



## SBA Scrambles to Fund Student Groups After Treasurer Resigns On Eve of Semester; Constitutional Changes to Be Considered

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In a surprising development, the elected Student Bar Association Treasurer resigned on August 30, the day before classes started this semester, amid concerns that delays in budget submissions and accountings would delay funding for the 65 student groups funded through SBA.

SBA President Scot Goins '12 announced the resignation via an email to all 2Ls and 3Ls on August 31. The former Treasurer, Katrina Henderson '13, has been replaced on an interim basis by Brandon Jang '12 and Evan Goodman '12; the position will be permanently filled through elections later this fall, which is also expected to include a package of constitutional changes intended to provide contingencies in the event of vacancies or sudden resignations.

Goins's email described a flurry of activity shortly before the start of school. On August 29, Goins said he and Vice-President Sam Jackson '12 learned — following intermittent complaints from student groups over the summer — that student group budget reports from the previous academic year had not been submitted to the school, and budget proposals for the upcoming year had not been forwarded to the SBA Finance Committee for review. Without an accounting of the previous year's budgets, called reconciliations, NYU Law Director of Financial Management Thomas Clark suggested to Goins that the school was reluctant to issue the first portion of this year's \$185,000 SBA budget.

After the discovery of the breakdown in the funding process and Henderson's resignation, SBA leaders scrambled to approve group budgets for the coming year, which was completed on September 10. Complicating matters, Henderson was the only authorized signatory for the SBA's scores of bank accounts. The interim treasurers and

Goins have since been added. The school has already released full funding to the SBA, which will be dispersed to student groups very soon, Goins said.

"The SBA is known for Thursday parties, but we have the power to do so much more to help students and hold the administration accountable," Goins said. "But part of that means that we have to hold ourselves accountable as well, in order to have credibility with both the students and the administration."

It is not entirely clear why there was such a delay in compiling reconciliations and approving budgets, and the parties said they wanted to avoid a rehashing of the past. It is typically the role of the SBA Treasurer to manage the process of receiving student group budgets, reviewing and approving them along with the SBA Finance Committee, and forwarding reconciliations to the school.

"Scot Goins and the Administration have already apologized to me about the email that was sent out," Henderson said. "As far as moving forward, that is up to the SBA."

Goins, though, took exception to Henderson's characterization of an apology, and stood firmly behind the email.

"When you run for a public office (even at law school) representing your fellow students, fail to perform your duties, and then quit the day before classes start, those who rely on you and trusted in you have a right to know," Goins said. "Evan, Brandon, and the Finance Committee stepped up in a way that we all should ap-

preciate, and it is time to move forward."

Acting Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Paul O'Grady declined to comment on behalf of the school, but said that he expects no changes from the administration in response to the incident.

A vote on a new treasurer will be held on this fall, the same time as new 1L and LLM student representatives are selected. Two changes to the SBA Constitution will also be introduced. One would split the treasurer role in two with staggered terms, so that the outgoing treasurer can train the incoming treasurer; institutional knowledge is more formally passed from one generation to the next; and financial documents are not entrusted to only one person.

The other would give the SBA President emergency powers to run the organization over the summer, without requiring a meeting of the Board.

Both are in the process of discussion and will be drafted over the course of the semester, Goins said. He emphasized that it will be important for students to participate, as at least one-third of eligible students must turn out for the election for a constitutional amendment to be ratified.

"The Treasurer is a hard and critically important job," Goins said. "These amendments will ensure that the SBA can keep running smoothly should something happen unfortunate happen over the summer that results in a need for additional help."

SBA is responsible for approving and dispersing annual funding from the school to student groups. SBA received \$175,000

last year to allocate to schoolwide social events, symposiums, and nearly 70 student groups that receive a minimum of \$500. This year, it is set to receive \$185,000.

