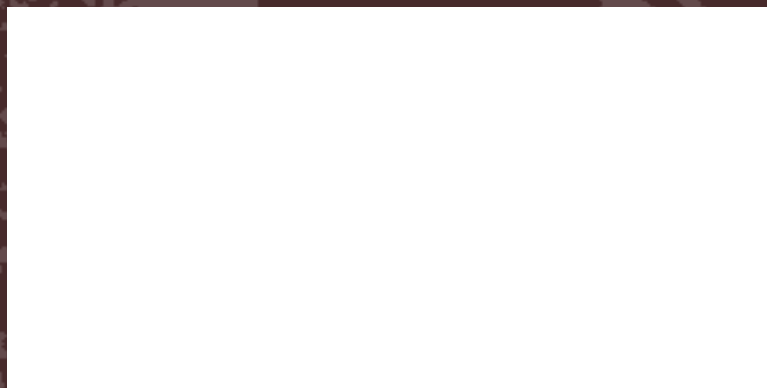
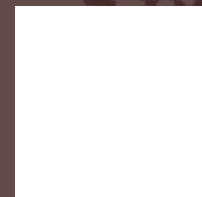




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Golove Is Interim Faculty Director

Professor David Golove will be the Interim Faculty Director for the Root-Tilden-Kern Program for 2012 while Professor Satterthwaite is on leave.



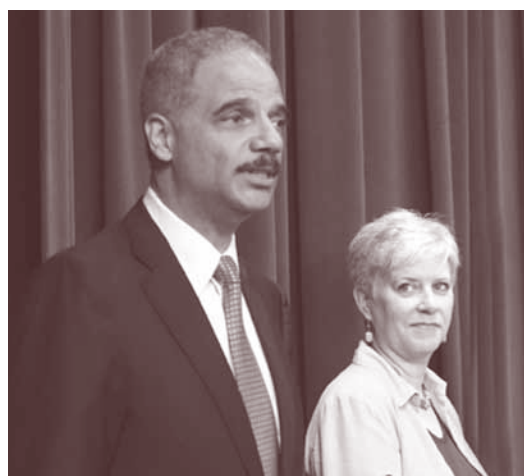
Golove is the Hiller Family Foundation Professor of Law at the Law School. He received his undergraduate degree and law degree from the University of California at Berkeley and an LL.M. from Yale Law School. His specialty is constitutional law of foreign affairs, an area on which he has published articles in major academic journals such as the *Stanford Law Review* and the *Harvard Law Review*. He is known best for his book-length article in the *Michigan Law Review* entitled "Treaty-Making and the Nation: The Historical Foundations of the Nationalist Conception of the Treaty Power."

The RTK Program looks forward to having Golove's expertise and leadership. ■

RTK Leadership Honored

All three administrators of the RTK Program were honored this year for their contributions to NYU School of Law and the field of public interest law nationally.

Deb Ellis was honored twice this year for her work in public interest. First, she received the NALP (The Association for Legal Career Professionals) Award of



Deb Ellis '82 with Attorney General Eric Holder at the Champions of Change event

Distinction for Public Service for her leadership in shaping the public interest community at NYU through her role as an informed and compassionate counselor, and nationally, for sharing her expertise with other public interest advisors through publications, presentations, and mentoring.

Deb was also deemed a "Champion of Change" by the Obama Administration at a White House ceremony hosted by Attorney General Eric Holder with 15 other lawyers who "dedicate their

professional lives to closing the justice gap in America." The ceremony was streamed live as part of an online conversation to encourage law students and young attorneys to pursue a career in public interest law.

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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTORS

Dear Root-Tilden-Kern Alumni,



Greetings from the RTK program and the Law School! This is a year of transitions in the RTK program: Program Administrator Letizia La Rosa left in August and Faculty Director Meg Satterthwaite will be on leave for 2012.



In August Letizia La Rosa became Program Coordinator for the International Education Program and Education and Social Policy Program in the graduate Department of Humanities and Social Sciences in the Professions at NYU Steinhardt. Letizia's superb contributions during her more than four and a half years at the Law School were recognized by her receipt of the inaugural Podell Distinguished Administrator Award this past May. One of Letizia's major roles was working with the 60 students in the RTK program, where she coordinated numerous logistics, supported students in their academic and professional pursuits, and made

mentoring matches among students that were widely considered "inspired." In their nomination letter for the Podell Award, the Root students lauded Letizia for helping students thrive and for being an "amazing ambassador" for the Law School.

Our excellent new Program administrator is Jorge Luis Paniagua Valle, a graduate of Loyola University Chicago, where he studied philosophy and ancient Greek. Prior to joining PILC in early August, Jorge Luis was the outreach coordinator and a conflict resolution associate for the Loyola Law School Center for Conflict Resolution, which provides alternative dispute resolution services to indigent communities in Los Angeles County. When not working, Jorge Luis enjoys doing archery, writing non-fiction, and exploring his new home, New York City.

Faculty Director Meg Satterthwaite will be on sabbatical in 2012. She will be working on a book on human rights methodologies. Professor David Golove (see profile on page 1) will serve as Interim Faculty Director from January 1, 2012, through the end of the calendar year.

Welcome to both Jorge Luis and David!

As usual, the newsletter is filled with stories of the inspiring work of our students and alumni. As you contemplate year-end gifts, we hope that you consider a donation to the program. With tuition rising each year, our ability to continue to provide full-tuition scholarships to 20 students is dependent on giving from our loyal alumni. Most importantly, we want each and every donor to know that a gift of any amount is greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your generosity and a special note of appreciation to those of you who gave last year and are listed in the Honor Roll of Donors at the end of this Newsletter.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.

Handwritten signatures of Deb Ellis and Meg Satterthwaite in black ink.

Deb Ellis '82 and Meg Satterthwaite '99

Meg Satterthwaite received the Albert Podell Distinguished Teaching Award, established in 2007 by Albert Podell '76, in recognition of the outstanding achievements of faculty in the classroom.

Letizia La Rosa received the inaugural Albert Podell Outstanding Administrator Award, established in 2011 by Albert Podell '76, in recognition of inspirational and innovative service and outstanding contributions to the law school community. ■

New Scholarship Created

We are pleased to announce the creation of a new scholarship thanks to the generous support of the Filomen M. D'Agostino Foundation. The Filomen M. D'Agostino Scholarship in Civil Rights, Civil Liberties, and/or Criminal Justice will pay the full tuition each year for three students of outstanding academic merit and leadership potential who demonstrate a strong commitment to work on civil rights, civil liberties or criminal justice issues for at least three years after graduation from NYU School of Law.

The new D'Agostino Scholars in Civil Rights, Civil Liberties, and/or Criminal Justice will be selected from the incoming class of 2015 next spring.

The scholarships are named after Filomen M. D'Agostino '20, a trailblazer in the legal profession, and a rare woman lawyer in that time. Her generosity helped transform NYU School of Law. She and her husband, Max E. Greenberg, donated D'Agostino Hall, one of the most important buildings on the NYU Law campus, as well as the beautiful Greenberg Lounge in Vanderbilt Hall, and also endowed the Max E. Greenberg Professorship in Contract Law and the D'Agostino-Greenberg Faculty Research Fund. The D'Agostino Foundation also supports three additional full-tuition scholarships as part of the Root-Tilden-Kern Program, the Filomen M. D'Agostino Scholarship for Women or Children, created in 2004. ■

Roots Speak at J.D. Convocation

Martin Lipton '55, founding partner of Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, and Noam Biale '11, spoke at the Law School's Convocation on May 20, 2011. Martin gave an insightful speech about the innovation of the Law School's past deans. Noam inspired the new graduates with lessons he learned from his classmates. A portion of Noam's speech is reprinted here:

Thank you, Dean Revesz, and hello, everyone! I'm thrilled to be here today.

I had an interview for a job in the fall. I thought it was going pretty well and then they asked me, "How has law school been?" I said, "Well, there have been some ups and some downs; but overall I've actually really enjoyed it." The lawyer interviewing me cut in and said, "I don't trust anyone who enjoyed law school."

I didn't get the job.

That lawyer clearly did not go to NYU. He had a particular idea of what law school was—a particular narrative. But my narrative was different. I understand that law school was supposed to be a miserable grind, but this community made it enjoyable. Because of all of you, my law school narrative is defined by compassion instead of competitiveness. No question we've had struggles and disappointments. Luckily you all were there to pull me in for silent dance parties in the library and to inspire me with stories of your passion and brilliance.

Let me tell one such story involving a classmate of ours, Mark Weiner. Mark's working at a public defender in Brooklyn last summer where he represents people summoned to court for minor violations. It's the lowliest job that no attorney wants. We're talking about public urination; open container violations; the bottom-of-the-barrel stuff they give to interns. A ticket comes across Mark's desk with a police report that says, "On Saturday night, Mr. Jones was drinking Hennessy on such-and-such corner, in plain sight." Mark says, "Your honor, I want to challenge

this ticket for lack of probable cause. We have no information here to determine how the officer knew Mr. Jones was drinking Hennessy or any other alcoholic beverage." The prosecutor pipes up, "Well, the officer obviously used his training and expertise to determine it was Hennessy." Mark says, "Training? Do they have a course on Hennessy at the police academy? Did he go to Hennessy College?" The judge agrees and dismisses the case. A few minutes later, another ticket comes up and Mark looks at it: "On Sunday night, Mr. Smith was drinking Hennessy on such-and-such corner, in plain sight." Mark says, "Your honor, I want to challenge this ticket. And I want to cite the Hennessy Defense, established in *People v. Jones* five minutes ago." The judge says, "That's a good case! Dismissed."

Now I tell you that story because Mark went into a situation where he wasn't expected to break any new ground or develop new doctrine, but in service of his client, he did. He invented the Hennessy Defense, and with it, he changed the narrative of this open container violation. He made it about the assumptions the police were making. The ability and audacity to challenge the prevailing narrative—that's the boldness that NYU has nurtured in us.

