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Welcome to the newly reimagined *Albany Law Magazine*. These pages are dedicated to our strengths: independence, innovation, and impact—the pillars of *We Rise Together: The Campaign for Albany Law School*.

By now you may have heard that earlier this year we launched the most ambitious fundraising effort in our history—with it, an historic \$15 million gift to endow the clinical programs at The Justice Center at Albany Law School. The significance of this gift is immeasurable. It is a testament to the great work of our clinics, our students, our faculty, and our staff—anyone who has ever touched a life or changed a community under the banner of Albany Law School.

You will read in this magazine about the pillars—what they mean and why we are raising funds to support them. You will also read about the people who embody independence, innovation, or impact: **Jack Withiam Jr. '74**, a trustee who has paid it forward in a big way; **Ashley Dunbar '19**, who has overcome challenges with the help of scholarship support; **Heather Hage '06** and others who are training the next wave of tech-focused lawyers; **Dan Nolan '78**, who wants the law school to succeed—and yes, sometimes fail—in the service of innovation; **Kelechi** and **Obinna Nwagboso**, restaurateurs with a new venture helped by our Community Development Clinic; Professor **Sarah Rogerson**, whose partnership with the sheriff of Albany County has redefined “law and order,” turning upside down the ways in which attorneys and law enforcement can collaborate for the public good; **Erica Askew '21**, a Navy JAG Corps intern with plans to make her mark on the world; and many others.

You will also read about the programs that represent the spirit of our pillars: a foundational Pathways program, the Government Law Center Fellowship, that provides opportunities from orientation through graduation; a cutting-edge course on drone law; a pilot program for budding securities industry professionals; a commitment to diversity and inclusion, which will make our community stronger and will have lasting effects on our profession; and so much more.

Remaining are the familiar features: In Brief, History, Alumni Pages, and Faculty Pages, highlighting the impactful scholarship and accomplishments of our amazing professors. And, of course, the ever-popular Class Notes.

This magazine reflects the best of our law school. I am so proud of how far we have come; I am excited about the direction we are heading. *Thank you for reading—and thank you for supporting Albany Law School.*

All my best,



ALICIA OUELLETTE '94
President and Dean



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Judge Peter Crummev '81 with mentees at an AIM small group session.

An AIM for the next generation

Albany Law School graduates may recognize the name: Alumni Initiative in Mentoring (AIM). And while the title remains the same, this is a new and improved version of the program. In 2018, the National Alumni Association and the Office of Alumni Engagement relaunched AIM to much success, with more than 60 first-year students participating in the revamped program designed to help the modern-day student.

In addition to individualized mentorship and a monthly

newsletter to spark conversation between mentee and mentor throughout the year, the reinvigorated AIM now has small group mentoring in the fall. Last year's schedule included three small group mentoring sessions, hosted by **Stephen Rehfluss '85**, Judge **Peter Crummev '81**, and **Lisa Ogden '03**, president of the National Alumni Association. It also included a large group session with **Jennifer Richardson '04**, president of the Capital District Black and Hispanic Bar Association. "Group mentoring provides an environment for students to seek advice and ask questions they may not always be comfortable asking

one-on-one," said Ogden, who held a coffee get-together with her mentees.

The AIM program is really a support network. "It provides an opportunity for students to connect with alumni who know what they're going through," Ogden said. "This is also a great way for students to begin building their networks. We have participants who are getting together outside the structure of the AIM program—many of these relationships will last well beyond the 1L year."

To learn how you can get involved as a mentor, visit alumni.albanylaw.edu/aim. **A**

2L TEAM WINS NATIONAL TAX LAW CHALLENGE

Thomas Boland '20 and **Jordan Fruchter '20** took home the championship for Albany Law School at the 18th Annual Law Student Tax Law Challenge, a high-profile national competition held in January at the ABA Tax Section Midyear Meeting in New Orleans. The only 2L team in the finals, Boland



and Fruchter—coached by Professor **Danshera Cords**—went up against competitors from Georgetown Law, Loyola Law School of Los Angeles, University of Memphis School of Law, and University of New Mexico School of Law.

Boland and Fruchter joined rare company—past winners have gone on to become U.S. Tax Court clerks and partners in well-known tax departments. "The hard work they put in researching, writing, practicing, and competing is inspiring," Cords said. "I am proud to have had the opportunity to work with Thomas and Jordan. They have very much earned this honor."

Their win was the high point in a great year overall for Albany Law School's travel teams. After winning regionals,

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Professor Hutter, this one is for you!

In 2018, the *Albany Law Review* dedicated its annual New York Appeals–State Constitutional Commentary issue to Professor **Michael Hutter**, whose service to the law school has spanned more than four decades. "The members of the *Law Review*, like so many students throughout the law school over the years since 1976, have been the beneficiaries of his teaching and advising and they hold him in the highest esteem. Indeed, Michael has long been one of the students' very favorite professors, whose classes are among the most sought after in the curriculum," wrote Professor **Vincent Bonventre** in the editor's foreword to Volume 81, Issue 4. "As Michael's junior colleague, as well as a junior member of the [Judge Matthew] Jasen law clerk family of which he is the veritable Dean, I extend my heartiest congratulations to Professor Hutter on this occasion of the *Albany Law Review's* tribute to him." **A**



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Elizabeth Doerr '20 and **Charlene Joseph '20** flew to Chicago to represent Albany Law School at the national finals of the ABA Negotiation Competition. Earlier, **Jay Kindlon '20**, **Dannaliz Mises '18**, and **Kieran Murphy '20** advanced to the final round of NYSBA's Judith S. Kaye Arbitration Competition in New York City, with Murphy winning the Judith S. Kaye Advocate Award.

Winners of the 2018-19 intraschool competitions were: **Kyle Ishman '20** and **Jay Kindlon '20** (Gabrielli Appellate Advocacy); **Charlene Joseph '20** and **Catrina Young '20** (Morse Client Counseling); **Stephen Tomaro '20** and **Zena Zimmerglass '20** (Morse Negotiations); and **Julia Kosineski '19** and **Tara O'Donnell '19** (McGovern Senior Prize Trials). **A**

Running Down a Dream: 3L Chases Olympics Bid

Dan Lennon '19 knows how to go the distance. The third-year Albany Law School student and marathon runner balances a full course load, clerkship and law journal duties, and training for the Olympic trials. Academically and athletically, he is performing at the highest level. Lennon, of Peru, N.Y., will graduate early, in December. Two months later he will compete for a spot on the U.S. team for the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo.

Lennon qualified for the trials in 2018 with a marathon time of 2:17:33. It was a remarkable feat for a runner who hadn't raced in over a year. First, a stress fracture interrupted his training. Then, Lennon suffered a broken jaw. Although that injury temporarily slowed him down, Lennon routinely completed 20-mile runs with his mouth wired shut.



He sees parallels between long-distance running and studying law, describing both as requiring “patience and mental fortitude.” Both also are ideal pursuits for someone who likes to challenge himself. “I have the mindset to keep moving forward.”

Lennon began running in high school, after his football coach suggested he try out for track. Lennon made the team—and became the fastest sophomore in the state. He went on to run cross-country

at Syracuse University as a member of the 2015 NCAA championship team.

His interest in law also dates back to high school, when he became fascinated with constitutional law and the Supreme Court. While looking at law schools, Lennon was surprised to learn that the justice he respected most, **Robert H. Jackson 1912**, was an Albany Law School alumnus. “I did some research and, after finding out more about the alumni and faculty, was really set on coming here.” He has tackled the law with the same determination he devotes to distance running, serving as lead article editor of the *Albany Law Journal of Science and Technology*, moot court competitor, research assistant, law clerk, and member of the Business Law and International Law societies. Lennon is confident that Albany Law School has prepared him for his preferred career as a litigator—and that he will hit and maintain his stride. **A**



WELCOME TO THE FUTURE

Albany Law School welcomed its newest students—talented, committed, diverse, and 206 members strong—at orientation this August. Of those students, 177 are pursuing a Juris Doctor. More than 1,200 individuals—the most since 2012 and an 8% increase over last year—applied to the J.D. program.

Stoneman Day turns **25**

One hundred thirty-plus years after Kate Stoneman made history as the first woman admitted to the New York bar, she continues to inspire others to break new ground. Albany Law School paid tribute to its first female graduate, Class of 1898—and to today’s pioneering women—during the 25th Anniversary Kate Stoneman Day this spring.

The celebration featured the presentation of Kate Stoneman Awards to individuals who, like Stoneman, are committed to seeking change and expanding opportunities for women. Numerous past recipients were on hand to fete this year’s honorees: New York Solicitor General **Barbara Underwood**, **Patricia E. Salkin ’88**, and **Kelley Ross Brown ’91**.

During their acceptance remarks, all three acknowledged the progress that women have made and called on attendees to help with the work that remains.

Underwood, the keynote speaker and Miriam M. Netter ’72 Stoneman Award recipient, was the first woman to lead the U.S. Solicitor General’s Office, the first woman to serve as New York’s attorney general, and the first person to bring a nursing infant to a Supreme Court argument. She urged the audience “to bring into the courts and the boardrooms, the executive suites in business and in government, and the academies and all the institutions of our society, all the voices—not just token representatives; to hear the voices of the people who are present and those who are not; and to build the bridges that are needed to unite rather than divide our large and diverse state and our even larger and more diverse nation.”



“When you lift another woman up, there is no telling how high she will fly.”

PATRICIA E. SALKIN ’88

Salkin, a former faculty member, associate dean, and director of the Government Law Center at her alma mater, Albany Law School, was the first woman to serve as dean of Touro College’s Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center. Now she is provost of the college’s graduate and professional divisions. A mentor and philanthropist, Salkin has established scholarships at Albany Law School and Touro College “to support access to education for those who follow us, so that they too can be the Kate Stonemans of tomorrow. . . . When you lift another woman up, there is no telling how high she will fly.”

Brown, the third woman to make partner at Woods Oviatt Gilman in Rochester, was the first who didn’t leave the firm for family reasons. She credited the example of “my own Kate Stoneman,” a mother who was a successful attorney and partner. Brown paid that support forward by spearheading the Women’s Initiative Program at her firm. The initiative has been instrumental in attracting and retaining women associates and partners. “I intend to see those numbers continue to increase,” Brown said.

Special touches for the silver anniversary included the Katheryn D. Katz Student Award, won by **Rebecca Wager ’19**, who reconstructed Kate Stoneman’s dress as a visual representation of the successes and barriers experienced by women in law. **Nihla Zarook ’19** won second prize for her children’s book, *Kate and the Elephant*.

To read more about the 25th Anniversary Kate Stoneman Day, go to albanylaw.edu/Stoneman2019. **4**

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COMMENCEMENT

Go Forth and Do Good!

For Albany Law School's Class of 2019, the calls to action were clear: Stay publicly engaged. Continue to make a difference. Change the world for the better.

"You already know in your hearts what it means to be a public citizen," said New York Chief Judge Janet DiFiore, applauding the graduates' 52,000-plus hours of pro bono and public service contributions. Her address at Albany Law School's 168th Commencement on May 24 was a clarion for continued service and a warning against disengaging from civic and professional duties. "Every ounce of that effort and every sacrifice was worth the investment, because you are now prepared—in heart and in mind—to make a positive difference in our profession, in our celebrated system of justice, and at a time when we are, indeed, faced with many uncertainties," she said. "We are waiting for and anticipating your leadership. And our expectations are running very, very high."

In total, 151 graduates walked across the stage representing the law school's J.D., LL.M., and master's programs. "As we like to say around here, We Are Albany Law," President and Dean **Alicia Ouellette '94** said. "We are the lawyers and the leaders who seek to make a difference. We are the voices of the disempowered. We are inspirational leaders. We are champions for justice. And the world needs you—the 'We' in We Are Albany Law—more now than ever. ... Class of 2019, you are ready to show the world the impact one can make with an Albany Law School degree." **A**



HONORARY DEGREE

Chief Judge Janet DiFiore accepted an honorary Doctor of Laws degree, saying, "I am certainly most grateful and proud to receive such an honor, particularly from this excellent law school which has, for the past 168 years, trained and inspired new lawyers to make a positive difference in our society, and which, to the benefit of all of us, has enjoyed such a close and mutually supportive relationship with our state's highest court—the Court of Appeals."



“We are waiting for and anticipating your leadership. And our expectations are running very, very high.”

CHIEF JUDGE JANET DIFIORE



COMMENCEMENT AWARDS

Professors **Stephen Clark** (Excellence in Service), **Jenean Taranto** (Excellence in Teaching), and **Melissa Breger** (Excellence in Scholarship) received enthusiastic ovations as recipients of the law school’s annual faculty awards.

Legal assistant **Sherri Meyer** received the Friend of the Class Award, which was presented by class president **Elizabeth Murad ’19**.



“While all of them believed that the time had come for legalization, their perspectives varied.”

RICHARD RIFKIN

GOVERNMENT LAW CENTER

Hashing it out: Marijuana legalization in New York

The Government Law Center kicked off its 2019 Warren M. Anderson Breakfast Seminar series by tackling an issue that was much debated by New York’s lawmakers but ended up—at least for now—on the legislative back burner. The seminar, Challenges in Legalizing Marijuana, held February 12 at the state Capitol, was anything but a debate between marijuana supporters and those opposed to legalization. Rather, it was “a program identifying the issues that policymakers will be facing in attempting to legalize a long-prohibited substance and the difficulties that they will find in trying to resolve those issues,” wrote **Richard Rifkin**, the session’s moderator who also serves as a consultant to the New York State Bar Association and a member of the GLC’s advisory board. “[T]he audience was offered the thoughts of a law enforcement official, an academic, and a practicing lawyer.” Namely, **David Soares ’99**, Albany County district attorney; Professor Julie Steiner, who teaches cannabis law and policy at Western New England School of Law; and Sara Payne, cannabis team leader at Barclay Damon. They raised concerns from social equity to public safety, from the fairness of the licensing system to how the state will deal with tax revenues. “While all of them believed that the time had come for legalization, their perspectives varied,” wrote Rifkin, adding the panel made it clear that these complex issues “need to be resolved if an effective marijuana legalization program is to be adopted by the state.” The final three Anderson Breakfast events explored the redistricting process, reforming and restructuring New York’s court system, and rural renewal. *Read more at albanylaw.edu/GLC.* **4**

ALBANY LAW REVIEW

Former chief judge leads A-list panel



Retired New York Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman visited Albany Law School on April 25 to moderate the *Albany Law Review's* 13th Annual Chief Judge Lawrence H. Cooke '38 State Constitutional Commentary Symposium.

The discussion, *State Courts in the Trump Era: Judicial Independence, Federalism, and the Rule of Law*, featured an esteemed panel of jurists and scholars: New York Court of Appeals Judge Rowan Wilson; New York State Unified Court System Chief Administrative Judge Lawrence Marks; New York Supreme Court Appellate Justice **Christine Clark '96**; Rutgers Law School Distinguished Professor Ronald Chen; and Albany Law School Justice Robert H. Jackson Distinguished Professor of Law **Vincent Bonventre**.

Prior to the event, Judge Wilson—who before joining New York's highest court was a partner with Cravath, Swaine & Moore in New York City—spoke with students in the Career and Professional Development Center about how to succeed in big law interviews and summer associate positions. **4**

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Celebration(s) of cultures

The rich and varied backgrounds of the people who make up Albany Law School were celebrated in full this past year—especially during the spring semester. The Black Law Students Association put on a full slate of events for Black History Month, culminating with the inaugural James Campbell Matthews Banquet at the Renaissance Albany Hotel. In March, APALSA, BLSA, Gaelic, LALSA, MLSA, OUTLaw, IALSA, and ILS hosted the annual Multicultural Cabaret, an event, featuring cultural cuisine and live performances, that never fails to pack the gym. The following month saw the return of Albany Law School's Community Diversity Day, which included a networking reception and—new for 2019—a CLE session on implicit bias. **4**



ALBANY GOVERNMENT LAW REVIEW

Exploring autonomy and awareness



What are the ethical and legal issues in disability advocacy and how should they be addressed? That was the focus of the *Albany Government Law Review's* annual symposium,

Autonomy and Awareness, held February 27. Dr. Adam Cureton, associate professor of philosophy at the University of Tennessee, served as the event's keynote speaker as well as a panelist. The panel, moderated by President and Dean **Alicia Ouellette**, also included the Honorable Kristin Booth Glen, CUNY School of Law dean emerita and director of Supported Decision-Making New York, and Professor **Nancy Maurer**, director of field placement and pro bono scholar programs at The Justice Center at Albany Law School. **4**

50 years since Stonewall

The student group OUTLaw organized More than Marriage: 50 Years since Stonewall, a symposium featuring three conversations on the relationship between the legal system and the LGBTQ+ community. Panelists at the April 29 event included Court of Appeals Judge Paul Feinman; Presiding Justice **Elizabeth Garry '90** of the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Department; state Supreme Court Justice Margaret Walsh; Judge **Jill Polk '87**; **Jeffrey McMorris '87**; **Matthew Skinner '09**, executive director of the Richard C. Failla LGBTQ Commission of the New York State Courts; and La'Mia White-Reylon Aiken and Misty Fowler from the Albany organization In Our Own Voices. [A](#)



Minority women in law

Alejandra Paulino '02, Judge **Teneka Frost '02**, **Ricja Rice-Ghyll '05**, **Tracy Guo '11**, and Kimberley Wallace joined students for a discussion on their experiences as minority women in the law. The event was organized by the Women's Law Caucus in partnership with several other student groups for Women's History Month. [A](#)

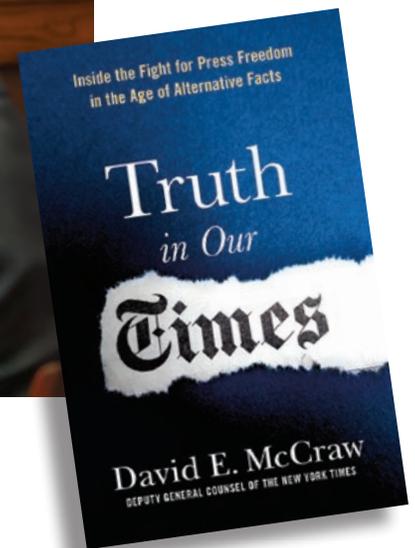
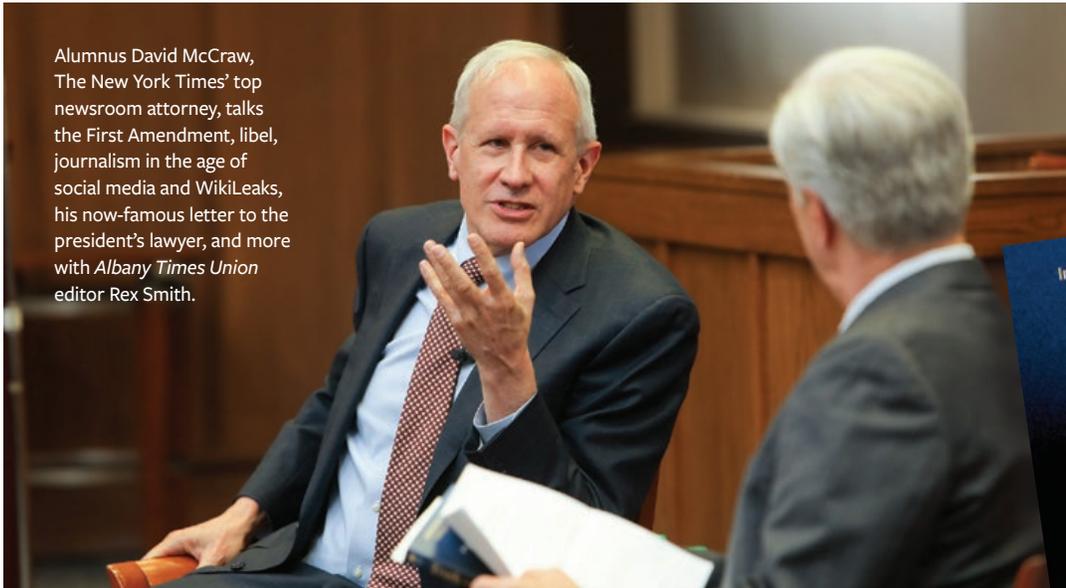
When technology meets criminal justice

On November 8, the *Albany Law Journal of Science and Technology* hosted its symposium, From Investigation to Incarceration, which took a hard look at how science and technology are used in the different stages of the criminal justice system. The first panel centered on concerns such as privacy in a time of enhanced surveillance and DNA technologies. The second panel delved into the psychological effects of long-term



confinement and how technological improvements have affected our prisons. Between discussions, keynote speaker Joseph Giarratano, a Virginia man whose death sentence was commuted based on DNA and forensic evidence, spoke about how he challenged the system as an inmate turned scholar and advocate. [A](#)

Alumnus David McCraw, The New York Times' top newsroom attorney, talks the First Amendment, libel, journalism in the age of social media and WikiLeaks, his now-famous letter to the president's lawyer, and more with *Albany Times Union* editor Rex Smith.



