

news & notes

ALUMNI

Alumni Admitted to Supreme Court

On March 20, 12 Cardozo graduates met in Washington, DC for admission to the US Supreme Court. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor joined the group for breakfast, and Marci Hamilton, Paul R. Verkuil Chair in Public Law, made the motion for the group. If you would like to be admitted next year, please call the Office of Alumni Affairs at 212-790-0293. The next

Cardozo group admission will be held on March 31 and April 1, 2003. To be eligible, you must be admitted to practice for three years.

While in Washington, DC, Dean David Ruden-

stine and administrators caught up with local alumni. The law firm of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker hosted a reception, thanks to the efforts of Jeff Ifrah '92.



Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and Jessica Bassuk '96.

Connect with Cardozo On-Line

The Cardozo On-Line Community is up and running, and you are encouraged to take advantage of this excellent resource. The On-Line Community allows alumni to locate other graduates using an online directory. The directory can be searched by class, geographic region, or area of practice, in addition to offering other valuable resources. To register today, visit the alumni web page at www.cardozo.yu.edu/alumni and click on On-Line Community.

BE A LEADER OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

In June, the Alumni Association Executive Committee will conclude its first two-year term. This is a perfect time to consider a leadership role. If you would like to see your ideas come to fruition, call Barbara Birch, director of alumni affairs, at 212-790-0293.



Back row (from left): Aryeh Guttenberg '79, Judah Prero '96. Middle: Lisa Lee '94, Ya Fang Cheng '94, Sharon Adams '94, Alisa Yamnarm '94. Front: Maria Park '95, Tali Sehati '98, Joel Zand '93, Jessica Bassuk '96, Romilda Crocamo '91(J.D.) and '00(LLM.). Not pictured: Irene Feldman '88.

More than 125 current and past editors of the Law Review, members of the faculty, and administrators celebrated at Abigail's on West 38th Street at the annual alumni party. Among the attendees were: (all from left)

Craig Brody '00 and Tani Cohen '03



Timur Slenim '99 and Jason Vogel '99



Susan Schwab '00 and Prof. Stewart Sterk



Jeremy Samson '02, Martha Griffin '03, Jordana Lambert '03, Peter Luneau '03

Make Sure You Are Listed in the New Directory

The Office of Alumni Affairs has engaged Harris Publishing Company to produce a new Cardozo alumni directory. Please take a moment to complete and return the questionnaire, which you should have received in the mail. Your updated information can then be included in this important reference. You may choose to exclude information from the printed directory by indicating your preferences on the form. You may also update your record online; refer to your questionnaire to access the online version. Thank you for your cooperation in making the directory a useful resource.

Parents Visit for Brunch & Tour

Current students and their parents spent a Sunday at Cardozo this fall. They toured the building to see the latest renovations, sat in on clinic workshops, and during brunch enjoyed a special address by Cardozo Board member and US Senator Frank Lautenberg (at right). Parents were led by tour guide Deborah Ginsburg '03.





Capital Campaign Supports Lobby and Library Renovations

As the Campaign for Cardozo enters its final phase, several donors have made gifts and pledges totaling \$16.5 of the \$25 million needed for capital improvements during phase one of the campaign. Rachel Sussman, a longtime friend and donor of Yeshiva University, has pledged more than \$380,000 towards the renovation of the library entrance.

Among other generous gifts are \$100,000 commitments from Rachel Warren '92, Cardozo Board member and a partner at Davidoff & Malito, and Nate Kacew '98, president of The Gifted Portfolio, making them the newest members of the Jacob Burns Pillars of Justice Society. Graduates who pledge gifts of \$100,000 payable within five years are invited to join this group, named for Cardozo's late board chairman.

Alumni who wish to make a gift of \$100,000 but desire a more flexible time span in which to fulfill their pledge are invited to join the Scales of Justice Society. For more information about the Campaign for Cardozo or either giving society, contact Debbie Niederhoffer, director of development, 212-790-0270.

