Annual Alumni Association Luncheon 2011

On Friday, November 4, the Brooklyn Law School Alumni Association and Interim Dean Michael Gerber will host the Annual Alumni Luncheon at the Plaza Hotel. Alumni of the Year Awards will be presented to Frank Aquila '83, Hon. Robert Grossman '73, and Gary Pillersdorf '71. RSVP Online.

Fundraising Gala

The Robert B. Catell Awards Dinner for Civic Leadership Honors Barry Salzberg '77

Please join Honorary Chair Robert B. Catell at the December 6th Awards Dinner to honor Barry Salzberg '77, Chief Executive Officer of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited, for his commitment to civic leadership. Individual seats and tables can be purchased. Learn more.

Law School News

New York Law Journal Readers Rank BLS LL.M. Program Second Best

Brooklyn Law School’s new LL.M. program was voted “Best General LL.M. Program” behind Columbia University in the New York Law Journal Reader Rankings. The winners of the 2011 NYLJ Reader Rankings were part of a special supplement in the NYLJ September 12 issue.

BLS Graduate Argues Case Before Second Circuit Court of Appeals

Bowen Ranney ‘11, a former student of Professor Ursula Bentele’s Capital Defender and Federal Habeas Clinic, argued before the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit on behalf of the Clinic’s client, who filed a habeas petition pro se. Ranney was the fourth student in four years to argue before the Second Circuit, and his experience is a perfect example of the opportunities for substantive, real-world practice offered by the BLS Clinical Program.

Graduates and Students Participate in BLS Mentoring Program, Forge New Partnerships

BLS recently held its 19th Mentor/Mentee Reception at Duane Morris LLP. Hosted by Michael Grohman ’83 and Fred Cohen ’67, the reception was designed for students to meet the mentor with whom they were matched, an experienced graduate in a practice area of interest.

BLS Alumni Among Top New York Super Lawyers

Three hundred and twenty-six Brooklyn Law School graduates were recognized in the annual New York Edition of Super Lawyers magazine. Not only did the number of graduates who were recognized increase from last year, but the Law School's ranking also increased, tying with Fordham Law School for fourth place among all law schools in the nation.

Upcoming Alumni Events

Recent Graduate Event

Wednesday, November 30

Catch up with fellow graduates and professors before the busy holiday season. More details to follow.

Interested in working on a pro bono case? Contact the Office of Public Service Programs to participate in the Brooklyn Bar Volunteer Lawyers Project.

Stay Connected:

Make a Gift Online

Symposia and Lectures:

11/11 - Symposium: Crawford and Beyond III: Confrontation Clause Limitations on Hearsay Evidence, Differing Perspectives

1/20-1/22 - Bridge the Gap: CLE Program for the Classes of 2010 & 2011

BLS Community Events:

10/29 - Brooklyn Entertainment & Sports Law Society Third Annual Panel Discussions

11/3 - Italian American Law Students Association Alumni Networking Reception
On the Road: Washington, DC

Thursday, January 5, 2012

We are heading to DC in January. Please join President Joan Wexler and Interim Dean Michael Gerber for a reception hosted by Bernard Nash ’66 and Dickstein Shapiro LLP. More details to follow.

Alumni Reunions

Thursday, May 17, 2012

Save the Date for Alumni Reunions 2012 at the New York Public Library’s Astor Hall. More details to follow.

Faculty Spotlight: Jason Mazzone

In his new book, *Copyfraud and Other Abuses of Intellectual Property Law*, Professor Jason Mazzone argues that intellectual property law is ineffective and needs to be reformed. Mazzone demonstrates that overreaching claims of intellectual property rights interfere with legitimate uses and reproductions of a wide variety of works, impose enormous social and economic costs, and ultimately undermine creative endeavors.

Recent Class Notes

Vivian Maese ’82, formerly global head of the Workforce Strategy and Solutions team at Morgan Stanley, joined Dechert LLP as a partner and head of the firm’s new practice group, Global Outsourcing and Offshoring. The group helps investment bank clients with complex issues raised by the Dodd-Frank Act concerning financial institutions that contract to have work done overseas.

Warren T. Lazarow ’86, partner in the Silicon Valley, CA office of O’Melveny & Myers LLP, was appointed Chair of the firm’s Transactions Department. A member of the Mergers and Acquisitions and Capital Markets Practice Groups, Lazarow advises technology-focused companies and investors in M&A, public offerings, and private financing transactions including private equity and venture capital.

Luke T. Martland ’91 joined the Vermont Legislative Council as its Director and Chief Counsel. Martland oversees a 52-member staff and assists with drafting assignments, provides advice to members, coordinates with other offices, and acts as the office’s spokesperson. He previously served as Assistant Counsel to the Governor of New York.

Todd W. Blanche ’03 was appointed Deputy Chief of the Violent Crimes Unit in the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney’s Office, Southern District of New York. Blanche joined the Office in 2006 and has been a member of the Violent Crimes Unit since 2008.

Nithya B. Das ’06 joined AppNexus Inc., a New York-based company that offers a platform for buying online advertising inventory, as in-house legal counsel. Das was previously an associate in the New York office of Goodwin Procter LLP in the firm’s technology companies practice group.

Jarred L. Pinkston ’06 joined the Vienna, Austria law firm, Dorda Brugger Jordis, as Of Counsel, where he focuses his practice in the area of international commercial arbitration. Pinkston is also attending the University of Vienna studying for an LL.M. in European and International Business Law.

Read more Class Notes.