Back on campus, *Times*' newsroom lawyer holds court

David McCraw '92, vice president and deputy general counsel of *The New York Times*, returned to Albany Law School on March 27 to discuss the themes in his new book, *Truth in Our Times: Inside the Fight for Press Freedom in the Age of Alternative Facts*.

ON BIAS IN JOURNALISM:

"I do think we have to give facts in context. If someone is saying something that is untrue, we need to point that out. My concern is when that lapses into partisanship, because American journalism, over the last 120 years roughly, has been practiced on the idea that newspapers are not the organs of established political parties—that we should attempt to be an honest broker of information. That's where I want to go. But that requires context; it does not require he said—she said allegiance."

ON WHETHER TO RUN A NEWS STORY:

"Our role is to find a way. And the law of this country is so strong in favor of press freedom, you should be able to find a way."

ON PUBLISHING CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS:

"This is a novel question of law. Can the president declassify by tweet? There's no law on that. The president tweeted out about a top-secret program, the arming of Syrian rebels, and we took the position that [the tweet] declassified the program. And we filed a FOIA suit asking the CIA to give us all the documents on the now-declassified program."

ON THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:

"FOIA is broken. It doesn't really lead to as much transparency as there should be. We feel it's really important as an organization to sue often, so we do that, because: A, sometimes it leads to documents, almost always it leads to some documents—not always the documents we want, but some documents; B, it puts the government on notice that if you tell us no, we're not just going to walk away and say, 'Oh that's too bad,' that we will sue you; C, we think we have a chance to create laws that will be more effective. So we keep at it."

ON SOCIAL MEDIA'S INFLUENCE:

"I think news organizations have to investigate Twitter and Facebook just the way they do government. They are so powerful and so important."

ON THE GAWKER CASE, JOURNALISM, AND A PERSON'S RIGHT TO PRIVACY:

"There's only one thing you need to understand about the law of privacy, and that is, if something is newsworthy, the publisher wins. It can violate somebody, it can be very, very intimate, it could intrude on somebody's privacy, but if you can show newsworthiness, public interest, you win. That's how the law works."

Watch the entire conversation with David McCraw at albanylaw.edu/TruthInOurTimes. **A**



Historic gift propels an audacious campaign

WE RISE TO

JANUARY 17, 2019, 8:55 P.M.
New York Athletic Club,
Central Park South, Manhattan.
President and Dean Alicia
Ouellette is minutes from
sharing a closely guarded secret:
Albany Law School has received
\$15 million from an anonymous
donor. This isn't a major gift.
It's bigger. In the world of
philanthropy, it is known as
a transformational gift. And at
this moment, only she and a
select few know about it.

Fast-forward: High fives. Hugs. Toasts. And the realization, spreading across the ballroom, that Albany Law School has entered a new era.

"This gift is by far the largest gift in the law school's history," Dean Ouellette said. "It will endow our clinic in perpetuity, renaming it The Justice Center at Albany Law School. This gift will empower us to change our world for the better—one client at a time, one student at a time."

And with that, she launched *We Rise Together: The Campaign for Albany Law School*, the law school's most ambitious fundraising effort ever, with an initial goal of \$30 million by June 2021. Dean Ouellette and company have since been rolling out the campaign across the country, meeting with alumni from Long Island to Orlando to San Francisco. In March, the law school capped a weeklong celebration with a special reception in Albany.

At each stop, alumni are learning about the three pillars of *We Rise Together*: **Independence**, to build a robust scholarship endowment; **Innovation**, to create innovative programming and to improve technological infrastructure and academic facilities; and **Impact**, to bolster the initiatives—The Justice Center and Government Law Center—that provide critical legal services to the community.



WE RISE
TOGETHER

GET TOGETHER

The anonymous donor's \$15 million gift, which will support The Justice Center's clinical programs and pro bono services, falls squarely under Impact. There are six newly endowed scholarship funds (Independence), and an innovation fund for legal education (Innovation), seeded with a \$1 million gift.

Dean Ouellette expects to knock the fundraising goal "out of the park." For good reason: to date the campaign for Albany Law School has raised \$25 million in gifts and commitments, including \$1.8 million from more than 1,100 donors for annual expendable support in 2018-19—an all-time high.

This is the *We Rise Together* era: a time when an institution-defining \$15 million gift is possible; a time when Albany Law School joins elite company; a time when a community lifts itself to new heights. "Together, we will ensure our independence, guaranteeing scholarships for our incredible students. Together, we will fund innovation, making us the law school for the future. And together, we will multiply our impact," Dean Ouellette said. "Join us as We—Albany Law School—Rise Together." **A**

THE PILLARS
OF *WE RISE
TOGETHER*:
*The Campaign
for Albany Law
School*

INDEPENDENCE
We will build a robust scholarship endowment to continue our tradition of attracting, retaining, and bringing together the best students from a variety of backgrounds.

INNOVATION
We will give leadership the funds and the flexibility to create innovative programming, infuse technology into the curriculum, and build a law school for the future.

IMPACT
We will fund our Government Law Center and The Justice Center to give students critical experience and provide needed pro bono service.

Learn more at
[albanylaw.edu/
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NEW HEIGHTS: IDENTITY, STUDENT INVESTMENT KEEP ALBANY LAW ON UPSWING

Q & A WITH PRESIDENT AND DEAN ALICIA OUELLETTE

Albany Law Magazine: We'll start with the retrospective question: You have been in this office for five years—what are your proudest accomplishments as dean?

Dean Ouellette: Twenty-fourteen was a really tough year for law schools generally. And Albany Law School wasn't immune from that. There were identity questions: Who should we be? Whom do we serve? What is the purpose of Albany Law School? We went through a strategic planning process to answer some of those questions. I think, today, that the school is very different. There is a lot of pride from our community in who we are—and optimism about where we are going. That is a result of meeting the goals that we set for ourselves five years ago.

I'm proud of the law school for making some hard decisions. In 2014, we only enrolled 117 students. We decided to hold or improve the academic credentials of that





“Through scholarships, we can give these high-performing students even more of a reason to choose Albany Law School. That is the key to remaining independent.”

class amid a decline in law school applicants. We took the long-term view. That decision to take a short-term financial hit has paid off in all kinds of ways. Those students found jobs, which led to more students and more applications. We have become much more selective, lowering our acceptance rate yet enrolling larger classes.

The students who are enrolling come from all over the country and all over the world, and they are bringing this incredible quality and focus to the law school. They come to us ready to work. They're smart, they're talented, they bring lots of life experience, and they graduate as true professionals. We should all take pride in that.

Along the way we also invested in the idea that Albany Law School can be a leader in teaching law to non-lawyers, and that we can help lawyers specialize in their careers. So we built a graduate school for the study of law. We have new master's, certificate, and LL.M. programs. And we are doing it in the online space, which allows us to expand our footprint and educate students around the world. That is a tremendous achievement. We have transformed Albany Law School in a way that makes it a more robust institution.

Albany Law School faced those challenges while maintaining its independence, which has been a struggle elsewhere.

That's right. Many independent law schools have either merged or closed, and we're thriving.

In your speeches you often state that Albany Law School “is and will remain” an independent institution. Why do you think that line is resonating?

A couple of reasons. There was the question: Is Albany Law School sustainable as an independent law school? We have proven definitively that it is. I also think it resonates because independence is a positive trait—something to take pride in—whether it be in a person or in an institution. Independence is part of our identity in that we are able to be innovators. We are able to move quickly in building new and better academic programs. We can be agile, adapting as we grow, as we change, as we take risks, and as we experiment. In that way, it is clear that independence is a strength.

And now independence takes on an additional meaning in the context of *We Rise Together: The Campaign for Albany Law School*.

It does, because this decision to stay independent has implications. We control our own destiny. How do we ensure Albany Law School's success? Well, we have to attract and support the best and the brightest students. One of the most important pillars of this campaign is independence, which is all about adding to our endowment and starting new scholarship funds. We are in an incredibly competitive market. We have applicants who have

been accepted to top-tier law schools, and we are in the mix thanks to the generosity of our donors. But we lose some each year due to market forces. Through scholarships, we can give these high-performing students even more of a reason to choose Albany Law School. That is the key to remaining independent.

Investing in students?

Absolutely. Law school is an investment. But we need to invest in our students, too. We don't want anyone to graduate with crippling debt. To that end, most of our students receive some form of scholarship.

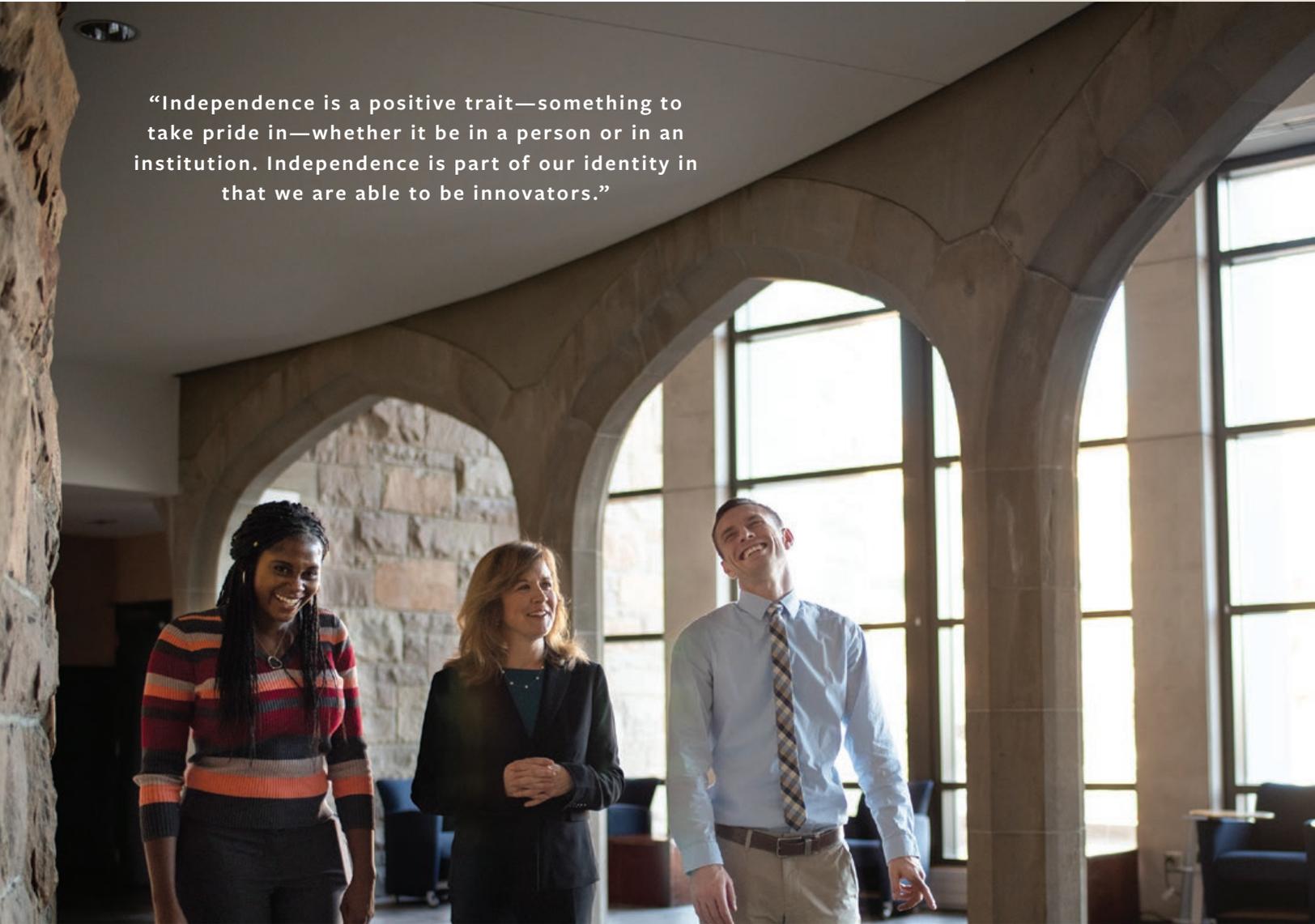
I mentioned the market. We have seen a dramatic change in our applicant pool—we are now competing with national schools, not just the regionals. Students are coming to us with offers from Michigan and Northeastern and George Washington. They are our future. A competitive scholarship is an expression of our commitment to and investment in them.

Take, for example, applicants who are interested in public service. We stress to those individuals that they should seriously weigh scholarship support, which can give them the freedom to pursue that career path without the added stress of a heavier debt load. The ability to make a job choice based on passion, rather than finances, is a huge benefit for those students.

Let's dig into a nuance. Albany Law School is independent. At the same time, it has numerous institutional partnerships, including an affiliation with the University at Albany. How do those things coexist?



“Independence is a positive trait—something to take pride in—whether it be in a person or in an institution. Independence is part of our identity in that we are able to be innovators.”



Siegel Scholarships

Members of the *Albany Law Review* editorial board with Rosemarie Siegel, wife of late Professor David Siegel, and daughter Sheela in April 2019. Each year, the family presents David D. Siegel Scholarships to the law review's student leaders. Also pictured: Deans Alicia Ouellette, Connie Mayer, and Rosemary Queenan, and Judge Michael J. Garcia '89.





Let's get into the other I's. First, innovation. What does innovation at Albany Law School look like?

Innovation looks like taking risks. It means building things that may or may not work. We innovate by talking to folks who are going to be hiring our graduates and asking, "What is it that you need?" Or, "What is it that you think you'll need?" And then we build curricula to address those needs, making our students that much more marketable.

Innovation at Albany Law School involves interacting with and embracing technology. We're doing some of it around drones. We have a course in which students are learning about drone law. Instead of buying a textbook, they buy a drone. They learn how to fly it, how to experience it, and how to regulate it. As professionals they will be leading the way in this new area of law.

It's exciting. *We Rise Together: The Campaign for Albany Law School* will help fund this brand of forward-looking legal education.

Albany Law School is fortunate to be the only law school in an academically rich town, and we have sought partnerships that will open doors for our students or our faculty. We signed an agreement recently with SUNY Polytechnic Institute to create a program for our students to work and be embedded in a research and development facility, working alongside patent attorneys and technologists. That ability to leverage our partnerships makes us a much bigger place with much better opportunities.

Of course, in many ways our most important relationship is with UAlbany. The affiliation crosses every department of the university. Undergraduate students who would never have thought about this profession

are taking classes in or related to law, some of which are taught by our faculty. We have seen an increase in the number of applicants from UAlbany—high-quality students with incredibly diverse backgrounds. Our faculty are co-teaching with UAlbany faculty and participating in grants and research. While the affiliation has been beneficial for both institutions, specific to Albany Law School, it gives us the best of both worlds: we are a small, independent law school that has all the opportunities of an R1 research institution.

Being independent allows us to select our partners strategically. All of our partnerships are important. All of them expand what we can offer our students.

Now, impact. The big news of the year was an anonymous donor's \$15 million gift to support The Justice Center. What does that mean for Albany Law School?

It means that somebody has enough faith in Albany Law School to build with us a legacy. That gift is a tangible show of belief in what we're doing, who we can serve, what we can accomplish, and everything about our mission. That particular gift is really about what we do in the community. We not only are training the next generation of public interest and public service lawyers, but also are changing lives.

A gift like that is a signal. It is a show of confidence in what we know



and feel every day: things are going well at Albany Law School.

It is important to note that many others have trusted Albany Law School with their most important philanthropic contributions. All of these gifts show that we're getting it right—we are doing something that matters. All of these gifts support our students, and ensure the future of our great law school.

How about the future of Albany Law School? What can we expect to see in the next five years?

I think we are going to continue to see Albany Law School recognized for the special place that it is. The campaign has given us a lot of momentum, as did the strategic plan. I expect we will keep that going, from the impact of our students to the scholarly production of our faculty.

We will continue to respond to this evolving legal market. We wrote the original plan in 2014 to anticipate and stay ahead of changes in the practice of law. And that work will continue through this campaign and through our continual assessment of our strategic initiatives and our strategic goals.

Albany Law School's priority will remain the same: attracting and educating the best and brightest students—those who will make an impact in this world and will be leaders in business, in law, and in government. That won't change. We will just have more tools to do it.

Above all, we will be a model for the modern-day, successful independent law school.

Dean Ouellette, thank you for your time.

You're welcome. 

“This is the truth: I would not be in law school without that scholarship.”

STUDENT PROFILE

Victoria Soracco '20



What almost wasn't: For career changer, doors now wide open

WHEN VICTORIA “TOREY” SORACCO '20 RECEIVED THE JUDGE R. WALDRON HERZBERG '33 AND RUTH MILLER HERZBERG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, it sealed the deal for her. “This is the truth: I would not be in law school without that scholarship,” Soracco said. She started law school at age 42, after a career managing retail businesses and then running her own in rural Dutchess County. She already had a mortgage. When she looked at the cost of law school, she questioned whether it was financially possible for her. “Reality started to settle in as I began receiving acceptance letters,” she said. “I had to consider that I might not be able to do this after all.” Then she got the scholarship.

“That made the difference,” she said. She declined her other offers and moved to Albany, ready to chase her dream. During her first year, she also received the Joseph H. Gellert Dutchess County Bar Association Scholarship, which came with an invitation to an award ceremony. “It was fantastic for me to be able to connect with people there,” she said. “The attorneys I met at that luncheon weren't asking about my grades or rank. They were interested in who I was. They were saying, ‘We'd love to have you back in Dutchess County.’” That had a powerful effect. Prior to that ceremony, Soracco hadn't considered a return home after law school. “There has certainly been a shift in momentum,” she said.

Soracco's second year of law school brought with it a newfound fascination with trusts and estates, and the Ayco–Albany Law School Alumni Scholarship. This scholarship provided not only financial support, but the opportunity for an internship with the company. She jumped at the chance and has no regrets. “It's not just the money that makes these scholarships so important. Each of these scholarships has expanded my vision in terms of the possibilities I see in my future.”

Though still a student, she has already started to give back. She donated to the Class of 2020 Legacy Fund and serves as a member of the Women's Law Caucus. Last year, she was the WLC's event coordinator and contacted many alumni for panels and other programs. Every time, the alumni said yes—and showed up.

“I think the Albany Law alumni network is beyond generous,” she said. “They're just unbelievable role models. I don't know how else to thank them other than to do my best to help others the way they have helped me.” 



PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Developing ‘Lawyers as Leaders’

WHEN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS suggested that teaching leadership skills could be useful to future lawyers, Albany Law School wasted no time, launching a new course last spring. Based on input from the board and suggestions from the legal community, **Rosemary Queenan**, associate dean for student affairs, and **Mary Walsh Fitzpatrick**, assistant dean of the Career and Professional Development Center, developed *Lawyers as Leaders* to prepare students for the expanding role of lawyers in today’s legal market.