Typically the process for an upcoming academic year's funding is completed well before the start of school. Student groups submit the previous year's budget reconciliations and the upcoming year's proposed budget to the Treasurer, which in turn reviews and submits the reconciliations to the school's Finance Office in May, prior to the release of the upcoming year's funds to SBA. The school then also audits the previous year's actual spending to ensure all money is accounted for. The school typically releases 60 percent of annual funds in the fall, holding the remaining 40 percent until the spring.

This summer, however, the Treasurer had not forwarded any group's reconciliation — including SBA's own — to the school prior to the first week of classes.

Goins said the practical effects of the incident are that students spending on behalf of groups may have to wait longer to receive reimbursements for spending early in the school year. The SBA also moved back its courtyard kegger to September 15 as it focused on budget triage and other events; usually, the party occurs closer to the start of school. The start of the year is typically an active time for student groups, as they seek to attract new members and plan initial events. Several student groups contacted by *The Commentator* declined to comment.

SBA budget issues are nothing new. For instance, a November 12, 1969 *Commentator* headline blared, "SBA Changes Budgeting; Mismanagement Charged." A budget committee was created then in response to more than \$4,000 in questionable expenses that had not been approved by the board, and an opening "mixer" that was a "financial disaster."



## FTC Commissioner Discusses Internet Privacy, Consumer Protection

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Federal Trade Commissioner Julie Brill on Tuesday delivered the 15th annual Attorney General Robert Abrams Public Service Lecture. A 1985 graduate of the NYU School of Law and a Root-Tilden-Kern Scholar, Brill has dedicated her life to public service. In her remarks, she traced her path from the classroom to the Federal Trade Commission — a path that has included stops in the Vermont and North Carolina Attorneys General's offices.

At the Federal Trade Commission, Brill works on cutting-edge privacy and data security issues.

"We shop for groceries online, share photo albums online, pay traffic tickets online, even date online," said Brill. "But all this cyber-wonder does not come for free. Just as technology is extending our reach to the limits of our imagination, many of those providing us with all these advances are reaching back — harvesting and trading in information about us. The amount of tracking online ... is unprecedented. It is also largely undetected by

the consumer, raising serious privacy concerns."

In an effort to address those concerns, Brill said the Federal Trade Commission has brought a number of law enforcement cases against companies that have failed to protect consumers' data as well as against companies that have disclosed personal data that consumers expected to remain private. Additionally, she said the Federal Trade Commission is calling on companies to build privacy and security protections into new products and to be clearer about how they collect, use, and retain consumer information.

Reaching back into her history, Brill also discussed some of the other ways that she has taken steps to protect consumers during her career. Highlighting one important assignment in the Vermont Attorney



General's office, Brill said, "We discovered that the credit reporting agencies had misread town records: the agencies had listed everyone who received a property tax bill as failing to pay. Entire towns were listed as deadbeats." Brill helped to correct the error, making it possible for families across Vermont to once again obtain mortgages and refinance their homes.

Brill concluded her address by offering advice to law students still trying to settle on the direction of their own career paths. She said, "Find your own small world in which to practice law, where — if you look hard enough — you will discover issues that have great significance for us all."

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# Finding Your Niche: *The Commentator's* Guide to The Village

By LEIGHTON DELLINGER '12  
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Welcome to NYU Law! Part of getting settled into school means discovering your new favorite — for coffee, or studying, or burger, including your new favorite *Commentator* Editor-in-Chief, Leighton Dellinger '12! Here are a few of my favorites — try 'em out! Think I forgot something? Write about it for *The Commentator*! (But, seriously, do.)