To those who say there is no room for boldness and creativity in legal argument, I give you Mark and the Hennessy Defense. To those who say that the prevailing narrative of law school cannot be changed, I give you the NYU School of Law graduating class of 2011. ■

Awards at Graduation

Convocation, the Theater at Madison Square Garden, May 20, 2011

For Scholarship, Academic Excellence, and Related Achievements

Benjamin F. Butler Memorial Award "for unusual distinction in scholarship, character, and professional activities" to **ERIN ADELE SCHARFF**

For Service to the Law School

Vanderbilt Medal "for outstanding contribution to the School of Law" to **STEPHEN B. KANG**

Subject Area Awards

Black, Latino, Asian Pacific American Law Alumni Association (BLAPA) Award for Clinical Service "to a member of APALSA, BALSALSA, MELSA, MULSA, or SALSALSA for outstanding work in a clinical course, dedication to public service, and commitment to a career in public interest law" to **BETTY B. BAEZ-MELO, YIHONG (JULIE) MAO**

Howard Greenberger Award "for outstanding achievement in the area of comparative law" to **ELIZABETH O. ASHAMU**

Christian Jarecki Memorial Prize "for outstanding work and commitment in a law clinic" to **RUBEN LOYO**

Sol D. Kapelsohn Prize "designated by the dean for highest excellence in writing in the field of labor law" to **STEPHEN B. KANG**

Gary E. Moncrieffe Award "to the outstanding student in the area of racism and the law" to **KOSHA S. TUCKER**

Ann Petluck Poses Memorial Prize "designated by the Dean in recognition of outstanding work in a clinical course requiring student practice" to **STEPHEN B. KANG, KOSHA S. TUCKER**

Harry J. Rudick Memorial Award "to a J.D. student who has demonstrated excellence in taxation throughout his or her years at the NYU School of Law" to **ERIN ADELE SCHARFF**

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Membership in the Order of the Barrister

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Class of 2011 Employment Destinations

Elizabeth Ashamu

NYU School of Law Human Rights Watch Fellowship, New York, NY

Matt Baca

Chief Judge Rebecca Smith, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia, Norfolk, VA

Betty Baez Melo

Brooklyn Defender Services, Brooklyn, NY

Noam Biale

Equal Justice Initiative Fellowship, Montgomery, AL
Judge Allyne R. Ross, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York, Brooklyn, NY (2012 term)

Daniel Bowes

Equal Justice Works Fellowship, North Carolina Justice Center, Raleigh, NC

Danielle Escontrias

El Paso Public Defender, El Paso, TX

Anurag Gupta

NYU School of Law, National Center on Philanthropy and the Law, Rockefeller Brothers Fund Fellowship in Nonprofit Law, Vera Institute for Justice, New York, NY

Ellie Happel

Arthur Helton Global Human Rights Fellowship, Bureau des Avocats Internationaux (International Lawyers Bureau), Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Stephen Kang

Judge Margaret M. Morrow, U.S. District Court, Central District of California, Los Angeles, CA; Judge Kermit V. Lipez, U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, Portland, ME (2012 term)

Liz Kilstein

Brooklyn Defender Services, Brooklyn, NY

Marne Lenox

Bronx Defenders, Bronx, NY

Ruben Loyo

Judge Solomon Oliver Jr., U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio, Cleveland, OH

**Yihong (Julie) Mao**

Equal Justice Works Fellowship, New Orleans Workers' Center for Racial Justice, New Orleans, LA

Linnea Nelson

ACLU of Northern California Fellowship, San Francisco, CA

Meagan Powers

Bronx County District Attorney's Office, Bronx, NY

Erin Scharff

Judge William Fletcher, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, San Francisco, CA

Emerson Sykes

New York City Council, New York, NY

Elizabeth-Ann (Liz) Tierney

Zubrow Fellowship, Juvenile Law Center, Philadelphia, PA

Kosha Tucker

The Barton Child Law and Policy Center at Emory University School of Law, Robin Nash Fellowship, Atlanta, GA

Mark Weiner

Judge Susan Illston, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, San Francisco, CA

Additional Fellowships Awarded in 2011 to Alumni

Tess Bridgeman '10

U.S. Department of State, Office of Legal Adviser, New Attorney Program, Washington, DC

Nick Durham '08

U.S. Department of Justice Honors Program, Civil Rights Division, Washington, DC

Mitra Ebadolahi '08

American Civil Liberties Union Foundation, Nadine Strossen Fellowship, National Security Project, New York, NY

Beth George '10

U.S. Department of Justice Honors Program, National Security Division, Office of Intelligence, Washington, DC

Nate Wessler '10

American Civil Liberties Union, National Security Project Fellowship, New York, NY

Sara Zier '10

Soros Justice Advocacy Fellowship, TeamChild, Tacoma, WA

Leaders in Public Interest Series 2010–11

The Public Interest Law Center's Leaders in Public Interest Series featured three Root-Tilden-Kern alumni this past year. The speakers discussed their work in federal government, grassroots activism and direct legal services, reminding students that a public interest career can take many different forms.



Congresswoman Dianna DeGette '82 (D-CO) began NYU's Leaders in the Public Interest Speaker Series with a bang, describing her path from NYU to the halls of Congress, where she serves as Chief Deputy Whip for the Democratic Party and a member of the powerful Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Speaking only months after the historic passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Representative DeGette described her prominent role in the health reform debate as a leading advocate for women's health. Representative DeGette is also the chief architect of legislation to expand stem cell research, and gave students a rare window into the process of writing and garnering support for progressive legislation.



On October 4, Sally Kohn '02 inspired NYU's public interest community with a presentation entitled, "Using the Master's Tools: How Law School Prepares You to Change America."

With the humor and accessibility that has made her a regular commenter on Fox News and MSNBC, Kohn challenged NYU Law students to develop a bold, progressive vision of social change—and take advantage of their privileged legal education to manifest that change. Kohn, who is the Founder and Chief Education Officer of Movement Vision Lab, a grassroots think tank, encouraged students to confront the racial bias and economic inequality that plagues our society.



On November 8, Lourdes Rosado '98 of the Juvenile Law Center (JLC) spoke about defending children's constitutional rights through a multipronged approach during her talk "Small Organizations Can Do Big Things: Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare Reform."

JLC employs a number of strategies—ranging from individual representation, appellate advocacy, impact litigation, and law and regulatory reform—to make sure the systems are advancing the rights of and well-being of children in jeopardy. In recapping JLC's persistence in seeking justice in a high-profile case involving corrupt judges and juveniles who were being subject to delinquency hearings without lawyers, Ms. Rosado demonstrated that resilience in the face of constant push back can ultimately make a difference. ■

NYU School of Law Journal Memberships 2011–12

Environmental Law Journal

SENIOR STAFF EDITOR

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STAFF EDITOR

Leslie Coleman '13

Journal of International Law and Politics

ARTICLES EDITOR

Valerie Brender '12

STAFF EDITORS

Francesca Corbacho '13, Craig Mathew '13, Relic Sun '13

Journal of Law & Business

STAFF EDITOR

Tyler Kinder '13

Journal of Legislation and Public Policy

STAFF EDITOR

Julia Kaye '13

Law Review

EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Amanda Sen '12

ARTICLES EDITORS

Frances Kreimer '12, Nikki Reisch '12

NOTES EDITORS

Adam Herling '12, Philip Kovoov '12

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Austin King '12

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Yan Cao '13, Evelyn Malavé '13, Abigail Nurse '13, Julia Torti '13

Moot Court

COMPETITIONS COACH

Zachary Orjuela '12

STAFF EDITOR

Semuteh Freeman '13

Review of Law & Social Change

ARTICLE SELECTION EDITOR

Talia Gooding-Williams '12

STAFF EDITORS

Kate Berry '13, Gabriel Hopkins '13, Lindsay Miller '13, Candace Mitchel '13, Pierce Suen '13

Root-Tilden-Kern Class of 2014

Sheila Baynes



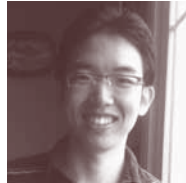
Sheila graduated from Harvard in 2003 with a degree in history and literature. Her studies focused

on the meaning of the environment in the American imagination; this interest in the centrality of place to the human experience informed her subsequent career in wilderness education.

Sheila's work with youth in the outdoors began in earnest in Alaska, where she led at-risk girls on wilderness expeditions. After studying for a master's in teaching, she continued to work with at-risk youth as a high school teacher in a drug and alcohol treatment program for Alaska Native teens. During her summers, she taught courses for the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS), a leading nonprofit that teaches leadership on expeditions in many of the world's most remote and pristine wilderness classrooms. Sheila moved to Wyoming in 2009 to work at NOLS headquarters doing educational research and curriculum development. Her time spent living in rural communities in the American West has reinforced her desire to work toward sustainable and collaborative solutions to environmental and social challenges.

Sheila was born and raised in Palmyra, New York. She looks forward to using her legal education to advance the mutually dependent issues of healthy youth and healthy public lands.

Wonjoo Choe



Wonjoo graduated with distinction from Cornell University in 2007 with a B.A. in government and economics. He

interned at the Korean Public Interest Lawyers Group (Gong-Gam), a nonprofit public interest firm in Seoul where he was actively involved in advancing immigration and refugee rights. There, he analyzed the legal status of North Korean refugees in developed countries, and helped translate a book composed of letters from North Korean refugees to their families and friends in North Korea. Wonjoo is currently working with his brother to develop a social networking Web site called *dooub*, in hopes of using it as a channel to connect legal advocates and scholars across the globe.

Wonjoo was born in Daegu, South Korea, and grew up in Seoul and Silver Spring, Maryland. After law school, he hopes to bring about positive change in the political and economic condition of refugees in developing countries, and ultimately benefit those who seek asylum in his home country, South Korea.

Elizabeth DeGori

STARR FOUNDATION SCHOLAR



Elizabeth graduated cum laude from Scripps College in 2010 with a dual degree in international relations and French Studies. During college, Elizabeth studied abroad in Paris, interning at Confrontations Europe, where she studied cooperation between U.S. and E.U. climate policies leading up to the UNFCCC Conference in 2010.

Elizabeth also volunteered as a sexual assault counselor and co-led the Criminal Justice Network, creating an on-campus program to support the organization Get on the Bus and send children yearly to visit their mothers in prison for Mother's Day.

In law school, Elizabeth is interested in studying potential avenues of U.S.-China cooperation on climate and energy law and roadblocks of current partnerships. She is building on previous experience as an intern with the U.S. Mission to NATO and her time after graduation when she worked as Climate Change Coordinator for the World Federation of U.N. Associations, interned for the U.S. Mission to the U.N., and spent three months in China studying Mandarin.

Elizabeth grew up in east Tennessee. After law school, she hopes to pursue a career in public international law.