Fitzpatrick often hears from employers that a distinguishing characteristic of Albany Law School graduates is their significant practical experience. She said that “adding to this toolkit of practical skills was an important goal in developing this class.” Throughout the class, students practiced team building and project management, along with communication and presentation skills.

Queenan and Fitzpatrick created an interactive format, with teams of students assigned to hypothetical organizations. The students spent the semester wrestling with various issues through simulated exercises designed to focus on building and leading an effective team, developing a mission statement, holding an organizational meeting, and building team consensus around a proposed solution. The class concluded with each team presenting a formal proposal on

their recommended solution to an ethical problem.

Queenan and Fitzpatrick also invited distinguished alumni, including **Andrea Colby ’80**, **Jim Hacker ’84**, **Matthew Herman ’94**, and Mayor **Kathy Sheehan ’94**, to share their leadership experiences with the students. **Troy Riddle**, assistant dean for diversity and inclusion, also led a class on having difficult conversations. Queenan said their goal is to “use our collective knowledge and experience to fulfill Albany Law School’s mission to educate and empower tomorrow’s leaders.” [A](#)



above Students deliver a group presentation as part of Albany Law School’s new leadership course.

GOVERNMENT LAW CENTER FELLOWSHIP

Paving the government law Pathway

STUDENTS WHO WANT TO ENTER INTO PUBLIC SERVICE will now get a leg up with an expanded fellowship program developed by the Government Law Center. “It can be difficult to break into that circle if you don’t already have contacts there,” said Professor **Andy Ayers**, director of the Government Law Center. “We can use the fellowship as a way of helping to open those doors for people who do not come already connected.”

The Government Law Center spent the past year restructuring the fellowship, which is a key element of the law school’s Government, Policy, and Public Service Pathway. The fellowship has a third-year internship and also requires two courses during each student’s second year: Administrative Law and Law of Government.

The courses will cover government-related legal issues and will push students to think about their future work in government. “It’s also going to be a skills-building class, where we try to think about what makes a good public servant,” Ayers said. Students will wrestle with questions about who their client is if they work for the state—the public? The head of the agency? The agency itself?—and when politics can appropriately play a role in their decisions.

Ayers drew from his experience as senior assistant solicitor general in the New York Attorney General’s Office when designing the program. “There was so much I didn’t know—skills and values I needed to think through.” Ayers hopes the fellowship and the Government Law Center will provide a hub for students interested in public service—a career path for almost a quarter of the law school’s graduates. “Public service is an honorable profession, and Albany Law has already built an amazing community around that idea. We want to make it even stronger.” [A](#)



ALUMNI PROFILE

Kadeem Wolliaaston '18

Leap of faith for first-generation lawyer



KADEEM WOLLIASTON '18, THE FIRST PERSON IN HIS FAMILY TO GO TO LAW SCHOOL, felt welcomed into the legal community when he was given the Richard D. Parsons '71 Scholarship. "It's a confidence-booster," he said of the scholarship. "It helps you believe that you belong in the profession."

For those who don't have a family that is well-off, he said, just getting to the point of a law school acceptance letter can be an accomplishment.

"The LSAT courses cost money. People can't focus 100 percent of their time while they're studying for the LSAT because they are working. They can't take a month off." Then they look at tuition and get sticker shock. "A large number of people are not attending because of the cost of law school," he said. "We're always thinking about diversifying the legal industry. The costs, these barriers, play a large role. It's all interrelated."

So when he got the letter offering him a scholarship,

it was a big deal. "You're just taking a leap of faith. You don't know how it's going to go. With the scholarship, you think, 'I'm more than qualified to be here.'"

The scholarship also helped him to pursue his career goals. After he graduated—*magna cum laude*—he saw how much he owed and how much more was paid off by the scholarship. That's when reality hit as to the amount of the gift.

"Students that graduated with me, their major concern is their student loans," he said. "A lot of people take jobs they don't really want. It can definitely hinder people in pursuing their passion." While he still has loans to pay off, he was able to take a job as an appellate court attorney for the Third Department for a year, and has now started working in his desired field—commercial litigation, health care, torts, and liability—as an associate at Barclay Damon. [A](#)





“I knew I wanted to go into public service. I just wanted to help people.”



ALUMNI PROFILE

Ashley Dunbar '19

Strength— and success— amid adversity

A SCHOLARSHIP HELPED **ASHLEY DUNBAR '19** GET THROUGH HER FIRST YEAR OF LAW SCHOOL while also recovering from hip surgery. Dunbar, who has a physical disability, has had four such surgeries. She headed into law school unable to take any job that would require physical labor. “I was definitely worried,” she said of her finances. “I knew it was going to be a struggle. I didn’t want to take out too many loans because I knew I wanted to go into public service. I just wanted to help people.”

She was awarded the Juanita and John Jackson '90 Scholarship, which allowed her to succeed amid adversity. “It really took a lot off my plate. It made my first year much less stressful.”

Another gift came to her rescue after graduation. Dunbar went to the Office of Student Affairs to ask for help with studying for the bar exam. She was behind on her utility bill. She wasn’t sure if she would be able to afford her rent. But if she moved back home, she’d be too far away from Albany Law School to benefit from bar prep support. “I was worried about my lights getting cut off,” she said.

Dunbar received a scholarship from an Albany Law alumna to cover the full cost of the bar review program. That freed up enough money for her power bill, rent, and food. “So here I am. Bar prep got me through, and because of that I got a job.”

Dunbar recently accepted a position as a Schenectady assistant county attorney. She will be working in family court on child support and juvenile delinquency cases and is eager to use her skills to help people in poverty. “I realize how not having access to certain things—what a difference it can make,” she said. “I know what a difference having a tutor makes. Having the money for things or not, I don’t think it’s a fair way to draw the line.”

Dunbar said she will remember how much Albany Law School and its philanthropists helped her. “I hope to give back to the school as well. Because I realize how hard it can be.” [A](#)



ALUMNI PROFILE

Jack Withiam Jr. '74

In the interest of helping students



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JACK WITHIAM JR. '74 RECENTLY SERVED ON THE BOARD with an incredibly talented student trustee who was balancing law school with three jobs to support her family, which included one child and another on the way. “No student should need to have three jobs,” he said.

It is that desire to help students by alleviating some of their financial burden that led Withiam and his wife, Lynda, to establish an endowed scholarship fund at the law school. “I was a beneficiary of similar financial support—in fact, it was essential to my going to college and law school,” he said. “I want to give students the same chance to pursue their dreams that I had.”

Withiam has given generously to Albany Law School, as well as his undergraduate institution, Hamilton College, in a variety of ways. But nothing resonates with him more than scholarship aid. “My involvement is because of the students, and getting to know them is what makes it all worthwhile,” he said. “To hear stories from scholarship recipients who in high school had no hope of going to college, but were great students and had drive, and then had this opportunity opened up to them through a scholarship—it brings tears to your eyes.”

He is also inspired by the many students from Albany Law School who go into public service—or want to, but are concerned about taking those jobs with the burden of student loans. “The cost of education has risen, outpacing GDP growth and inflation, and some students are coming out with heavy debt,” Withiam said, adding that scholarship support allows them to choose a career for the right reasons.

Withiam himself had a long and successful career in the trade show industry. Shortly after law school and following a few years in finance, his Hamilton classmate (and now best friend of 50-plus years), Jeff Little, invited him to join his family’s business, George Little Management. Jack and Jeff along with their other partners grew the company into the largest producer of consumer product trade shows in the U.S. “Jeff always used to say that I had a different way of looking at things. And I did, because of the education I received at Albany Law School,” Withiam said. “My law degree gave me a wonderful perspective on issues we confronted in the business world.”

They eventually sold the company in a phased acquisition that Withiam and his senior partners helped ensure would be favorable to staff and preserve the brand. When the acquirers assumed control, Withiam was named senior vice president and general counsel of the new entity. In 2011, when that company sold George Little to a private equity firm, he and Little retired, but continued to be involved in the industry. Eventually, when the company was sold again to another private equity company, Little and Withiam served as consultants to the purchaser. That company, then part of a larger group, went public in 2017, and the finally retired friends ended up “with a few shares.”

The Lynda and Jack Withiam '74 Scholarship Fund ensures that Albany Law School students will benefit from the fruits of that labor. The Withiams’ only stipulation for the fund is that the recipients of the scholarship have financial need. “We prefer not to put restrictions on the use,” Withiam said. “We trust the law school to use its best judgment in the interest of helping students.” [A](#)



QUANTUM LEAP: PREPARING TODAY TO HANDLE THE INNOVATIONS OF TOMORROW

BY SHANNON BALLARD GORMAN

AS AN INTERN WITH THE RESEARCH FOUNDATION for the State University of New York (RF), second-year law student **Joshua Pearlman '20** worked with an engineering professor who invented a computer transistor capable of facilitating vast gains in processing power. Though not a science major, Pearlman quickly developed competency in quantum engineering—and the technology transfer process—and helped file a provisional patent for the invention.

Albany Law School is making these types of experiences possible through strategic partnerships with the RF, SUNY Polytechnic Institute (SUNY Poly), and other Capital Region institutions. Students can take advantage of in-depth and interdisciplinary educational programs designed to expose them to opportunities at the intersections of law, science and technology, business, and policy. The law school and the RF have cultivated a symbiotic relationship for 15 years, and students have benefited greatly, participating in



the work of the Office of Industry and External Affairs (OIEA)—essentially the foundation’s legal office—through field placements, Semester in Practice, and the Innovation Internship program.

As the story goes, the connection started with one student, **Heather Hage ’06**, who interned at the RF in 2004—and never left. In her first year of law school, Hage was introduced to the person running technology transfer at the RF. He described what he did in technology commercialization, and she fell in love with the concept. She asked if she could work for him—for free, if necessary—and he agreed. Hage, who is one of five Albany Law alumni in her family, extended that internship through law school, and after graduating, continued on as a consultant until they created a position later that year that she filled. She has worked at the RF since and is now vice president of industry and external affairs.

More than 50 students—nearly half from Albany

Law School—have followed in her footsteps. They have gained valuable experience at the RF, supporting the work of researchers and innovators across the SUNY system by providing assistance with all aspects of the technology transfer process, from protecting inventions through intellectual property (IP) law to finding ways to commercialize the work. “We help them translate their innovations into products and services that can touch people’s lives,” Hage said. “It’s truly ‘lab to market.’”

Each new intern is matched with an OIEA team member who can provide the appropriate experience, guidance, and mentoring based on the student’s interests and objectives.

Professor **Ray Brescia**, who coordinates the Semester in Practice program, explained how students at the RF learn not just the technology at the heart of these innovations, but the very process of innovation. They explore the patent process, learn how to do customer discovery, work on licensing agreements, research potential



left Heather Hage '06, SUNY Poly Interim President Dr. Grace Wang, and Dean Alicia Ouellette sign an MOU to launch the Innovation Intensive in April 2019.

commercial applications for inventions, and help conduct market studies.

The OIEA gives interns full access to the entire operation, allowing them to work directly with researchers and attend industry events. “We create a very immersive experience here,” Hage said. “We also have an ‘open-chair policy’: if someone on staff is going somewhere—whether it be a client meeting or a conference in Washington, D.C.—anyone can go along.”

DURING PEARLMAN'S SEMESTER IN PRACTICE LAST FALL, his supervisor and mentor, assistant director for innovation services and former U.S. Patent and Trademark Office attorney Steven Wood, taught him about concept protection, market opportunity assessment, and commercialization strategies.

For one project, Pearlman was asked to produce a report on the state of quantum computing. The resulting 65-page document was made available to all who attended the inaugural Quantum Science and Engineering Workshop in November 2018. The workshop, hosted by SUNY, the Griffiss Institute, and the Air Force Research Laboratory's Information Directorate, brought together more than 100 scientists from both academia and industry. “Quantum is the

most counterintuitive way of looking at the world ever devised by scientists,” Pearlman said. “It is almost exclusively probability based—and everything has a non-zero probability of occurring.”

While difficult to wrap one's mind around, quantum science has important potential applications. One is drug discovery, because testing requires thousands of computations based on complex 3D models. “Quantum computing, which relies on principles of quantum mechanics, can enable computing at exponentially higher speeds than current standards,” Pearlman said. Another is encryption. Current encryption uses random-number generators, but they are based on defined algorithms, so a

powerful enough computer can eventually reverse-engineer those algorithms to come up with the key.

By contrast, Pearlman explained, an intrinsic aspect of quantum anything is that it's completely random. Using quantum key distribution, you can generate a truly random number—which makes it

extremely hacker-resistant.

Pearlman continued working at the RF in what turned into a paid internship through the summer. He will earn dual J.D. and M.S. degrees in Intellectual Property Law and Bioethics next spring and has already started the job hunt, quickly landing interviews at IP firms. He believes that his experience at the RF is the key to his future. “It is how I leverage my skills, and what I talk to employers about,” he said. “Not only was it my door into the world of science-related law, it was particularly important for me, not having a hard science degree, to show potential employers that I am just as capable as students who do.”

SOME FORMER RF INTERNS have found jobs with technology companies in Silicon Valley, or in the case of **Pabitra Chakrabarti '17**, in New Orleans as a patent attorney with GE Renewable Energy. **Peter Evangelatos '17** is an associate with Lando & Anastasi in Cambridge, Mass., where he practices IP litigation. And Hage is not the only former intern to have found a professional home at the RF. **Matthew Mroz '08** is its director of enterprise technology transfer, and **Tanya Waite '09** is partnerships manager.

“The exposure that students get to technology transfer and commercialization is excellent preparation for careers in technology and innovation,” Brescia said. “They gain an entirely new vocabulary and turn that into career opportunities.”

IN THE SPIRIT OF CONTINUAL IMPROVEMENT, Hage and Brescia discussed how to increase opportunities for students and expose them to the work of researchers in a more systematized way.

“The experiential component is the most powerful aspect of the program,” Hage said. “We wanted to take it to another level.” One way to do that is to immerse the students in a world-class research-and-development environment in which they can work with the developing technologies firsthand. Albany Law School and the RF joined with SUNY Poly in April to create an immersive experiential learning program in technology commercialization.

That program, the Innovation Intensive apprenticeship clinic, includes a new classroom component with a cohort structure and guest lecturers. “We can leverage our network to bring in entrepreneurs and people in government and industry,” Hage said. “These are people with deep subject-level knowledge who will talk about what they do, how they do it, and how it



Joshua Pearlman '20

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contributes to building better technology and a stronger economy.”

Students will still work on technology transfer projects through the RF, but there will be more opportunities for interdisciplinary collaborations with other students and faculty—as well as researchers, inventors, and entrepreneurs—in fields such as business, engineering, and computer science.

“Our goal is to break down walls between the tech and the legal sides, so that our students understand technology and can effectively counsel inventors and entrepreneurs because they understand the business side,” Brescia said. “And in return, the innovators will know how to communicate with their lawyers, who we hope will be our graduates.”

“Professor Brescia and I share a common vision and passion for exposing students to interdisciplinary opportunities at the intersection of law, business, science and technology, and policy,” Hage said. “We believe such experiences can be transformative and can develop a life of their own.”

Although the initial cohort is small by design, Hage anticipates growing the program to 40 students per year over the next five years. And with a partnership agreement now in place with SUNY Poly, Brescia expects that there will be more classes developed between the two institutions in the future, and perhaps even a collaborative degree program.

IN 2016, the law school welcomed a registered patent attorney with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office who came with 12 years of private practice experience representing clients on IP law matters. Professor **Shahrokh “Seve” Falati** was named director of programs for patents, technology transfer, innovation, and entrepreneurship.

He developed a new course called Entrepreneurship Law in Emerging Technologies (ELET), a hybrid class



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combining classroom teaching with interactions with clients on real cases. In his course, students travel to technology incubators and work in teams with technology entrepreneurs. The course is an example of one type of a “practice related opportunity” (PRO). Falati said PROs come in three forms, the first of which is getting experience meeting with and representing clients.

Students learn about their client’s technology and identify the issues that need addressing. They debrief with Falati after all meetings to reflect on what happened. “That’s how the students tend to learn best and they really enjoy it,” he said. “They can self-assess, and I can suggest what they might have missed or could have developed further.”

The second type of PRO is interacting with and learning from practicing lawyers who are doing IP work. Falati, who is president of the Eastern New York

Intellectual Property Law Association, takes students once a month to meetings or events with members of the patent bar. At these meetings, they discuss the latest developments in the law and how those affect their work with clients. In April, they attended a joint function with the IP and Innovation American Inn of Court, at which 10 law students spoke with practicing IP lawyers and senior judges.

Falati also maintains a small law practice, which he uses to connect students to the industry. For example, one of his contacts, the inventor of Taggies baby blankets, was a guest speaker and a client for a pair of students who worked on her new idea. He also serves as a reference for his students, helping them land interviews and even job offers.

Learning on an international stage from practicing IP lawyers is the third type of PRO. “Technology development knows no boundaries,” Falati said.



ALUMNI PROFILE

Wahida Bhuyan '12

left Professor Seve Falati (R) with Albany Law School students at the 2019 innovation and technology law academy in Italy.

THRIVEE-ing in health care tech



“We’re building our own tech, including artificial intelligence, to help determine if someone is at risk of relapsing.”

“It’s interesting to talk to lawyers in different countries and learn how they are facing these issues in their own jurisdictions.” Last year, he and his Italian counterpart created a program at Università di Padova Law School called the Innovation and Technology Law Summer Academy. Participants have learned about the application of IP laws across borders in an international environment. They have exchanged ideas, networked across borders, and experienced Italian culture.

This year four Albany Law School students attended the innovation and technology law academy. Two stayed in Italy for the rest of the summer doing legal research on how IP laws affect the development of new technologies such as the platform that underlies Bitcoin-type cryptocurrencies.

Falati and the PROs offer a multi-faceted approach to preparing students for careers in IP law. One recent graduate, **Joni Zucker '19**, experienced all aspects. She took the ELET course, attended functions with IP lawyers, and attended the summer program in Italy. With her well-rounded experience, she landed a prestigious fellowship at the U.S. Court of International Trade. “We’re seeing changes in technology every day,” said Falati. “The future is here—and our students are ready to take it on.” **A**

WAHIDA BHUYAN '12 INTENDED TO BE A TAX OR EMPLOYMENT ATTORNEY.

But while she was in law school, she was in a car accident—and got a firsthand look at the health care industry. “I saw how messy it really was with regard to information sharing,” she said. Medical workers had difficulty accessing her records, which led to her going into anaphylactic shock three times from prescription mistakes. So she took the general health care class Albany Law School offered at the time and, after earning her J.D., pursued a graduate school program in health care IT. At first, her application was rejected; the program was only open to doctors and programmers. “I told them they’ll need lawyers, too,” she said. They let her in.

She also started volunteering at a health clinic in Harlem to understand the complexities of the industry. “I wanted to see the real thing,” she said. After that, she received a tsunami of offers. It turns out, health care does need lawyers to navigate innovations and information technology. The federal government asked for her assistance drafting policy on information sharing and privacy issues. Then she began consulting for startups, guiding them through privacy laws as they used data to improve health care.

