



BLS Announces 15% Tuition Cut, Initiatives to Address Accessibility and Affordability

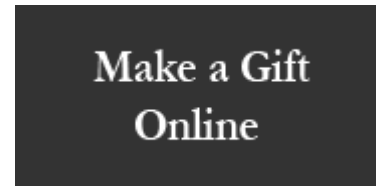


Brooklyn Law School's Board of Trustees announced a 15 percent tuition reduction, beginning in the 2015-2016 academic year. The cost reduction program further enhances an evolving package of student-centric initiatives designed to address the national challenges of law school accessibility, affordability, and quality. This announcement follows last year's decision by BLS to keep 2014 tuitions at 2013 levels. "Law school is still expensive," said Dean Allard, "and this is by no means the total solution. It is, however, a very important step in the right direction." [Read more.](#)



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Law School News



BLS Hosts a Memorable Evening with Justice Scalia

Brooklyn Law School hosted a stimulating conversation with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia moderated by Judge Andrew P. Napolitano, BLS Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law. A former New Jersey Superior Court judge who serves as the Senior Judicial Analyst on Fox News, Judge Napolitano led a spirited discussion with Justice Scalia in which he hinted that the Supreme Court will rule on National Security Agency domestic surveillance – a comment that drew extensive coverage in media worldwide. [Read more.](#)



Professors Miriam Baer and Bennett Capers Featured in Yale Law Journal Forum Symposium on Justice Sotomayor

Professors Miriam Baer and Bennett Capers are among the select scholars featured in "The Early Jurisprudence of Justice Sotomayor," a *Yale Law Journal* Forum symposium published recently. [Read more.](#)



Students from the Capital Defender and Federal Habeas Clinic Visit U.S. Supreme Court

Professor Ursula Bentele and her students in the Capital Defender and Federal Habeas Clinic visited Washington to hear Supreme Court arguments in *Hall v. Florida*. The case will decide whether Florida's method of determining who may not be executed due to intellectual disability violates the Constitution. [Read more.](#)



IBL Center Hosts Breakfast Roundtable with SEC Director of Enforcement Andrew Ceresney

SEC Director of Enforcement Andrew Ceresney spoke at a recent IBL Breakfast Roundtable on the role of international cooperation and globalization in SEC enforcement. [Read more.](#)

[4/8 - Italian-American Law Students Association Alumni Dinner](#)

[4/9 - ACLU Alumni Dinner](#)

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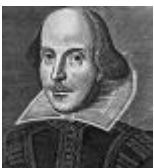
[4/12 - Justinian/Advocate Alumni Reception](#)

Upcoming Events



Breakfast Roundtable with Councilmember Brad Lander: New Directions: Land Use and Housing in the de Blasio Era *Monday, April 7*

Mayor Bill de Blasio has made land use and housing policy an early focus of his administration. Councilmember Brad Lander, who represents the 39th Council District in Brooklyn, will offer his perspective, and others will be commenting. This event is sponsored by Brooklyn Law School's Center for Urban Business Entrepreneurship (CUBE). [RSVP online.](#)



1901 Society Premiere: Shakespeare and the Law *Monday, April 7*

Members of the 1901 Society are invited to this exclusive event at the newly constructed Theatre for a New Audience in Brooklyn, where they will enjoy a backstage tour, a discussion panel moderated by Dean Allard on legal matters presented in Shakespeare's works, and breakout conversations facilitated by BLS faculty and students. [Learn more.](#)



Symposium: Fighting for Veterans: Meeting the Need for Legal Services in New York City (CLE program) *Wednesday, April 9*

Join us for a half-day program devoted to the legal needs of veterans of the United States Armed Forces. This issue is especially relevant to New York City, home to a quarter million veterans. [RSVP online.](#)



Good Sport: In Conversation with FSU Athletic Director Stan Wilcox '88 *Thursday, April 24*

Join Stan Wilcox for a talk about his role at the helm of the FSU Seminoles, his early life as a basketball player at Notre Dame, and his days with the NCAA and the Big East. Co-sponsored by the Black Law Students Association and the Brooklyn

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**Have questions?
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Faculty Spotlight: Joel Gora



Following the Supreme Court's ruling in *McCutcheon v. FEC*, Professor Joel Gora, in a *New York Daily News* [op-ed](#), asserts that the decision will serve to strengthen democracy and free speech. A prominent voice in the media, Professor Gora was also recently featured on SCOTUSblog, which published extensive excerpts of his article recounting the early days of ACLU involvement in campaign finance issues. Professor He also served as a guest panelist at the recent 20th Annual Edward Brodsky Legal Conference, hosted by the Anti-Defamation League. [Read more](#).

Recent Class Notes

Matthew J. D'Emic '77 was appointed Administrative Judge for Criminal Matters in the NYS Supreme Court, Kings County. Justice D'Emic is an Acting Supreme Court Justice in Kings County, and he also presides over the Brooklyn Domestic Violence Court and the Brooklyn Mental Health Court.

Frank Katulak '86 was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of GDF Suez Gas NA. Based in Houston, the company imports and supplies liquefied natural gas (LNG) in North America.

Jeffrey Berkowitz '92, Senior Vice President of Pharmaceutical Development and Market Access at Walgreen Co. and president of Walgreens Boot Alliance Development GmbH, was appointed to the board of directors of Infinity Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a biopharmaceutical company. Berkowitz is based in the company's Bern, Switzerland office.

Horace H. Ng '93, Managing IP Counsel and Director of IP Development at Marvell Semiconductor, Inc., was named a 2014 Corporate Counsel Award finalist in the Best IP Lawyer Category by the *San Francisco Business Times*. With U.S. headquarters in Santa Clara, CA, Marvell is a worldwide semiconductor firm that holds over 4,000 U.S. patents (as well as protections in Asia and Europe).

Lisa A. Bova-Hiatt '94 was appointed General Counsel of New York State Governor Cuomo's Office of Storm Recovery, which was created to centralize recovery and rebuilding efforts in storm-affected municipalities throughout New York State.

Donald R. Boyce '01 was appointed to the United States Senior Executive Service cadre as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to serve as Director of the Office of Emergency Management. Boyce oversees the federal government's primary planning and response arm for public health and medical emergency support.

[Read more Class Notes.](#)