fritz, P.C.			
Edward L.C. Marcowitz	1991	Barasch McGarry Salzman & Penson P.C.			



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