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Five New Members Join the BLS Faculty

This fall, Brooklyn Law School welcomed five outstanding new members to the faculty: Christopher Beauchamp, Cameron Arnold, Tara Urs, Sarah Light, and Allan Trammell. “I am delighted that we have recruited such a talented group of professors with an interesting range of professional experience, a passion for the law, and a strong commitment to teaching. Their presence will enrich the BLS community,” said Interim Dean Michael Gerber. **Read more** about our new faculty members.

Law School News

Safe Harbor Clinic Praised by Human Rights First
Human Rights First recently recognized Brooklyn Law School's Safe Harbor Clinic for providing support to clients seeking asylum and U.S. citizenship. It pointed to the case of a young woman who fled a forced marriage in the Middle East and potentially faced execution. Jane Li '12, Laura Zaccone '11, and Melissa Livingston '11, led by Professor Stacy Caplow, were able to secure asylum for the client after presenting her case to the Department of Homeland Security.

Brooklyn Law School Announces New Health Law and Policy Fellows
Five rising second-year students have been named recipients of the Law School’s newly created Health Law and Policy Fellowship. This new fellowship is designed for students who have demonstrated academic or professional achievement in health, public health, science, and biotechnology, and who are interested in pursuing legal careers in those fields.

Brooklyn Law and Pratt Institute Forge Open Door Policy
Brooklyn Law School and Pratt Institute’s Graduate Center for Planning and the Environment have teamed up to create an innovative open door policy. This unique program allows a limited number of Brooklyn Law School students per semester to attend courses at Pratt, and for Pratt graduate students to attend courses at BLS, with no additional tuition cost associated with participation. Almost two dozen BLS students have participated so far, taking classes in city planning, sustainable communities, and land use.

Upcoming Alumni Events

On the Road: Tampa
Thursday, October 13
Interim Dean Michael Gerber and Professor Ted Janger will be in Tampa for the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges. Join us for an alumni reception at the Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel & Marina. **RSVP Online**.

Hudson Valley, NY Hike & Wine Tasting
Saturday, October 22
Join fellow alumni and faculty for a guided hike through the scenic Hudson Valley, followed by a wine tasting at Warwick Valley Winery. **RSVP Online**.

Annual Alumni Luncheon
Friday, November 4
Please join us at the Annual Alumni Luncheon at the Plaza Hotel to recognize our 2011 Alumni of the Year Honorees: Frank J. Aquila '83, Hon. Robert E. Grossman '73, and Gary B. Pillersdorf '71. **Learn more**.

On August 15th, BLS welcomed the entering Class of 2011 at Convocation.

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Symposia and Lectures:

9/15 - Panel Discussion: Ten Years of 9/11

10/6 - Ira M. Belfer Lecture: Commissioner Alan Bersin, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, "The Beginning and End of Borders"

10/21 - IBL Symposium: Globalization of the United States Litigation Model

Faculty & Alumni in the News:

Prof. Adam Kolber Discusses Memory Dampening on BBC Radio

Claire Kedeshian '89 Awarded New

Alumni Reunions
Thursday, May 17, 2012 - Save the date for Alumni Reunions 2012!

Faculty Spotlight: Susan Herman

In her new book, ***Taking Liberties***, Professor Susan Herman argues that the "War on Terror" and the government's post-9/11 antiterrorist tactics, including provisions of the USA Patriot Act, have victimized innocent Americans and placed our fundamental constitutional rights-- and even our democracy itself-- at risk. Join us on **Thursday, September 15**, as Professor Herman joins fellow faculty members Derek Bambauer, Maryellen Fullerton, and Nelson Tebbe for a panel discussion on the consequences of post-9/11 laws. Professor Herman is currently on a multi-city book tour. View the **schedule** to see if she will be coming to your area.

Recent Class Notes

Marc S. Gerstman '77 joined the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation as its Executive Deputy Commissioner. Gerstman was most recently in private practice in Albany, NY, specializing in environmental, natural resource, land use, zoning, administrative and municipal law. He previously worked for the DEC for 13 years, leading its legal team as Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel.

Hal M. Hirsch '82 joined Alvarez & Marsal, a global professional services firm, as managing director and head of its newly formed Global Asset Risk Services practice. The practice was established to assist sovereigns, foundations, and corporations in tracing, tracking, quantifying, and recovering investments and donations in situations including sovereign investments, international military assistance, humanitarian and disaster relief and fraud. Hirsch was formerly chair of the Global Recovery Practice at Greenberg Traurig LLP.

Peter A. Antonucci '90, a shareholder in the New York office of Greenberg Traurig LLP, was recognized by the American Bar Association's Tort Trial & Insurance Practice Section with the Law and Public Service Committee's Honor Roll Award in August 2011. He was honored for his pro bono representation on behalf of the families of firefighters who were killed on 9/11 and for his work as a member of the board of directors of the Alzheimer's Association. Antonucci focuses his practice in the areas of products liability, toxic torts, and punitive damages.

Daniel E. Byrne '98 was promoted to Vice President of Labor Relations at EmblemHealth Services Company, LLC. He is responsible for planning and organizing labor relations activities on behalf of the company and negotiating all collective bargaining agreements with the various unions representing the company's bargaining unit employees. EmblemHealth is the largest health insurer based in New York State serving nearly 3.4 million people with over 92,000 providers in 150,000 locations across the tri-state region.

Laurie A. Poulos '01, counsel in the New Jersey office of Greenberg Traurig LLP, was named one of the 2011 *New Jersey Law Journal*'s 40 under 40. Polous practices in the areas of complex and commercial litigation, focusing on class-action defense and health care litigation.

J. Richard Popp '04 joined Ingalls & Snyder, an independent investment management firm, as General Counsel. He previously served as General Counsel & Chief Compliance Officer of Schultze Asset Management, LLC, where he was responsible for ensuring the firm's compliance with all regulatory requirements as well as for general legal work.

Read more Class Notes.

York City Bar Association's 2011 Henry L. Stimson Medal

Vivian Maese '82 Named Head of New Practice Group at Dechert LLP

Larry Silverstein '55 Profiled by Crain's New York

Prof. Bradley Borden Suggests "The Law School Firm" in *The National Law Journal*

Prof. James Fanto on Sarbanes-Oxley in *Business Insider*

Prof. Roberta Karmel Speaks with *USA Today* about Stock Exchange Upgrades in Asian Markets

View the Media Gallery:

View photos from the Alumni Reception in the Hamptons

Have questions? We have answers.

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