Now she is general counsel at THRIVEE, a company that is breaking new ground in opioid addiction recovery. “We’re building our own tech, including artificial intelligence, to help determine if someone is at risk of relapsing,” she said. “There are no laws really around it yet.” She works hand-in-hand with THRIVEE’s technology and design teams, helping them to develop vMAT—virtual Medication Assisted Treatment—tools that are legally acceptable. “It’s a little tricky because the law, when it comes to health care, is state-specific,” she said. “It’s a lot of research.” But she loves it. “You know you’re doing something that’s actually helping others.” **A**



DRONE LAW

Taking flight in a cutting-edge field

PROFESSOR **ROBERT HEVERLY '92**, who has been serving as the reporter for the Uniform Law Commission's "Uniform Tort Law Relating to Drones Act," is co-teaching a new course, The Legal, Ethical, and Operational Impacts of Unmanned Aviation Systems, with a colleague from the University at Albany. In addition to studying the legal and regulatory aspects of drone operations, students take the controls themselves at UAlbany's new drone flight facility, and are prepared by the course to take the FAA commercial drone pilot's exam. "Drone operators must be aware of the regulations that are in place to ensure not only their safety, but the safety of our skies," Heverly said. "And Albany Law graduates who have taken this course are going to be there on the front lines." **A**

ONLINE GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Cyber, privacy pros find ROI online

ALBANY LAW SCHOOL'S ONLINE PROGRAMS IN CYBERSECURITY AND DATA PRIVACY have had an immediate impact on participants' careers. Information security and privacy expert Dr. **Rey Leclerc Sveinsson '19** credits the online Master of Science in Legal Studies program with helping him get his current job. Earlier this year, leading cybersecurity solutions firm ERMProtect acquired his consulting practice and appointed him director of cybersecurity and privacy consulting. "The Albany Law program honed my focus on privacy, and the firm wanted someone with that expertise to kick-start their privacy practice," he said.

At ERMProtect, he oversees assessment against a laundry list of regulatory and industry standards. After examining clients' cybersecurity and privacy controls, he works with cross-functional security teams to develop plans for remediation or continuous improvement—while

minimizing the business impact.

"The most urgent issue in cybersecurity is privacy," said Leclerc Sveinsson, who plans to graduate in December. "There are lots of new rules coming out, and the expertise is not necessarily there. We need to expand our knowledge on the subject, and I wanted to be at the forefront of that." The master's program has proven valuable because it is designed to provide cybersecurity professionals with expertise on existing, new, and emerging policy.

Privacy expert **Allen Brandt '19** was named executive director and associate general counsel for Depository Trust and Clearing Corp. (DTCC), a New York-based financial services firm that handles 100 million transactions per day on behalf of banks and stock exchanges. The role includes serving as lead technology counsel. "I came in on the privacy side, so when they asked me to take on cybersecurity, I realized that with all my



Brandt



Leclerc Sveinsson

experience as an attorney, I had never had any formal training on the cyber side."

He sought to broaden his expertise by enrolling in the online Master of Laws (LL.M.) program in Cybersecurity and Data Privacy. "A lot of programs are in the technical field. To find a program that covers policy and talks about things from a different perspective is quite unique." Brandt was able to apply the relevant coursework he learned almost immediately. DTCC asked him to join its Cyber Resiliency Committee and Technology Risk Management Committee. "Having a member who not only has legal knowledge but also understands how we might respond during a cyber event is helpful," he said.

Brandt completed the LL.M. program in May, and now shares his professional experience and breadth of knowledge with other students as an adjunct instructor in the program. **A**



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ALUMNI PROFILE

Dan Nolan '78

Failure is an option (when you're innovating)

ONLINE GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Capital gains: New online programs for financial pros

ALBANY LAW SCHOOL IS NOW OFFERING FULLY ONLINE PROGRAMS for working professionals who want to advance their careers in financial compliance and risk management. The master's, LL.M., and certificate programs are designed for individuals looking to take on senior roles such as chief compliance officer, senior risk manager, and general counsel. “Skilled compliance professionals and risk managers play an essential role maintaining fair, orderly, and efficient financial markets,” said Professor **Christine Sgarlata Chung**, director of the Institute for Financial Market Regulation. “Trained professionals in this area—in the growing, evolving financial services industry—are in high demand.” Students are taught by professors and practitioners with unique expertise in finance, ranging from compliance officers to former U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission officials. Among the courses are Financial Crimes and Introduction to Bank Regulation.

Request more information about Albany Law's online graduate programs at graduate.albanylaw.edu/alumni. **A**

DAN NOLAN '78 NEVER INTENDED TO USE HIS LAW DEGREE IN A COURTROOM. He took his Albany Law School J.D. to a financial planning company and spent his career funding innovation. His bets paid off, and last summer he and his wife Sally gave Albany Law School \$1 million to establish an Innovation and Entrepreneurship Fund. Now he's asking others to contribute to that fund as well. “If we're not innovating at Albany Law School, if we're not looking at the trends, we're going to fall by the wayside,” he said. “We're independent. There's no one to feed us if things get bad. We're on our own.”

He's pleased with the law school's recent successful innovations, including new graduate degrees and an accelerated J.D. program for those willing to go to school all summer. “We've created a culture of innovation, and look what has happened,” said Nolan, who serves as chair of the *We Rise Together* campaign. “This place has to continually innovate. It can't be one and done.” His goal is to get the fund to \$10 million by persuading others to add to it. Then he would like the school to spend perhaps 5% a year on new ideas. “If they're funded out of operating revenue, there's a fear of failure,” he said.

Nolan doesn't see failure as a bad thing. In fact, he judges failure as proof that the school is truly seeking innovation. He wants the school to have enough money in the fund to feel free to try many ideas, even though not all will succeed. “If we succeed at everything we try, we are not taking enough risks—the risks that I think we need to take to remain in the forefront of law schools,” he said.

It's a philosophy that has helped guide his life. “My life has been helping companies innovate,” he said. “I'm a builder. It's a fascinating way to spend a career.” For 28 years, he worked at The Ayco Company. He founded and led the firm's Special Investment Group, for which he pursued inventive ideas that created investment opportunities for the firm's clientele. “We founded lots of businesses,” Nolan said. “It was a very creative company—we didn't know any different.” Nolan is now the president and CEO of Hugh Johnson Advisors, a financial management company, and a principal in NPV Capital, LLC, a private equity and real estate investment firm that he formed in 2007. He served as chair of the Albany Law School Board of Trustees from 2013 to 2017.

Nolan also gives lectures on innovation, using McDonald's as an example. McDonald's started as a hamburgers, fries, and milkshakes shop. Then it added other sandwiches. During a healthy-food phase, it added salads. Later, it offered breakfast, and now it is experimenting with high-end coffee. “They don't all work,” he said. But enough have worked. McDonald's has remained successful, despite innumerable changes in the restaurant field. “In business, there is no such thing as running in place,” he said. “The number of successful businesses that failed because they refused to innovate would just stun you. Look at the Dow Jones from the 1950s. Most of those companies are no longer around.”

Nolan, reflecting on the ideas and the startups he has been involved with through the years, said his wife Sally has been an invaluable partner. “She's been side by side with me,” he said. “She's got great judgment. We're a true team.” **A**

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In the New York State Bar Association's podcasting studio, Albany Law School students record the first episode in a series for nonprofit groups in May 2019.

TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Students harness tech to help nonprofits

HOW DO YOU REACH AN INCREASINGLY PLUGGED-IN AUDIENCE?

Meet them where they are: online and on the go.

This year, Albany Law School students in the course *The Law of Social Entrepreneurship and Exempt Organizations* designed a suite of web-based programs to help lawyers better serve their nonprofit clients. Through the *Nonprofit Formation Tool's* guided interviews—built on the Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction's *A2J Author* platform—attorneys can, with the push of a button, generate documents that are critical to gaining legal status for not-for-profit organizations in New York State. Dozens of lawyers have used the tool since its launch in February.

In the same course, students developed a podcast series for nonprofit groups across the country. The podcasts, recorded at the New York State Bar Association's headquarters, will inform nonprofit leaders on the limits under federal law that they need to be aware of when engaging in legislative and other types of policy advocacy. The episodes are expected to be released in the fall. [A](#)



Confronting history, elevating advocacy

ALBANY LAW SCHOOL AND THE UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY have created a dual J.D./M.A. in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, and a cross-institutional course, Race, Rape Culture, and the Law. "The dual degree provides a professional pathway for students to expand their understanding of complex social and legal issues," Professor **Donna Young** said, "which I believe will make them better lawyers and advocates."

Young's course—taught in partnership with UAlbany Professor Janell Hobson—addresses sexual harassment and assault laws and how those laws have affected the treatment of race, gender, identity, and sexuality in the United States. Students learn how the laws have contributed to normalizing, and in some cases trivializing, various forms of violence and harassment, Young said. "A critical approach to studying the law is beneficial to understanding and addressing a host of seemingly intractable problems that we are facing today." She added that the dual degree program—leading to employment in law, advocacy, community organizing, nonprofit work, and other areas—is especially useful "for those interested in representing and empowering survivors of sexual violence and people of color who face racism and other forms of discrimination."

Albany Law School's **Delaney Rives Knapp '19**, who took the inaugural fall 2018 course, said it was vital to her understanding "the relationships of power and coercion in the development of our nation's laws." "The seminar provides students the opportunity to confront some of the worst moments of our history," Knapp said, "with hope for a better future." **A**



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SECURITIES INDUSTRY ESSENTIALS

Pilot prep course provides an edge

THIS PAST YEAR, PROFESSOR **CHRISTINE SGARLATA CHUNG** OFFERED A PREP CLASS for the new Securities Industry Essentials exam after colleagues from the finance, compliance, and securities regulation worlds said it would be a valuable credential for students looking to break into the field. "It was a way for students to demonstrate interest and baseline knowledge," said Chung, who supervised about 10 students in the pilot course. "It's a really hard exam."

The SIE exam—covering topics ranging from broker sales practices standards to the relationship between bond pricing and yields—went live last fall. Chung's students were among the first law school students to take it. For one student, passing made the difference in getting a fellowship at the New York State Department of Financial Services. "Having this credential distinguishes you from the pack," Chung said. **A**



LAW AND ORDER: LAW SCHOOL AND SHERIFF ‘STEP UP’ TO CHANGE LIVES

BY SHANNON BALLARD GORMAN

SIX YEARS AGO, Professor **Sarah Rogerson** and a group of law students requested a meeting with Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple to propose a somewhat radical idea: to go into the Albany County Correctional Facility and provide free legal counseling to detained immigrants and their families.

“I was chuckling because Sarah was all defensive and ready to sell their case to me,” Apple recalled. “But right away I said, ‘Let’s do it!’ and she wasn’t ready for that response.”

Rogerson admitted they were expecting the meeting at the jail to be fairly adversarial. “When we explained our idea and the sheriff responded, ‘Well, that’s a no-brainer,’ I think my jaw fell to the floor. The conversation turned out to be very collaborative and all about making a difference.”

Rogerson, director of The Justice Center’s Immigration Law Clinic, credited **Chris Scoville ’14** and **Kristin Rogers ’14** with bringing the issue of immigrant detainees in the local jail to her attention. In some cases, children were being sent to foster care simply because nobody knew their parents were in detention. The team utilized the legal system and the Parental Interest Directive to prevent families from being separated and provided basic guidance on how to stay in the United States legally.

Albany Law School and the Sheriff’s Office have been working together—and coming up with forward-thinking ways to make a difference in the correctional system and the community at large—ever since.



above Sheriff Craig Apple, with Camille Mackler (C) of the N.Y. Immigration Coalition and Professor Sarah Rogerson, announces funding to help asylum seekers detained at Albany County Correctional Facility in November 2018. (D’Annibale/Times Union)

THAT PROGRAM MORPHED INTO AN INTAKE AND REFERRAL SERVICE FOR DETAINEES, called the Detention Outreach Project, to triage their needs and then connect them with the right types of help. When law students left for the summer or the jail got an influx of detainees, community partners like The Legal Project would help. One year a group of 40 women arrived at once, so Rogerson and her students worked with New York City’s Sanctuary for Families to interview them all.

“It turned out to be good practice for the flood of refugees we would see in 2018,” said Rogerson. The Trump administration’s zero-tolerance border enforcement policy resulted in a sharp rise in detainees. “Essentially the southern border was brought to Albany.” Apple was asked by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to house detained migrants in his jail. Around 300 individuals—about double what he anticipated—were sent to Albany that June. “I took so many because I knew we had a team willing to come in and fight to help these people stay here legally. My whole purpose was to provide them with legal counseling, medical care, and communication with their families, and we made all of that happen.” He credited Rogerson and her law students—who partnered with the New York Immigration Coalition and The Legal Project—with making it possible.

The detainees were from many different countries and backgrounds and spoke many languages. Most had not even had their credible fear interview, the first step in an asylum claim. “It was an intense learning experience for our students to be involved in that,” Rogerson said. **Julina Guo**, staff attorney for the



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Immigration Law Clinic, mentored and helped supervise the students. They worked through interpreters and prepared many detainees for their credible fear interviews. Their success rate was over 90%, significantly higher than the 2018 national rate of 76%.

One year later, the vast majority of those 300 individuals were no longer in detention. “That’s something pretty incredible that we accomplished together,” Rogerson said.

But there was more to do. Apple and the Detention Outreach Project petitioned the Albany County Legislature to repurpose part of the money that it received from the federal government for housing detainees. They secured \$170,000 to fund ongoing civil legal services, the first county-level investment of its kind in New York State.

THAT TYPE OF INVESTMENT IS CONTINUING. A manual of resources and guidance for inmates reentering the community was created, which grew into a program providing holistic services to inmates, which led to the creation of a salaried position for a director of the reentry preparedness program. Behind all three is dual degree graduate **Elena Kilcullen ’19**, who also earned a Master of Social Work from the University at Albany.

During an internship with Prisoners’ Legal Services of New York, her supervisor—staff attorney and pro bono director **Samantha Howell ’10**—suggested she work on providing resources for reentry.

Kilcullen spent a year creating a manual for inmates transitioning back into their communities in Albany, Schenectady, and Rensselaer counties. When she reached out to Apple about making it available in the jail, he not only agreed, he brainstormed with her on how to help inmates prepare for release and reduce their likelihood to recidivate, or return to jail.

A 2018 Bureau of Justice Statistics study revealed a recidivism rate of 68% within three years of release. “Statistics show that people are less likely to recidivate if they work on their plans for reentry during their incarceration, not once they’re out,” said Kilcullen, who created the New Beginnings program and began interviewing inmates upon intake about their plans for when they get out. “We ask whether they have transportation and a place to live, if they are struggling with substance abuse or addiction, what brought them here, and what they need to do so they don’t come back. That’s the start of the New Beginnings service provision. There are programs in the jail they can start, and they can ask for their case worker if they want to ask questions, access the reentry manual, or contact services on the outside.”

The average stay in Albany’s county jail is 31 days—not a lot of time to make arrangements for successful reentry into the community—and release dates often change, which poses logistical challenges. “It takes a lot of time to establish solid resources for somebody,” Kilcullen said. “Ultimately we want them to be able to support themselves and make that sustainable change.”

The manual, which is being loaded on tablets, helps inmates find out where they can go for help getting food, housing, addiction services, mental health counseling, job assistance, and more. Kilcullen is also working to make sure it is available post-incarceration at legal and social welfare organizations and even public libraries. “The program has already made a huge difference by changing lives for a lot of people,” Apple said. He hired Kilcullen to continue running the program from the jail.

“Now I know what I can do as a service provider, and I look forward to doing that,” Kilcullen said. “Next I want to explore what I can do as an attorney as far as being an advocate, providing legal counsel, and creating policy.”

left to right

Professor Sarah Rogerson, Dean Connie Mayer, Elena Kilcullen ’19 and Sheriff Craig Apple.





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SOMETIMES, PROJECTS FOR THE UNIQUE “LAW AND ORDER” PARTNERSHIP of Albany Law School and the Sheriff’s Office arise without warning. While delivering a ton—literally—of food to the Capital City Rescue Mission, Apple learned that its chef, Kinimo Ngoran, had been detained by ICE.

Apple called Rogerson, who met with Ngoran’s wife that same day and then called in reinforcements for what she knew would be a massive undertaking. The team included six Albany Law students. “Cases in which someone is unexpectedly taken into custody happen all the time, unfortunately,” Rogerson said. “Kinimo’s case was unique in terms of community intervention,” thanks in part to Apple posting about it on social media and the story quickly going viral. “Ultimately, Sheriff Apple’s report of his conversation with ICE, in which they said they were going to deport Ngoran immediately, proved to be the linchpin of our legal case,” Rogerson recalled. They secured Ngoran’s release from a detention center—where he was held for six weeks—and a temporary stay of removal until a decision is made on his application for permanent residency.

below Kinimo Ngoran is greeted at the Capital City Rescue Mission after his release from ICE detention on March 6, 2019. (Sheehan/Times Union)

APPLE, A POLICE OFFICER FOR 33 YEARS, had yet another idea for how the law school and police could work together for better outcomes. He proposed having law professors teach all law-related content at the Albany County Sheriff’s Public Safety Institute.

“The idea is to professionalize police academy teachings,” Apple said. “It’s a new model that has never been done before.” He talked with Associate Dean **Connie Mayer**, director of The Justice Center, about providing professors and adjuncts to teach classes such as penal law and courtroom demeanor and testimony—some at the law school—starting this fall. “Right now, the academy is a quasi-military environment. We want to change that, so that when recruits come out, they are well-prepared for community policing.”

APPLE HAS ALSO BEEN TALKING TO THE LAW SCHOOL about helping with another of his “never-been-done-before” ideas: to provide homeless housing in an unoccupied wing of the jail. He decommissioned 100 cells and transformed them into rooms, each with a private bathroom as well as basic furniture and outlets for a TV or mini fridge. “When you restore dignity to a person and give them a sense of ownership, good things come from that,” he said.

The Homeless Project is a natural offshoot of the New Beginnings program, Apple said. The hope is that law students can sit down with the residents to find out their needs and help connect them with the right kinds of help, which will get them on a path to good physical and mental health, proper identification, employment, and ultimately affordable, sustainable housing.

SHERIFF APPLE OCCASIONALLY COMES TO ALBANY LAW SCHOOL to speak to students about “not being afraid to step up.” He points to the non-traditional partnership between the law school and the Sheriff’s Office as an example of what is possible. “We’ve been able to knock down barriers and create programs that are literally changing lives in our county and beyond—and that’s what we’re all supposed to do, I think, aren’t we?” 





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STUDENT PROFILE

Erica Askew '21

Finding fulfillment in selfless service

THOUGH **ERICA ASKEW '21** IS STILL DECIDING ON HER AREA OF PRACTICE, she is clear on what kind of job she wants. “I came to law school not to find a career that would have the highest salary, but to find a career that I could be passionate about and that would be fulfilling and challenging,” she said. “I would not be happy in my career if I felt I was working solely for personal gain. I want to do my part to make the world a better place, as cliché as that sounds.”

The goal for her in law school has been finding the right fit. “I want to be a part of something bigger than myself, contributing to a team, selflessly working toward a greater goal with honorable professionals,” she said.

This summer, she found it as an Albany Law School Veterans Rights Fellow, interning with the Navy

Judge Advocate General’s Corps in Pensacola, Fla. Askew rotated through several JAG offices, from legal assistance to trial. “It was really eye-opening to see the importance of the JAG members and what they do to keep service members mission-ready,” she said. That starts with general legal assistance, from drafting wills to dealing with landlord-tenant disputes, for service members and their dependents. But JAGs play another important role. Askew observed two general court-martials—both for sexual assault—and non-judicial punishments for assault and larceny. Assisting in those types of prosecutions would give her a chance to do something meaningful, she said.

“The moment I found out what JAGs are and what they do, something immediately clicked. Navy JAGs have the ability to make an

impact around the world, in diverse and sometimes unique practice areas” such as cybersecurity, maritime, environmental, and international law.

Askew was also impressed by the camaraderie shown by attorneys on opposing sides. “The biggest thing that struck me was the relationship the government had with the defense,” she said. “They are still all under the same commander. Trial and defense had weekly [physical training] together.”

Askew’s family has served in the military for generations. Now, she plans to serve through law. Askew is certain it will be meaningful work that will bring her fulfillment in whichever area of practice she pursues. “To me, that’s really exciting.” **A**



ALUMNI PROFILE

Leonard A. Weiss '48

Hats off to an Albany legal legend



Paul II, and cast a ballot as a member of the Electoral College in 1996. “Who in the world would ever believe that a Jewish kid who grew up in poverty in Buffalo, New York, was going to end up on the Electoral College?” Weiss asked incredulously.