## Coffee

I love coffee. Like, love coffee. But I have all kinds of different qualifications for a good cup: proximity, deliciousness, atmosphere, vibe, my mood, etc. Here are a few of my favorites:

### JB Coffee

The best cheap coffee-to-go is at JB. I definitely wouldn't plan on dropping in and studying here — it's roughly the size of a D'Ag dorm room. It's a little bit of a fly-by-night operation: cash only, no online posted hours — but the guys who run the place are great and after a few visits they'll remember your order (large coffee, steamed skim, sugar). The prices can't be beat: \$1 for small, \$1.50 for medium and \$1.75 for large. And steamed is free! 123 W. 3rd Street (between 6th Ave. and MacDougal)

### Third Rail

The best coffee-to-go is definitely Third Rail. It is not, by any stretch of the imagination, cheap. Their iced lattes, though, swoon! They're easily the best in the area and a favorite of NYU Law students. Again, the spot is small so it might do for a bit of studying here or there but definitely isn't the place to post up for a long afternoon. 240 Sullivan (between Bleecker and West 3rd St.)

### Study Spots

It's not time to study yet. Not even close. Leave the library. Attention all 1Ls: LEAVE THE LIBRARY NOW. Eventually, that time will roll around, sometime around Thanksgiving, and you'll realize two things: first, that you don't want to see any of your friends from your section and you are still very, very ill from over-doing the (crappy) free coffee and donuts at the law school and second, that you really should be studying but ... ohmygod, Facebook! YouTube! If you're anything like me, you'll feel compelled to sit in front of your computer with an outline open while you read the entire Internet. These things are better done places besides the Vandy library:

### The Tea Spot

The best place to spend an

afternoon studying. The Internet is reliable, the chairs are comfy, the music is usually quiet (and when it's not it's 90's rock) and the hot chocolate is delicious. Coffee-enthusiasts beware: they don't do fancy coffee. They don't even do drip coffee. If you order coffee you'll get hot water and a tea infuser filled with coffee. It's not bad, but it's not awesome either.

127 MacDougal (between Washington Square South and West 3rd St.)

### Think Coffee

There are multiple Think locations and each has its own flavor — don't be tricked into loving one and thinking it's like Starbucks and every single store is exactly the same. Only one thing is reliably consistent: the coffee and the rugelach are good. Really good. The Mercer location is so close to school that you can pick up NYU Internet but if that fails, their Wi-Fi is reliable. The Bowery location does NOT have Wi-Fi. But it's smaller and quieter and has outdoor seating. The Think on 4th Ave. is my favorite (and it's close to my favorite cheese shop! East Village Cheese on 3rd Ave. and 9th St., which must be a drug operation because they sell delicious cheese SO CHEAP) because it's got Wi-Fi and it's big, so I never have trouble finding a seat. The shop has big windows and great light, it's basically the opposite of the library dungeon. Mercer: 248 Mercer (between 3rd St. and 4th St.)

Bowery: 1 Bleecker (between Bowery and Elizabeth)  
4th Ave: 123 4th Ave. (between 12th St. and 13th St.)

### Breakfast

There's a Dunkin' Donuts on 3rd and two Subways a stone's throw away from the law school. But if you're tired of bad breakfast sandwiches (and explaining to the guy at Subway that eggs do, in fact, go on the sandwich because it's a breakfast sandwich and NO you're not being rude but you just haven't had coffee yet, and ew! You call this coffee?) then you should try out one of my favorite gems in the Village:

### Bagels on the Square

My personal favorite eatery, lovingly referred to as "BOTS." For breakfast, I like the hot and spicy cream cheese. For lunch, a turkey sandwich. Either way, I get it on a toasted whole wheat bagel that's bready and crunchy and ... ok I'm going to get one now. The downside: you can't eat in the shop. The upside: it's right across the street from a really cute little square where you can get some sunshine while you accidentally inhale your bagel of choice. And for wintertime (or lazy Tuesdays) they deliver!

