Message From Dean Horace Anderson

Happy New Year, everyone. As we are about to return for the Spring Semester, I want to share with you a message about staying safe this semester. In the last few months, we have been closely monitoring the spread of COVID-19 in Westchester County and around the country, and it is gaining traction here and elsewhere. While this is not a reason to panic, it is a strong signal that we need to remain vigilant. Our shared commitment to health and safety is more important than ever.

While we are beginning our semester remotely, we look forward to welcoming many of you back in person in the classroom as early as February 8. As we did in the fall, we have structured our law school program to allow you to choose whether to participate in person, remotely, or a combination of the two, based on your assessment of your health risks.

One characteristic that makes Haub Law a special place is the nurturing, close-knit community we enjoy. Our student body is small, which allows for more individual attention from our faculty and staff. Our alumni base is strong and active, and eagerly participates in our events and activities. And most of all, we look out for each other.

Please remember to stay safe, follow health protocols, wear masks, keep your distance, and wash your hands often, both on and off campus. Together we can make sure we have a successful and healthy Spring Semester.

Best,

Dean Anderson
Faculty, Staff, & School News

Dean Horace Anderson was a signatory to the Law Deans Joint Statement on the 2020 Election and Events at the Capitol. Read more here.

Professor Noa Ben-Asher’s recent piece, “Trauma-Centered Social Justice” was recently published in the Tulane Law Review (December 2020).

Adjunct Professor Debra Cohen is quoted in the article New York City Paid an NBA Star Millions After an NYPD Officer Broke His Leg. The Officer Paid Little Price. – read here.

On January 7, 2020, Professor Bridget Crawford presented her work on “The Rhetoric of Taxation: Do Not Fear Uncle Sam” at the AALS Annual Meeting open-source program on “Rhetoric, Justice and the Construction of Law.”

Professor Bridget Crawford is a co-founder of a new Law & Society International Research Collaborative, the Feminist Judgments IRC. The international and interdisciplinary scholarly network brings together researchers from countries including Brazil, Scotland, India, and the United States who are building on the work co-edited by Professor Crawford, Feminist Judgments: Rewritten Opinions of the United States Supreme Court (2016).

Professor Linda Fentiman is the Program Co-Chair for the upcoming webcast: Legal Issues in COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution. The webcast will take place on February 9. Read more here.

On Monday, January 11, Professor Leslie Garfield Tenzer was on the Jenny Hutt show on SiriusXM discussing First Amendment Rights and Defamation Claims in the context of Social Media.

Adjunct Professor Paul Rafelson is quoted in the article - Small Business Amazon Seller Sues the State of California Claiming Illegal Sales Tax Enforcement – read more here. He was also quoted in the article Suburban Chicago children’s boutique sues over retroactive tax bill for Amazon sales. ‘It’s basically going to be the end of my business.’ – read here.

On January 8, 2021, Professor Michelle Simon presented her work on “Law Faculty Experiences Teaching During the Pandemic” at the AALS Annual Meeting program sponsored by the Section on Women in Legal Education on “Gender Power, and Pedagogy in the Pandemic.”

Students

ATTENTION STUDENTS: In the upcoming months, I will be highlighting student publications. If you had a scholarly article published during the 2020 calendar year please respond to this email with the article/publication information. Thank you!

Student Danny Alvarez’s law review note has been selected as the winner of the 2020 Albert S. Pergam International Law Writing Competition Award and will be published in the New York International Law Review. He is especially appreciative of the guidance he received from Professor Alexander Greenawalt. Congratulations to Danny!
1L Rebecca Angel, a musician who has been performing and recording for the past ten years recently won “New Artist Breakout Single” for the Independent Music Network for her cover of the Stephen Stills song “For What It’s Worth” which was written in the 60s about the LA Sunset Strip curfew riots. She also was #1 on 4 charts this week!: #1* AC40 Indie Chart/NMW!, #1* AC40 Chart/NRH!, #1* Mainstream Top30 Chart/IMNI!, #1 “Most Increased” AC40/NRH! and #2* AC40 Main Chart/NMW!, and 4th “Most Increased” AC40/NMW! Congratulations to Rebecca!

Katherine Boyd is the 3rd Place winner of the 2020 Samuel M. Kaynard Memorial Student Service Award - NYSBA Labor and Employment Section. The Award is intended to encourage scholarship and exemplary service in the field of Labor and Employment Law. This prize comes with a $1,000 stipend and an invitation to the NYS Bar Associations annual meeting. Last year the second place winner for this award for 2019 was Haub Law’s Caitlin Navarro who is now an associate at Jackson Lewis.

The NY Times article, Wetlands Helped Stopped Flooding From Sandy. Now a BJ’s May Move In - by Anne Barnard, mentions law student Gabrielle Dylag and the Pace Environmental Litigation Clinic.

Alumni

Michael Goldstein, M.D., J.D. ’04 just had a letter to the editor published in the Wall Street Journal – How to Address the Doctor Shortage – read here.

Kawan Clinton ’04 was featured in the John Jay profile, here. Kawan is a Supervising Attorney at The Legal Aid Society.

Assemblywoman Latrice Monique Walker ’06 was named New York State Assembly Election Committee Chair. Assemblywoman Walker was profiled in our 2020 Alumni Magazine – read here.

Rebekah Blake ’11 was elected partner at Jones Day.

Adam C. Weiss ’13 was included on the Hudson Valley Top Lawyers list for 2021 as an exceptional attorney in the area of plaintiff’s personal injury.

Jeff Deskovic ’19 article Mental Games I Played to Survive Wrongful Imprisonment, was featured in a special Looking Back section on The Davis Vanguard – read here.

Achinthi Vithanage (LLM ’18) is featured as ABA SEER’s member spotlight – read here. Stay tuned for an expanded profile of Achinthi in Haub Law’s next alumni magazine!