Albany Law School changed his life in more ways than one. On his first day of law school—new to Albany, living in a \$5-a-week room on Morton Avenue and knowing no one—Weiss introduced himself to a classmate, **Arnold Rosenstein '48**, whose family happened to own the most renowned restaurant in town, Jack’s. Rosenstein offered to introduce Weiss to his cousin, Sandee Sanders. Weiss went out with Sandee that very evening. “I was smitten,” he recalled. Apparently—he asked her to marry him.

Destiny brought Weiss to Albany in the first place. As a soldier in World War II, Weiss was honorably discharged after suffering an injury that ended his military days, but the Veterans Administration offered to send

him to graduate school. Weiss indicated he would like to study law, and the V.A. got him into Albany Law School. “Albany Law School was probably the most significant thing in my life,” Weiss said. “It gave me an ability, and it gave me an opportunity I don’t think I would have otherwise had. It stressed legal and moral values—treating people with kindness, dignity, and fairness. And when I graduated, I was prepared both to pass the bar exam and practice law.”

This spring, the current presiding justice, the Honorable **Elizabeth A. Garry '90**,

interviewed Weiss for a documentary that was unveiled in September. What emerged from that interview was a man decades ahead of his time in advocating for women and people of color in the profession. “When I was a student at Albany Law School, there were several hundred students [and] one woman. All the rest were men,” recalled Weiss, who is now special counsel at McNamee Lochner in Albany, concentrating on alternative dispute resolution. “When I got admitted to the bar in the County of Albany in 1948, there were two women among all the lawyers practicing. I knew that wasn’t right.”

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WHEN A MAN HAS WORN AS MANY HATS and held as many prestigious positions as **Leonard A. Weiss '48**, exactly how do you address him? Judge Weiss? Justice Weiss? Presiding Justice Weiss? Commissioner Weiss? Chair Weiss? How about Elector Weiss? He makes it easy: “Call me Len.”

Weiss is a true legend in the Albany legal community: Albany City Court judge; Supreme Court justice; Appellate Division, Third Department justice and presiding justice; president of the Association of Justices of the Supreme Court; chair of the Albany County Democratic Committee; commissioner of the New York State Public Service Commission; member of the Electoral College. Yet his core humanity and humility shine through in his indifference to the formalities of title. “Call me Len” is the title of a short video Weiss’ daughter put together as a tribute to her father some years ago. It depicts a humble, grateful man, the child of Hungarian immigrants who grew up in poverty and seems genuinely astonished that he reached such heights as an attorney and judge, met Pope John

above Judge Leonard Weiss '48 (right) with Presiding Justice Elizabeth Garry '90. (Robert Mayberger '78)



OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Cultural-intelligence infusion

Presiding Justice Garry said that even though Weiss retired from the Appellate Division in 1994, his legacy continues. “Judge Weiss has had a tremendous impact and a highly positive influence on so very many of us; he is a model of fairness, treats others with a remarkable empathy, and embodies the quality of dignity,” she said. “He consistently promotes virtues in a notably progressive and inclusive manner. I am honored to know him as a colleague—and to call him a friend.” One of those on whom he made an impact was Associate Justice **Michael Lynch ’79**, who clerked for Weiss from 1981 to 1989 and fondly refers to his former boss as “the dean of the Albany County bar.” “He has always been a great role model and mentor to so many attorneys,” Justice Lynch said. “Judge Weiss has a true passion for the law and a work ethic second to none. His career stands testament to the integrity of our justice system.”

Watch the Judge Weiss interview at albanylaw.edu/WeissFilm. **A**

DEAN **TROY RIDDLE** HAS A GOAL FOR THE STUDENTS OF ALBANY LAW SCHOOL. “I want them to be the most culturally intelligent lawyers ever,” said the school’s new assistant dean for diversity and inclusion. It doesn’t matter what the students’ ethnicities or backgrounds are—they can all learn. “You can be diverse and not be culturally intelligent,” Riddle said. “Just having a characteristic or cultural background doesn’t make you self-aware.” In the short-term, he’s confident his efforts will make the school a more welcoming community. And in the long-term, he predicts that the students will see dividends in their personal and professional lives. “I believe you relate better with clients. You look at facts in a different way that can help you with strategy,” he said. “It mitigates barriers to effective representation.”

He is also working with the faculty and staff, believing that some simple changes can go a long way. At one faculty meeting, he shared the story of a first-year student who felt she was rarely called on in her class because her name was perceived as unusual and difficult to pronounce. He had two messages: “It’s important to try. And if you’re not sure, it’s no excuse,” he said. “Names have significance.” The law school now has three committees focusing on issues of diversity, from the perspectives of faculty, students, and staff.

“I think in three years, this school will be a different place,” Riddle said. “We want to make sure we leave no stone unturned in making this the most inclusive law school ever.” **A**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CLINIC

A taste of business development

FOR AN ALBANY COUPLE WHO PLAN TO OPEN A RESTAURANT, The Justice Center’s Community Development Clinic has been the difference between operating a mom-and-pop and a professional operation. Law students helped Kelechi Nwagboso and her husband, Obinna, form an LLC for their business: Keobi, an African cuisine restaurant. The students are now helping them navigate the

requirements for obtaining food and liquor licenses, and are assisting in their efforts to obtain a retail space. “It’s been an amazing experience,” Obinna said. “They helped us with our business structure, the entity formation, and the operating agreement. We would never have known how to do it ourselves.” The Nwagbosos plan to open Keobi by spring 2020. **A**

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RURAL LAW INITIATIVE

Task force tackles rural justice gap

AN INNOVATIVE SURVEY OF RURAL NEW YORK LAWYERS has quantified an impending crisis: clients in need and too few attorneys, many of whom are nearing retirement.

“Market forces are not going to solve this,” said Government Law Center and Rural Law Initiative staff attorney **Taier Perlman**. Perlman authored a report that documents a number of legal trends in rural areas and illustrates the critical public service rural practitioners offer their communities. In July, the New York State Bar Association announced a task force—of which Perlman is co-chair—to investigate and address the challenges detailed in the report.

“Ultimately, based on the data, these access-to-justice gaps are only going to get worse, which is why the Rural Justice Task Force is so essential,” Perlman said.

The Government Law Center’s Rural Law Initiative gathered the data in partnership with the University at Albany, supported by funding from SUNY Cobleskill.

Read the report, “Rural Law Practice in New York State,” at albanylaw.edu/RuralLaw.



“When I speak my truth, I am now helping other people be in their own truth.”

ALUMNI PROFILE

Alejandra N. Paulino ’02

Pioneer brings ‘better’ to the state Senate

ON TOP OF MAKING HISTORY, **Alejandra N. Paulino ’02** is changing the way business is done in the New York State Senate. Paulino—an adjunct professor at Albany Law School and a member of the Government Law Center advisory board—became the first Latina in the state’s history to serve as secretary of the Senate when she took over at the start of the 2019 session. As secretary, she oversees every department that makes the Senate function, a role she sees as “an opportunity to do business better.”

Paulino is updating the Senate’s sexual harassment policies and adding cultural competency training, having learned that the existing program is outdated. “We want to be better and understand each other better. It can be as simple as making sure you say someone’s name right.” Or having the correct religious text available. She oversaw the purchase of a Quran, noting that the Senate has a Muslim member. “Those are things that matter. My team and I are more aware of it.”

She is using her training as a lawyer, and her years of working as a defense attorney, to guide the transformation. “When I wanted one department to take a cultural competency class, I didn’t just tell them to take it. I did it, too,” she said, explaining that as an attorney she’s learned how to win people’s trust. “I’m using what I’ve learned as a lawyer to make people have this conversation in a safe place.”

It helps that she started her career as a Senate fellow. She feels comfortable there and has long wanted to make improvements. “We used to talk about these things among ourselves,” she said. Now she is empowered to bring those discussions into the light. “When I speak my truth, I am now helping other people be in their own truth. I’m here for a reason.”

She couldn’t do this “extremely gratifying” job alone, Paulino added, noting that the Senate majority leader and her chief of staff are both women of color who are guiding transformative change.

There’s a lot of pressure; members often bring groups of young visitors to her office—not just because she’s the secretary, but also because of what she represents. Many people have told Paulino—recipient of the Capital District Black and Hispanic Bar Association’s 2019 Trail Blazer Award—that her position is an honor to every Latina. “I’ve received a lot of acknowledgment for being a Latina in this role, what it means to all the women and kids and girls that come through here. There’s no room to mess up.”



COMMUNITY IMPACT

Students answer the call

COMMUNITY MEMBERS, FROM THE YOUNG TO THE AGING, know they can rely on Albany Law School. For veterans and the elder population, annual pro bono law days lend much-needed guidance. For area children and families, various toy drives and events such as Trick or Treat Street make the holidays that much brighter—and spookier. And for those susceptible to the access-to-justice gap, The Justice Center provides hope, help, and a lifeline.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2018-19

- The graduating class contributed more than 52,000 hours of pro bono and public service work while at Albany Law School. “It’s the most rewarding work you will do, no matter what you do with your life,” **Dianne R. Phillips ’88** of Holland & Knight said during her keynote address at the 2019 Celebration of Public Interest and Pro Bono.
- Working through The Justice Center, students devoted more than 33,000 hours to serving the unmet legal needs of clients in the Capital Region and beyond.
- Around 11,000 of those hours were performed via The Justice Center’s in-house clinics, through which students represented entrepreneurs, nonprofits, and small businesses; immigrants and asylum-seekers; people with chronic health conditions; and survivors of domestic and family violence. The remaining hours were contributed through field placements and the Pro Bono Society.
- Students helped hundreds in the community through their pro bono projects. The Elder Rights Project hosted 100-plus guests at its annual Senior Citizens’ Law Day. The Veterans’ Rights Project held its own law day to answer the unmet legal needs of veterans, service members, and their families. The Prisoners’ Rights Project partnered with several organizations to register inmates to vote and educate them on voting rights and eligibility status. The Tenants Rights Project teamed up with United Tenants of Albany to staff a hotline and provide information about eviction defense. The Young Advocates Project taught students at Tech Valley High School how to formulate an effective argument. And the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Project assisted low-income taxpayers in preparing their returns.
- The Black Law Students Association co-organized a well-attended #518KnowYourRights workshop on improving police and community interactions.
- Students launched several holiday-themed initiatives, including: toy drives by the Prisoners’ Rights Project and the Black Law Students Association; Adopt-a-Family by the Latin American Law Students Association, Muslim Law Students Association, and Asian Pacific Law Students Association; and the Rockefeller Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta’s annual Halloween event—the family focused Trick or Treat Street—which packed the gym with hundreds of costumed revelers. **A**



Advancing Albany Law School together

Welcome from National Alumni Association President Lisa M. Ogden '03



FOR THE PAST 16 YEARS I've considered myself fortunate to be counted among Albany Law School's 10,000-plus alumni. Today, I'm both fortunate and humbled to begin my tenure as president of our National Alumni Association (NAA).

The NAA is an important and unique part of our law school community. It's where our past meets our future; it's where we have an opportunity to foster new relationships with both current students and fellow alumni; it's where we can give back to the institution that has done so much to shape our own professional journeys.

During my term, I plan to continue the outstanding work of my predecessors—including that of **Earl Redding '03**, who I would like to thank for his leadership over the past year. In addition, I'm hopeful that we can deploy the considerable talents of our alumni organization to: expand our involvement in the school's mentoring and recruiting programs; leverage our collective expertise for various academic endeavors, including panels and continuing legal education seminars; and, last but not least, maximize the participation of our alumni members so more of us can be the beneficiaries of this incredible network of graduates from America's oldest independent law school.

I hope that you will join me in my efforts to ensure that our alumni community is doing everything it can to advance not only the academic mission of our beloved school, but the personal and professional relationships—between all of us—that make this organization far greater than the sum of its parts.

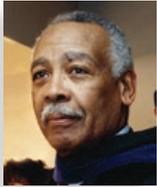
Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa M. Ogden". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

LISA M. OGDEN (BONACCI) '03
President, NAA

CLASS OF 1954

65th REUNION



Peter M. Pryor and his wife, Barbara J. Pryor, received the University at Albany Foundation's

Community Laureate Award in November 2018. He was also featured in the documentary "More Than Words: The Photography of Newsman Bob Paley," which examines the civil rights and anti-war movements in Albany through the lens of an acclaimed photographer.

CLASS OF 1957

Hon. Conrad H. Lang was named chairman emeritus of Hudson Valley Community College's board of trustees.

CLASS OF 1960

Hon. Angelo D. Lomanto received the Charles Hough Memorial Award at the Fulton County Republican Club's Lincoln Day Dinner in February 2019.

CLASS OF 1968

Hon. Barry D. Kramer was awarded the New York State Senate Liberty Medal upon his retirement as Schenectady County Supreme Court Justice.

CLASS OF 1972

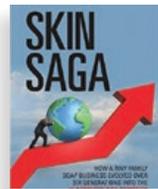
Paul R. Kietzman joined Barclay Damon in Albany, N.Y., in the Health Care and Human Services and Health Care Controversies practice areas.

James D. Linnan accepted a position as counsel with The Wagoner Firm in Albany, N.Y.

CLASS OF 1973

Robert H. Iseman was chosen as a winner of the 2019 International Advisory Experts (IAE) Award.

CLASS OF 1975



Charles W. Stiefel published the book *Skin Saga: How a Tiny Family Soap Business Evolved Over Six Generations into the #1 Dermatology Company in the World*—the story of his family business. All proceeds are being donated to the Dermatology Foundation.

Hon. Thomas J. Vilsack was awarded a SUNY Honorary Doctorate of Science degree from the State University of New York College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill.

CLASS OF 1977

Hon. David M. Heim was appointed Wheatfield town justice and was elected director of the Bar Association of Niagara County.

Sharon L. Landers was named the first female city manager of Carson City, Calif., in May 2019.

CLASS OF 1978

Cristine Cioffi received the 2019 Hon. Judith S. Kaye Distinguished Attorney Member Award from the Capital District Women's Bar Association.

J.K. Hage celebrated the opening of the Hage Family Robotics Lab at SUNY Polytechnic Institute.

Daniel P. Nolan was presented with the 2019 James M. DiNapoli Award at the Downtown Albany Business Improvement District's annual meeting in May.

Hon. Donald A. Williams was the keynote speaker at the Police Chiefs Association of Ulster County's 2019 awards banquet.

CLASS OF 1979

40th REUNION

Hon. James A. McCarty was confirmed to the N.Y. Court of Claims.

Hon. Fred W. Thiele was elected to the New York State Assembly, representing District 1.

CLASS OF 1980

Martin J. Barrington was named chair of the board of directors of Anheuser-Busch InBev.

Steven L. Brewer received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching.

Hon. Kevin A. Cahill was elected to the New York State Assembly, representing District 103.

Patrick J. Maloney joined the Meyers Buth Law Group in Orchard Park, N.Y., as of counsel.

CLASS OF 1981



Hon. Catherine Bennett received the 2018 Victor J. Roszkopf Achievement Award in recognition of her judicial professionalism and ethics.

Christine Daniels retired as vice president of legal services at Price Chopper Supermarkets.

Anne Reynolds Copps is of counsel at the newly formed Copps DiPaola Silverman, PLLC, in Albany, N.Y.

Robert J. Rock was admitted to the Roll of Solicitors in Ireland in November 2018.

CLASS OF 1982

Hon. Andrew M. Cuomo was elected to a third term as governor of New York State.

CLASS OF 1983

Pamela A. Madeiros was honored at the ACDS Annual Gala in Old Bethpage, N.Y., in October.

Andrea Quercia rejoined Ernstrom & Dreste after spending time in a variety of positions in private practice, government, and corporate environments.

Daniel J. Rutnik was named the Entrepreneur of the Year at Siena College. Rutnik runs Bender Lane Advisory, a wealth management firm based in Albany, N.Y.

CLASS OF 1984

35th REUNION

Susan E. Farley received the 2018 Professionalism Award from the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

James E. Hacker was named a fellow of the International Academy of Trial Lawyers in London.

CLASS OF 1985

Loretta E. Branigan was inducted as a director of the Society of the Friends of St. Patrick.

CLASS OF 1986

Jeffrey A. Siegel became managing partner of O'Connell & Aronowitz in Albany, N.Y.



Geoffery Stein debuted his work of art, a collage that highlights Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's 1996 opinion in *United States v. Virginia*.

CLASS OF 1987

Hon. Philip M. Boyle was elected to the New York State Senate, representing District 4.

Gerard G. Antetomaso was appointed chair of the Real Property Law Section of the New York State Bar Association.

CLASS OF 1988

Hon. James G. McAuliffe was sworn in as Fulton County Family Court judge.

CLASS OF 1990

Leslie B. Anderson returned to the Suffolk County (N.Y.) District Attorney's Office as the deputy bureau chief, focusing on gang-related issues as part of the D.A.'s executive team.

Hon. Mary Beth Walsh was elected to the New York State Assembly, representing District 112.

CLASS OF 1991

David M. Boon was promoted to senior director of investments for Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. in Chicago, Ill.

Clinton G. Johnson was named Ulster County attorney.

Hon. Richard Rivera was named the first supervising judge for domestic violence courts and mentor courts for the Third Judicial District.

CLASS OF 1992



Paul G. Barden joined Paramount Settlement Planning LLC as a settlement strategist.

CLASS OF 1993

Michael J. Balch joined Saiber LLC in Florham Park, N.J., as a partner in the Insurance and Reinsurance practice group.

Douglas E. Gregory was promoted to attorney-in-charge of the Rochester branch for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of New York.

Hon. Michael G. Hayes was elected Dutchess County Surrogate Court judge.

Karen M. Herzog was named partner at the newly formed Downs Ward Bender Hauptmann & Herzog, P.A.

Hon. Michele R. Titus was elected to the New York State Assembly, representing District 31.

CLASS OF 1994

25th REUNION

Rory E. Jurman became a partner with Hinshaw & Culbertson in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Debra G. Kathman was named director of gift planning at the World Wildlife Fund in Washington, D.C.

Ann M. Sharpe was named vice president of wealth management at Ballston Spa National Bank.

CLASS OF 1995

Lt. Col. Joel E. Abelove retired from military service with the New York Army National Guard and was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his contributions as a Judge Advocate officer.

Paul J. Colucci was named partner at Brown, Gaujean, Kraus & Sastow, PLLC, where he will focus on medical malpractice defense within the firm's health care practice group.

David E. Reid was elected in November 2018 to the board for the Folsom Cordova Unified School District in Folsom, Calif.



David E. Siegfeld was installed as chair of the board of directors for the Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York.

CLASS OF 1996

Brian C. Cuneo accepted a position as managing director of Rockefeller Capital Management's Global Family Office.

Mark R. Kossow was named partner at Clark Hill, a banking and financial services group in Princeton, N.J.

Timothy D. O'Hara was appointed by Rockefeller Capital Management as president of the Rockefeller Global Family Office and a member of the firm's executive team.

Evelyn I. Raez was appointed hearing officer for the New York City Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings.

Yolanda Rivero joined Michael Faillace and Associates, P.C., as an associate attorney.

Carla T. Rutigliano was named head of human resources at New York Life Insurance, in addition to her current position as senior vice president. She also became a member of the executive management committee.

CLASS OF 1997



Hon. Linét Beltré Rosado was elected judge for the New York Supreme Court, 12th Judicial District.

John B. Chandler was appointed vice president and wealth advisor at Berkshire Bank.

Hon. Mary Pat Donnelly was elected Rensselaer County district attorney.

L. Micha Ordway Jr. was elected to serve on the Bousquet Holstein PLLC board of managers.

Lisa M. Powers accepted a position as senior counsel with Harris Beach PLLC in Rochester, N.Y.

CLASS OF 1998

Roseann Torres was appointed co-chair of California's Closing the Achievement Gap initiative.

Melissa M. Zambri was elected managing director of Barclay Damon in Albany, N.Y.