BOTS is a special place for a lot of NYU Law students: 1L year I went on a big spring break trip with my new friends from law school. After spending a week becoming best friends over jerk chicken and rice-and-peas (which are curiously beans and not peas) we were, collectively, craving New York. After a week in the Caribbean we landed in JFK and split a cab to the Village. But we didn't go home. We were dropped instead at Bagels on the

Square. We had a magical dinner in the square ... in our Caribbean beachwear in the middle of Manhattan on a chilly March day with five diva-sized suitcases as ottomans. Shout out to The Tip, one love! 7 Carmine St. (between 6th Ave. and Minetta)

### Lunch

You will eventually wind up eating lunch near school. The dosa

diver: Triona's. 237 Sullivan (between West 3rd St. and Bleecker)

### Burgers

As one of my favorite foods, I feel like burgers deserve their own category. There are lots of burger options in the Village. I have my favorites, but I would suggest you try out all of them and make your own decision:



man is legit and the J.W. Market deli across the corner from Furman makes a mean turkey-avocado-lettuce-tomato-with-spicy-mustard-on-toasted-multigrain-please. And you should avoid Ben's Pizza at all costs. I know, I know, Louis CK eats there in the intro to his show so it MUST be good. It's ok. But it's \$5 for a huge re-heated slice of pizza that absolutely never fills me up but, miraculously, still makes me a little nauseous. When I venture beyond the establishments that share an actual border with NYU Law I usually go to:

### Miyabi

Miyabi is the easiest spot to grab sushi near school. They have a bento box on lunch special for \$8.95 and the place is almost always empty. Bonus: they deliver. 121 West 3rd (between MacDougal and 6th Ave.)

### Chik-Fil-A

It's only a short walk to Chik-Fil-A, but it's basically on another planet. The restaurant is located in the dining hall of an NYU undergrad dorm so expect lots of 18-year-old kids (who look 15) in hoodies while you enjoy your chicken sandwich. Note to Chik-Fil-A newbies: the organization takes its Christian roots very seriously. All locations are closed on Sundays. 5 University Place (between North Washington Square and Waverly)

### Triona's

Just so we're all clear, Triona's does not serve lunch. But they have the coolest food policy in the Village: drinks are cheap and it's BYOFood. So all of those delicious options I listed above? Get them for take out and eat them at Triona's. Or just stop next door for some sub-par (but nonetheless delicious) Tex-Mex food at Happy Taco Burrito. A word to newbies: our beloved proprietor Triona has run her bar for a while, but she didn't change the name until a few years ago. When you hear 3Ls talking about The Pinch, they mean your favorite neighborhood

### BareBurger

You know how sometimes you just really want a burger? And you don't really want that nasty after-Five Guys nausea? And you could totally go for a milkshake? BareBurger is the place. The burgers are delicious — tons of different combos and everything is made with fresh, organic ingredients. And their milkshakes ... well, their milkshakes are the sole subsistence of my co-Editor-in-Chief, Terra Judge '12, who absolutely loves them. My suggestion: the lamb burger. It comes with an awesome cucumber mint yogurt. Our new favorite discovery: the student special. For \$9 you get a burger, fries and a soda! 535 LaGuardia (between Bleecker and West 3rd St.)

### Half-Pint

Half-Pint is a bar. There's no way around that. But the menu goes way beyond bar food — all the way to an extensive lunchtime fare that includes a make-your-own sandwich menu with the likes of roasted potatoes as an option. I only know one person who gets the roasted potatoes, but he loves them. To each his own. If you want a weird sandwich, head to Half-Pint. But if you want a good Cobb salad, a burger, or a turkey wrap, this is also the place for you. Bonus: they have great outdoor seating! 76 W. 3rd St. (between Thompson and LaGuardia)

### Amity Hall

Stuffed burgers aren't always my favorite thing, but Amity Hall does them really well. The real treat is the fries — they're made in tuffle oil and sprinkled with asiago cheese. The last time I went I declared I was full halfway through my burger ... and then ate all of the fries anyway. They're my favorite fries in the Village, maybe the best in NYC. A trip to Amity Hall is worth it for them alone. Bonus: Thursday is beer night — free draft beer with any burger and they have a great craft list. 80 W. 3rd St. (between Thompson and Sullivan)

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## Everything You Wanted to Know About 1L Sex 101: Answered

Oh, hey, everyone. Your friend Truth here. We all know it, we all mildly despise it: The School Newspaper Sex Column. Where cheesy innuendos, empty musings, and thinly veiled anonymity abound. Much like a mediocre one-night stand that leaves you with only a dissatisfied headache and a vague sense of self-loathing; I've been there, I've done that.

