

# ClassActions

## Class of 1981

Lois Lipton was named the first female president of the Bergen County Bar Association in April. She has a successful law practice in Hackensack, NJ, and also is a prosecutor in Edgewater and Fair Lawn. Hon. Martin Shulman, supervising judge of the Civil Court of the City of New York, was featured in "Profiles from the Bench" in the New York Law Journal on April 9, 2001.

## Class of 1985

Bruce Koffsky, a defense attorney in Weston, CT, won a high-profile murder case in

which he defended a suspect in the murder of a 9-year-old boy.

## Class of 1986

Stephanie R. Cooper opened a NYC law office in January representing clients in matters of corporate and individual counseling and litigation, with an emphasis on art and entertainment law. Mary James Courtenay is CEO of Mary's Games, LLC, in Seattle, WA, which released a new board game called Disorder in the Court. The object of the game is for the "lawyer" to be the first to

advance through a legal career from college graduation to retirement. Along the way, the "lawyer" must answer humorous questions on law, street smarts, and ethics drawn from real-life court cases. Mary E. WanderPolo led two workshops on the legal aspects of caring for a loved one who requires long-term custodial care for Caregivers' Connections, a new nonprofit outreach program. Ms. WanderPolo practices elder law at the Verona, NJ, law firm of McElnea & WanderPolo and is vice chair of the Essex County Bar Association's Elder Law Committee.

Naftel, The Telecoms Trade War: The United States, The European Union and the WTO (Hart Publishing, 2001). Mr. Spiwak is president and chairman of the board of editorial advisors at the Phoenix Center for Advanced Legal and Economic Public Policy Studies. Michael J. Wildes, an Englewood, NJ, councilman and a partner at Wildes, Weinberg, Grubblatt and Wildes PC in NYC, was featured at a forum on the law sponsored by the Interfaith Brotherhood-Sisterhood Committee of Bergen County. Mr. Wildes also represented Veronica Hearst, the Dutch-born widow of the late Randolph Hearst who became a US citizen in May.

## First Class of Heyman Scholars Graduate

Prof. Larry Cunningham, the first graduating class of Heyman Scholars, and current Heyman Scholars celebrated at a cocktail party held at Alger House in Greenwich Village. In a setting of Persian rugs and stained glass windows, some 60 guests toasted Ronnie and Samuel Heyman for their support of The Heyman Scholars Program, which provides outstanding students interested in corporate law with financial aid and academic and practical opportunities in the field of corporate governance.



Samuel Heyman with Heyman Scholars Kimberly Mandel '03, Tanja Santucci '03, and Guy Padula '03.

## Class of 1988

Georgianne Gould Moss joined Prudential Securities as a vice president and financial consultant. She and her mother, Audrey Gould, and her sister, Ellen Gould Baber, make up the successful Gould Group, which manages assets for individuals, corporations, and nonprofit organizations. Gregg A. Willinger announces the formation of Willinger Talent Agency, Inc. (WTA), representing television news anchors, hosts, and sports and weather anchors across the country.

## Class of 1990

Eric Fingerhut is a partner in the northern Virginia office of Shaw Pittman. He specializes in trademark, copyright, and Internet-related intellectual property and technology issues.

## Class of 1991

Daniel Friedman is a partner at Buchanan Ingersoll in NYC. Bruce H. Newman joined the firm of Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering in NYC. Previously, he was a senior

## Class of 1989

Stuart Gold married Leigh Ornstein June 10, 2001, in Connecticut. He is a partner at Gold & Boyarsky in NYC. Lawrence J. Spiwak recently published a book with Mark

CORRECTION: ClassActions misidentified Peter Allen Weinmann, who married Amelida Ortiz on September 3, 2000, as from the class of 1986. He is a member of the Class of 1987.

official at UBS Warburg, PaineWebber, and the US Securities and Exchange Commission.

### Class of 1992

**Melinda Fellner-Bramwit** became an associate at the Newark, NJ, law firm of Saiber Schlesinger Satz & Goldstein. She received an LL.M. in taxation from NYU School of Law.

### Class of 1993

**Stephanie Adler** and **Jeffrey Regenstein** of Rochester, NY, announce the birth of their daughter, Sydney Adler. She joins a sister, Julia Eleanor. **Jeffrey B. Shalek** is a partner at the law firm of Gallwey Gillman Curtis Vento & Horn in Miami, FL. He specializes in litigation and appellate law. **Rebecca J. Silberstein** is a partner at the NYC law firm of Debevoise & Plimpton. She is a member of the Investment Management Practice Group in the firm's Corporate

Department, advising on leveraged buyout, venture capital, private equity, merchant banking, and other private investment funds. **Ronald A. Spirn** received his certification in elder law from the ABA-approved National Elder Law Foundation. He is an attorney at Vincent J. Russo and Associates PC in Westbury, CT, and focuses his practice on elder law, estate planning, and real estate.

### Class of 1994

**Gordon Borvick** is vice president of NAI Lawrence Group LLC. He heads the corporate real estate services team. **Melissa Feldman** and **Dean Shalit** announce the birth of their second son, Logan Graham. They reside in Encino, CA. **Gregg Menell** received an M.B.A. degree in May from The Wharton School of Business and is joining Lehman Brothers Investment Banking as a second-year associate in August.



### Grad Leads the Way to CLE On-Line

Nathaniel Ginor '00 is a member of the management team at the e-learning

company LawyersEd ([www.LawyersEd.com](http://www.LawyersEd.com)), the largest provider of online continuing legal education.

