

## BLS Announces New Center for Urban Business Entrepreneurship



The Center for Urban Business Entrepreneurship (CUBE), an extraordinary venture launching in November, will be the hub for exploring legal issues surrounding entrepreneurship and for providing effective legal representation and support for new commercial and not-for-profit businesses, while also training the next generation of business lawyers to advise and participate in these sectors. CUBE's express purpose is to offer the legal tools to support and help build the start-up successes of tomorrow and beyond. [Read more.](#)



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## Law School News

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### Record-Breaking Bar Passage Rate for Class of 2013

Brooklyn Law School is pleased to announce that 94% of first-time test takers passed the July exam, far surpassing the 86% statewide average for first-time test takers from ABA-approved institutions. The Class of '13 bar passage rate is the Law School's highest in the past 25 years. [Read more.](#)



### BLS Names Karen Heiss Eisen Assistant Dean of Career Development

BLS is proud to announce that Karen Eisen has been named the new Assistant Dean of Career Development. Eisen comes to the Law School with a wealth of experience in the public sector as a prosecutor and in private practice as a legal recruiter and director of professional development at several global law firms. [Read more.](#)



### BLS Proudly Announces New Deans

This summer, Dean Nick Allard announced the appointment of four new deans at the Law School: Professors Michael Cahill and Dana Brakman Reiser, as Vice Deans; Professor Stacy Caplow, as Associate Dean for Professional Legal Education; and Jennifer Lang, as Assistant Dean for Student Affairs. [Read more.](#)



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[11/12 - Brooklyn Law Immigration Society Alumni Mixer](#)

[11/12 - ACLU Alumni Dinner and Stop & Frisk Panel Moderated by Prof. Bennett Capers](#)



### Media Seek Out BLS Professors on Stop-and-Frisk Controversy

Experts are still trying to sort out the implications of a federal appellate court ruling in the landmark case, *Floyd v. New York*, which asserted that stop-and-frisk tactics of the NYPD violated the constitutional rights of minorities. BLS professors have been sought after by the media for comment and expertise. [Read more.](#)

11/20 - Criminal Law Society Alumni Dinner

11/20 - Italian American Law Students Association Alumni Networking Event

11/21 - Sara Robbins Spelling Bee

### Faculty in the News:

[Prof. Lisa Smith](#) Discusses Domestic Violence in BlogTalkRadio Interview

[Dean Nick Allard](#) Discusses 2-Year J.D. in Bloomberg Law Video

[Prof. Joel Gora](#) on "Outside" Money in Daily News Op-Ed

### View the Media Gallery:



[View photos](#) from the Long Island alumni reception.

### Have questions? We have answers.

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## Upcoming Events



### Town Hall Meeting: Transforming Health Care in Brooklyn Tuesday, November 19

Brooklyn is experiencing a remarkable renaissance, but health care in our borough is in a perilous state. At this Town Hall discussion, local policy leaders and hospital administrators will discuss health care coverage in Brooklyn and present their vision for the future. [RSVP online.](#)



### Alumni Reception and Tour of Brooklyn Brewery Tuesday, December 3

Brooklyn Brewery was founded in 1988 and exports more beer than any other American craft brewery. Learn more fun facts when you join us for a tour of the Brewery, followed by a reception with a buffet from local restaurant Mexicue. [RSVP Online.](#)



### 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.](#)



### Bridge the Gap CLE Program for 2012 & 2013 Graduates Friday, January 10 - Sunday, January 12

Brooklyn Law School will be presenting PLI's Bridge the Gap I program for the Classes of 2012 and 2013. This program 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.](#)

## Faculty Spotlight: Norman Poser



In a recent *Wall Street Journal* [review](#), Professor Emeritus Norman Poser was praised for his "fascinating portrait" of Lord Mansfield, the legendary 18th-century judge and statesman. The book, titled *Lord Mansfield: Justice in the Age of Reason* (McGill-Queen's University Press 2013), details the arc of a colorful life and extraordinary legal career and his lasting impact

on Anglo-American law and society. Brooklyn Law School recently hosted a reception to celebrate the book's launch. [Read more.](#)

## Recent Class Notes

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**Samuel P. Sporn '53**, founder and partner of the securities law firm of Schoengold & Sporn, P.C., became a member of The International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame in Israel in July 2013 for the sport of tennis. Sporn also won a silver medal in the Grand Masters Tennis tournament at the 19th Maccabi Games in Israel, bringing his total medal count to 14 gold, silver and bronze medals in 11 international Maccabi Games.

**Nicholas Scoppetta '62**, of counsel to Scoppetta Seiff Kretz & Abercrombie, was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award for Child Welfare by New Yorkers for Children at its 2013 Annual Fall Gala. Scoppetta, who founded the organization when he served as Commissioner of the Administration for Children's Services, currently serves as its president emeritus. At the gala, Mayor Bloomberg honored Scoppetta with the announcement of the creation of the Nicholas Scoppetta Children's Center.

**Dale C. Christensen Jr. '76**, partner in the Litigation Group of Seward & Kissel LLP, was elected to the Board of Directors of the United Hospital Fund. Christensen represents clients in a broad range of areas, including banking, insurance coverage, products liability, environment, real estate, and employment law.

**Lawrence (Lon) A. Jacobs '81** was named executive vice president and general counsel of Time Inc. Jacobs was previously senior executive vice president and group general counsel at News Corporation for over a decade where he oversaw all legal matters, including the acquisitions of DIRECTV and Dow Jones/Wall Street Journal.

**Blair W. Todt '94** was promoted to senior vice president, external affairs, of WellCare Health Plans, Inc. He is responsible for integrating WellCare's interactions with government entities and overseeing the company's business development, government affairs and public policy functions.

**Shawn A. Miles '98**, group head, global public policy and regulatory strategy at MasterCard, co-chaired the HOPE Global Financial Dignity Summit working group, "Making Finance Mobile: Banking with Any Device, Anywhere for Everyone," in November 2013.

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