Guys, I really don't want this to be one of those Carrie Bradshaw "I Had to Wonder" columns. I'm doing this for fun because I like thinking and talking about sex and dating. And because I've made so many damn missteps in that realm myself, I

But that knowledge disappeared during a whiskey-drenched firm recruitment happy hour season.

Thus: onward! To begin in your good graces, I offer you a list. I love lists! This one, at the risk of being patronizing, involves mistakes not to make during your 1L year. Or really at all during your time in Vanderbilt, if you can help it. But for goodness sake, at least wait until first semester grades roll in to steer your course into these waters.

1) Beware the seating chart. Oh, don't get all huffy, I'm not going to advise you not to sleep with someone in your section, or even in your Lawyering group;

moments, sure. I hate to get all Preachy MeJudge here and bust out the "we're in professional school now" line, because my behavior in the past two years has certainly not reflected that. But for that very reason — as someone who has lived this mistake — I'd advise not going there too often.

4) Watch out for GChat. It cannot be reiterated enough: The people sitting behind you

can see what you are typing. In class, in the library, at Third Rail. Your computer screen is about as private as Mark Zuckerberg would like your personal data to be. Guard accordingly.

5) Don't hole up and hide away. Yes, we all have social and personal lives and a multitude of interests outside of Furman and Vanderbilt. Some came to school for the full community experience; some came just to

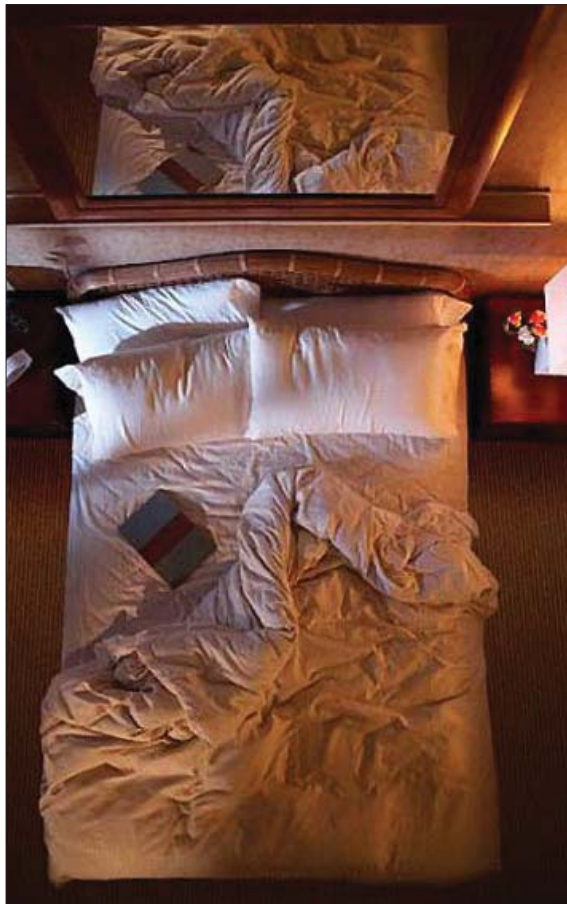
get a degree and get out. Some here are single, some are attached, many are in-between. But no matter what, I urge you to be open. To try things (and people) you might not think you like. Take a tax class; play flag football; go out with that guy. We are all neurotic little law students, so we probably have some rather rigid ideas about What We Want To Do (and who we want to do it with) When We Grow Up. If I've

learned anything in law school, it's that life is really surprising — and what we think of as "direction" or "taste" or even "type" is often really just about chance and lucky opportunity. We've all somehow stumbled into this remarkable little NYU world, so we might as well revel in it.

