



Elisabeth Haub School of Law

ELISABETH HAUB SCHOOL OF LAW AT PACE UNIVERSITY NEWS WEEK OF 6/14/2021

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Message from Dean Horace Anderson



Dear Haub Law Community,

Celebrated annually in June, Pride Month commemorates the 1969 Stonewall riots and the work done to achieve equality for LGBTQ+ Americans, both before and after Stonewall. Though there remains much to be done before full equality is achieved, there has been remarkable progress since 1969, including the affirmation of marriage equality by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Obergefell v. Hodges*. Pride Month also recognizes the impact that LGBTQ+ individuals have had and continue to have on our country and our world.

Throughout the month of June, Pride Month will be celebrated with parades, picnics, parties, concerts, historical events, workshops, symposia, and more. On Friday, June 24, Haub Law invites you to celebrate Pride Month with the Lambda Law Students Association, James Esseks of the ACLU Lesbian & Gay Law Project, and Andrew Chapin, Associate Director in the Center for Career & Professional Development. The event will also feature a musical guest. We hope that our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of the Law School will join us. For additional information, and to register, click [here](#).

At Haub Law School, we value and celebrate our diverse community as we endeavor to create a more just world. This Pride Month, and every day of the year, we stand in solidarity with our LGBTQ+ community.

Faculty, Staff, and School News

Professor Emeritus Jay Carlisle's article *The National Rifle Association's attempts to outrun its New York Supreme Court lawsuit* was published in the Westchester & Fairfield County Business Journals on Westfaironline – read [here](#).

Professor Jason Czarnecki's article (with Mark L. Thomsen), [Advancing the Rebirth of Environmental Common Law, 34 B.C. Env't'l Aff. L. Rev. \(2007\)](#), was recently cited in the concurrence: [State AmerisourceBergen Drug Corp. v. Moats, No. 20-0694 and 20-0751, 2021 WL 2390204 \(S.Ct. App. W.V. June 11, 2021\)](#).

On June 15, 2021, **Elissa Germaine, Executive Director, John Jay Legal Services, Director, Investor Rights Clinic,** was a panelist on a panel called, *Lifecycle of a FINRA Arbitration Claim*, part of the NYSBA Dispute Resolution Section program *FINRA Arbitration: Advice from the Experts*.

Pace Energy and Climate Center Executive Director Craig Hart has been appointed to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers' Council on Standards and Certification. The Council establishes and maintains over 700 safety and performance standards, including for nuclear and coal-fired power plants, and certifies compliance with ASME standards globally. Craig will support ASME developing standards for zero- and low-carbon energy technologies.

Professor Katrina Fischer Kuh and alumna **Maya K. van Rossum** participated in a New York Environmental Rights Panel on June 9 discussing the New York Green Amendment. – you can watch it [here](#).

Professor Katrina Fischer Kuh was quoted in the article **Justices Aren't Eager To Skip Ahead On Climate Litigation** – read [here](#).



Professor Randolph McLaughlin was featured in the news regarding DA in Westchester, NY Orders Review of 2011 Police Killing of Kenneth Chamberlain Sr. – see [here](#).

Professor Nicholas Robinson was again recognized as in the top 10% of Authors on SSRN by all-time downloads.

Adjunct Professor Michael Scherz has been appointed to a commission established by the Governor to make recommendations regarding forensic evaluations in child custody matters ("Blue-Ribbon Commission on Forensic Custody Evaluations"). Read the press release [here](#).

Professor Victor Tafur's article "[Stockholm+50: United Nations General Assembly Decides to Hold International Meeting in Stockholm June 2-3 2022 Marking Fiftieth Anniversary of United Nations Conference on Human Environment](#)" was published to the [WCEL Website](#).

The Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University is pleased to announce that **Achinthi Vithanage** will join the Law School as the new Associate Director of Environmental Law Programs. Learn more [here](#).

On July 8 at 6:30PM, the SBA is sponsoring an outdoor summer BBQ for the January 2021 admitted class and the Flex JD students in the Haub Law Campus Quad. All members of the faculty and staff are invited to attend. Please note that, most community members have been on campus during the spring semester and therefore have been cleared to enter. However, if you have uploaded your vaccination to the University portal already and have not been to campus, you can reach out to Dean Angie D'Agostino directly! In addition, please follow the SBA on Instagram at [haublawn_sba](#) for updates on programming, including the Back to School Backpack Drive! All donations will be given to families in Westchester struggling with income insecurity – and getting kids excited about getting back to school in the fall! RSVP to lawstudentservices@law.pace.edu.

The Westchester County Association featured the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University's **upcoming June 28 CLE** *Biden Administration Clean Energy Agenda: Tackling Climate Change: What Does this Mean for New York Business?* in its newsletter. Learn more about the CLE [here](#).

Students



Elisabeth Haub School of Law student **Shelbire Paul '23** has been selected for the prestigious 2021 [Rural Summer Legal Corps Fellowship](#). Selected from 460 applications, Shelbire is one of 35 law students who will serve in the 2021 class of Rural Summer Legal Corps. Congratulations, Shelbire! Read more [here](#).

Alumni

Imran H. Ansari is a legal analyst with the Law & Crime Trial Network. He is also partner at Aidala, Bertuna & Kamins PC.

Jeffrey Deskovic was a guest on the podcast Shedding Light - you can listen [here](#).