NAMING GIFT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CAMPAIGN FOR CARDOZO

\$5 MILLION AND ABOVE

- To name the renovated lobby
- To name an academic center

\$3 MILLION AND ABOVE

- To name the 11th Street residence
- To endow an academic program, such as the Intellectual Property Law Program
- To endow a clinic: Bet Tzedek, Criminal Law, Criminal Appeals, Tax, Mediation, or Holocaust Claims Restitution
- To endow the dean's chair

\$1 MILLION AND ABOVE

- To endow a professorial chair
- To name a floor:
2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 9th, 10th, 11th
- To endow a full scholarship fund
- To endow a fund for curricular innovation

\$500,000 AND ABOVE

- To endow a faculty research fund
- To name the dean's suite
- To name the board room
- To name the 59-seat lobby classroom

\$100,000 AND ABOVE

- To endow a partial scholarship
- To name a high-tech classroom
- To endow a student internship
- To name the Intellectual Property Research Collection, the New York Research Collection, or the Legal & Jurisprudence Research Collections

\$25,000 AND ABOVE

- To name faculty and student offices
- To name seminar rooms

BELOW \$25,000

- To name chairs in the new Moot Court Room
- To name collections in the library

Parents Participate in Cardozo's Future

The Parent's Annual Fund has raised nearly \$20,000 to support a variety of projects, including clinics, public interest summer stipends, the loan repayment program, and the building fund. Parents of students and alumni play an important role at Cardozo by giving time, resources, and gifts. A number of parents also serve on the Cardozo Board of Directors. To learn how you can become more involved or to make a donation, please contact Melissa S. Cohen at 212-790-0270. Mail donations to The Parents Annual Fund, Cardozo, 55 Fifth Avenue, Room 1049, New York, NY 10003.

Annual Fund Has Record Year

The alumni Annual Fund is having its most successful year ever, but your participation is still needed! Gifts made before June 30 will significantly improve the Law School's ability to offer scholarship funds to incoming students, or you may direct your gift to any other area of need. When considering a gift, please keep in mind the following:

- The more alumni who give to Cardozo, the greater our leverage when asking for foundation support.
- As Cardozo's reputation grows, so does the prestige of your degree.

SUPPORT CARDOZO'S PUBLIC INTEREST LAW PROGRAMS

Cardozo is dedicated to helping students who wish to pursue careers in public interest law. The Law School recognizes the struggle of financing an education and pursuing a career in this demanding field. Consider the following:

FINANCING AN EDUCATION AND CAREER IN PUBLIC INTEREST LAW*

Average Indebtedness of US Law School Graduate:	\$ 87,898
Average Starting Salary of US Law School Graduate:	\$ 80,000 (Private Sector)
Average Starting Salary of US Law School Graduate:	\$ 34,000 (Public Sector)
Monthly Net Income for Person Earning \$34,000/year:	\$ 2,074
Monthly Debt Service on \$87,898 Indebtedness:	\$ 1,078 (10-year plan)
Monthly Salary Remaining for Living Expense:	\$ 996

CARDOZO HELPS TWO WAYS:

- A Public Interest Summer Stipend Program encourages students to engage in public interest and public sector legal internships. Grants of \$3,250 are awarded to first- and second-year students who have secured unpaid summer internships with public interest and public sector law offices. Awards are based upon demonstrated commitment to and/or background in public interest law, in combination with financial need.
- The Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) is designed to encourage and support graduates to pursue careers in public interest law. In their first years out of law school, graduates with large educational debts who enter public interest law may apply for grants to help pay their loans.

When making an Annual Fund gift, you may designate either of these programs to support those Cardozo students and graduates pursuing work in the public interest arena.

* All numbers are taken from the National Association for Public Interest Law's document Loan Repayment Assistance Programs (LRAPs) Overview and are for the year 2000.

- Every gift counts, regardless of the amount.
- Each gift made to Cardozo is used for Law School needs and no other.

The Law School, in the

midst of a capital campaign, is raising significant funds for building improvements and other areas of great need. However, this does not replace the need for

annual support from alumni. The Annual Fund is one way to give at any level. Please use the Annual Fund envelope to make your gift today.

ClassActions

Class of 1979

Thomas D. Benigno published his first novel, *The Confession* (1stBooks Library, 2001), about a young, ambitious defense attorney. He is currently in private practice on Long Island, with his second novel, *Christmas Moon*, expected out in fall 2002.

Alan M. Goldberg was made a partner last year in the New York law firm of Lambert & Weiss. He specializes in commercial litigation. Jerry H. Goldfeder was profiled by *The New York Times* as a leading election law expert in New York. Martha M. Walters is executive director of the Putnam County Historical Society & Foundry School Museum in Cold Spring, NY.