To conclude, and lift my heavy hand: I think we agree that attending law school is slightly like returning to high school, but doing so with college privileges and freedoms (a legal drinking age; a schedule where we only have to be somewhere about 15 hours each week; even a twin extra-long bed for many in the dorms). Add to that the bacchanale that is Being Young In New York City and man, things get *crazy*.

And I'm hoping you'll invite me along for the ride as it does.

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## Comment

### Habeas Coitus with Truth Bader Ginsberg

think I'm pretty good at giving advice about it. So I'd actually like this to be a real forum for sexual social commentary and advice in a law school setting.

So here goes nothing.

First up: a request. Send me questions! Completely anonymous; can cover anything. Things you'd like advice on; things you'd like to discuss; things you simply want to see me stumble through in print while you laugh about it in Golding. Seriously. Much like *The New York Times*, this paper seeks to maintain a roughly 98 percent ratio of lifestyle reporting. That means I've got an ample word count that's just waiting for you, my little lawyer-blossoms. So send away.

Next: I want to give an extra-special greeting to all those lovely new 1Ls out there. What up, guys. I'd make some kind of cute civil procedure joke if I had any kind of remote ability to do that.

we all know these things happen. I, in fact, have friends who are happily dating folks from Lawyering and the world did not end. But. The tricky little catch-22 is that a wide-eyed 1L often first gets to know the people next to whom he or she sits. And by "gets to know" I mean "drinks tequila with." Just be aware, friends. That silly chart up there at the podium isn't just going to get you cold-called when you're utterly unprepared; it's going to trap you if you're not careful. Tread wisely.

2) Related: Don't sleep with two different people in your Lawyering group. Section? Sure, maybe a little messy. Lawyering: No.

3) Don't be That Girl or That Guy at the SBA party. The drunk stumbling one hitting on anything that moves. I'll probably get in trouble for this one. But seriously. Don't. We all have our

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## NYU Students Descend Upon Times Square in Pursuit of Summer Jobs

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The fall legal recruiting season is in full swing, with most 2Ls and many 3Ls ditching sweatpants for suits as they seek a coveted summer associate or full-time position at a law firm. From initial reports and anecdotal conversations with firms, it appears that the legal market may be recovering, according to the Office of Career Services, with firms granting more interviews to a broader array of NYU students than in the past two years.

The centerpiece of the process is Early Interview Week, which was held between August 17 and August 23 at the Doubletree Suites hotel in Times Square. Exactly 446 2Ls participated, with an average number of 20-minute screening interviews of 22.66, while 99 3Ls participated, with an average number of interviews of 4.01. In total, students sat for 10,502 interviews. After EIW, firms make "callback" invitations to students for longer grillings from several more lawyers at their offices. Those who survive are given offers that may be held open for 28 days.

In an interview with The Commentator, Assistant Dean for Career Services Irene Dorzback said that there are two large trends affecting this year's recruiting at NYU. First, hiring is showing signs of recovery, with firms filling larger summer classes. Second, Harvard and Yale asked firms to grant interviews to their students before other schools, meaning that many NYU students had fewer choices earlier in the month to schedule callbacks.

EIW stats are up: there were 367 employers at this year's EIW, compared with 332 last year, 10,502

interviews this year, up from 9,920 last year; and 519 schedules this year, an increase of 28 over last year.

Although final data on the size of summer classes and number of callbacks and offers landed by NYU students has yet to be compiled, early indications are promising, with the number of callbacks appearing to have recovered to pre-recession levels, Dorzback said. Firms anecdotally are granting more offers, and going deeper into the student pool — as measured by the grade bands presented at Strike-A-Match last semester — than last year. Firms have also told OCS that they were especially impressed with NYU students' preparation and poise during the process.

"This was an exceptionally strong class, and the students were well-prepared," Dorzback said. "Everyone has stepped up a notch, and I think that is reflected in solid early indications of job prospects."

