



Elisabeth Haub School of Law

ELISABETH HAUB SCHOOL OF LAW AT PACE UNIVERSITY NEWS WEEK OF 2/1/2021

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Message from Dean Horace Anderson



On Monday, we are pleased to open up the Haub Law campus again to in-person learning for those of you who choose to return this semester. Of course we are also continuing to offer remote and Hyflex instruction for those of you who prefer to remain at home, or prefer a combination of the two, based on your own assessment of health and risk factors.

I would like to thank Student Services and the Student Bar Association for their hard work in keeping our students safe and engaged so far. They have made great efforts to keep our Haub Law campus clean, safe, and compliant with the best health practices.

Finally, I would like to call attention to some of the excellent virtual events coming up this week. On Tuesday at 1:00 pm, the Health Law Society is holding a general zoom meeting and will be seeking first-year representatives. The Black Law Students Association on Tuesday at 5:00 pm is having a Career Development zoom event, "Making History: The NAACP and the ACLU," at which Cynthia Roseberry of the NAACP and Mahogane Reed of the ACLU will speak. On Wednesday at noon, the Student Animal Defense Fund has a zoom speaker presentation and will discuss how climate litigation is transforming animal rights. Also on Wednesday, at 6:00 pm, the National Lawyers Guild is holding a zoom "Artivism" night. More information about these and other events is available in this newsletter or on the website under Events.

Faculty, Staff, & School News

Dean Horace Anderson was featured in Westchester Magazine in the article *Meet the Black Leaders Who Are Changing Westchester*. Read it [here](#). Dean Anderson also wrote in Westchester Lawyer magazine, *Looking Ahead, Once Again*, about looking ahead at Haub Law's future. Read it [here](#).

Jill Backer published the article *New York City-Area Law Schools Form Law School Anti-Racism Consortium* – read [here](#).

The Chronicle Express noted that **Professor Jonathan Brown's**, director of the Food and Beverage Law Clinic at Haub Law, participation in a farm law workshop – read [here](#).

Professors Emeritus Jay Carlisle and **Merrill Sobie** attended the annual dinner and assembly of the New York State Bar Association's Foundation Fellows on January 29, 2021. Former NYS Chief Judge Sol Wachtler, a past recipient of an honorary degree from the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University, received the Foundation's distinguished Inaugural President's Award.

Professor Bennett Gershman was quoted in the article *A Major Trump Forum Scrubs Its Archives of Thousands of Pre-Riot Posts* – read [here](#).

Professor Jill Gross was quoted in the article *GameStop shares jump 70% Friday as brokerages warn of risky investments* – read [here](#).

Professor Tom McDonnell has been named Chair Elect to the International Human Rights Section of the American Association of Law Schools.

Professor Nicholas A. Robinson's chapter entitled "Evolutionary Roots Nurturing Equity Across Generations" has been published as Chapter 3 in E. Gaillard and D.N. Forman (Eds), *Legal Actions for Future Generations* (Peter Lang, Brussels, 2020).

Professor Merrill Sobie's McKinney's Practice Commentaries on the Family Court Act were cited in: [In re J.N. v. S.S.F., 2020 WL 8372214 \(Nassau Cty. Fam. Ct. Dec. 14, 2020\)](#).

The Sands Family Foundation and Constellation Brands have agreed to give an additional \$600,000 in funding to Haub Law's Food and Beverage Law Clinic, bringing their total commitment to the Clinic to \$1 million. Read [here](#).

Haub Law welcomes its newest members to the School's [Board of Visitors](#), **Angela Giannini '88**, **Mayo Bartlett '92**, and **Brian T. Belowich '99**. All three recent additions to the Board are alumni of the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University. Angela Giannini is a partner in her firm, [Fontana Giannini LLP](#). Mayo Barlett is a principal in his firm, [the Law Offices of Mayo Bartlett PLLC](#). Brian T. Belowich is a partner in his firm, [Belowich & Walsh LLP](#). We congratulate and thank Angela, Mayo, and Brian for their volunteerism and service to Haub Law! You can learn more about the Board of Visitors on the newly created webpage [here](#).

The **Pace Environmental Law February 2021 Newsletter** can be read [here](#).

On Tuesday, February 9 at 5:00PM, community members are invited to participate in a Zoom webinar/discussion in honor of Black History Month – **"Making History: The NAACP and the ACLU"** featuring Cynthia Roseberry – ACLU and Mahogane Reed – NAACP.

Following brief histories of the ACLU & NAACP, Roseberry & Reed will discuss priorities and opportunities, and take questions/discuss issues with law students. Register [here](#).

On Wednesday, February 10 at 6:00PM, **the National Lawyers Guild – Pace Chapter** – will be holding an Artivism Night. It will be a “campfire discussion” style gathering to allow all participants to share the creative work (music, art, film, etc.) that has gotten them through the pandemic and beyond. We welcome all interested participants and do allow submissions of personal works. All early submissions can be sent to pquerrero@law.pace.edu. Meeting ID: 937 3292 7758; PW: 500424.

Alumni

The Honorable Terry Jane Ruderman '80 was appointed Presiding Justice of the Appellate Term, Second Department, 9th & 10th Judicial Districts.

Charles C. DeStefano '86 was appointed Law Chair of the Democratic Party of Richmond County and the Chair of the Judicial Screening Committee. In 2020, Charles was also elected President of the Staten Island Trial Lawyers Association (for the second time). Additionally, he was awarded the 2020 Humanitarian Award for the Wagner College Holocaust Center for my service and commitment to Holocaust Awareness. The human rights issues pertaining to the Holocaust are incorporated in an annual internship program that was developed by Charles; included in the program are testimonies of Holocaust survivors who convert their personal experiences to high school and college students in the program. Lastly, he was selected as a member of the Board of Directors to Integrated Community Facilities, an organization that houses members of the community with developmental disabilities.

Kevin O'Dell '90 was featured in the article *Legal Weapon* – read [here](#).

Jeffrey Deskovic '19 article *Looking Back: One Day in the Life of a Prisoner*, was featured in a special *Looking Back* section on The Davis Vanguard – read [here](#).

Jeffrey Deskovic '19 is our featured Haub Alumni of the Month. You can read his profile [here](#).