Class of 1980

Joanna Gabrynowicz, director of the National Remote Sensing and Space Law Center at the University of Mississippi, was honored in Washington, DC, at the 16th annual Women in Aerospace awards ceremony. She received the Outstanding International Award for her dedication and contributions to a broad spectrum of aerospace issues. Lynne Hilowitz, a partner in the firm of DaSilva, Hilowitz & McEvily in New City and Garden City, NY, was named chair of the New York State Bar Association's General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Section.

Class of 1981

Stephanie B. Mudick is co-general counsel for Citigroup, where she heads the largest in-house legal department at the largest financial services company in the US. She lives in Palisades, NY with her husband, David Gottlieb, and their two-year-old twin daughters. Douglas S. Stanger joined Flaster/Greenberg PC of Cherry Hill, NJ. He will manage the firm's Atlantic County branch.

Class of 1982

Benjamin Heller, chairman of Heller Realty, received an honorary doctoral degree at the 77th annual YU Hanukkah Dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Stephanie J. Ressler-Hochstat announces the birth of her son, Joshua, in August. He joins a sister, Samantha. Stephanie is a sole practitioner in the areas of trusts and estates, planning and real estate. Mark Samuel Ross was honored by Temple Beth Ahm of Springfield, NJ at a gala celebrating the Temple's 50th anniversary. A past president of the synagogue, he is senior director and co-owner of Menorah Chapels Funeral Homes in Union and Teaneck, NJ.

Class of 1984

Mark Lewis is vice president of First Virginia Banks Inc., Falls Church, VA. He has been with the company, the largest independent banking company in Virginia, for nine years

as assistant general counsel. He provides legal advice and guidance for the bank's commercial lending and real estate transactions.

Class of 1986

Joseph Lamport is director of online product development for the Legal Research Center, Inc. He is responsible for development of LRC's new legal knowledge management platform and the creation of its next generation of online legal research products.

Honorable Dianne T. Renwick was elected to the New York State Supreme Court, Bronx 12th District in November. She had been a civil court judge of the City of New York since 1997.

Class of 1987

Joel C. Epstein, currently a senior associate in the Health and Human Development Programs division at Education Development Center in



Newton, MA, published his first book, *A Parent's Guide to Sex, Drugs, and Flunking Out: Answers to the Questions Your College Student Doesn't Want You to Ask* (Hazelde n, 2001). A frequent speaker on student life and college parent issues, he is a consultant to educational institutions, Greek campus organizations, and attorneys on policy and legal compli-

ance, student safety, risk management, and media relations.

Class of 1988

Lawrence Cunningham, a professor at Cardozo since 1992, has accepted an appointment at Boston College, where he will be a professor of law and business. He also will direct innovative programming and pursue graduate degrees in business and finance. At Cardozo, he was director of The Samuel and Ronnie Heyman Center on Corporate Governance. Loved by his students, he was selected by the mat Commencement 2001 as "best professor." Peter L. Gladstone, a partner in the Fort Lauderdale, FL, firm of Gladstone & Weissman, has been appointed chair of the legislative committee of the Family Law Section of the Florida Bar. Brad Rosen opened his own practice, specializing in entertainment law, in Rochester, NY last October.

Class of 1989

Elaine Shay and her husband, Steve Becker, announce the birth of their twins, Strat Joseph Becker and Seren Isabelle Becker. Jill A. G. Zellmer coauthored the article "Legal Guideline for Compliance with Revised Article 9 of the UCC: Part I," published in *The Secured Lender* (November/December 2001). Part II appears in the January/February 2002 issue. She is managing director and

counsel for the Middle Market Finance Group of GE Capital's Commercial Finance subsidiary in Stamford, CT.

Class of 1991

David Sanua opened his own practice in workers' compensation law specializing in appellate work. His offices are located in Brooklyn, NY.

Class of 1992

Andrew Alpern, senior counsel at Hughes Hubbard & Reed, and an architectural historian, published his latest book, *The New York Apartment Houses of Rosario Candela and James Carpenter* (Acanthus Press).

Class of 1993



Steven D. Fiergang joined the business services division of the Philadelphia, PA law firm

Spector Gadon & Rosen PC.