CLASS OF 1999

20th REUNION

Raymond F. Bara was appointed Oneida County's public defender—civil division.

Cathy L. Drobny was installed as the recording secretary for the Capital District Women's Bar Association.

Julie A. Garcia was appointed to serve on the New York State Joint Commission on Public Ethics.

Cara E. Johnson Brousseau was appointed by the Court of Appeals to be the first-ever female state reporter for the N.Y. Law Reporting Bureau.

Hon. Connie Morales was elected judge for the New York City Civil Court, Bronx County.

Letizia P. Tagliafierro was named inspector general of the State of New York.

Megan B. Van Aken was installed as treasurer of the Capital District Women's Bar Association.

CLASS OF 2000

Katrine A. Beck opened an insurance defense litigation and risk management firm, Fullerton Beck LLP, in White Plains, N.Y.



William J. Decaire was named general counsel for Bestpass, Inc.

Kelly A. Pronti was appointed to a three-year term on the management committee at Harter Secrest & Emery LLP.



Hon. Lillian Wan was confirmed as judge to the New York Court of Claims. She is the first Asian-American woman to serve in this role.

Steven D. Wilson joined the firm Young/Sommer LLC in Albany, N.Y., as of counsel.

CLASS OF 2001

Elizabeth G. Adelman was appointed interim vice provost for university libraries at the University at Buffalo School of Law.



Jennifer Chung joined the legal department at AccuWeather.

Hon. John R. Higgitt was confirmed as judge to the New York Court of Claims.

Robert D. Wilson was named partner at Fisher Phillips in San Diego, Calif.

CLASS OF 2002

Joseph R. Feehan was named a partner in the tax department at blumshapiro in Boston, Mass.

Tania Manners joined the Portland law firm Rizzo Mattingly Bosworth as of counsel. Her practice will focus on personal injury and civil rights litigation.

Hon. Marsha D. Michael was elected judge for the New York Supreme Court, 12th Judicial District.

Alejandra N. Paulino became New York State's first Latina secretary of the Senate. In addition, she received the Capital District Black and Hispanic Bar Association's 2019 Trail Blazer Award.

Tara A. Pleat was elected chair of the Elder Law and Special Needs Section of the New York State Bar Association.

Sandra D. Rivera was named chair of the New York State Bar Association Committee on State Legislative Policy.

Frank K. Staiano was named partner at Gallivan White Boyd in Charleston, S.C.

CLASS OF 2003

Thomas M. Kernan was appointed chair of the health care section of the American Staffing Association.

Soma S. Syed was named chair of the New York State Bar Association Committee on Lawyer Referral.

Hon. Lee M. Zeldin was elected to his third term in the U.S. House of Representatives, representing New York's 1st Congressional District.

CLASS OF 2004

15th REUNION

Hon. Anthony J. Brindisi was elected to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives, representing New York's 22nd Congressional District.

Peter J. Glennon, principal of The Glennon Law Firm P.C., was sworn in as a certified federal court mediator. In addition, he was inducted into the New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame in 2018.

Catherine M. Kelly was named partner at Meyner and Landis LLP in Newark, N.J.

Christopher K. Mills was named chair of the Committee on Character and Fitness for the Fourth Judicial District.

G. Nagesh Rao was selected by his peers at the United States Small Business Administration and the White House to receive a Gears of Government Award.



Jennifer Richardson joined Patrick B. Jenkins & Associates as senior vice president. She was also named to *City & State's* 40 Under 40 Class of 2019.

CLASS OF 2005

Sofya P. Borchard accepted a position as associate health care compliance officer with the New York City Fire Department.

Sarah E. Gold was named co-chair of the New York State Bar Association Committee on Law and Practice.

Prof. Alexandra R. Harrington wrote the book *International Organizations and the Law*, which was published in June 2018.

Leyla A. Kiosse was installed as president of the Capital District Women's Bar Association.

Hon. Michael J. Norris was elected to the New York State Assembly, representing District 144.

Terrance N. Pratt was appointed secretary of the State University of New York.

Peter C. Ringel accepted the position of claim specialist with Nationwide Insurance.

Lorraine R. Silverman is a partner at the newly formed Copps DiPaola Silverman, PLLC, in Albany, N.Y.

Gregory J. Teresi joined Bartlett, Pontiff, Stewart & Rhodes, P.C, in Glens Falls, N.Y.

Matthew A. Young was named deputy office managing member of Bond, Schoeneck & King in Albany, N.Y.

Celebrations



Christiana Hadzoglou '09 married Cory McWhinnie on September 15, 2018, in Calgary, Canada.

Michael Calogero '10 married Valerie Nicolo on April 13, 2019, at the India House in Manhattan.



Peter Gregory '10 and Kaleigh Gregory welcomed a daughter in June 2018.

Kim McCall '10 and Keith Bernard welcomed a daughter, Blaire Marie Bernard, on June 12, 2019.

Bridget O'Toole '11 and **Ryan McDonald '11** welcomed a son, Quentin McDonald, on December 13, 2018.

Chaula Shukla '13 and **Matthew Tullio '13** welcomed a daughter on November 6, 2018.

Gina (Angrisano) Wisniewski '14 married **James Wisniewski '16** on May 18, 2019.

Kayla (Segar) O'Donnell '15 married James O'Donnell on April 7, 2018.



Adriel Colón-Casiano '18 welcomed a son, Hassan Adriel Colón-Morgan, on November 20, 2018.

Alyssa Otis '18 welcomed a son, William Otis, in June 2018.

CLASS OF 2006

Irene L. Brookins joined Corning Inc. as senior IP counsel.

Amanda L. Dreher received the ESL Jefferson Award for outstanding volunteerism in the Rochester, N.Y., community.

Hon. Leann L. Michael started a new position as administrative law judge with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services.

Heather C. Tenney was named partner at Tully Rinckey PLLC in Albany, N.Y.

Matthew Wagoner was named to the *Albany Business Review's* 40 Under 40 Class of 2019.

CLASS OF 2007

Meghan K. McNamara joined Manatt, Phelps & Phillips LLP in Albany, N.Y., as a partner with Manatt Health.

Jacqueline Bushwack was selected for the *Crain's New York Business* Notable Women in Law list.

Manaen S. Robinson was named partner of Parsons & Robinson, P.A., in Ocean View, Del.

CLASS OF 2008

Steven A. Goldman was made partner at Curran Moher Weis, P.C., in Fairfax, Va.

Matthew B. Hauf accepted a position as chief assistant district attorney for Rensselaer County.

Ryan V. Horstmyer was named to *City & State's* 40 Under 40 Class of 2018.

Benjamin L. Riemer was lead counsel in the case that won the Texas Appleseed's Pro Bono Leadership Award for the firm Bell Nunnally.

CLASS OF 2009

10th REUNION

Leah E. Cintineo was elected partner at Underberg & Kessler LLP in Rochester, N.Y.

Kathleen "Casey" Copps DiPaola is a partner at the newly formed Copps DiPaola Silverman, PLLC, in Albany, N.Y.



Michael W. Macomber was named CEO of Tully Rinckey PLLC.

Morgan S. Ruthman was named to the *Albany Business Review's* 40 Under 40 Class of 2019.

CLASS OF 2010

Shane J. Egan became a partner at Cappillino Rothschild & Egan LLP in Pawling, N.Y.

Peter J. Gregory was promoted to partner at McConville, Considine, Cooman & Morin, P.C., in Rochester, N.Y.

Samantha G. Howell joined Southern Legal Counsel in Gainesville, Fla., as pro bono director.

Ann McGrath was named to the *Albany Business Review's* 40 Under 40 Class of 2019.

Christopher W. Michaels accepted a position as an associate with Weber Gallagher's civil rights and municipal liabilities group in Philadelphia, Pa.

Mitchell J. Pawluk was named to the *Albany Business Review's* 40 Under 40 Class of 2019.

David A. Rozen joined the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission as legislative counsel.

Nathan D. VanWhy became partner at Coughlin & Gerhart, LLP.

Andrew B. Wilson served as the distinguished speaker at the 2019 Healthcare Compliance Symposium at Widener University Delaware Law School.

CLASS OF 2011

Hon. Brian T. Barnwell was elected to the New York State Assembly, representing District 30. In addition, he was named to *City & State's* 40 Under 40 Class of 2018.

Bridget A. O'Toole received the Monroe County Bar Association's 2018 Emerging Bar Leader Award.

Andrew D. Rikard was honored on WNYT NewsChannel 13's "We Salute You" segment on November 16, 2018.

Alyssa D. Snyder was installed as president-elect of the Capital District Women's Bar Association.

CLASS OF 2012



Javid Afzali joined Bond, Schoeneck & King in Albany, N.Y., as senior counsel in the firm's litigation, property, and environmental practices.

Wahida Bhuyan accepted a position as general counsel of THRIVEE.

Molly C. Casey joined Maguire Cardona P.C. in Albany, N.Y.

Ariele R. Doolittle was promoted to senior associate of tax practice at Hodgson Russ LLP in Albany, N.Y.

Hanok M. George joined CutisPharma in Wilmington, Mass., as general counsel.

Laura L. Mona joined BNSF Railway in Fort Worth, Texas, as assistant general attorney with the environmental legal team.

Erica N. Rangel received Rockefeller College's Young Alumna in Political Science Award.

Kendra J. Rubin was appointed vice president of governmental affairs for the New York Credit Union Association in Albany, N.Y. She was also named to *City & State's* 40 Under 40 Class of 2019.

CLASS OF 2013

Katerina M. Kramarchyk received the Monroe County Bar Association's 2019 Emerging Bar Leader Award. She also joined Ward Greenberg Heller & Reidy LLP as an associate.

Mackenzie M. Plaske was installed as corresponding secretary for the Capital District Women's Bar Association.

CLASS OF 2014

5th REUNION

Deirdre R. Barthel was named director of intergovernmental and legislative affairs for the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services.

Kathleen M. Brown accepted a position as an associate with Farrell Fritz focusing on health care regulation matters.

Edward H. Clarke was elected to the Capital Region board of the New York League of Conservation Voters.

Serena M. Compitello accepted a position as an associate with Underberg & Kessler LLP.

Madalyn R. DeThomasis was installed as first vice president of the Capital District Women's Bar Association.

Hillary A. Gunther joined the firm Harris Beach PLLC in Uniondale, N.Y.

Kelly H. Hendricken was named to *City & State's* 40 Under 40 Class of 2018.



Jellisa M. Joseph received the Outstanding New Lawyer Award from the Capital District Women's Bar Association in June 2019.

Jessica M. Mahoney opened JM Mahoney Law PLLC. In addition, she received the 2018 Alumna of the Year Award from Berkeley College.

Amanda M. McHenry was promoted to supervising attorney of the family court program for the Hiscock Legal Aid Society in Syracuse, N.Y.

CLASS OF 2015

Julie M. Gondar was named director of Curran Wealth Management in Albany, N.Y.

Sarah A. Jaeger was named to the *Albany Business Review's* 40 Under 40 Class of 2019.

Hon. Michael LiPetri was elected to the New York State Assembly, representing District 9.

Kayla R. O'Donnell joined the New York State Liquor Authority as a senior attorney.

Courtney B. Schrenko became a corporate associate at Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP in New York, N.Y.

Joseph R. Williams joined Copps DiPaola Silverman, PLLC, in Albany, N.Y., as an associate.

Lindsay N. Zanello joined Dechert LLP as an associate.

CLASS OF 2016

Paul J. Buehler joined Bond, Schoeneck & King as an associate in the firm's labor and employment practice.

Cassandra J. DiNova joined Rivkin Radler LLP in Albany, N.Y., as an associate in the health services practice group.

CLASS OF 2017

Tinamarie Fisco accepted a position as staff attorney at the Children's Law Center in the Bronx, N.Y.

Gabriella R. Levine joined Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP in Albany, N.Y., as an associate.

Kyle A. Satchell joined Smith & Brink as assistant counsel.

CLASS OF 2018

Patrick E. Antonikowski joined Rivkin Radler LLP as an associate in the firm's insurance fraud practice group.

Allison E. Bartlett was hired as an associate in the environmental, land use, and zoning practice group at Harter Secrest & Emery LLP in Rochester, N.Y.

Dena M. DeFazio was named an associate at Barclay Damon.



Benjamin D. Gold joined Marks Paneth LLP as a tax associate.

Marco Licata was named a non-executive director on the board of Lafarge Africa Plc.

Jenna Pettograsso joined Rivkin Radler LLP as an associate.



Daniel C. Speranza joined Bartlett, Pontiff, Stewart & Rhodes, P.C., in Glens Falls, N.Y., as an associate.

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To submit a class note, visit alumni.albanylaw.edu.

ALUMNI EVENTS



Alumni Luncheon
Boston, Mass.
Sullivan & Worcester
October 19, 2018



**Alumni Networking
and Class of 2018
Welcome Reception**
New York, N.Y.
Union League Club
October 22, 2018



**Albany Law Review
Reception**
New York, N.Y.
Patterson Belknap
Webb & Tyler
November 16, 2018





Campaign Dinner
Parkland, Fla.
Parkland Golf and
Country Club
March 7, 2019



Campaign Gala
New York, N.Y.
New York
Athletic Club
January 17, 2019



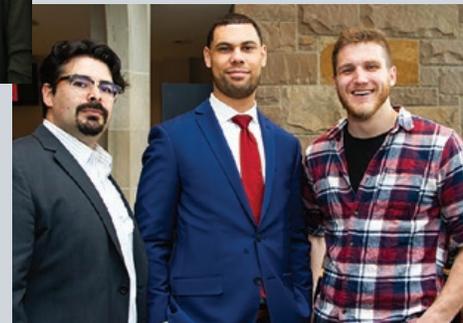
Campaign Dinner
Washington, D.C.
Morgan, Lewis &
Bockius
April 24, 2019



**Campaign
Celebration**
Albany, N.Y.
90 State Events
March 27, 2019

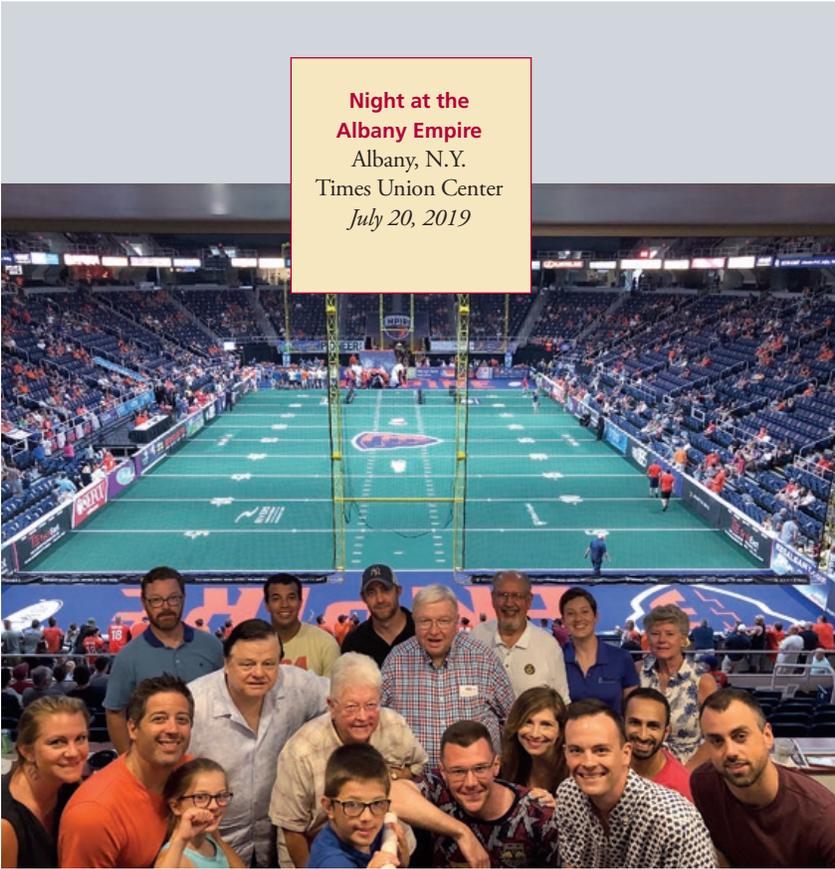


**Community
Diversity Day**
Albany, N.Y.
Albany Law School
April 26, 2019





25th Annual ACBA-Albany Law Golf Outing
Loudonville, N.Y.
Schuyler Meadows Club
June 24, 2019



Night at the Albany Empire
Albany, N.Y.
Times Union Center
July 20, 2019



Community Service Day
Voorheesville, N.Y.
Patroon Land Farm
August 17, 2019



23rd Annual Day at the Races
Saratoga Springs, N.Y.
Saratoga Race Course
August 23, 2019

ALUMNI REUNION '18

Class Giving Awards

Highest Total Dollar Amount Raised
Class of **1978**



Highest Percent of Participation
Class of **1958**



Highest Number of New Donors
Class of **2013**



Highest Reunion Attendance
Class of **2008**





Inaugural Grand Honors Awards

Trustees Gold Medal

Daniel P. Nolan '78

Distinguished Alumni Award

Hon. Michael J. Garcia '89

Donald D. DeAngelis '60 Excellence in Alumni Service Award

Keiki-Michael Cabanos '97

Amy J. Kellogg '02

Outstanding Young Alumni Award

Javid Afzali '12

Matthew J. Laroche '10

Adam W. Silverman '08



ALUMNI REUNION '19

Class Giving Awards

Highest Total Dollar Amount Raised
Class of **1974**

Highest Percent of Participation
Class of **1979**



Highest Number of New Donors
Class of **2019**



Highest Reunion Attendance
Class of **1989**





2nd Annual Grand Honors Awards

Trustees Gold Medal

Hon. Bernard J. Malone Jr. '72

Distinguished Alumni Award

Hon. Leslie E. Stein '81

Donald D. DeAngelis '60 Excellence in Alumni Service Award

Robert A. Rausch '94

Outstanding Young Alumni Award

Samantha G. Howell '10

Humanitarian Achievement Award

Hon. Elizabeth A. Garry '90



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Selected Faculty Scholarship

Academic Articles, Books, and Book Chapters

Prof. Andy Ayers

“Federalism and the Right to Decide Who Decides,” 63 *Villanova Law Review* 567 (2018).

“Justice Sotomayor and the Sense of Respect,” 81 *Albany Law Review* 721 (2018).

Prof. Ira Mark Bloom

“Marital Deduction” and “Advanced Written Directives for Health Care” in DRAFTING NEW YORK WILLS AND RELATED DOCUMENTS (LexisNexis Matthew Bender 2018) (Ira Mark Bloom and William P. LaPiana).

Prof. Vincent Bonventre

“Religious Liberty: Fundamental Right or Nuisance,” 14 *University of St. Thomas Law Journal* 650 (2018).

Prof. Melissa Breger

“Corporal Punishment, Social Norms and Norm Cascades: Examining Cross-National Laws and Trends in Homes Across the Globe,” 26 *William & Mary Journal of Race, Gender, and Social Justice* __ (forthcoming 2020) (with Victor Asal, Lucy Sorensen, and Charmaine Willis).

“Making the Invisible Visible: Exploring Implicit Bias, Judicial Diversity, and the Bench Trial,” 53 *University of Richmond Law Review* 1039 (2019).

“Re-Norming Sport for Inclusivity: How the Sport Community Has the Potential to Change a Toxic Culture of Harassment and Abuse,” 13 *Journal of Clinical Sport Psychology* 274 (2019) (with Margery Holman and Michelle Guerrero).

“Reforming by Re-Norming: How the Legal System Has the Potential to Change a Toxic Culture of Domestic Violence” in WOMEN AND THE LAW (Thomson Reuters 2019) (Tracy A. Thomas, ed.).

Prof. Raymond Brescia

THE FUTURE OF CHANGE: TECHNOLOGY, SOCIAL MOVEMENTS, AND SOCIAL CHANGE (Cornell University Press forthcoming 2020).

