

Dean's Message: The Road Ahead



"Much accomplished, much left to do," Dean Allard writes in his second installment of *The Road Ahead*, a series of communications addressing the opportunities and challenges facing the Law School. His newest message highlights specifically how Brooklyn Law School is driving forward as a leader in legal education. [Read more.](#)



Join us for the [Annual Alumni Luncheon](#) at the Plaza Hotel.

Law School News



Paul A. Gangsei Named Executive Director of CUBE

BLS is proud to announce that Paul A. Gangsei has been named Executive Director of the Center for Urban Business Entrepreneurship (CUBE), the Law School's new hub for exploring legal issues surrounding entrepreneurship. Gangsei has built his reputation representing not-for-profit educational, healthcare, social service and cultural institutions, and public entities in real estate and development transactions. [Read more.](#)



Two Recent Graduates Appointed to BLS Board of Trustees

The BLS Board of Trustees appointed two outstanding recent graduates as its newest members, each for a two-year term: Sasha Linney '11, an associate at Debevoise & Plimpton LLP; and Tyler J. Korff '12, who has his own firm. [Read more.](#)



BLS Announces Expanded Resources for Public Service

BLS has long been known for its commitment to developing a strong public interest/public service community among students and graduates. Dean Allard recently announced a number of new staffing resources that reinforce this commitment and will enhance the Law School's strength and reputation in this area. [Read more.](#)

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Faculty in the News:

[Prof. David Reiss](#) on Mortgage Bonds in Reuters

[Prof. Bradley Borden](#) Interviewed on ESPN Regarding PGA Tour's Nonprofit Status

[Dean Nick Allard](#) Describes New Legal Frontiers in *Entrepreneur Op-Ed*



Barry Salzberg '77 Named 2014 Commencement Speaker

Barry Salzberg '77, Chief Executive Officer of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited (DTTL), will deliver the 2014 Commencement address on May 28. This year also marks a return to Brooklyn, with the ceremony taking place at the Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM). [Read more.](#)

[View the Media Gallery:](#)



[View photos](#) from the Alumni Reception and Tour of Brooklyn Brewery.

**Have questions?
We have answers.**

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Upcoming Events



Bridge the Gap CLE Program

Friday, January 10 - Sunday, January 12

Brooklyn Law School will be presenting PLI's Bridge the Gap I program, which will enable you to satisfy all 16 hours of your annual requirement for MCLE for Newly Admitted Attorneys in the State of New York. [Learn more.](#)



Annual Alumni Luncheon

Friday, January 24

Join us at the Annual Alumni Luncheon at the Plaza Hotel to recognize our 2014 Alumni of the Year Honorees: Gary Rosenberg '74, Debra Humphreys '84, and Hon. Claire R. Kelly '93. [Learn more.](#)



Roundtable Discussion: Sick and Tired of Being Sick and Tired: Leveraging Law to Facilitate Citizen Epidemiology

Monday, February 10

The discussion will focus on how community residents who are experiencing health effects from industrial toxins can document exposures and hold industrial polluters accountable. [RSVP online.](#)



On the Road: Boston Alumni Reception

Tuesday, February 11

Boston-area graduates are invited to join Dean Allard for an evening of hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, and conversation. [RSVP online.](#)



Brooklyn Journal of Corporate, Financial & Commercial Law Annual Symposium: Choice of Law in Cross-Border Bankruptcies

Friday, March 7

A distinguished international faculty will explore how and whether harmonized choice of law rules might facilitate coordination and cooperation in cross-border bankruptcy cases. CLE credit available. [Read more.](#)

Recent Class Notes

Astrid Garcia '80 was promoted to Vice President of Human Resources at Lee Enterprises, Inc. Headquartered in Davenport, IA, the company is a

leading provider of local news and information with 46 daily newspapers and a joint interest in four others, digital products, and nearly 300 specialty publications in 22 states.

Katherine R. O'Brien '81 was elected Chief Human Resources Officer of New York Life Insurance Company. She is responsible for talent development, talent acquisition, the HR Services Unit, compensation and benefits, employee relations, and the HR Business Partners function, and also oversees the Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

Claire S. Kedeshian '89 and **Carolyn Pokorny '94**, both Assistant U.S. Attorneys at the U.S. Attorney's Office, EDNY and **Steven G. Sanders '95**, Assistant U.S. Attorney at the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of New Jersey, were awarded a Federal Law Enforcement Foundation "Prosecutor of the Year Award" in November 2013. The award recognizes "excellence in service during the preceding year."

Andrea M. Sharrin '90 joined the U.S. Department of Treasury to serve as Director of the Office of Compliance and Enforcement at the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN). Sharrin has responsibility for FinCEN's Bank Secrecy Act compliance and enforcement program, including developing and implementing compliance and enforcement strategies, investigations and other enforcement activities that have industry-wide, national, and international impact, including those related to national security.

Rio Guerrero '98, co-founder of the boutique immigration firm, Guerrero Yee LLP, was presented with The Outstanding Filipino Americans in New York (TOFA-NY) award in the category of Public Service at TOFA-NY's annual awards event in December 2013. Guerrero was recognized for his 15+ years of pro bono legal service benefiting individuals and organizations in the Asian Pacific American community.

Hanna Cao '03 was promoted to Of Counsel in the Beijing office of Steptoe & Johnson LLP in the firm's Corporate, Securities & Finance Group. Cao advises international clients on a broad range of China-related business matters including investments and operations in financial services, healthcare, internet, technology, education, media, and manufacturing.

Sascha Owen (Puritz) '05 was appointed Chief of Staff to New York City Comptroller Scott M. Stringer. Owen manages the day-to-day functions and responsibilities of the Comptroller's office and oversees the Department of Public Affairs, including Communications and Policy.

[Read more Class Notes.](#)