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Professor Robert M. Pitler, Class of 1966, joined the Brooklyn Law School faculty in 1988. He is an expert in the areas of criminal law, procedure, and evidence.

Prior to teaching, Professor Pitler had a distinguished career at the New York County District Attorney’s Office for 13 years. He served as counsel to the District Attorney, chief of the Investigations Division, and chief of the Appeals Bureau during his time there. He also served as senior law clerk to Charles D. Breitel, Chief Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals, and he taught at Syracuse University Law School and University of Colorado Law School.

Professor Pitler’s seminal article on the constitutionality of New York State’s search and seizure procedures published in the *Brooklyn Law Review* is the authoritative source on the subject. He also organized a series of symposia at Brooklyn Law School devoted to addressing the U.S. Supreme Court’s 2004 decision *Crawford v. Washington* and its aftermath that drew highly influential experts from throughout the country. The papers presented at these programs produced outstanding volumes published by the *Brooklyn Law Review* and the *Journal of Law & Policy*. Professor Pitler has been recognized widely for his work, and he has been honored by the New York State Bar Association for "Outstanding Contribution in the Field of Criminal Law Education" and "Outstanding Contribution in Criminal Justice Legislation." He currently serves as Chair of the New York State Law Revision Commission, and he was the principal drafter of the Commission's 1990 proposed Code of Evidence.

Professor Pitler is a cherished member of the BLS community who has had a profound effect on generations of students. He has served as the faculty advisor to the Moot Court Honor Society for more than 12 years and has overseen the annual Dean Jerome Prince Memorial Evidence Competition, the premier appellate advocacy evidence competition in the nation, for more than 20 years. In 2013, he was awarded the Dean Jerome Prince Lifetime Achievement Award for his service and contributions to the Society. Nearly two decades ago, Professor Pitler created the Criminal Justice Post-Graduate Fellowship Fund, the first of its kind in the New York region. The fellowship, which had 10 recipients last year, provides loan forgiveness to experienced alumni who practice criminal law in the public sector. It is funded from the proceeds of the popular CLE Criminal Law and Evidence Seminar that Professor Pitler organized has for the last 20 years.