The "haves" — those mulling multiple callbacks and offers — are strongly encouraged to release callbacks and decline offers after receiving their desired offer, so those slots are freed for other NYU students.

Dorzback emphasized that it is critically important for 2Ls to complete their Fall Recruiting Tracker entry, and to identify firms where they are "on hold," and to note where they would accept if given an offer. She will personally lobby firms to pull those students off the hold list, which may pay dividends as firms making a second round of offers prefer to get immediate acceptances, rather than wait another 28 days.

"The goal is to help students that don't have offers yet," Dorz-

back said. "That is why it is so important for students to fill out the Fall Recruiting Tracker. We will call firms on their behalf, and it is extremely important for students with multiple offers to release ones they are not interested in, so it frees up spots for their fellow students."

Another factor affecting this year's recruiting season is that Harvard and Yale made formal requests to firms to grant callbacks to students prior to the start of their classes, which was September 7 for Yale and September 12 for Harvard. This gridlocked timing meant that some firms may have had less availability for other students earlier in the process, and as a result, NYU students may be missing more classes for callbacks than usual.

While the "Harvard factor" may have some impact on scheduling, Dorzback said it remains to be seen whether that affects offer rates.

A more impactful change in this year's EIW may be that it was held over the course of seven days, with Friday and the weekend off. Last year, on the other hand, EIW lasted for four straight days, from Monday to Thursday.

Dorzback said that while some students welcomed the break from screening interviews, the lag meant that firms interviewing on Tuesday were far behind the others in conducting callback interviews. For instance, one major firm that screened on Tuesday typically hires around ten NYU students, but had only seen four candidates for callbacks a full three weeks after EIW.

OCS will review the scheduling of EIW — from returning to a four-day sprint format to possibly moving up the date — after review-

ing student feedback. The tension is between allowing time for NYU students to go on callbacks before classes start, and not eating into student 1L summer job experience and income.

Dorzback said OCS was also considering whether to remain at the Doubletree in Times Square, or to move back to the Embassy Suites site in Battery Park City — soon to be a Conrad Hotel — or find another hotel altogether. Most were "happy" but "not thrilled" with the Doubletree, both because of long waits for elevators — some as long as 20 minutes — and its location in tourist-heavy Times Square.

For students still in the legal market, Dorzback suggests signing up for fall On-Campus Interviews, or OCI, which starts on September 19, and already has 45 organizations participating. This preliminary number already matches the final number from all of last year, and OCS is expecting additional employers to sign up as the season progresses. Students should also focus on job postings on CSM; networking; and reaching out to alumni. OCS has already conducted a webinar for 2Ls who are continuing their job search, and has posted the handouts from and transcript of the session on CSM.

Students finished the week with a mixture of exhaustion and relief at its completion.

"The entire EIW process is draining," Kristy Fields '13 said. "Between traffic in Times Square, traffic at the elevators, heavy lunches, and a dearth of caffeinated beverages, you get quite exhausted each day. Despite the fatigue, I am incredibly appreciative of the experience. By nature grueling, I think OCS did

a great job making the process as smooth as possible."

Students interested in public interest work are encouraged to apply for positions as soon as possible, and not wait for the career fair February 9-10, Assistant Dean for Public Service Deb Ellis said. 2Ls who secure a public interest job by March 30 are eligible to receive \$6,500 in PILC funding.

"Whether for fellowships like Skadden, whose deadline is October 3, or government honors programs, with deadlines throughout the fall, PILC encourages all 2Ls and 3Ls interested in public service to get out there and apply," Ellis said.

The public interest market is mixed, according to Ellis, with prosecutors and public defense steady compared to last year, but legal services offices continuing to have severe budget problems. The federal government legal hiring has been boosted by new honors programs created by the Department of Energy and Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

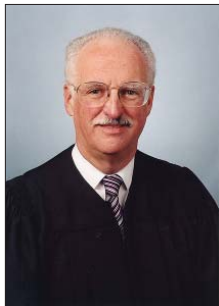
"Unfortunately, some agencies like DOJ have cut back on its honors program," Ellis said. "But because many other agencies are creating new programs, the federal government remains a strong source of public interest jobs."