Class of 1994



Joshua Cohen is a partner of Cummings & Lockwood's Creditors' Rights Group in the firm's

New Haven office. He lives in Connecticut with his wife, Nancy, and their three children. Stephanie Spirt Evenchick and her husband, David, of West Orange, NJ announce the birth of their daughter, Rachel Isabel. Stephanie is a corporate associate with Phillips Nizer Benjamin Krim & Ballon LLP



More than 50 recent graduates attended a networking event at Light, a popular East Side club. Chair Rachel Nash '99 and class representatives coordinated the event. Everyone received a complimentary Cardozo t-shirt. This was the first of regular events the committee hopes will be offered for alumni less than five years out of law school. (From left) Lawrence Rosenbloom '97 and Adam Jaffe '97.

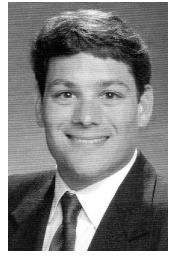


James Schwalbe '93, ex-officio member of the Cardozo Board of Directors, graciously opened his home to Cardozo graduates in northern New Jersey. The upbeat evening was highlighted with greetings from Dean Rudenstine and US Senator Frank Lautenberg, a Cardozo Board member. (From left) James Schwalbe '93, his wife, Jill, Laura Sutnick '93, and cohost Michael Wildes '89.



January LL.M. and J.D. graduates celebrated with faculty, family, and friends at the Salmagundi Club. Thirteen received master of laws degrees and 38 received juris doctor degrees. (From left) LL.M. graduates Pilar Toro from Colombia, Kampanat Seelasorn from Thailand, and Paula Corredor, a friend, also from Colombia.

NYC. Eli Franks joined the firm of Shook, Hardy & Bacon as an associate in the firm's products liability litigation division in the Miami, FL office. He handles worker's compensation, maritime, and insurance fraud defense matters. Brian Selvin, an adjunct professor in Cardozo's tax clinic, joined the New Jersey firm Greenbaum Rowe Smith Ravin Davis & Himmel as an associate in the tax, trusts and estates department. Howard Wien married Colleen Read on September 30.



Class of 1996

Melissa S. Channing is an associate with Katz Barron in Miami, FL. Thalia Saposhnik Karny and her husband, Itay, announce the birth of a son, Daniel Jonah, in April 2001. They live in Leonia, NJ. Judah Prero and his wife Esther, announce the birth of their fifth child, daughter Malya. Meyer Y. Silber opened his own firm in NYC. The Silber Law Firm specializes in corporate, commercial, and I.D.E.A. litigation.

Class of 1997

Steven Kaye and his wife, Stephanie, announce the birth of a daughter, Na'ama Tehilah. He is the senior partner of Steven J. Kaye Associates, PC a four-attorney law firm focusing on plaintiff's personal injury in Brooklyn, NY. Michael Likosky edited Transnational Legal Processes, published by Butterworths Publishers (UK), and distributed by Northwestern University Press. The book,



The Alumni Association cohosted an event with the Museum of Jewish Heritage—A Living Memorial to the Holocaust at its Battery Park site. The panel, “Art Reclamation: Political, Legal, and Academic Perspectives,” included speakers (from left) David Marwell, director, Museum of Jewish Heritage; Prof. Lucille Roussin '96; and Monica Dugot '90, deputy director of NY State Banking Department, Holocaust Claims Processing Office.

consisting of 22 essays by leading scholars in international law and the social sciences, examines the relationship between law and globalization. Michael is a visiting research fellow at the University of Bonn, and has completed a D.Phil. in law at Oxford University.

Class of 1998

Julianne Blumenreich joined the law firm of Sanders & Parks in Arizona practicing commercial litigation. **Theodore Froum** joined the firm of Dykema Gossett in Ann Arbor, MI as an associate in its taxation and estates



practice group. **Wendy A. Morris** joined the Boston, MA office of Kirkpatrick

& Lockhart LLP as an associate in the litigation department. **Andrew Sacher** is an assistant district attorney in the Bronx DA's Office. **Harry A. Valetk's** article, "New Bills Address Identity Theft," was published in the New York Law Journal on January 2. **Peter Yu** was appointed acting assistant professor of law at Cardozo. He teaches International Copyright, International Trademark, and China Information Law, Policy and Society. He also joined the board of editors of the Journal of the Copyright Society of the USA. **Robert Zonenshein** and his wife, **Leah**, announce the birth of twins, Samuel David and Toby. Robert was recently promoted to manager of the multistate tax group at Deloitte & Touche.

Class of 1999

Dina Lancer and her husband, Adam, welcomed a baby girl, Tamar Rena, on February 16. **Rachel Nash**, with her sister Esther, wrote, produced, and directed the movie Fashionista Dating, which premiered in November on Time Warner Cable, RCN, and the Internet.