Akiva Fishman

SULLIVAN & CROMWELL SCHOLAR



Having studied the intersection of the environment, economics, and society, Akiva graduated magna

cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Brandeis University in 2009, and was a faculty-selected commencement speaker. During his college career, he worked in the private, nonprofit, and government sectors on issues ranging from carbon footprint management and algae-based biodiesel to tropical land use change and urban water quality. He was privileged to participate one summer in a study of NYC street tree mortality by the Department of Parks and Recreation as part of Mayor Bloomberg's PlaNYC agenda.

After graduating, Akiva moved to Washington, DC, to work for the Environmental Law Institute, and focused on editing and writing for a series of seven books analyzing the role of natural resources in post-conflict peacebuilding. He plans to study environmental, international, and comparative law at NYU to understand how community-driven conservation initiatives operate within national legal frameworks. After then pursuing a master's degree in environmental management, he

plans to work in an advisory capacity with governments seeking to develop or reform environmental laws and regulations.

Akiva is from the Upper West Side of Manhattan and is elated to be returning to New York.

Brittany Francis



Brittany graduated from Indiana University in 2011 with highest distinction and a degree in criminal

justice, sociology, and communication & culture, and spent her undergraduate career pursuing her interests in race relations, advocacy, and service. In 2010, she was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. As a Cox Research Scholar, Brittany conducted four years of legal research under Law Professors Dr. Jeannine Bell and Kevin Brown on the topics of hate crime, race relations, education law, and civil rights law.

When she wasn't engaged in academic pursuits, Brittany spent her time serving her community as a hospitality volunteer at Shalom Community Center for the homeless and as a storyteller in the children's program at Middle Way House—a local domestic violence shelter. In 2009, she spent her summer planning special events and procuring financial sponsorship for Indiana's nonprofit ovarian cancer organization, Ovar'coming Together. The following summer she served as an AmeriCorp VISTA at Bosma Enterprises, a nonprofit organization for the blind and visually impaired.

She is passionate about working toward racial equality in the United States and aspires to use the blessings she has been given to become a civil rights attorney.

Brittany was born in Las Vegas and raised in Indianapolis.

Amelia Pelly Frenkel



The daughter of two social and political activists, Amelia seized the chance to follow in her parents' footsteps by working

for change on Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign while an undergraduate at Georgetown University. Despite working full-time for the campaign, Amelia graduated in three years with a degree in government in May 2008.

Following graduation, Amelia saw the 2008 presidential election through as a speechwriter at Planned Parenthood, where she focused on electoral outreach to women voters. Ever the campaign enthusiast, she left Planned Parenthood in January 2009 to join a gubernatorial campaign in her adopted home state of Virginia.

After that campaign ended, Amelia moved on to become the Director of Speechwriting to the U.S. Trade Representative, the Cabinet official in charge of negotiating trade agreements and opening up trade opportunities for Americans abroad. After a year in that position, Amelia moved on to become the chief writer at the Democratic National Committee, where she penned remarks for everyone from grassroots activists to the president of the United States.

Amelia was raised in Asheville, North Carolina, and looks forward to putting her law school education to work for political and social change.

Rachel Hoerger

SINSHEIMER SERVICE SCHOLAR



Rachel graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Amherst College, where she majored in economics and played on the Amherst

softball team. Since college, her work has focused on grassroots organizing, education, and development, and her goal is to use the law, in conjunction with community-based action and advocacy, as a vehicle for empowering individuals and communities to actively address the issues that affect them.

Classes of 2012 and 2013 Awards and Recognitions

We are proud to announce that

AUSTIN KING '12, **NIKKI REISCH '12** and **FRANCES KREIMER '12** were each named Butler Scholars for being one of the top 10 students in their class at the conclusion of their second year of law school.

YAN CAO '13 was named a Pomeroy Scholar for being one of the top 10 students in her class at the conclusion of her first year of law school.



SAEROM PARK '12

received a prestigious Peggy Browning Fellowship to work in the legal department of the Service Employees International

Union in Washington, DC, this summer. Fewer than 60 students nationwide are awarded these summer fellowships, which give students focused on labor law the opportunity to pursue economic justice in positions at mentor organizations.

FRANCESCA CORBACHO '13, **SEMUTEH**

FREEMAN '13, and **JULIA TORTI '13** received the Center for Human Rights and Global Justice's International Law and Human Rights Student Fellowship this summer. The fellowship program combines academic and practical experience in international law and human rights by offering students the opportunity to complete a specialized training program in international law, undertake a summer internship at an elite institution, and complete a substantial research paper growing out of that work experience. **FRANCESCA** spent her summer at People's Watch in Tamil Nadu, India; **SEMUTEH** was at the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights in Nairobi, Kenya; and **JULIA** worked at the International Lesbian & Gay Association—Europe, in Brussels, Belgium.

After graduation, Rachel worked as a union organizer for the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees, organizing in-home child-care providers across the state of Iowa, and then served for two wonderful years as a Peace Corps volunteer in northern Peru. In 2010, Rachel coordinated a statewide community-education program to increase Census participation in farm worker and immigrant communities throughout rural California.

Rachel is a proud native of Oakland, California.

Malika Lubell-Doughtie

FILOMEN M. D'AGOSTINO SCHOLAR



After graduating from Pomona College in 2008, with a double major in politics and gender and women's studies,

Malika returned to New York hoping to apply her formal education and personal experiences to work with a social justice-oriented organization.

In 2009, Malika accepted two positions with Girls Educational and Mentoring Services (GEMS), an organization serving young women who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation and domestic trafficking. At GEMS, Malika worked as a residential counselor at GEMS' Transitional Independent Living House and as a street outreach worker, traveling to active "tracks" throughout New York City to reach out to young women touched by commercial sexual exploitation.

Continuing to explore how she could contribute to the protection of juvenile rights, in 2010, Malika became the court representative of the Center for Alternative Sentencing and Employment Services' (CASES) Alternative to Detention (ATD) project, Choices. Malika advocated for youth with pending delinquency cases to remain in the community with the support and supervision of Choices ATD.

Malika grew up in the Bronx, New York, and attended the Ethical Culture Fieldston School. She is looking forward to providing holistic legal representation to youth and to using her law degree to fight for juvenile justice.

Sara Maeder

WILMERHALE SCHOLAR



Sara graduated from Wesleyan University in 2008 with honors in classics. She was particularly interested as a

classics major in the power of language and myth, and wrote her senior thesis on the use of ancient myth in film to address modern social issues. During her time at Wesleyan, she also developed a strong interest in social justice and constitutional law, which she explored further through an internship at the Women's Law Project in Philadelphia.

After graduating, Sara worked as a legal assistant at Lambda Legal's New York Headquarters. There, she assisted on LGBT rights cases, such as one involving a voter referendum attempting to exclude transgender people from protection under a Maryland employment nondiscrimination law. She then went on to work as a paralegal at Children's Rights, where she participated in the investigation of the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families and the early stages of the subsequent litigation against the Commonwealth.

Sara grew up in Narberth, Pennsylvania. She looks forward to exploring further in law school the ways in which the law can be used as a tool for social change. She plans to pursue a career in civil rights impact litigation.

Annie Mathews

JACOBSON PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLAR FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN & FAMILIES



Annie graduated from Wesleyan University in 2006 with a degree in social studies.

Fascinated by social policy and eager to fight for social justice, she researched and wrote her thesis on the political impact of a coalition of community organizations in the impoverished outskirts of Buenos Aires.

Passionate about immigrant rights, women's rights, and economic development, she worked for three years

at C.E.O. Women (Creating Economic Opportunities for Women), an Oakland-based microenterprise organization. C.E.O. Women helps immigrant and refugee women start businesses through training in entrepreneurship and English language. As an AmeriCorpsVISTA volunteer and then a project manager, Annie led the development of all of C.E.O. Women's business support programs, including their microequity grant initiatives.

Fueled by her clients' stories of success and day-to-day struggles, Annie returned to graduate school to better understand the social and economic phenomenon she encountered on the grassroots level. She is currently a Reynolds Fellow in Social Entrepreneurship at the Harvard Kennedy School.

Annie grew up in Boston. She is eager to combine her grassroots, education in public policy, and legal training to advocate for low-income and immigrant communities in the United States.

Nicholas Melvoin

COBEN SCHOLAR



A native of Los Angeles, Nick graduated from Harvard University in 2008 with a degree in government and

English. While in college, Nick was an editor of *The Harvard Crimson*, a member of the Institute of Politics, and a volunteer teacher in inner-city Boston.

After graduation, Nick joined Teach For America and was assigned to Markham Middle School in South Central Los Angeles, where he became a Small Learning Community Principal, leading a group of 350 students to significant academic gains. While at Markham, Nick observed that the devastating effects of teacher layoffs disproportionately affected poor students of color. Consequently, he worked with the ACLU to instigate a successful lawsuit against the state of California and the Los Angeles Unified School District that redressed the situation, allowing thousands of students to enjoy a more stable learning

environment. This experience sparked Nick's interest in attending law school to study civil rights and education law.

While teaching, Nick earned a masters in urban education from Loyola Marymount University, where he received the Urban Education Student Researcher of the Year Award. Most recently, he served as the assistant to the executive director of Teach For America—Los Angeles. Nick plans to return to California after law school to advocate for children in underserved communities.

Evan Milligan

LINDEMANN FAMILY
PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLAR



Evan graduated from Birmingham-Southern College in 2003 with a degree in religion. Following graduation, Evan spent several months working for a tax-reform campaign, encouraging Alabama voters to support a constitutional referendum to modify the state's regressive tax system. He then studied theology and economic development issues at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar.

Between 2005 and 2008, Evan worked as a community organizer for the Federation of Child Care Centers of Alabama, a child-care advocacy and community development organization. From 2008 to 2011, he worked as a paralegal for the Equal Justice Initiative, an indigent criminal defense organization also based in Alabama.

Born in Houston, Texas and raised in Montgomery, Alabama, Evan aspires to practice indigent defense law in Alabama. He also wants to explore multi-disciplinary, community-based responses to the needs of formerly incarcerated and marginalized people.

Kendal Nystedt

A summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Arizona, Kendal majored in international studies and earned dual minors in Spanish and environmental science. A native of Tucson,



Arizona, her concerns for immigrants' rights and education access were fueled from a young age. While in school, Kendal organized alongside low-income immigrant and other border community members with Border Action Network, campaigned for an affordable, accessible, and quality higher education system as the vice-chair of the Arizona Students' Association's Board of Directors, and held fellowships with Young People For, the Young Elected Officials Network's Front Line Leaders Academy and the Roosevelt Campus Network.