On the clerkship front, federal judges were asked to make offers to 3Ls starting September 15, after The Commentator went to press. While the number of applicants is significantly down, from 145 last year to 108 this year, Ellis said that she hopes those applying do as well as the past year, when NYU achieved record numbers of over-all clerkships and high number of clerkships in the courts of appeals.

## New Faculty Hires Include D.C. Circuit Judge Ginsburg

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The law school has announced the hiring of seven new full-time professors joining the faculty between now and fall 2012: Sujit Choudhry, Adam Cox, Gráinne de Búrca, Alina Das, Douglas Ginsburg, Arthur Gonzalez, and Adam Samaha.



Douglas Ginsburg

"I'm delighted at the range and caliber of people we've been able to attract," Dean Richard Revesz told The Commentator. "We have a kind of virtuous cycle going, because, as we keep adding top scholars to our already outstanding faculty, we become even more attractive to other leading academics."

Headlining the crop of new

hires is Ginsburg, a D.C. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia judge for the past 25 years and its previous chief. He will teach the 1L requirement Administrative and Regulatory State, along with seminars in corporate governance and jurisprudence, starting this spring — while still retaining a senior status caseload with the Court of Appeals.

"Becoming part of NYU Law's



Sujit Choudhry

community of scholars is an exciting prospect for me," Ginsburg said in an announcement issued by NYU Law. "I know many of the professors and have had a number of NYU law clerks; I could not be more pleased about returning to the legal academy."

Arthur Gonzalez LL.M. '90,

Chief Justice of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for S.D.N.Y., will teach courses in bankruptcy law and serve as faculty co-director of the Bankruptcy Workshop and Galgay Fellows Program after he retires from the bench this February. Gonzalez has presided over three of the largest bankruptcies in history: Enron, WorldCom, and Chrysler.

Sujit Choudhry, previously an associate dean and law professor at the University of Toronto, joined the faculty this semester. Holding law degrees from Oxford, Toronto,



Gráinne de Búrca

and Harvard, Choudhry is known as a leading scholar in the field of comparative constitutional law, which he is teaching this semester. His current research focuses on constitutions as peace agreements at the ends of civil wars.

"I am incredibly thrilled to join NYU Law School — the most exciting law school in the English-speaking world," Choudhry said. "The school, a microcosm of New



Adam Cox

York City, is unique in its global impact."

Gráinne de Búrca, an expert on European Union law will be joining the faculty from Harvard Law School. An author of the most widely used English language casebook on E.U. law, de Búrca focuses her scholarship on the institutional design of E.U. law and policy and the integration of the E.U. legal order with the international legal system.

"Given the quality of the faculty, the richness and number of centers pursuing important and cutting-edge research, the stream of fellows, scholars, and other visitors

to the law school, as well as the quality, range and diversity of the student body, NYU is unrivaled as a place to study legal developments with a global dimension," de Búrca said.

De Búrca also cited the vibrancy of the village and the city as one of her reasons for coming to the school.

Alina Das '05, who has co-taught the Immigrant Rights Clinic since 2008, joined the faculty as an assistant professor this May. She continues to teach the clinic, which works on deportation, detention, and immigrants' rights issues.

"Teaching at NYU Law has given me the opportunity to work with a vibrant community of students, faculty, and staff on scholarship and cutting-edge advocacy," Das said. "I'm proud to be a part of it."

NYU has hired two University of Chicago law professors: Cox, a leading public law scholar, joined this semester, and Samaha, a constitutional law professor, will start in fall 2012.

Previously a visiting professor in fall 2008, Cox is currently teaching Immigration Law and the Rights of Noncitizens. Samaha's recent scholarship includes the dead-hand problem in constitutional law; the predicted effect of Second Amendment litigation on gun control policy; and the phenomenon of tiebreaking in law.