Class of 2000

Adam S. Lurie recently published an article, "Judicial Law Clerk: The Legal Experience of a Lifetime," in Pass It On, the newsletter of the ABA's government lawyers division. The article features alumnus **James Nobile '88**, a former law clerk. Adam, a law clerk to Judge Newcomer in Phila-

delphia, PA, was married to **Jodi Sharp '01**, a law clerk for a superior court judge in Camden, NJ. **Neel Shah** has opened the Law Office of Neel Shah in East Brunswick, NJ.

Class of 2001

Michael Dowdy is an assistant district attorney in the Bronx DA's Office. **Aaron**

Letters to the Editor

Thank you for providing me with the Summer 2001 issue of Cardozo Life. I appreciate receiving the publication for my review and placement in my chambers' library.

I would certainly welcome and seriously consider applications for positions of law clerk from your top qualifying students who may be interested in such a postgraduate position.

KERMIT EDWARD BYE
United States Circuit Judge
Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals
Fargo, ND

I am writing to tell you of one of ours that should be trumpeted in the next issue of Cardozo Life.

I have enclosed the 11/5/01 issue of People magazine. Jackie Haberfeld [on page 114 in that issue] is a Cardozo graduate (1991); she is an incredible person who has, in the wake of the September 11 tragedy, truly shone as a hero. At Cardozo, Jackie was SBA president. She is a motivated person who makes things happen, but more than that she is a phenomenal human being who is incredibly intelligent with a huge heart. I am lucky to have her as a friend. Cardozo is lucky to count her among its alumni.

STACEY RICHMAN '01
Law Offices of Murry Richman
NYC

This letter inspired the story on pp. 25-29, in which Ms. Haberfeld and other Cardozo heroes are featured.

Fredrickson and Sarah Weisman were married on September 16 in Spain. Aaron recently passed the Virginia State Bar. Alexander Lumelsky has opened his own general practice of law and litigation in Hartford, CT.

Class of 2002

Rachel Hirschfeld announces the birth of a grandson, Max Goldin Steiger. He joins a sister, Ella Pearl Steiger, 4.

CORRECTION: Ronald A. Spim '93 is with the law firm Vincent J. Russo and Associates, PC located in Westbury, NY, not Connecticut.

IN MEMORIAM

Matthew Todd Adrian '87, an immigration judge for the Executive Office of Immigration Review, died on September 22.

Hedy Forspan '90 died December 13. (See page 14.)

Stanley J. Lafazan '82 died tragically in a car accident in Vermont on March 8. A solo practitioner who focused on criminal law in Brooklyn, Stan lived with his wife, Sheryl, an artist, in Tribeca and Vermont. His soft-spoken, sincere style earned him accolades with juries and judges. He possessed a wonderful sense of humor and was a talented guitar player. He is survived by his wife.

Barbara Bracher Olson '89 died in the terrorist attacks of September 11. She was on the

plane that crashed into the Pentagon. (See page 30.)

Andrew Zucker '99 died in the terrorist attacks of September 11. He was working at the World Trade Center. (See page 30.)

Scholarships in the names of both Andrew Zucker and Barbara Olson have been established at Cardozo. Donations may be made payable to Cardozo and sent to the Office of Development. Please indicate to which scholarship you would like your contribution to go.

Save the Date

Classes of 1982, 1987,
and 1992

Thursday, May 30

Reunion Celebration
at the Russian Tea Room
150 West 57th Street



Periodically, the Center for Professional Development and the Alumni Association offer panels for students to get an insider's view on specific careers. This fall, "How to Jumpstart a Career in the Entertainment Field" featured an all-alumni panel that included Adam Liebner '92, talent agent, N.S. Bienstock, Inc.; Jodi Peikoff '89, Jodi Peikoff Law Office; Michael Roban '93, head of business and legal affairs, ContentFilm, Inc.; Victoria Sanders '88, literary agent, Victoria Sanders Literary Agency; and Glen Trotiner '84, director, producer, writer, FreeWheel Productions, Inc. Rachel Hirschfeld '02 helped organize the event and invited professional entertainers to perform before the discussion. They included Terrance Archie and Darlene Bel Grayson (above), Morris Anthony, Leslie Clemmons, Wendy Bobitt Cavett, Jason Knight, and Dexter Porter.