After graduating, Kendal worked as the Collegiate Program Manager for Anytown Arizona, offering leadership development programming with a focus on social justice and diversity awareness. While Kendal's heart is in Arizona, in 2010 she moved to Brooklyn, in order to work at the City Bar Justice Center as the Coordinator of the Public Service Network and the Veterans Assistance Project.

Kendal is excited to be a part of the Root-Tilden-Kern community at NYU Law as she works toward her goal of founding a multi-issue nonprofit in the Southwest that operates at the intersection of community organizing, policy advocacy, direct legal services, and impact litigation.

Robert Pollack

DORIS C. AND ALAN J. FREEDMAN SCHOLAR



Robert studied philosophy, literature, and the history of math and science in the Great Books Program at St. John's College, where he graduated in 2004. He spent time both on the Annapolis and on the Santa Fe campus and while in Santa Fe was a field-qualified member of the St. John's College Search and Rescue Team.

After college Robert joined the Mississippi Teacher Corps and taught English at a rural public high school in Sardis, Mississippi, and then at an urban one in Jackson, where he was a teacher sponsor of the Civil Rights / Civil Liberties after-school club. He earned an M.A. in

curriculum and instruction from the University of Mississippi. After three years in the deep South, he returned to Santa Fe to study Sanskrit and classical Asian literature and philosophy at St. John's College and earned an M.A. in Eastern classics. He continued working in the public schools and upon completion of the degree began teaching math at a public high school and a community college in Santa Fe.

Robert grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area. With his legal education, he plans to continue advocating for a more just and equitable society.

Jesse Rockoff

SINSHEIMER SERVICE SCHOLAR



Born in Queens, New York, Jesse was raised in Johnson City, New York, and attended college at Washington and Lee University, where he was a Weinstein Scholar. After graduating in 2002 with a degree in Politics, Jesse served as a field organizer on U.S. Senator Max Cleland's re-election campaign. He then worked in Washington, DC, as a researcher for the Service Employees International Union and in finance and administration at the National Trust for Historic Preservation before discovering his passion for immigration law. During more than three years as a legal assistant and paralegal with the law firm of Maggio & Kattar, Jesse assisted with many difficult immigration cases that showed him this was a field where he could make a real difference for communities badly in need of affordable legal services. Jesse has also taught English as a Second Language as a volunteer and lived for a time to Buenos Aires, Argentina, where he worked extensively on his Spanish in order to further assist future clients with their immigration cases.

Jesse is thrilled to be back in New York City and plans to use his NYU Law degree to defend indigent foreign nationals in deportation proceedings.

Ariel Werner

WILLIAM AND MARY STERLING SCHOLAR



Ariel graduated from Brown University in 2009 with honors in political science. At Brown, she served as Student Coordinator

of the Right to Vote Campaign, a successful movement to end felony disenfranchisement in Rhode Island. She also coordinated Space in Prison for the Arts and Creative Expression, a program that provides student-led arts and writing workshops in the state Adult Correctional Institutions and publishes the work of prisoner participants in an annual journal. Ariel has interned at the Rhode Island Family Life Center for Ex-Offenders and at the Rhode Island Office of the Public Defender. As a research assistant, she investigated a case of wrongful conviction. In 2006 and 2008, Ariel delved into electoral politics, working on the campaigns of a Providence city councilman, a Rhode Island State representative, and President Obama. For her social justice pursuits and political advocacy during college, Ariel was named a 2008 Harry S Truman Scholar.

Ariel has served as a paralegal specialist in the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York for the past two years. She looks forward to pursuing a career in criminal justice reform through direct service, litigation, and public policy.

Michele Yankson

ANDREW W. MELLON SCHOLAR



Michele Yankson graduated with honors from the University of Michigan–Ann Arbor in 2008 with

degrees in English and sociology. During college, she participated in service work from tutoring in underresourced schools in Detroit and Ypsilanti with the America Reads program, to promoting campus discourse on issues of identity as a dialogue facilitator for Michigan's Intergroup Relations.

After graduating, Michele joined Miami Teaching Fellows to serve as

a middle-school teacher in a school designated as high-need. In 2010, Michele founded the Miami chapter of Stand-Up For Kids Don't Run Away program. Through this program, she worked toward curbing Miami's substantial population of homeless youth through education and outreach within schools.

Michele sees inequity in education as one of the greatest causes of social unrest among disadvantaged groups and that underserved communities are often inextricably tied to deficient institutions of education. She hopes to use her law degree to advocate for children and their families through advancing policies that promote their welfare.

Michele was born and raised in and near Detroit, to immigrant parents from Ghana.

Daniel Yu



Daniel graduated from the University of Southern California with a degree in accounting. As a student, Daniel

explored his interest in social enterprises as a student consultant for the Los Angeles Community Impact, providing pro bono business consulting services to nonprofits in the greater Los Angeles area.

Daniel's involvement with public interest began in high school with his participation in Asian Pacific American Leadership Institute's Leadership Academy, where he cultivated a passion for Asian-American activism and interethnic affairs. He built on this experience as policy intern at Asian Americans for Community Involvement and APA Dispute Resolution Center.

Daniel developed his passion for the law at the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California, working as a legal advocate for survivors of domestic violence. His decision to pursue a career in law was cemented after a research trip to Cambodia with the Shoah Foundation in which he studied transitional justice among ethnic minorities after the Khmer Rouge genocide. Daniel's interests in the law include immigration and domestic violence advocacy, transitional justice, and competition law.

Alyson Zureick

FILOMEN M. D'AGOSTINO SCHOLAR



Alyson graduated Phi Beta Kappa and with honors in political science in 2006 from Princeton University, where

she was a Mellon Mays Undergraduate Scholar, co-editor of the *Daily Princetonian* opinion page, and vice-president of the University's Organization of Women Leaders.

After graduating from Princeton, Alyson worked at a number of international nonprofit organizations, focusing on women's human rights, access to justice and post-conflict development. She first worked on access to justice issues in sub-Saharan Africa as a Princeton Project 55 Fellow at the Cyrus Vance Center for International Justice. Subsequently, she worked with the International Rescue Committee in their Sierra Leone office, where she provided program support to IRC's gender-based violence and maternal health programs. She then spent two years with the Center for Reproductive Rights' International Legal Program where she worked on U.N. advocacy projects around maternal mortality as a human rights issue and reproductive rights violations as forms of torture or cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment.

Originally from Cincinnati, Alyson is now a committed Brooklynite. She's hoping, however, to give up the skinny jeans life after law school to live and work on women's health and human rights issues in Africa. ■

Class of 2012 and 2013 Summer Jobs

Summer Employment!

This past summer, RTK Scholars scattered throughout the country and the world to work on a variety of important issues and to get hands-on legal training. We've grouped their internships by theme and asked them to share some of the highlights of their summers. Below you'll read about the work they undertook—ranging from providing legal services to migrant workers in China to researching federal clean air and climate regulations.

Department of Justice:

Three students spent their summers working for the U.S. Department of Justice: **Rachael Dizard '12** in the Executive Office for Immigration Review in Newark, **Julia Kaye '13** in the Civil Rights Division—Special Litigation Section in DC, and **Abigail Nurse '13** in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia.

Julia Kaye interned in the Special Litigation Section of the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). She drafted motions in lawsuits under the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act, researched due process violations in the juvenile justice system, and participated extensively in the DOJ Working Group tasked with developing a final rule on the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA). Julia comments, "A year and a half ago, before coming to law school, I was involved in an agency rule-making process as an advocate, helping to draft comments in response to a proposed rule. Last semester, I learned about an agency's statutory obligation to respond to public comments on a proposed rule. Just a few months later, I'm deliberating how DOJ should respond to comments on PREA, contributing substantive revisions to the rule, and drafting parts of its preamble. Helping to craft standards that will have a far-reaching impact on how confinement facilities prevent and respond to sexual

abuse has been deeply fulfilling—and seeing administrative law come to life has been an invaluable learning experience."

Rachael Dizard, who worked in the Executive Office for Immigration Review in Newark, had this to say about her time at the DOJ: "My 2L summer as a Summer Law Intern with the Executive Office for Immigration Review at the Newark Immigration Court has been everything that I could have hoped for. I have had the good fortune of working with wonderful supervisors and mentors who have patiently taught me an impressive amount of law and consistently given me the opportunity to produce work on my own—they have even generously tolerated my law student tendency to turn every research project into a debate! I have been able to develop my legal research and writing under their supervision, and this summer has made me eager to continue working in immigration law—and perhaps government—in the future."

Government:

Yan Cao '13 spent the summer at the U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, where she had the opportunity to get in on the ground floor of this newly created federal agency. Yan worked in the Enforcement Division, where she engaged in legal research, worked on start-up projects relating to standing-up the agency, and attended meetings and trainings which gave her an invaluable

window into how federal agencies function at their best. Yan says, "It is exhilarating to be learning so quickly about so many things: a complex legal framework that combines functions from 19 statutes and seven agencies, elaborate financial products that can trap consumers in cycles of debt, and the policy considerations that shape the regulatory landscape."

International Government and Intergovernmental Agencies:



Several students decided to combine the excellent training provided by government agencies with their interest in international work. **Adam Herling '12** worked at the U.S. Department of State in the Office of Legal Adviser and **Tyler Kinder '13** spent his summer at the Special Litigation Unit in the Integrity Vice Presidency of the World Bank. The Integrity Vice Presidency supports the World Bank's overall mission of poverty reduction by working to ensure that Bank funds are used for their intended purposes by investigating cases of fraud and corruption affecting the Bank's investments and projects. Reflecting on his experience, Tyler says, "I've worked on cases in more than eight countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East. Each one has been a fascinating study in how to build a case with imperfect information in an imperfect system; I go home and wake up thinking about how we can use the evidence we have to tell an accurate, and winning, story. This experience has made me very excited for what comes after law school: being a lawyer!"

