A Legal Curriculum for an Evolving World

AS PACE LAW SCHOOL CELEBRATES ITS 35th Commencement, we are exceptionally proud of how well-prepared our graduates are for the challenges that await them. The Class of 2013 will embark upon careers not only in legal practice, but also in international diplomacy, public interest law, and environmental advocacy. Clearly, a Pace law degree is a valuable credential that prepares our graduates in ways that were unimaginable when Pace Law School opened its doors in 1976.

I am pleased to update you in this issue of the Alumni Magazine about the many ways the law school is preparing our students for the evolving real world. From on-campus clinics and simulation courses, to off-campus externships and jobs, our students are steeped in the kind of experiences and training that develop great lawyers, advocates and professionals. The profiles of the highlighted alumni demonstrate how work, classes and connections made at Pace Law School contributed to their professional success.

We had an exciting year bringing several high-profile members of the judiciary to campus. One of the most memorable days was when Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor came to campus in the fall, the first ever visit by a United
States Supreme Court Justice to Pace Law School. This spring, New York State Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman served as the keynote speaker for the official launch of the Pace Community Law Practice, a law practice incubator for recent grads and students serving clients from the community. And the Speaker at our 35th Commencement this May was Class of 1979 graduate, The Honorable Malachy E. Mannion, a United States District Judge from the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and the first Pace Law alumnus to be appointed as a United States District Court Judge.

We share how Pace Law School is embracing and using technology in both traditional and innovative ways. Students and faculty are delving into such legal topics as media and Internet law, a hot and growing field of practice. We now offer cross-border online legal training in new certificate programs, expanding Pace Law School’s influence and expertise around the world. Many of our faculty continue to experiment with technology in the classroom as a tool for instant learning feedback and as a way to redefine the classroom experience.

Pace Law School is an exciting and innovative place to learn and teach. As alumni, you provide the best inspiring examples to our current students as to what one can do with a Pace Law degree. Your influence, expertise, and generosity, shared in so many ways, are essential to the school. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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