CRISIS LAWYERING: EFFECTIVE LEGAL ADVOCACY IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS (NYU Press forthcoming 2020) (co-editor with Eric K. Stern).

“On Tipping Points and Nudges: Review of Cass Sunstein’s *How Change Happens*,” 34 *Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics and Public Policy* __ (forthcoming).

“Creative Lawyering for Social Change,” 35 *Georgia State Law Review* 529 (2019).

“Civil Society and Civil Justice: Teaching with Technology to Help Close the Justice Gap for Non-Profit Organizations,” 29 *Albany Law Journal of Science and Technology* 16 (2019) (with Alexandria Decatur ’19 and Julia Kosineski ’19).

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“Understanding Institutions: A Multi-Dimensional Approach,” 17 *University of New Hampshire Law Review* 1 (2018).

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Prof. Joe Buffington

“Conditional Answers to Multiple Choice Questions: Three Linguistic Problems (and Solutions) for ‘if;’” __ *Journal of Legal Education* __ (forthcoming).

Prof. Christine Sgarlata Chung

“Rising Tides and Rearranging Deckchairs: How Climate Change is Reshaping Infrastructure Finance and Threatening to Sink Municipal Budgets,” __ *Georgetown Environmental Law Review* __ (forthcoming 2019).

“The Devil You Know: A Survey Examining How Retail Investors Seek Out and Use Financial Information and Investment Advice,” 37 *Review of Banking and Financial Law* 653 (2018).

Prof. J. Stephen Clark

“Senators Can’t Be Choosers: Moratoriums on Supreme Court Nominations and the Separation of Powers,” 106 *Kentucky Law Journal* 337 (2017-2018).

Prof. Jaya Connors

“Advocating for Child Clients in Custody Cases Involving Parental Alienation Issues,” 28 *Widener Commonwealth Law Review* 5 (2019).

Prof. Patrick Connors

Practice Commentary to “CPLR Article 31: Disclosure” in MCKINNEY’S CONSOLIDATED LAWS OF NEW YORK (Thomson West).

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Prof. Danshera Cords

“How Can Green Tax Laws Spur Green Behavior? An Analysis of Chinese Tax Policy on Green Consumption,” 17 *Pittsburgh Tax Review* __ (forthcoming 2019).

Prof. Edward De Barbieri

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Prof. Shahrokh Falati

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BY JOHN CAHER

Breger takes on unseen influence in bench trials

ALTHOUGH JUDGES ARE SPECIALLY TRAINED AND DISCIPLINED to shield their decisions from prejudices, implicit biases inevitably ooze into the mix for the simple reason that humans are human, and research shows that the human brain generalizes. Those biases can be particularly dangerous in a bench trial, where the partiality of a single finder of fact replaces the presumably diffused predispositions of a jury or appellate panel.

In a new article, “Making the Invisible Visible: Exploring Implicit Bias, Judicial Diversity, and the Bench Trial”—published in the *University of Richmond Law Review*—Albany Law School Professor **Melissa L. Breger** explores strategies to decrease the threat of implicit bias affecting bench trials, considers whether a more diverse bench would yield more objective decisions, and sounds a call for quantitative scientific research to provide studied guidance. “My goal is ultimately to point out connections and associations I see; my hope is that others think meaningfully about those issues and my ideas for reform,” Breger said. “We have to understand how judges think. We have to realize that judges are human and implicit biases are often subconscious.”

“All judges need to be mindful of their own idiosyncratic biases, which is especially true when a judge believes he or she is not biased toward a particular group.”

Breger has written and lectured extensively on implicit bias and has previously suggested the taint of subconscious discrimination may be lessened to some degree when dispersed throughout a jury. That led her to ponder the effect of hidden biases when the finder of fact is not a jury of six or 12, but a single person. “Having one finder of fact may also create unique circumstances in which implicit biases can more readily manifest,” she wrote.

In her article, Breger raises questions that she hopes will provoke both thought and rigorous research, such as: Would diversifying the bench result in jurisprudence that is less likely to be contaminated by bias? Would judges who themselves have been the target of bias be more alert to rooting it out of their courtrooms? “We can never assume that all women judges will see certain types of cases one way, or that all African American judges will decide uniformly,” Breger said. “There is no monolithic voice of any particular judge. All judges need to be mindful of their own idiosyncratic biases, which is especially true when a judge believes he or she is not biased toward a particular group.”

Breger acknowledges that recent focus on implicit bias, which is now part of the curriculum at the New York State Judicial Institute at Pace Law School and a CLE requirement for all New York lawyers, has raised awareness of hidden or ingrained preconceptions and prejudices. But she warns that while biases rooted in malice are the most troublesome, even presumptions that do not involve negative stereotypes are incompatible with the goal of dispassionate jurisprudence. “Even though implicit biases can be damaging, such biases are not necessarily rooted in hate and negativity,” Breger wrote. “At times, biased thinking can be mistakenly construed as complimentary to a particular group, even though the so-called positive stereotype itself brings with it harm. Because implicit biases are not generally deliberate or malicious, however, they can be that much harder to identify and to eradicate.”

Breger said her writing naturally informs her teaching, and her teaching informs her writing. In attempting to encourage critical thinking on the part of her students, she is challenged to do the same. “In law school education, we all teach the same body of law,” Breger said. “Whether it’s case law or federal rules of evidence, those are the same. We should also be teaching our students to be critical thinkers and nurturing our students’ intellectual growth. In that way, Albany Law School is unique. We are small and close-knit, so we are able to nurture individualized connection between students and faculty.” **A**



BY JOHN CAHER

Sundquist provides direction to ambiguous SCOTUS ruling

IN *PEÑA-RODRIGUEZ V. COLORADO* (2017), THE U.S. SUPREME COURT FOR THE FIRST TIME recognized a racial bias exception to the no-impeachment rule, allowing post-verdict challenges based on juror prejudice. Yet applying that new rule—which subordinates the secrecy of jury deliberations to the Sixth Amendment guarantee of an impartial jury and the Fourteenth Amendment promise of equal protection—has proven to be an easier-said-than-done proposition.

Professor **Christian B. Sundquist**, director of faculty research and scholarship at Albany Law School, postulates a working paradigm in an article published recently in the *Denver Law Review*, “Uncovering Juror Racial Bias.” Sundquist said the article was inspired by his own class when he asked students to analyze and apply the ruling as would a judge. “I asked my students, ‘If you were the judge, how would you apply *Peña-Rodriguez*?’ My students are amazing and tried to tackle it in an analytical way, but the language of the decision is fairly ambiguous.”

Sundquist quickly realized the difficulty his students faced is identical to the difficulty judges are having in applying the new standard. Justice Anthony Kennedy’s majority opinion offered little guidance, and thus far there is scant decisional or scholarly direction for trial judges on not only how to identify juror racial bias post-verdict, but how and when to address it. The professor said many judges simply lack the training, knowledge, or experience to fully appreciate when racial stereotypes are infecting jury deliberations. He suggests courts look to sound sociological and psychological research in considering post-verdict motions under *Peña-Rodriguez*, and conduct thorough fact-finding hearings when presented with claims of juror racial bias. “For me it is astounding that for our country’s entire history, until just a couple of years ago, judges had almost no freedom to even examine evidence of juror racial bias in a post-verdict impeachment context,” Sundquist said. “It is a wonderful development, but nonetheless has it flaws.”

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Peña-Rodriguez arose out of Colorado, where the defendant was accused of molesting two teenage girls in a restroom. The jury found the defendant guilty of unlawful sexual contact and harassment, but after the panel was discharged, two jurors signed affidavits attesting to the racial bias of juror H.C., who allegedly said—among other racist remarks—that “nine times out of 10 Mexican men were guilty of being aggressive toward women and young girls.”

Under the no-impeachment rule, juror testimony about what occurred during deliberations may not be used to impeach a verdict. But in 2017, a 5-3 Supreme Court majority held that the no-impeachment rule must give way to the right to an impartial jury, as well as the equal protection guarantee, upon evidence that a juror issued a “clear statement of racial bias” that amounted to a “significant motivating factor” in the juror’s decision. Trial courts have struggled to figure out what exactly constitutes a “clear statement of racial bias” and when that statement evinces a “significant motivating factor.”

Sundquist discusses both the psychology and sociology of racism within the pertinent legal constructs and concludes that a first step is educating and training judges in the hope that they can prevent racial bias from polluting the jury deliberation process in the first place. And when they are confronted with a *Peña-Rodriguez* allegation, Sundquist argues in his article, judges must hold “a thorough and informed evidentiary hearing, considering not only juror testimony but also scientific and specialized evidence on the nature of racism and stereotyping.”

The professor said the Albany Law School pedagogical modality inspires exactly the sort of teaching-scholarship experience that resulted in his article. “One thing I have found that makes our faculty special is our devotion to both teaching and scholarship to better serve the needs of our students and the broader community,” Sundquist said. “For the majority of law schools, the tradition has been to value scholarship more than teaching or even public service. I find our scholarship informs our teaching, and our teaching informs our scholarship.” **4**

Prof. Peter Halewood

“Debating Equality: Neoliberalism, Normativity, and Campus Rhetoric” in *STUDENT ACTIVISM IN THE ACADEMY: ITS STRUGGLES AND PROMISE* (Myers Education Press 2019) (Joseph L. DeVitis and Pietro A. Sasso, eds.).

Prof. Robert Heverly '92

“More is Different: Tort Liability of Compromised Systems in Internet Denial of Service Attacks,” 47 *Florida State University Law Review* ___ (forthcoming 2020).

“Revisiting ‘The Information Semicommons,’” 59 *IDEA: The Law Review of the Franklin Pierce Center for Intellectual Property* 137 (2018).

“The Coming Cyborg Challenge: Human Augmentation and Intellectual Property” in *THE WORLD OF IP: CAUGHT BETWEEN GLOBALISM AND NATIONALISM* (forthcoming) (Josef Drexler, ed.).

Prof. Keith Hirokawa

“An Ecosystem Services Approach to Cultural Resource Protection,” ___ *Environmental Law* ___ (forthcoming) (with Linnea Riegel).

“Foundations of Insider Environmental Law,” 49 *Environmental Law* 631 (2019) (with Jonathan Rosenbloom).

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“Gaming Rhetoric and the Complicated Story of Local Identity” in *BEYOND ZERO-SUM ENVIRONMENTALISM* (Environmental Law Institute 2019) (with Jonathan Rosenbloom) (Sarah Krakoff, Melissa Powers, and Jonathan Rosenbloom, eds.).

Prof. Michael Hutter

“What Happens in Vegas, Stays in Vegas? Asserting a Tort Claim in New York Courts Against a Foreign Corporation Arising from a New Yorker’s Out-of-State Accident Post-Daimler,” 82 *Albany Law Review* 1139 (2019) (with Judge Mark Powers).

“Review of Privileged Materials in Trial and Deposition Preparation of Witnesses in New York: When, if Ever, Will the Privilege Be Lost?,” 38 *Pace Law Review* 437 (2018).

“The Attorney-Client Privilege and Communications Between Company Employees and Their In-House Counsel,” 22 *New York Business Law Journal* 37 (2018).

“Evidence” in *PREPARING FOR AND TRYING THE CIVIL LAWSUIT* (New York State Bar Association 2nd ed. 2018 rev.).

Prof. James Redwood

“Back from the Brink: The Supreme Court Saves the SEC’s Rule 10b-5 from the Grim Reaper,” ___ *UMKC Law Review* ___ (forthcoming 2019).

“SEC Goes After Cryptocurrency Issuers for Selling Unregistered Securities: *Howey* Doing?,” 22 *New York Business Law Journal* 9 (2018).

Prof. Patricia Reyhan

“Unlimited Vindication: Choosing Statutes of Limitations in the Era of Constrained Personal Jurisdiction,” 50 *New Mexico Law Review* ___ (forthcoming 2020).

“Choice of What? The New York Court of Appeals Defines the Parameters of Choice-of-Law Clauses in Multijurisdictional Cases,” 82 *Albany Law Review* 1241 (2019).

Prof. Sarah Rogerson

“Sovereign Resistance to Federal Immigration Enforcement in State Courthouses,” 32 *Georgetown Immigration Law Journal* 275 (2018).

Prof. Christian Sundquist

“Uncovering Juror Racial Bias,” 96 *Denver Law Review* 309 (2019).

“The Technologies of Race: Big Data, Privacy and the New Racial Bioethics,” 27 *Annals of Health Law* 205 (2018).

Prof. Evelyn Tenenbaum

“Empowering Patients with Alzheimer’s Disease to Avoid Unwanted Medical Care: A Look at the Dementia Care Triad,” 34(2) *American Journal of Alzheimer’s Disease and Other Dementias* 131 (2019) (with Wayne Shelton, Kevin Costello, and David Hoffman).

“The Advantages of Peer Review over Arbitration for Resolving Authorship Disputes,” 4(10) *Research Integrity and Peer Review* (2019) (with Zubin Master).

“Swaps and Chains and Vouchers, Oh My!: Evaluating How Saving More Lives Impacts the Equitable Allocation of Live Donor Kidneys,” 44 *American Journal of Law and Medicine* 67 (2018).

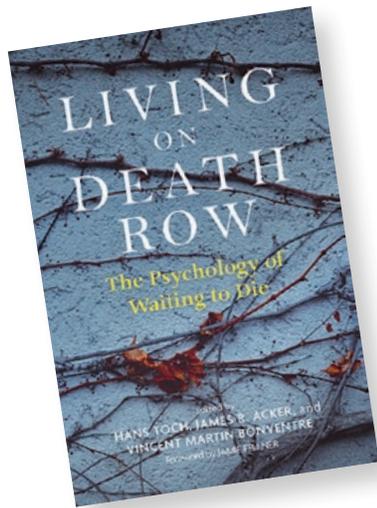
“Donate Today So Your Loved One Can Receive a Future Live Donor Kidney: Are Kidney Vouchers Enforceable Contracts?,” 14 *Journal of Health and Biomedical Law* 101 (2018).

“Can Civil Lawsuits Stem the Tide of Direct-to-Consumer Marketing of Unproven Stem Cell Interventions,” 3(1) *npj Regenerative Medicine* 5 (2018) (with Claire Horner, Zubin Master, and Douglas Sipp).

Prof. Donna Young

“Race and Free Speech on College Campuses” in *THE OXFORD HANDBOOK OF RACE AND LAW IN THE UNITED STATES* (forthcoming 2020) (Khiara Bridges, Devon Carbado, and Emily Houh, eds.).

“A Legal History of Black Women, Sexual Violence, and Sexual Harassment in the United States” in *THE ROUTLEDGE COMPANION TO BLACK WOMEN’S CULTURAL HISTORIES* (Routledge forthcoming) (Janell Hobson, ed.).



Faculty Awards

Prof. Vincent Bonventre

PROSE Award, Association of American Publishers, February 2019.
(For LIVING ON DEATH ROW: THE PSYCHOLOGY OF WAITING TO DIE.)

Prof. Melissa Breger

Excellence in Scholarship, Albany Law School, May 2019.

Prof. J. Stephen Clark

Excellence in Service, Albany Law School, May 2019.

Prof. Michael Hutter

President's Award, Schenectady County Bar Association, May 2019.

Dean Troy Riddle

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Award, National Association of Law Student Affairs Professionals, June 2019.

Prof. Sarah Rogerson

Kimberly A. Troisi-Paton Leadership Award, Capital District Women's Bar Association, June 2019.

M. Shanara Gilbert Award, Association of American Law Schools Section on Clinical Legal Education, May 2019.

Immigrant Excellence Award, New York State Association of Black and Puerto Rican Legislators, February 2019.

Peter J. Murrett III Pro Bono Champion Award, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Upstate New York Chapter, October 2018.

Prof. Jenean Taranto

Excellence in Teaching, Albany Law School, May 2019.

The Justice Center

Nonprofit Organization of the Year Award, Capital Region Chamber of Commerce, November 2018.

Faculty Achievements



President and Dean Alicia Ouellette '94

Spoke as part of an expert group meeting on bioethics and disability at the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, in September 2019. The U.N. convened the group, composed of select scholars and experts from around the world, to inform the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities' forthcoming report to the Human Rights Council.

Presented "Disability and Health Care: Distrust, Disparities, and a Path Forward" at Yale School of Medicine in New Haven, Conn., in April 2019.

Secured the largest gift in the history of Albany Law School—\$15 million—which will support the clinical programs and pro bono services of The Justice Center. (See page 12.)

Prof. Pamela Armstrong '86

Presented "Kindling Common Sense—Art as a Reflection of Shared or Separate Values" as a panelist at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Conference in August 2019; moderated a panel on "Finding Status in the Legal Academy for Academic Support and Bar Prep Professionals."

Prof. Andy Ayers

Reconfigured the Government Law Center Fellowship program to prepare students for careers in public service. (See page 20.)

Workshopped his academic article, "Sanctuary Values," at the Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference at Brigham Young University Law School in June 2019.

Gave trainings on immigration law to local-government officials at the conferences of four municipalities' associations.

Prof. Ira Mark Bloom

Became a life member of the American Law Institute.

Prof. Vincent Bonventre

Presented on the U.S. Supreme Court and the New York Court of Appeals for justices and court attorneys of the Appellate Division, Third Department in March 2019.

Presented “The Now and Future Supreme Court” to the New York legislative and executive staffs at the 2018 Legislative CLE Program in December 2018.

Appeared twice as a featured guest on the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) podcast *Miranda Warnings*; gave expert analysis on a range of topics to journalists from the *New York Law Journal*, *Newsday*, “The Capitol Pressroom,” “Capitol Tonight,” KJZZ (NPR-Phoenix), and elsewhere.

Prof. Melissa Breger

Delivered the remarks “Motherhood Bias” as part of a panel discussion reviewing the book *BLAMING MOTHERS: AMERICAN LAW AND THE RISKS TO CHILDREN’S HEALTH* and presented her paper “Reforming by Re-Norming: How the Legal System Has the Potential to Change a Toxic Culture of Domestic Violence” during a separate panel at the Law and Society Association’s Annual Meeting in Toronto, Canada, in June 2018.

Co-authored, with three University at Albany researchers, the working paper “Paddling the Pupils: The Legality (or Not) of Corporal Punishment in Schools,” which was featured in *The Conversation*. The *Conversation*’s article was syndicated to news outlets nationwide.

Work cited in several cases and statutes, including opinions by the Sixth Circuit and the Southern District of New York, as well as courts in the Virgin Islands and multiple state courts. She has also been cited extensively by more than 100 law reviews and books.

Prof. Raymond Brescia

Named Hon. Harold R. Tyler Chair in Law and Technology; also named an academic fellow of the Pound Civil Justice Institute, a national legal think tank, in February 2019.

Named to the transition team for New York Attorney General Tish James and served as the coordinator of the housing policy working group.

Spoke at the Code for America Summit, a national conference tackling government’s biggest challenges in the digital age, in Oakland, Calif., in May 2019.

Prof. Joe Buffington

Directed the Albany Law School bar success program; outperformed peer institutions on the July 2018 and February 2019 bar exams.

Presented a training session with Professors Andy Ayers and Keith Hirokawa on “Legal Writing for Non-Lawyers” to engineers and other professionals at the New York State Department of Transportation. The training was organized through the Public Service Workshops program.

Taught the course Sales for the first time—a blend of bar prep and training for practice.

**Prof. Christine Sgarlata Chung**

Offered an innovative and successful prep course for the new Securities Industry Essentials exam. (See page 33.)

Appeared on Spectrum News’ syndicated program “Capitol Tonight” to discuss the Mueller Report and its key takeaways in April 2019.

Gave expert analysis on a range of topics to journalists from *Newsday*, *Times Union*, *Daily Gazette*, and “The Capitol Pressroom.”

**Prof. J. Stephen Clark**

Delivered the 4th Annual Kathryn D. Katz ’70 Memorial Lecture, “Progressively Incorrect: A Gay Liberationist Critique in the Social Justice Era,” at Albany Law School in October 2018.