International Human Rights:

Students also focused their attention on legal issues abroad and engaged in international human rights work both

domestically and overseas. **Nikki Reisch '12** interned at the Center for Human Rights and Global Justice, working with RTK Director Meg Satterthwaite. **Francesca Corbacho '13**, **Semuteh Freeman '13**, and **Julia Torti '13** each received a Center for Human Rights and Global Justice's International Law and Human Rights Student Fellowship this summer to work at People's Watch in Tamil Nadu, India (Francesca); the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights in Nairobi, Kenya (Semuteh); and the International Lesbian & Gay Association—Europe, in Brussels, Belgium (Julia). Semuteh worked on judicial and penal reforms at the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights, where she had the opportunity to travel around Kenya doing prison inspections and interviewing magistrate judges and police officers to come up with strategies for solving prison overcrowding. She presented at the Malindi Coast Rights Forum on human rights abuses in the salt mining industry on the impact that the KNCHR Inquiry on human rights abuses has had on the salt mining sector. Since most of the participants in the conference were members of civil society in Malindi and didn't speak English, she did her entire presentation in Kiswahili!

ACLU:



Valerie Brender '12, Kate Berry '13, and Elana Fogel '13

Back in New York, three students protected domestic civil rights in several different departments of the American Civil Liberties Union. **Valerie Brender '12** worked at the Center for Democracy, **Kate Berry '13** spent her summer at the Racial Justice Program, and **Elana Fogel '13** worked at the Initiative to Combat Mass Incarceration. Valerie had the privilege of working with three different programs through the Center for Democracy—the Human Rights Program; the National

Security Program; and the Speech, Privacy, and Technology Program. She recalls, "There have been so many great moments here. One was traveling to DC to watch the National Security Program argue *Meshal v. Higgenbotham* (and getting to meet Amir Meshal); another was filing my first complaint on which I was the primary drafter. It was exciting to watch the court clerk at the SDNY punch stamps all over our filing documents and then check to see which judges we got."

Public Interest Law Firms:

Others chose to protect civil rights and civil liberties at public interest law firms, which specialize in one or more public interest law areas or work with an underrepresented group. **Frances Kreimer '12** worked at Kairys, Rudovsky, Messing & Feinberg LLP in Philadelphia and **Matt Craig '13** and **Gabe Hopkins '13** were at Schonbrun, De Simone, Seplow, Harris, Hoffman, and Harrison in Venice, California. Matt and Gabe's work involved numerous Alien Tort Statute cases, police brutality cases, and one Guantánamo detainee case. The two had the opportunity to draft parts of appellate briefs, edit cert petitions, and research novel questions of law that stand to have a huge impact on human rights litigation in U.S. courts. Matt and Gabe say, "One of the best experiences was when the NYU team was asked to draft a petition for initial hearing en banc for an important ATS case—an unusual legal maneuver, but something our employer believed we were prepared to handle."

Labor and Immigration:

Students also focused their efforts on immigration and labor law. **Camilo Romero '12** worked on immigration issues at the National Immigration Law Center in Los Angeles. **Sara Cullinane '12** and **Saerom Park '12** aided both immigrant and non-immigrant workers at the Service Employees International Union. Sara worked at SEIU Local 32BJ in the General Counsel's office in New York City. 32BJ is the largest property services union in the country, representing over 120,000 janitors, security guards, and building maintenance workers, from Connecticut to Florida. "It's been great to be back in

the labor movement, and exciting to work in one of labor's strongholds here in NYC," says Sara. "I've been assisting the general counsel with the union's litigation docket, drafting briefs and researching issues for federal court litigation and helping to interview and prepare witnesses for testimony relating to unfair labor practice charges before the National Labor Relations Board. I've also had the opportunity to visit striking workers at a Manhattan apartment building and participate in campaign strategy meetings with attorneys, organizers, and researchers from the union."

Saerom Park was at SEIU in Washington, DC, mostly doing research and writing. She helped SEIU's efforts to organize workers who provide home care to developmentally and intellectually disabled clients, through close analysis of state public records laws, and helped with a successful petition to extend all home child-care payments during the Minnesota state government shutdown, which would have had serious consequences for many participating families and providers who are barely making ends meet. The *New York Times* reported on this issue on July 8, 2011, in an article entitled "Shutdown in Minnesota Ripples Out to Day Care."

Legal Services:



Pierce Suen '13

Three students provided legal services in various parts of the world. **Tyler Jaekel '12** spent part of his summer at the Legal Aid of Central Minnesota, Legal Services Advocacy Project; **Amanda Sen '12** interned at the Brooklyn Family Defense Project; and **Pierce Suen '13** was at the Beijing Legal Aid Center for Rural Migrants. Pierce worked with the Zhi Cheng Public Interest Law Organization, which provides direct legal services to migrant workers and indigent children, and also engages in legal research and

policy advocacy. Pierce worked on a project aimed at securing greater housing security and land tenure rights for rural farmers. He primarily worked on research memos, covering corporate social responsibility in Chinese supplier factories, workers' compensation schemes abroad, and black lung litigation. Pierce muses that "working for social justice in China is sometimes like playing basketball with uncoordinated extraterrestrials. The rules have a tendency to change without warning, you're guaranteed to catch a couple flying elbows, and there will always be some cringe-worthy moments of absolute despair. Yet, just when all has devolved to chaos and everything seems lost, there will be a Woody Harrelson miracle, a sign from on high that, with a little courage, a lot of grind, and a smile, things will get better."

Environmental:

Relic Sun '13, Leslie Coleman '13, and **Martha Roberts '12** spent their summers creating positive change for our environment at the Natural Resources Defense Council in Beijing (Relic), the Environmental Defense Fund (Leslie), and Earthjustice (Martha). Martha worked on ongoing litigation related to federal clean air and climate regulations. She conducted legislative history research on the Clean Air Act, assisted with drafting briefs that were filed in federal circuit and district courts, and helped research and draft comments on proposed community air toxics standards for major sources of industrial air pollution. Martha says, "I've learned a tremendous amount about the day-to-day details of litigation—what it's like to have a filing fire drill, how legislative history research really works, how the nuances of circuit case law can change your argument depending on the forum ... Every day I put my brand new legal training to work protecting clean air and community health. What could be better?"

Education/Children's Rights:

Others provided support and services for children and teens on a variety of issues, including education matters for students with special needs who face significant obstacles in the public education system. **Ali Puente-Douglas**

'13 worked at Partnership for Children's Rights; **Candace Mitchell '13** assisted youths in criminal procedures at the Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana; and **Lindsay Miller '13** interned at Lawyers For Children. At Partnership for Children's Rights, Ali worked with attorneys to help parents get appropriate placements and services for their children by assisting attorneys with cases at intake, investigating and researching cases, and writing hearing requests. "I was able to use my experience in working with families and my legal education to benefit my clients throughout the summer, ensuring they would have greater educational opportunities come September," reflects Ali.

Public Defenders:

Seven students spent their summers interning in public defender's offices all over the country: **Shannon Cumberbatch '12** at the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia; **Talia Gooding-Williams '12** at the Defender Association in Seattle; **Ashley Grant '12** at the San Francisco Public Defender; **Zack Orjuela '12** at the Orleans Public Defenders; **Emily de León '13** at the New York Legal Aid Society, Criminal Practice, Adolescent Intervention and Diversion; **Aisha Dennis '13** at the Mecklenburg County Public Defender in Charlotte; and **Evelyn Malavé '13** at Equal Justice Initiative of Alabama in Montgomery.

As a Rule Nine intern at the Defender Association, Talia was able to take on responsibilities similar to those of the full-time misdemeanor attorneys. Rule Nine interns are given a limited practice license by the Washington State Bar, receive a caseload, and, along with another intern, are responsible for all aspects of preparation and trial. Talia was assigned to five misdemeanor cases—two assaults, an assault/trespass, and two thefts. She reports, "The best thing about my summer at the Defender Association has been the opportunity I've had to litigate on behalf of a client, to conduct jury selection, to present opening statements to a jury, and to examine witnesses in opened court. Halfway through the summer, another intern and I co-counseled a jury trial, and we won!" ■

Class of 2014 Orientation



The Root-Tilden-Kern Class of 2014 came together for the first time on August 23-24 at the Princeton-Blairstown Center in Blairstown, New Jersey, with Director Deb Ellis '82, Faculty Director Meg Satterthwaite '99, and Program Administrator Jorge Luis Paniagua Valle. The weather was exceptionally beautiful and the class enjoyed a walk on the camp grounds, s'mores by a campfire, and a game of Frisbee.

Alumni Working in Education Law

Each year we profile several alumni working in a specific area of public interest. This year our focus is on the diverse ways that Root-Tilden-Kern alumni are involved in improving our nation's education system.

Alumni Spotlight: Improving Education

A prominent leader in government on education issues is Senator Lamar Alexander '65, who was U.S. Education Secretary from 1991 to 1993, and now serves on the Senate Committee of Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP), where he is currently working to fix the No Child Left Behind law.

Another example of Root leadership, this time from the nonprofit world, is Geri Palast '76, who until recently was the executive director of the Campaign for Fiscal Equity (CFE); under her leadership CFE won a case establishing the constitutional right in New York State to a sound basic education for all public school students.

Finally, illustrating the power of individual action is Richard (Dick) Weill '67. Now retired from the practice of law, Dick and his wife, Judy, have made a financial commitment to pay for the college education of about 25 elementary school children at a housing project in Denver. Dick and Judy also mentor the students and assist with homework.

Below are profiles of four other RTK alumni working to improve education in diverse ways:

Randi Levine



RTK alumnus Randi Levine '08 is a staff attorney at Advocates for Children, where she focuses on improving

early childhood education through a combination of legal representation, policy advocacy, and community outreach training. Levine's interest in education law dates back to her childhood, when she attended New York City public schools and her mother worked in the school system as a teacher and an administrator. Growing up, Levine remembers hearing stories about the school system's challenges, and how they were particularly accentuated in schools with high poverty rates.

After graduating from college, Levine went to work on federal education policy in Washington, DC, with Fight Crime: Invest in Kids and the Religious Action Center. In DC, Levine realized that she wanted to become a public interest lawyer. "I saw that many of the advocates in DC who were challenging the system and fighting for the rights of those who needed help the most were attorneys," she said. At NYU Law School, Levine built on her interest in education, serving as co-chair of NYU's Education Law and Policy Society, and co-founding the Suspension Representation Project.

The current economic crisis has made this a challenging time to be an early childhood education lawyer, as federal, state, and local governments propose cuts to early childhood education and child-care programs. Levine and advocates at other organizations recently beat back a proposed budget cut by the

Bloomberg administration to the New York City subsidized child-care program, through forming an emergency coalition with advocacy organizations, parents, members of the clergy, education professors, and elementary school principals to speak out against the proposed cuts. The final budget passed with far fewer cuts than had been originally proposed.

