



Alumni Reunions 2014



Please join us for **Class Reunions 2014**, celebrating the Classes of 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004, and 2009. The celebration takes place on Thursday at New York Public Library's Astor Hall from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. [Learn more.](#)



Read the latest issue of *BLS LawNotes*.

The Road Ahead



"Brooklyn Law School is taking a stand against spiraling tuition hikes," Dean Allard writes in his third installment of *The Road Ahead*, a series of communications addressing the opportunities and challenges facing the Law School. His latest message describes the context and rationale behind the upcoming 15% tuition reduction. [Read more.](#)

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Law School News



BLS Board of Trustees Appoints Three New Members
BLS has announced three outstanding additions to its Board of Trustees: Debra Humphreys '84, Founder and Chair of the Board of Trustees, Thomas Jefferson Independent Day School; The Honorable Claire R. Kelly '93, U.S. Court of International Trade; and Manuel H. Quintana, Founder and President, Bravo! Bravo! Sports Management and Marketing Inc. [Read more.](#)

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Faculty in the News:

Prof. David Reiss Sought After by Media for Real Estate/Consumer Finance Law Expertise

Prof. Roberta Karmel Comments on New Cybersecurity Disclosures in *Compliance Week*

Dean Nick Allard Visits Fox Business Network and CNBC to Discuss 15% Tuition Reduction



Winners Named in Inaugural CUBE Innovators Competition

In April, four BLS students received seed money to launch new startups after winning the first annual Innovators Competition, hosted by the [Center for Urban Business Entrepreneurship](#) (CUBE). The prizes were made possible through the generous contribution and support of CUBE by the Nancy and Stanley M. Grossman '67 CUBE Fellowship Fund. [Read more.](#)



BLS Names Public Interest/Public Service (PipS) Fellows

Last fall, BLS inaugurated the Public Interest/Public Service Fellowship (PipS), a new two-year program in partnership with 12 governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations. Nine BLS 2Ls have been named PipS Fellows following an extensive selection process. This fall they will begin full-time positions in what is the first program of its kind on the East Coast. [Read more.](#)



BLS Alumni Named to *Hollywood Reporter's* Top Entertainment Lawyers List

The star power of BLS and its powerhouse entertainment law graduates won praise in *The Hollywood Reporter*, which recently ranked the Law School No. 6 among its "Top 12 Entertainment Law Schools for Hollywood." [Read more.](#)



New York Law Journal Names Two BLS "Rising Stars"

Two Brooklyn Law School graduates—Benjamin Fischer '02, Morvillo Abromovitz Grand Iason & Anello, and Vinoo Varghese '00, Varghese & Associates—were recently named to *The New York Law Journal's* list of 2014 Rising Stars. [Read more.](#)

Upcoming Events



Recent Graduate Reception

Thursday, June 5

Get an early start on summer and celebrate with fellow recent graduates at Hill Country Brooklyn. Sample Texas-style barbecue from the restaurant *New York Magazine* called "the best barbecue in New York." [RSVP online.](#)

Faculty Spotlight: Adam Kolber



An article by Professor Adam Kolber recently placed among the top 10 downloads of Criminal Law and Procedure papers on SSRN, the world's top open-access repository for scholarly research. The article, titled "Will There Be a Neurolaw Revolution?" and published in the *Indiana Law*

[Prof. Nelson Tebbe](#) on Religious Neutrality in Balkanization Op-Ed

[Prof. Lisa Smith](#) Discusses New York's "Perfect Crime" on WNYC

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Have questions?
We have answers.

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Journal (2014), examines how new brain technologies will change society and the law. [Read more](#).

Recent Class Notes

Charles S. Cohen '77, President and Chief Executive Officer of the commercial real estate firm Cohen Brothers Realty Corporation and founder of the theatrical film distribution and production company, Cohen Media Group, was featured in a front page Sunday Business *New York Times* article, "Real Estate Developers in Movieland."

Joseph Potasnik '86 was honored by the Brooklyn community at an event at Borough Hall in recognition of his 42 years of service as the Senior Rabbi of the Congregation Mt. Sinai in Brooklyn Heights. Potasnik also serves as the Executive Director of the New York Board of Rabbis, the largest international body of its kind in the world.

Felice A. Sontupe '93 was appointed Chief of the Kings County District Attorney's newly created Frauds Bureau. The Bureau has broad responsibility for investigating and prosecuting all forms of fraud, including complex frauds, such as embezzlement, investment fraud, and insurance fraud.

Michael R. Gordon '95, formerly a litigation partner in the Research Triangle Park, NC office of K&L Gates LLP, joined Chiesi USA, Inc. as Vice President, Legal Affairs and General Counsel. Headquartered in Cary, NC, Chiesi is a specialty pharmaceutical company focused in commercializing products for the hospital and adjacent specialty markets.

Marc J. Block '99 was invited to serve as a WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization) Neutral with the United Nations. WIPO Neutrals are attorneys from over 70 countries sanctioned by the United Nations to help resolve disputes between nations and/or businesses regarding intellectual property and commercial disputes.

Kenneth J. Anand '02, a partner at Vandenberg & Feliu, LLP, co-founded FutureHits.tv with 13-time Emmy-award winning music and audio professional Andy "A.J." Gundell; he is also serving as its Chief Operating Officer. Futurehits.tv holds a collection of independent music available for exclusive licensing to the visual media and for sale and download to the music consumer.

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