Joined CTV in Canada to discuss the confirmation of Justice Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court in September and October 2018.

Published the op-ed “Gays in the military reassures #MeToo movement that you don’t have to win to make progress” in *The Hill* in October 2018.

Prof. Jaya Connors

Recognized by the Albany County Bar Foundation for her work as director of the Family Violence Litigation Clinic, which received a grant from the foundation, in November 2018.

Prof. Joe Connors

Appointed as a member of the New York State Lawyer Assistance Committee and as co-chair of the Capital District Lawyers Helping Lawyers Committee.

Presented on “Kinship Foster Care Denials and Due Process” at the NYSBA Partnership Conference in Albany, N.Y., in October 2018.

Supervised 16 law interns who represented more than 40 clients with chronic health impairments. Through the Health Law Clinic, the students worked on a range of legal matters, including appeals of denials of health insurance coverage, family court cases involving the well-being of children, eligibility challenges, and denials of crucial public benefits.

Prof. Patrick Connors

Presented the program “Intersection of the Court of Appeals and Appellate Division Jurisdiction” with Judge Victoria Graffeo ’77 (Ret.) at the New York State Appellate Judges Seminar in Wading River, N.Y., in July 2019. The program was attended by the judges of the Court of Appeals and the justices of all four departments in the appellate division.

Appointed to the NYSBA Task Force on the New York Bar Exam in April 2019. The task force is studying the recent changes to the New York Bar Exam and is conducting public forums throughout the state to discuss the issue.

Treatise *NEW YORK PRACTICE* was cited seven times in the three opinions in *Williams v. Beemiller* — N.Y.3d — 2019 WL 2030257 (2019). In *Williams*, an Ohio firearm merchant sold a gun to an Ohio resident in Ohio. The gun was then resold on the black market and used by a gang member to shoot the plaintiff in Buffalo. The court held that the plaintiff could not obtain long-arm jurisdiction over the Ohio firearm merchant in New York State court.



ROGERSON RECOGNIZED FOR CLINICAL IMPACT

Congratulations to Albany Law School Professor **Sarah Rogerson**, recipient of the **2019 M. Shanara Gilbert Award**—one of the most prestigious national honors in clinical legal education!

Professor Rogerson is the founding director of the Immigration Law Clinic. Established in 2015, the Immigration Law Clinic—part of The Justice Center at Albany Law School—has become a vital entity in Albany and New York State, providing free legal services to undocumented immigrants who seek a lawful path to citizenship.

“We are so proud of Professor Rogerson, a tireless advocate for justice and a force in legal education,” said President and Dean Alicia Ouellette. “Through her work with the Immigration Law Clinic, she not only has made an impact on the lives of countless clients and students, but also has set the bar for Albany Law School’s excellent clinical program.”

She is the second recipient from Albany Law School; Professor **Melissa Breger** received the Gilbert Award in 2005.

Prof. Danshera Cords

Quoted in the *Weekly Journal* (Puerto Rico) article “How the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act Affects Charitable Giving” in August 2019.

Gave expert analysis to journalists from *USA Today*, *The Hill*, and *City & State* regarding tax issues and President Trump.

Prof. Edward De Barbieri

Directing a transactional clinical program supported by a significant campaign gift.

Awarded a three-year, \$150,000 grant from New York State for Albany Law School’s veterans’ and service members’ rights pro bono program.

Quoted in the *Associated Press* article “Fiat Chrysler Deal Gives Detroit Residents First Crack at Jobs” in August 2019.

Prof. Shahrokh Falati

Discussed the IP case *Helsinn Healthcare v. Teva Pharmaceuticals* at the Intellectual Property and Innovation American Inn of Court’s meeting in May 2019.

Co-organized the second Innovation and Technology Law Summer Academy at Università di Padova Law School in Italy in June 2019. (See page 28.)

Prof. Anthony Paul Farley

Elected to the Society of American Law Teachers (SALT) Board of Governors at the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Annual Meeting in New Orleans, La., in January 2019.

Elected to the executive committee of the AALS Section on Civil Rights.

Prof. Peter Halewood

Named Governor George E. Pataki Distinguished Professor of International Commercial Law.

Named chair of the AALS Section on International Human Rights.

Co-organized panels on commercial supply chains, human rights, and human rights indicators for the AALS Annual Meeting in January 2019.

Dean Antony Haynes

Moderated the panel “Internet of Things: What Do Corporations Need to Know?” at the Association of Corporate Counsel Cybersecurity Summit at American University Washington College of Law in January 2019.

Presented on bias in machine learning at the 22nd Annual New York State Cyber Security Conference and 14th Annual Symposium on Information Assurance in Albany, N.Y., in June 2019.

Profiled in the *Modern Counsel* article “Albany Law School’s Antony Haynes Has a Human Take on Tech” in October 2018.

Prof. Robert Heverly ’92

Appointed as the associate reporter for the drafting committee of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws project, “Tort Law Relating to Drones Act”; appointed by the president of NYSBA to the Legal Education Committee.

Participated on the panel “The Internet of Bodies: Cyborgs and the Law” at the AALS Annual Meeting in January 2019.

Quoted in the *Legaltech News* article “The Internet of Bodies: A Convenient—and, Yes, Creepy—New Platform for Data Discovery” in January 2019.

Prof. Keith Hirokawa

Presented “Climate Disruption and Ecosystem Tradeoffs” at the 5th Annual Sustainability Conference of American Legal Educators at Arizona State University’s Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law in May 2019.

Presented at the Ecosystem Services Policy Writing Workshop at Vanderbilt University Law School in March 2019.

Presented “Watershed Governance as an Ecosystem Services Opportunity” as a keynote speaker at the 2018 Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association Annual Conference in Boise, Idaho, in October 2018.

Prof. Michael Hutter

Delivered three presentations at the 2019 Summer Sessions for New York State Judges in June and July 2019, speaking on the admissibility of medical evidence in automobile litigation. He also prepared and gave three national CLE lectures, sponsored by the National Law Foundation, in July 2019.

Published several evidence columns in the *New York Law Journal*, including “People v. Smith: Missing Witness Charge in Civil and Criminal Cases” in August 2019; issued the next-to-last article, “Authentication,” and submitted the final article, “Best Evidence,” for the *Guide to New York Evidence*, issued by a judicial committee for which Professor Hutter serves as reporter.

Served as the court-appointed mediator in a pending action in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York in July 2019.

Prof. Mary Lynch

Best Practices for Legal Education Blog inducted into the *ABA Journal* Blawg 100 Hall of Fame.

Participated in Wolters Kluwer’s 6th Annual Leading Edge Conference, an invitation-only gathering of the country’s top legal education thought leaders, in July 2019.

Facilitated the op-ed “Blasey Ford’s Courage Will Change History,” co-signed by members of the Albany Law School faculty and students and published by the *New York Law Journal* in October 2018.

Prof. Nancy Maurer

Presented “More Roads to Rome: Alternative Conceptions of Educating Lawyers for a Just Society” at the European Network for Clinical Legal Education and International Journal of Clinical Education (IJCLE) Conference at Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia, in July 2019.

Presented “Assessing Cultural Competence as a J.D. Learning Outcome in Clinics, Hybrids, and Field Placements” with Professor Shahrokh Falati at the International Journal of Clinical Education (IJCLE) Conference at the University of Melbourne, Australia, in November 2018.

Presented on “Ethical Issues in Representing Clients with Diminished Capacity” at the *Albany Government Law Review* symposium, *Autonomy and Awareness*, in February 2019. (See page 9.)

Dean Connie Mayer

Appointed to the New York Court of Appeals Advisory Committee on Skills and Values in January 2019.

Facilitated the workgroup panel “Law Schools Working in the Community: Addressing Civil Legal Needs Arising from Entanglement with the Criminal Justice System” at the 8th Annual Law School Access to Justice Conference at Brooklyn Law School in May 2019.

Quoted in the *Times Union* article “Law Clinic & Justice Center a lifeline for many,” published in the paper’s annual special section on non-profit work, in November 2018.

Prof. David Pratt

Named Jay and Ruth Caplan Distinguished Professor of Law.

Quoted extensively in the media for his work advising retirees from St. Clare’s Hospital who lost all or part of their pensions.

Joined Bloomberg TV for an in-studio discussion on companies offering student loan forgiveness as a recruitment tool in July 2018.

Dean Rosemary Queenan

Serving on the conference committee for the National Association of Law Student Affairs Professionals (NALSAP) 2020 Annual Conference.

Promoted to tenure track in May 2019.



Dean Troy Riddle

Moderated the panel “Free Speech on Campus: A Delicate Balancing Test” and presented during the session “How to Engage with Historically Marginalized Communities” at the AALS Annual Meeting in January 2019.

Organized the Albany Law School Office of Diversity and Inclusion’s inaugural pre-orientation program, *Lighting the Pathway*, in August 2019.

Prof. Sarah Rogerson

Led the Detention Outreach Project at Albany County Correctional Facility in the summer and fall of 2018. (See page 35.)

Served as co-counsel on Kinimo Ngoran’s deportation defense legal team, winter 2019. (See page 38.) The case was featured in *The Intercept* article “The ‘Guerrilla Habeas Team’ Combating ICE in New York.”

Prof. Christian Sundquist

Elected chair-elect of the AALS Section on Evidence.

Elected chair-elect of the AALS Section on Minority Groups.

Participated on the panel “Grant Development and Management in Law Schools” at the American Bar Association’s Associate Deans Conference in Chicago, Ill., in June 2019.

Prof. Jenean Taranto

Promoted to tenure track as an associate professor.

Coached, with Professor Nancy Maurer, the Albany Law School students who won the regional round and competed in the national finals of the ABA Negotiation Competition in Chicago, Ill., in February 2019.

Prof. Evelyn Tenenbaum

Awarded full tenure as a professor of law.

Presented “Vouchers as a Foundation for a New Approach to Determining the Equities of Live Kidney Donation” at the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities (ASBH) Conference in Anaheim, Calif., in October 2018.

Presented “Half a Chance: Addressing the Ethical, Legal, and Organizational Challenges of Splitting Donated Livers” at the Health Law Professors Conference in Chicago, Ill., in June 2019 and “Ethical and Policy Concerns Regarding Negligent Prenatal Testing for Late-Onset Genetic Conditions” at the Reproductive Ethics Conference in Albany, N.Y., in April 2019.

Prof. David Walker

Named director of Albany Law School’s Schaffer Law Library.

Prof. Donna Young

Named President William McKinley Distinguished Professor of Law and Public Policy.

Appointed a joint faculty member in the Department of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at the University at Albany.

Delivered the keynote address “Regulating Harassment in the Academy” at Cornell University’s School of Industrial and Labor Relations in March 2019.

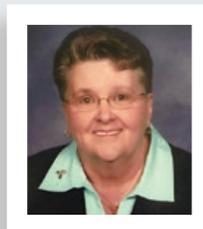
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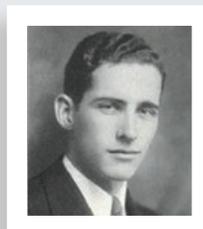
Professor Francis H. "Frank" Anderson '47

Professor Frank Anderson, 98, of Glenmont, N.Y., passed away on October 24, 2018. He received his law degree from Albany Law School in 1947 after earning a Purple Heart, Bronze Star, and battlefield commission while serving in the Army during World War II. Professor Anderson joined the Albany Law School faculty in 1958 after running a general practice in Cooperstown, N.Y., and taught until his retirement in 1980. He continued teaching, part time and pro bono, for 10 more years at the law school.



Catherine M. "Cathy" Cournoyer

Cathy Cournoyer, 67, of Malta, N.Y., passed away on October 21, 2018. Cathy was a beloved member of the Albany Law School staff for nearly 10 years, serving first as the law school's receptionist in the "fishbowl" of the 1928 Building for seven years and then as a receptionist in the Government Law Center until 2004.



The Honorable Julian R. Hanley '36

Judge Julian Hanley, 105, of Naples, Fla., passed away on March 18, 2019. Judge Hanley earned his degree from Albany Law School in 1936 and served his country with distinction in the Army during World War II. During his 30-plus-year legal career he served admirably as Wyoming County district attorney, Wyoming County judge, and pro bono counsel. Judge Hanley authored and co-authored textbooks for Albany Law School in his retirement, and before his passing was recognized as the oldest living graduate of the law school.

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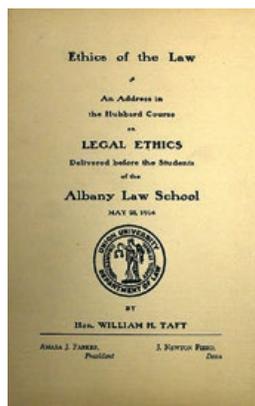
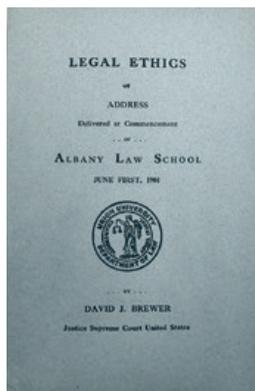
Innovation meets impact: Albany Law School's mark on legal ethics

BY LISA SUTO

ALBANY LAW SCHOOL HAS BEEN A DRIVING FORCE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF LEGAL ETHICS SINCE THE 19TH CENTURY, when **Matthew Hale** began teaching personal rights and legal ethics at the law school as early as 1882. By 1903, still fewer than half of the country's law school programs offered legal ethics as part of the curriculum. This began to change in the early 20th century, in large part thanks to Albany Law School alumnus **Thomas H. Hubbard**.

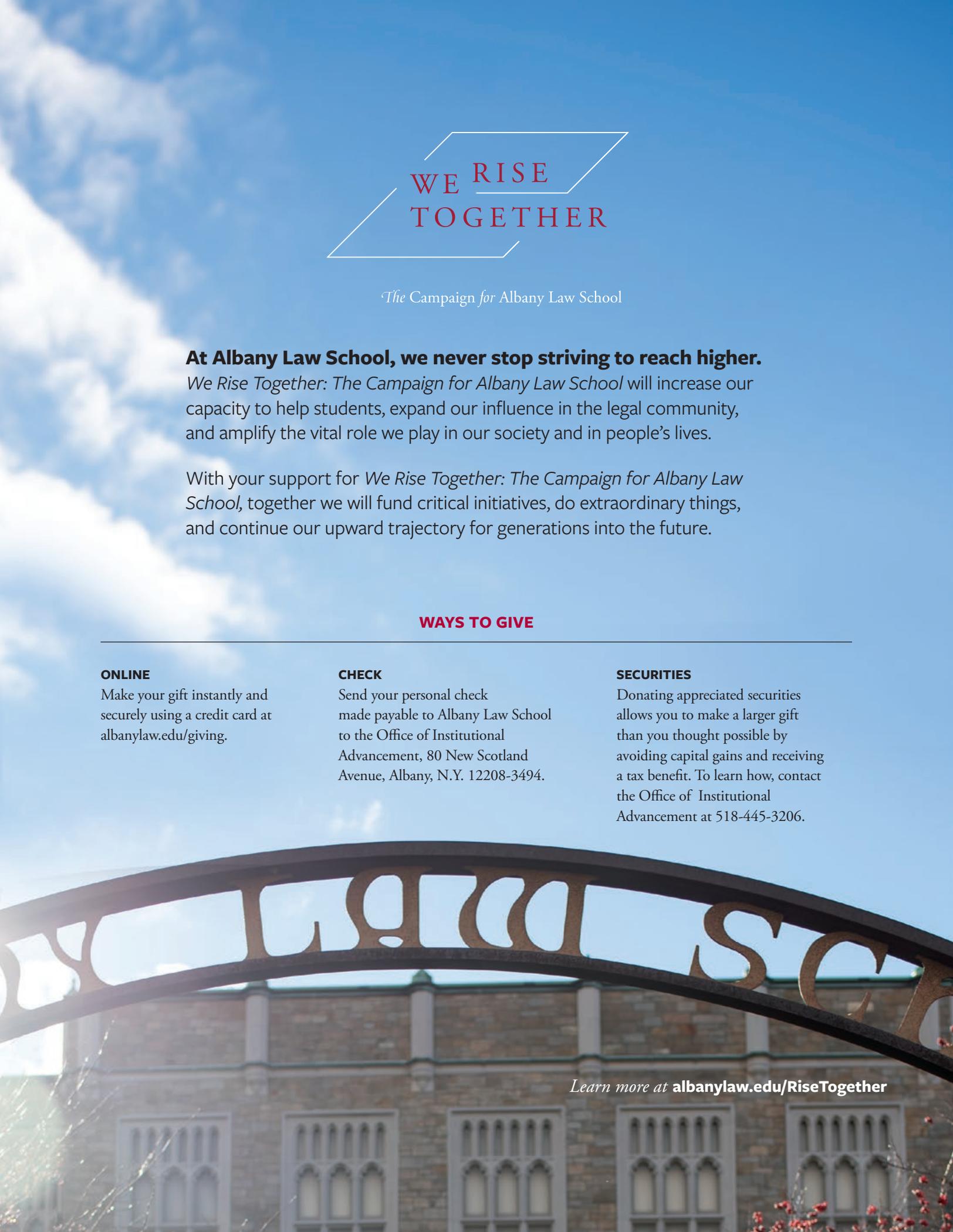
Hubbard, for whom legal ethics was a passion, was a member of the Albany Law School Class of 1861. He then served in the Civil War, attaining the rank of brigadier general in the Union Army. In 1902, he gave Albany Law School \$10,000 to establish a course of legal ethics lectures. He gave the first lecture—"A Plea for an Improved and Uniform Oath for Attorneys upon Their Admission to Practice"—himself. The Hubbard Lectures, as they would become known, attracted the country's elite legal minds to Albany Law School. U.S. Supreme Court Justice **David J. Brewer 1858** spoke at the 1904 commencement as part of the Hubbard Lectures on the topic of the "Lawyer as Legislator." William Howard Taft, the former President of the United States and future Supreme Court chief justice, gave a lecture at the law school in 1914 on the topic of "Ethics of the Law."

During this time, President Theodore Roosevelt had some harsh criticism for the lawyering profession. In a 1905 commencement address at Harvard University, the president said that he believed lawyers were undermining "the moral spirit of the law, and the public interest it was designed to serve, by enabling the wealthy clients to implement their own private interests at the expense of the law, rather than strengthening the law by advocating it to their clients and eliciting their better nature." In



response, the American Bar Association established a committee tasked with creating a national canon on legal ethics. Of the 14 committee members, three were Albany Law alumni: **Hubbard, Brewer, and Alton Brooks Parker 1872**, the chief judge of the New York Court of Appeals from 1898 to 1904. After an unsuccessful presidential run in 1904, Judge Parker resumed practicing law and served as ABA president from 1906 to 1907. The stage was set for three prominent jurists from Albany Law School to shape the future of legal ethics in the United States.

In undertaking their mission to create a national canon, the committee first examined the 11 existing state codes of ethics—with special attention to first-in-the-nation Alabama's—and then looked to Justice George Sharswood's "Essay on Professional Ethics" and David Hoffman's "Fifty Resolutions in Regard to Professional Deportment." After careful consideration, the committee drafted a report in 1907. This report, along with a reprinted copy of Sharswood's "Ethics," was sent to all ABA members and all state and local bar associations for suggestions and comments. After considering these responses, the committee officially adopted the ABA canons of legal ethics in 1908. These canons would remain in place as the guiding principles for legal professionals for more than 50 years. Hubbard and Parker, along with **James Newton Fiero**, the sixth dean of Albany Law School, then went on to help New York State adopt its own code of ethics based on the ABA's. Albany Law School's foresight in prioritizing the field of professional ethics created a proud tradition that continues today with the scholarship and teaching of its faculty, including Professors **Andy Ayers, Vincent Bonventre, Ray Brescia, and Patrick Connors**, and Dean **Connie Mayer**. **4**



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