But despite these challenges, Levine is not deterred. She is happy to be at an organization like AFC that uses legal and non-legal strategies, such as community outreach and organizing, to fight for every child's access to a high-quality education. Reflecting on her path since deciding to apply to law school, Levine spoke about how she had written her law school admissions essay about her desire to continue advocating for early childhood education, while doubting that she would actually be able to find such a job. Three years later, she had received an Equal Justice Works fellowship to work at AFC.

Martha J. Olson



Martha J. Olson, '80 knew that if she wanted to play a part in improving public education, she had to spend time in the

classroom. That's why, after working for several years as a litigator at Debevoise & Plimpton and the New York State Office of the Attorney General, and an advocate for children's issues, she went back into the classroom to teach at a public high school before assuming her current position leading the innovative Bard High School Early College (BHSEC) program at Bard College. Olson is currently the Dean of Education Initiatives at Bard College and Dean of Administration at BHSEC, where she coordinates the college's relationship with three public high schools that provide students the opportunity to complete four years of study and earn a high school diploma and two years of college credit through a rigorous liberal arts curriculum, which she also administers. "There are a lot of people who want to come in and do all sorts of different projects to reform education,

but unless they have spent time in the classroom, they have really missed out," says Olson.

"NYU Law School and the Root program gave me the skills to be a good advocate and critical thinker, and the credentials to open doors for others," says Olson. It's those same skills that she works to instill in the more than 1200 students who are currently enrolled in BHSEC's campuses in New York City and Newark, New Jersey. For Olson, the most rewarding part of her job is knowing that the school's rigorous curriculum is setting up students for success in college and beyond. "To see young people get interested in an intellectual life at such a young age is so critical, gratifying, and inspiring."

Joe Feldman

For Joe Feldman '99, a desire to effect change in the educational system guided his studies at NYU School of Law. A former high school English and history teacher, after law school Feldman dove back into the world of public education, working first as an administrator in the New York City public schools and then moving to Washington, DC, to found the Thurgood Marshall Academy, a charter high school serving the city's poorest neighborhoods. The author of "Teaching Without Bells: What We Can Learn from Powerful Practice in Small Schools" (Paradigm, 2010), Feldman currently serves as director of K-12 Education in the Union City, California, school district, where he helped teachers start a school-within-a-school and works with principals to create more culturally responsive and equitable teaching practices. Recently, Feldman spearheaded an effort to expand access to Advanced Placement classes for African American and Latino students. "We changed the process from a restrictive process to an inclusive process," Feldman said of the AP classes. "I worked closely with principals and teachers to open up access. We said, 'If you want to take these classes, you can take them.' The worry is that kids will be frustrated and fail. But passage rates stayed the same." In just the first year of the initiative, the number of African American and Latino

students enrolled in AP classes in the district has tripled.

Feldman credits the Root-Tilden-Kern scholarship program with making his career choice possible: "Being part of a cadre of people who are intensely committed to equity and justice empowered me to dedicate my professional career to that end."

Feldman encourages law students, particularly those with a background in education, to consider a career in education law and administration: "Our public education system has been designed to restrict access to large groups of people, and we need advocates to change that system. So many areas of public education are in need of people who can think critically and recognize the importance of improving equitable practices in teaching. In every classroom, every school, and every district throughout our nation, there are systemic inequities built into the infrastructure of public education and we need many people to help dismantle that."

Michael Sarbanes

Michael Sarbanes '92 was born



and raised in Baltimore and has been working to strengthen communities there since graduating

from NYU School of Law. Sarbanes started with a Skadden Fellowship at the Community Law Center. One of his first tasks was to rebuild communities ravaged by the crack epidemic and prevalent open-air drug sales. Using nuisance law, Sarbanes convinced the city to pay attention to the vacant housing lots that were destroying blocks. However, he recognized that litigation was not enough.

As a student, Sarbanes had spent a summer at Texas Rural Legal Aid. The organization aggressively used community organizing as a tool to build the type of communities that could effectuate and amplify the gains of legal action. Sarbanes learned that "if you don't do the organizing work, the lawyers in court would not be sufficient." He applied these lessons in Baltimore while

at the Community Law Center, where he used a collective advocacy approach to strengthen the ability of communities to advocate for themselves.

From there, Sarbanes moved into state-level policy work, running the State Office of Crime Control and Prevention and then acting as the deputy chief of staff for Lieutenant Governor Kathleen Townsend. In both roles, he maintained a community-oriented approach. After the end of the governor's term, he transitioned back to community organizing, this time as the Director of Citizens Planning and Housing Association (CPHA). At CPHA Sarbanes organized and litigated on issues such as housing law, access to transportation and on-demand drug treatment. Sarbanes notes that when public services are partitioned off into discrete units—one for health, another for housing, and another still for sanitation—they fail to competently serve communities facing multifaceted social problems and provide the resources to address the unique needs of different communities.

That desire to connect resources brought Sarbanes to his current job. Working for the Baltimore City Public Schools as the Executive Director for the Office of Partnerships, Communications, and Community Engagement, Sarbanes draws on his community contacts to foster partnerships that help keep marginalized students in school. Speaking to the *New York Times* for a story on school reform in Baltimore, Sarbanes noted that "a lot of punishment energy [had been] focused on the kids," and described his job as "trying to overcome a perception that had built up over the years that we don't want you." Tying together the many projects he has tackled over his career, Sarbanes finds a common thread in his desire to make neighborhoods into "places that support the ability of kids to succeed."

For future education reformers, Sarbanes's advice is to "look for a system that is ready for transformative change" and then go in there and do it yourself.

Class Notes

Gerald E. Matzke '55

Although I had my 80th birthday this past March, I continue to practice law full-time as the senior partner of my firm, which specializes in oil and gas law, and as a lifelong Republican, work for the reelection of U.S. Senator Ben Nelson, who was the Democrat governor of Nebraska who appointed me to the Nebraska legislature more than a decade ago.

In my spare time, I wonder about the multitude of crimes, frauds, scams, swindles, graft and chicanery perpetrated by the financial institutions of Wall Street and the largest of our nation's banks and I ask: WHERE WERE THE LAWYERS?

Newsweek magazine featured an article on June 22, 2009, that quoted Elihu Root, who said, "About half the practice of a decent lawyer consists in telling would-be clients that they are damned fools and should stop."



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ELIHU ROOT, QUOTED IN *NEWSWEEK* MAGAZINE ON JUNE 22, 2009

Obviously, the attorneys for major financial institutions and banks did a less than adequate professional service in hundreds of instances, causing more damage to our capitalist system than all the efforts of Communism over the past 50 years.

Why has legal education in the U.S. failed to provide our nation with more Elihu Roots?

Gordon A. Martin Jr. '60

Judge Jim Exum joined Gordon Martin in a June presentation in Charlotte, North Carolina, about his book *Count Them One by One: Black Mississippians Fighting for the Right to Vote*. The July issue of *ChOICE* magazine says "Martin's gift as a storyteller invites readers to understand the heroes and villains and why they acted as they did."

Manny Klausner, '62



Manny Klausner and his wife, Willette, enjoyed a dazzling 50-course end-of-era menu in July, during El Bulli's closing week. (Both pictured above with the legendary Catalan chef, Ferran Adrià, in his kitchen)

During the spring, he participated in a three-state speaking tour of the Pacific Northwest, and spoke at various

law schools and to other organizations on a variety of subjects, including libertarianism, the war on drugs, and the constitutionality of Obama's health care legislation.

He continues to be active as a trustee of Reason Foundation and lead Reason's activities in submitting briefs amicus curiae in significant cases. He also continues to serve as outside general counsel to the Individual Rights Foundation, the legal arm of the David Horowitz Freedom Center.

His commentary on Ayn Rand and her threat to sue *Reason Magazine* is featured in a special Collector's Edition DVD that

contains the complete *Atlas Shrugged Part I* film and other original video content from Reason Foundation. His commentary about Rand is also available on YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=srB5fl2pBp4>.

Richard J. Cummins '64

Richard J. Cummins has completed 16 years of teaching international subjects (especially comparative law) at The George Washington University Law School, and recently he was honored by his alma mater, Iona College, with a lifetime achievement award (the Loftus Award) for law practice and teaching.

His son, Paul, who co-heads the lobbying firm Northbridge Communications, and his wife, Kelly, have given Richard and his wife, Diane, (married 47 years) two grandsons, Grant Alwin and Henry Rudyard.

James Edwin Kee '69

James Edwin (Jed) Kee and his spouse, Suzanne Erlon, are in the process of retiring to Tucson, Arizona. Jed is a professor of public policy and public management at George Washington University in DC and previously served stints as department chair and dean of the School of Business and Public Management. He writes frequently on topics of public finance, leadership, and public-private partnerships and recently published *Transforming Public and Nonprofit Organizations: Stewardship for Leading Change*. Jed will conclude his 28th year as a full-time faculty and looks forward to doing some nonacademic writing and to pursuing his duplicate bridge hobby. Suzanne has retired as artistic director of Metropolitan Ballet Theatre in Maryland and is now a board member of the Tucson Ballet Company. They have bought a home in Academy Village in Tucson, a 55+ community of continuous learners, and enjoy the weekly concerts and lectures. Their son, James J. Kee, is an opera singer and currently the principal baritone with the Rostock Opera Company in Germany.



Lawrence Pedowitz '72

At its 13th Annual legal Professional Luncheon at the Pierre, the Police Athletic League honored Lawrence B. Pedowitz, a litigation partner at Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz.

Connie Fernandez '75

Connie was awarded the Thomas E. Dewey Medal for Outstanding District Attorney from the New York City Bar Association. The medal is presented annually to an outstanding assistant district attorney in each of the City's District Attorney's offices and in the Office of the City's Special Narcotics Prosecutor.

Charlie Wilson '76

On August 27, Charlie was unanimously selected to be the 2012 president-elect of the Ohio School Boards Association. Here is an excerpt of the press release that the Ohio School Boards Association sent out:

A Master Board Member and four-time recipient of OSBA's Award of Achievement, Charlie is now serving in his fifth year on the Worthington City Board of Education where he has served on countless committees and as liaison to numerous organizations. He has further represented Ohio at the national level as well, sharing his time and expertise with the National School Boards Association on the Federal Relations Network and its Pre-Kindergarten Committee.

