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From the Editor

Liberties Challenged

Last semester, the Law School was filled with conversations and debates about basic freedoms that most of us have always taken for granted. The war on terror, the election, and recent US Supreme Court cases focused our attention on civil liberties that we have come to expect as American citizens. Have our liberties been threatened? Are we losing some of our basic rights? These are indeed topics for a law school campus. And the deliberations were fierce and the discussions fiery. They provided us with a focus for symposia, panels, and special guests. It was truly a time when we felt as if we were on the front line, and I believe that this issue of *Cardozo Life* reflects our involvement.

Our faculty, students, alumni, donors, and friends continue to add to the energy as well. We celebrated with them such occasions as Cardozo's 26th commencement, at which Justice Sandra O'Connor delivered the address and received an honorary degree—the first to be awarded by Yeshiva University at a Cardozo commencement. At our very first 25th reunion, nearly half of our pioneering graduates returned to celebrate in our beautiful new lobby reception area. And, as if that were not cause enough to celebrate, members of every class contributed to this year's Annual Fund. As the new academic year got started, we welcomed the strongest class yet to Cardozo, coming from 35 states and 134 undergraduate institutions, including 20% from the Ivy League.

Our faculty continues its tradition of producing impeccable scholarship and successfully representing clients. They are winning recognition for their work nationally and internationally and are being called upon by the news media, government agencies, and colleagues at other institutions for their expertise.

I hope this issue conveys the liveliness and seriousness of the discourse at Cardozo.

Susan L. Davis
Editor