"The LawyersEd goal is to allow lawyers to receive CLE credit at a time that's convenient, in a subject that's relevant, while saving time and money," says Nathaniel. Seminar offerings include traditional selections such as "Jury Selection Techniques" and "Revised UCC Article 9," and more current topics such as "Discovery and Disclosure of Electronic Mail in Federal Court," by Cardozo's own Prof. Charles Yablon. Seminars have been led by other Cardozo faculty members, including Stewart Sterk, Kyron Huigen, David Carlson, Myriam Gilles, Marci Hamilton, and Melanie Leslie.

He married Jennifer Smolkin AECOM '95 last August.

**Diane (Fink) Rein** and her husband, David, announce the birth of their son, Oliver Charles Henry Rein. He joins a brother, Alexander, 3.

### Class of 1995

**Lawrence I. Garbuz** is an associate at the Morristown, NJ, law firm Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland & Perretti LLP. He practices in the tax and trusts and estates groups.

### Class of 1996

**Jennifer Bassuk** is senior manager of business development at StarMedia Network, the leading Internet media company targeting Latin America and other Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking markets worldwide. **Julie Hyman** appeared in the award-winning documentary *Who's Dancin' Now?* that aired on PBS in June. The documentary is about Jacques d'Amboise's National Dance Institute and highlights students who studied there as children.



**BALLSA Reunion Dinner** Alumni returned to the Law School for a special dinner hosted by BALLSA, at which Loretta Lynch, United States Attorney, Eastern District of New York, was the featured speaker. (From left) Amy Vargas '02, Noel Williams '87, Arthur Rojas '93, Andrew Leftt '01, Adekunle Bankole '01, Prof. Miriam Gilles, Vivian Walton '01, and Prof. El Gates.

## Class of 1997

Eric Kuperman and his wife, Heidi, WSSW '94 announce the birth of their son, Elijah Aharon. Michael Likosky is a visiting research fellow at the University of Bonn and is about to complete a D. Phil. in Law at the University of Oxford. He edited a book of essays, *Transnational Legal Processes* that will be published in September and distributed in the US by Northwestern University Press. Ara Mekhjian is an associate in health-care practice at the Columbus, OH, law office of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey LLP. Nathan A. Paul '94 is vice president of legal affairs at Lazard Asset Management, a division of

## CARVING UP INFO

Alumni attended a panel in sports and news media that was convened at the First Amendment Center in midtown and cosponsored by Cardozo. "Carving Up Information Rights in News and Sports" featured Jeffrey Kessler, partner, Weil Gotshal & Manges; Bill Squadron, chief executive officer, Sportvision; Richard Kurnit, senior partner, Frankfurt Garbus Kurnit Klein & Selz; and Felicity Barringer, reporter, The New York Times. Prof. Monroe Price moderated.

Lazard Frères and Co. LLC. Marie A. Ryan is an associate at Reece & Associates in Boston, MA. Previously she was ADR program manager at the International Trademark Association. Melanie Torres worked on and had a small part in the film "3 A.M." star-

ring Danny Glover and Pam Grier, which aired on Showtime July 1. She is engaged to her business partner, director Lee Davis. They have just sold a story based on Melanie's life as the daughter of Eddie Torres of the Mambo Kings. Miramax will start production this fall.

## Alumni Association Welcomes Graduating Students

On April 25, the Alumni Association welcomed third-year students to the Association with a party that included alumni speakers offering advice about life after law school. Panelists were Jason Goldy '00, associate at Weil Gotshal & Manges; Fay Leoussis '79, chief of the tort division, Corporation Counsel for the City of New York; Elana Waksal Posner '97, cofounder of iBeauty.com and attorney; and Robert Wallack '99, Manhattan assistant district attorney. Other alumni were on hand to mingle with students.



(From left) Colleen Samuels '00, Jason Goldy '00, Elana Waksal Posner '97, Robert Wallack '99, Tricia Pantzer '98, Fay Leoussis '79, Melissa Breitbart Sohn '98, Josh Sohn '97, and Vivien Naim '87.

## Class of 1999

Richard Chern is an associate at the NYC law firm of Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP. Dina Maslow married Adam Lancer in March. She is an associate at the law firm of Louis Ginsberg PC. Tamar Frumia Silton married Jeremy Epstein in Albany, NY, in March. She is a Manhattan assistant district attorney in the office of the special narcotics prosecutor

## IN MEMORIAM

Harry Langhorne, Jr. '80 passed away May 26, 2001. He was a criminal justice planner and systems analyst for the City of Philadelphia Department of Criminal Justice Services. Previously, he was a government attorney for New York State.

## Letter to the Editor

In Memory of Judy Abrams '96  
Judy Abrams '96 passed away on December 8, 2000. At Cardozo, Judy pursued her studies with exceptional energy and enthusiasm. She was a member of the Cardozo Law Review, an Alexander Fellow in the Chambers of Judge Jack Weinstein of the Eastern District of New York, and a co-winner of the Cardozo-ABA Negotiation Competition. She also was an active member of her Upper West Side community and the Carlbach Synagogue. An inspiration to us all, she showed that we should follow our hopes and aspirations, be involved in our communities, and fight for justice and the rights of children. Judy is survived by her son, Baruch Spier.

—Joel Schmidt '96

## Class of 1998

Arun Chandra published an article on antitrust liability for enforcing a patent procured through fraud in the US, which appeared in the March 19, 2001 issue of Mealey's Litigation Report: Intellectual Property. He is an associate at Morgan & Finnegan LLP. Phillip Tavel is creator of Magi-Nation, a new collectible card game, complete with video games and comic books. Launched in fall 2000, Magi-Nation is the fourth-biggest selling game of its type. Elana Waksal Posner announced her candidacy for NYC Council, to replace council member Kathryn Freed. Elana worked for Paul Weiss Rifkin & Wharton & Garrison and founded iBeauty.com, an Internet startup. Leah Warshawsky married Leonard Silverman in Cedarhurst, NY. She is in private practice.