In addition to being a school board member, Charlie remains a law professor at Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, where he teaches Education Law, Labor Law, Civil Procedure, and Legal Negotiations. He also chair-elect of the Athletic Council at Ohio State. His sons are recent graduates of Amherst College (Richard) and Yale (Geoff). Richard now works for the federal Department of Education in Washington and Geoff is political director of an independent PAC in Minnesota.

Lloyd Zimmerman '78

On October 20, 2011, the *New York Times* published a piece entitled "Making a Judgment on Love" by Lloyd Zimmerman in the Modern Love column of the Fashion & Style section about a deathbed wedding he performed as a judge. In the piece, he recounts and reflects on the night when a hospice worker telephoned him to beg him to perform an emergency wedding for a man who would not live through the night and whose final wish was to marry his life partner of 38 years. You can find the heartwarming piece on the *New York Times* Web site.

Madeleine Schachter '82

Baker & McKenzie named partner Madeleine Schachter as its Global Director of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), a new position which coordinates and drives corporate social responsibility across the firm. The firm's Global CSR Program has three primary components—pro bono and community service, diversity and inclusion, and sustainability. Ms. Schachter, who is based in the firm's New York office, will help implement current and future strategies in these areas, including the growing number of programs in which attorneys and staff team with in-house counsel on pro bono and other initiatives worldwide. Ms. Schachter works exclusively on CSR matters, including in an active pro bono practice with an emphasis on international humanitarian rights, constitutional law, and civil rights issues.

Janet Sabel '84

On December 22, Attorney General-elect Eric Schneiderman named Janet Sabel New York State's executive deputy attorney general for Social Justice.

Prior to joining the New York State Attorney General's office, Sabel was general counsel for the Legal Aid Society, where she worked since 1985. She previously served as a staff attorney in the Civil Division's Brooklyn Neighborhood Office and staff attorney in the Civil Appeals and Law Reform Unit. In 1997, she received the New York State Bar Association Public Interest Law Award, and in 2002, she received the New York County Lawyers Public Service Award.

Barbara Quackenbos '88

Barbara is still a partner at Wilentz Goldman & Spitzer in Woodbridge, New Jersey. She continues to sue health insurance companies for not paying claims when they should. (She is certain that the news that insurers routinely avoid paying claims comes as no surprise to many of you.) Most patients are simply no match for the actuarial departments, which design new ways to skim on paying benefits.

Like all kids, hers are growing up far too fast. Julia is a sophomore at Lafayette College in nearby Easton, Pennsylvania, where she is the arts editor for *The LaF* newspaper and loves playing women's rugby (even though she is 5'2" and lightweight). Laura is a sophomore at the local high school (and loves dance and musical theater).

Carolyn Lerner '89

In April the Senate confirmed President Obama's nomination of Carolyn Lerner to the position of special counsel in the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC). The OSC is an independent investigative and prosecutorial agency that protects federal employees and applicants from reprisals from whistleblowing (<http://www.osc.gov/Intro.htm>). Ms. Lerner, a partner at the Washington, DC, employment law firm Heller, Huron, Chertkof, Lerner, Simon & Salzman, will join OSC for a five-year term.

Jennifer Gallop '91

Jennifer is excited to be able to spend more time in NYC again when visiting her daughter Gabrielle Starr, who is attending the joint B.A. program of Columbia University and Jewish Theological Seminary. Younger daughter Emma Starr attends Maimonides High School.

Baher Azmy '96

On September 1, 2011, Baher Azmy became the legal director of the Center for Constitutional Rights in New York.

Miriam Aukerman '00

Miriam opened up the first American Civil Liberties Union office in West Michigan this past December. Located in Grand Rapids, the office works on a wide range of issues and will allow the ACLU to be more accessible to the community.

Michele Benedetto Neitz '01

Michele and her husband, Jeff, welcomed a baby boy in December 2010. Michele was granted tenure this spring at Golden Gate University School of Law in San Francisco.

Liyah Brown '04

Liyah and her nine-year-old (!) daughter, spent the summer in Kathmandu, Nepal. Liyah worked with Susan Lee '06 at the International Legal Fellowship, helping to train Nepali lawyers in client-centered indigent defense and trial advocacy. In September, she returned to work at Public Defender Service of Washington, D.C.

Alina Das '05



Alina joined the faculty at NYU School of Law as an Assistant Professor of Clinical Law, effective May 16, 2011.

Angelica Jongco '05

Since 2008, Angelica Jongco has been working at Lewis, Feinberg, Lee, Renaker & Jackson, P.C., an Oakland-based plaintiffs' side civil rights and employment firm. In September 2010, she married Daniel Hutchinson, also a plaintiffs' side lawyer, whom she met in 2006 as a Law Fellow at Public Advocates in San Francisco. They tied the knot in the Bay Area surrounded by family and friends who traveled from as far as the

Philippines. RTK alumni Nicolas King '05, his wife, Dawn, and son, Ellison; Mina Kim '05 and her husband, Kevin; and Alina Das '05 and her fiancé, Nafees, danced the night away with the new married couple.

While the Bay Area may not be home to as many RTK scholars as NYC, three Roots serve on the Executive Board of the American Constitution Society's Bay Area Lawyer Chapter. Yohance Edwards '03 is chair. Christine Van Aken '02 is former Outreach co-chair, and Susan as the Vice-chair and Outreach co-chair. All three would love to have more RTK alumni involved!

Annie Lai '06

Annie left the ACLU of Arizona to become the Robert M. Cover Clinical Teaching Fellow at Yale Law School.

Susan Lee '06

Namaste! As Susan previously reported, she moved to Kathmandu, Nepal, in January 2011 as the International Program director for the International Legal Foundation, Nepal. She is now the acting country director and is part of the only public defender office in the country, dedicated to providing high-quality criminal defense representation to poor persons in all judicial proceedings from the time of arrest. In the three years that they have been in Nepal, through the representation of over 1,300 clients, they have been instrumental in setting important legal precedents protecting the rights of vulnerable people. Their approach includes providing lawyers with sustained mentorship and training from international trial lawyers with expertise in public defense, who are selected for three-month tenures in their office on a volunteer basis. Susan was also thrilled to offer such a fellowship to fellow Root alumnus Liyah K. Brown '04 for the summer of 2011. Liyah conducted several trainings for the lawyers, sharing her extensive knowledge of forensic science.

Ani Mason '07

Ani has worked as a Skadden Fellow and staff attorney for Legal Services NYC for the last three years, litigating complex divorces in the Family Law Units of Queens and South Brooklyn Legal Services. Through her experience as a litigator, and through her ongoing training with the Center for Mediation in Law, Ani has become a passionate advocate for the role of mediation in helping people work through conflict. Inspired by mediation's ability to engage and empower low-income families, she designed and created the Family & Divorce Mediation Project, the first legal services-run mediation program in New York State. To Ani's (and Queens Legal Services's) delight, the Skadden Fellowship Foundation recently awarded a Flom Incubator Grant to support the innovative work of the Family & Divorce Mediation Project.

Shanti Hubbard '09

Shanti's two years at Georgetown's E. Barrett Prettyman Fellowship recently came to an end and she moved back to New York to work at the Bronx Defenders, where she is a criminal defense attorney.

Sally Newman '09

Sally moved to Charleston, South Carolina, this spring to start a new job as an Associate Attorney with the Southern Environmental Law Center. Her first case is suing Carnival Cruise Lines, which has been very controversial and exciting. She also organized her high school's 10-year anniversary this summer, and officiated Kara Werner's (another Root!) wedding to Morgan Janssen.

Danielle (Rock) Thomas '10

Danielle was featured in an article in the Huffington Post about her work at Legal Services of Alabama (http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/04/15/gulf-oil-spill-some-workers-lost_n_849538.html).

Honors

Eric P. Schwartz '85 is named dean at University of Minnesota

Eric Schwartz '85, an assistant secretary for Population, Refugees, and Migration in the U.S. Department of State, was named a dean of the University of Minnesota Humphrey School of Public Affairs. He started the new job in October.

Schwartz has 25 years of senior public service experience at the State Department, the National Security Council, the United Nations, and the U.S. Congress, as well as in the foundation and NGO communities. Schwartz served for many years as a visiting lecturer of public and international affairs at Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School and was the school's first practitioner-in-residence.

Lamar Alexander '65 inspires a parkway



Tennessee residents honored Lamar Alexander '65, the senior U.S. senator from Tennessee and conference chair of the Republican Party, by renaming a portion of Route 321 the Lamar Alexander Parkway.

Alexander was previously the 45th governor of Tennessee from 1979 to 1987, U.S. Secretary of Education from 1991 to 1993 under President George H. W. Bush, and candidate for the Republican presidential nomination in 1996 and 2000.

Anthony Foxx '96

Politico.com profiled Anthony Foxx '96, the mayor of Charlotte, North Carolina. His city was chosen to host the Democratic National Convention (<http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0211/49115.html>). The piece notes that Foxx lobbied hard to bring the DNC to Charlotte, meeting with President Obama as many as five times.

Valerie Bogart '82

New York Lawyers for the Public Interest honored Valerie Bogart '82 on November 17 with the Felix A. Fishman Award for Extraordinary Advocacy for her work as director of the Evelyn Frank Legal Resources Program, Selfhelp Community Services, Inc.

Judge M. Blane Michael '68 Remembered

On March 25, 2011, the Root-Tilden-Kern community lost a beloved alumnus when Judge M. Blane Michael '68, of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, passed away after a battle with cancer. He was 68. Judge Michael's legacy is well summed up by Senator Jay Rockefeller, "Unvarnished in his honesty, uncanny in his humor and unequalled in his humility, Blane was a formidable presence on the federal bench, with a moral and intellectual compass set hard for justice."

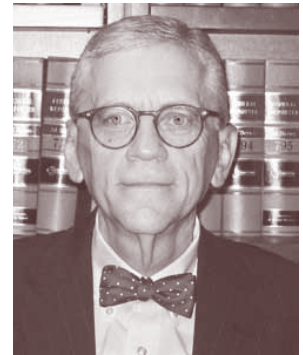
Judge Michael grew up on a farm in West Virginia, graduated from West Virginia University—where he was student body president—and after NYU Law worked first in Manhattan at Sullivan & Cromwell and at the U.S. Attorney's Office and later practiced law in a small West Virginia town. After his return to West Virginia, Michael became involved in Democratic politics, serving for four years as special counselor to Rockefeller when he was governor, and managing campaigns for Rockefeller and the late U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd.

In an interview with an NYU alumni publication in 2008, Judge Michael reflected that "no one in my family of farmers had ever been a lawyer, and as a young boy I thought that being a trial lawyer would be the most exciting job imaginable. It turned out to be very hard work, although I had many satisfying and rewarding moments."

Judge Michael contributed significantly to NYU and the RTK program over the years. He hired many of his law clerks from NYU and was known as a terrific mentor. He was selected to deliver the prestigious Madison Lecture in October 2009. Each spring for the past 16 years, he travelled to New York to speak on panels for admitted students and to chair an RTK selection panel. With his characteristic bow tie, humility, and grace, he was an enthusiastic and effective recruiter for NYU.

Judge Michael is sorely missed. The thoughts of the hundreds of people who thought of him as family are summed up by Jen Wagner RTK '07, also from West Virginia, and one of Judge Michael's "recruits" to the Law School who later served as a law clerk to him:

"Judge Michael was an extraordinary mentor and friend, who I miss every day. He demonstrated profound kindness and thoughtfulness in all that he did, and made everyone feel like we had a special and important place in his life. Judge Michael led by example, with gentleness, humor, a tremendous attention to detail, and an eye on the long-term implications of any decision he made. He not only taught me the technical skills of clear, concise writing, but also how to think about the complexities of the law, lawyering, and to strive every day toward a more just society."



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Total Class Donors: 10
Total Class Size: 19
Total Giving: \$39,500
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Total Class Donors: 7
Total Class Size: 17
Total Giving: \$57,000
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Total Class Donors: 6
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Total Giving: \$45,200
Participation Rate of Giving: 35%
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Total Class Donors: 12
Total Class Size: 18
Total Giving: \$61,700
Participation Rate of Giving: 67%
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Total Class Size: 19
Total Giving: \$30,029
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Total Class Donors: 7
Total Class Size: 22
Total Giving: \$17,650
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Total Class Donors: 7
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Total Giving: \$23,600
Participation Rate of Giving: 27%
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Total Class Donors: 10
Total Class Size: 22
Total Giving: \$26,500
Participation Rate of Giving: 45%
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Total Class Donors: 11
Total Class Size: 23
Total Giving: \$9,450
Participation Rate of Giving: 48%
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Total Class Donors: 8
Total Class Size: 21
Total Giving: \$13,300
Participation Rate of Giving: 38%
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Total Giving: \$291,300
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Class of 1977

Total Class Donors: 9
Total Class Size: 20
Total Giving: \$92,850
Participation Rate of Giving: 45%
David G. Adams
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Total Class Donors: 12
Total Class Size: 22
Total Giving: \$12,235
Participation Rate of Giving: 55%
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Class of 1979

Total Class Donors: 4
Total Class Size: 18
Total Giving: \$17,400
Participation Rate of Giving: 22%
Florence A. Davis
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Class of 1980

Total Class Donors: 10
Total Class Size: 28
Total Giving: \$30,248
Participation Rate of Giving: 36%
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Total Class Donors: 6
Total Class Size: 21
Total Giving: \$6,300
Participation Rate of Giving: 29%
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Total Class Donors: 9
Total Class Size: 20
Total Giving: \$28,400
Participation Rate of Giving: 45%
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Class of 1983

Total Class Donors: 8
Total Class Size: 26
Total Giving: \$31,150
Participation Rate of Giving: 31%
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Chris Marie McAliley
Janet L. Zaleon

Class of 1984

Total Class Donors: 7
Total Class Size: 15
Total Giving: \$7,500
Participation Rate of Giving: 47%
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Allan P. Haber
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Class of 1985

Total Class Donors: 4
Total Class Size: 18
Total Giving: \$900
Participation Rate of Giving: 22%
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Class of 1986

Total Class Donors: 2
Total Class Size: 11
Total Giving: \$12,500
Participation Rate of Giving: 18%
Susan Cary Cockfield
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Total Class Size: 15
Total Giving: \$15,350
Participation Rate of Giving: 20%
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Class of 1988

Total Class Donors: 4
Total Class Size: 16
Total Giving: \$1,100
Participation Rate of Giving: 25%

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Caroline Green LaCheen
Dorchen Anne Leidholdt

Class of 1989

Total Class Donors: 4
Total Class Size: 13
Total Giving: \$650
Participation Rate of Giving: 31%
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Total Class Donors: 5
Total Class Size: 13
Total Giving: \$15,325
Participation Rate of Giving: 38%
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Total Class Donors: 7
Total Class Size: 12
Total Giving: \$7,370
Participation Rate of Giving: 58%
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Alma M. Gomez
Tana Lin
Joseph Z. Scantlebury
Lori L. Shellenberger

Class of 1992

Total Class Donors: 6
Total Class Size: 14
Total Giving: \$1,236
Participation Rate of Giving: 43%
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Total Class Size: 10
Total Giving: \$110
Participation Rate of Giving: 10%
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Class of 1994

Total Class Donors: 8
Total Class Size: 13
Total Giving: \$6,125
Participation Rate of Giving: 62%
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David Brian Cruz
Todd Eric Edelman
Mary Haviland
David M. Levin
Suzette M. Malveaux
Virgil O. Wiebe

Class of 1995

Total Class Donors: 3
Total Class Size: 11
Total Giving: \$350
Participation Rate of Giving: 27%
Arthur A. Krantz
Abigail Trillin
Kimberly M. Wade

Class of 1996

Total Class Donors: 7
Total Class Size: 11
Total Giving: \$14,550
Participation Rate of Giving: 64%
Baher A. Azmy
Laurence J. Dupuis
Anthony R. Fox
Christopher J. Meade
Katherine M. Menendez
David Ehrenfest Steinglass
Jenny R. Yang

Class of 1997

Total Class Donors: 3
Total Class Size: 12
Total Giving: \$450
Participation Rate of Giving: 25%
Teresa A. Cisneros Burton
Dionne R. Gonder Stanley
Risa E. Kaufman

Class of 1998

Total Class Donors: 10
Total Class Size: 18
Total Giving: \$6,160
Participation Rate of Giving: 56%
Davina T. Chen
Epin H. Christensen
Sabrina G. Comizzoli
Philip G. Gallagher
Terry A. Maroney
Jennifer McAllister-Nevins
Nina R. Morrison
Ivan Perez
Masiel Rodriguez-Vars
Jonathan D. Springer

Class of 1999

Total Class Donors: 4
Total Class Size: 25
Total Giving: \$2,250
Participation Rate of Giving: 16%
Arlo M. Chase
Maya L. Grosz
Anne R.K. Reader
Margaret Lockwood
Satterthwaite

Class of 2000

Total Class Donors: 2
Total Class Size: 19
Total Giving: \$1,250
Participation Rate of Giving: 11%
Michelle Lynn Light
Jennifer Rachel Simon

Class of 2001

Total Class Donors: 6
Total Class Size: 15
Total Giving: \$960
Participation Rate of Giving: 40%
C. Lenore Anderson
Michele Benedetto Neitz
Tiffany Gardner
Jessica Ellen Marcus
Tara Adams Ragone
Michael D. Sant'Ambrogio

Class of 2002

Total Class Donors: 1
Total Class Size: 12
Total Giving: \$300
Participation Rate of Giving: 8%
Christine Van Aken

Class of 2003

Total Class Donors: 1
Total Class Size: 14
Total Giving: \$20
Participation Rate of Giving: 7%
Avi J. Lipman

Class of 2004

Total Class Donors: 5
Total Class Size: 12
Total Giving: \$1,420
Participation Rate of Giving: 42%
Liyah K. Brown
Alexander M. Fong
Kati L. Griffith
Kathleen Guneratne
Anika Singh Lemar

Class of 2005

Total Class Donors: 7
Total Class Size: 15
Total Giving: \$690
Participation Rate of Giving: 47%
Ivan E. Espinoza-Madrigal
Matthew J. Ginsburg
Miranda B. Johnson
Angelica K. Jongco
Mina A. Kim
Nicolas M. King
Sonja Shield

Class of 2006

Total Class Donors: 3
Total Class Size: 12
Total Giving: \$5,850
Participation Rate of Giving: 25%
Adam J. Heintz
Anne M. Lai
Susan S. Lee

Class of 2007

Total Class Donors: 3
Total Class Size: 12
Total Giving: \$3,100
Participation Rate of Giving: 25%
Rose A. Cahn
Marcia DelRios
Carlos L. Siso

Class of 2008

Total Class Donors: 7
Total Class Size: 16
Total Giving: \$1,650
Participation Rate of Giving: 44%
Mitra Ebadolahi
Susan Carrie Johnson
Randi H. Levine
Sonia R. Lin
Holly G. McIntush
A. Tafadzwa Pasipanodya
Diana S. Reddy

Class of 2009

Total Class Donors: 6
Total Class Size: 17
Total Giving: \$250
Participation Rate of Giving: 35%
Russell Curtiss Crane
Katherine L. Evans
Sara L. Johnson
Ian Marcus Amelkin
Katherine M. Mastman
Margarita K. O'Donnell

Class of 2010

Total Class Donors: 9
Total Class Size: 19
Total Giving: \$3,516
Participation Rate of Giving: 47%
Joanna N. Edwards
Angela M. Gius
Carmen G. Iguina
Keren G. Raz
Julia W. Sheketoff
Rebecca S. Talbott
Kara J. Werner
Nathan F. Wessler
Sara Anne Zier

Class of 2011

Total Class Donors: 13
Total Class Size: 18
Total Giving: \$753
Participation Rate of Giving: 72%
Elizabeth O. Ashamu
Matthew R. Baca
Betty B. Baez-Melo
Noam K. Biale
Elizabeth Happel
Stephen B. Kang
Marne L. Lenox
Ruben Loyo
Linnea L. Nelson
Erin A. Scharff
Emerson J. Sykes
Kosha S. Tucker
Mark A. Weiner

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Kimberly M. Doley '08
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Deborah L. Evangelakos '85
John Evangelakos '85
Nina P. Freedman
Heather E. Fuentes '07
Seth R. Gassman '03
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Eric A. Goldstein (LL.M.) '80
Adrienne L. Halpern '80
Brian E. Hamilton '98
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David B. Harms '84
Amber L. Haywood '08

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Sarah B. Holladay '05
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Andrew E. Kantra '86
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Phyllis J. Kessler '72
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Daniel P. Rogan '96
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