



Elisabeth Haub School of Law

ELISABETH HAUB SCHOOL OF LAW AT PACE UNIVERSITY NEWS WEEK OF 3/1/2021

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Message from Dean Horace Anderson



Be sure to join us virtually, Saturday, March 6, 2021 as we watch the three finalist teams compete in our historic, low-carbon competition, the Jeffrey G. Miller National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition (NELMCC). This is a signature event for Haub Law and one of the most widely recognized environmental competitions in the nation. Every year, law student advocates nationwide assemble at Haub Law to compete in the largest interschool moot court competition under one roof. More than 200 competitors and 150 attorneys participate in grading briefs and serving as judges for the three-day competition.

NELMCC tests students' skills in appellate brief writing and oral advocacy and uses issues drawn from real cases to provide students first-hand experience in environmental litigation, while also providing a rigorous academic experience. The Competition is distinctive in that three adverse teams argue the issues, reflecting the fact that environmental litigation frequently involves multiple parties: the government, a public interest group, and a member of the regulated industry. The NELMCC final is open to the public on Zoom from 1:30 to 3:30 pm EST. For more details: <https://law.pace.edu/nelmcc>

Faculty, Staff, and School News

Professor Emeritus Jay Carlisle reviewed Judge Philip M. Halpern's book *The Burden of Proof (Preparing a Case from Intake through Verdict and On Appeal)*. The review was published by the ABA General Practice Division's E Report, Vol. 10, No. 7, February 2021.

Additionally, it was published in Westchester Lawyer's March 2021 issue, the Westchester County Bar Association's Monthly Magazine – read the review [here](#).

Professor Karl Coplan's article *President Biden May Have to Use Existing Clean Air Act Authorities to Meet His Climate Goals* was published in Westchester Lawyer's March 2021 issue, the Westchester County Bar Association's Monthly Magazine – read [here](#). Professor Coplan was honored last night with the 2021 Spirit of the Hudson Award at Hudson River Sloop Clearwater's Spirit of the Hudson Virtual Gala. Congratulations, Professor Coplan!

Professor Bennett Gershman was recognized by Pace University as a Distinguished Professor, which is the highest honor the University bestows upon faculty. In honor of this year's Distinguished Professors, the Office of Research at Pace University is hosting presentations by each professor. Professor Gershman will give his lecture *Repairing the Damage: To Our Constitution, Our Democracy, Our Way of Life* via Zoom on Wednesday, March 10th from 12:10–1:10PM. Learn more [here](#) and [here](#) and please find the zoom information below to join us for this significant event and achievement.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 927 2608 1383; Password: 766704

Craig Hart, director of the Pace Energy and Climate Center, was featured in the Forbes article *Toothless Initially, China's New Carbon Market Could Be Fearsome* – read [here](#).

Cindy Kanusher was featured in the article *Gov. Cuomo scandal: Women often face fraught path in reporting sexual harassment* – read [here](#). She also spoke with News12 about issues of workplace harassment in context of Governor Cuomo's recent scandal and his vow to stay in office – see [here](#). She will also be participating in Fordham Law Women's Third Annual Symposium: Covid-19 & The Impact on Gender. The event takes place today, Friday, March 5th, and she will be a panelist speaking on "COVID-19 and the Impact on the Response to Domestic Violence". Learn more [here](#).

On March 4th, **Professor John R. Nolon** participated in the annual symposium of the [Fordham Law School Environmental Law Review](#) on Urban Climate Change and the Law. He spoke on the legacy of redlining, the heat island effect, and land use law solutions. On March 5th, he spoke at the [Willamette Law School Law Review](#) symposium on The Future of Residential Zoning, discussing the results of his students' research on land use law solutions to the public health threats of the pandemic, climate change, systemic racism, and the national housing crisis.

Adjunct Professor Jacqueline A. Parker, Esq. '95 is a contributor to the book [Consumer Finance Law: Understanding Consumer Financial Services Regulations](#). Learn more [here](#). Congratulations!

On March 4, **Judge Walter Rivera** will be a panelist at the National Latina/o Law Student Association's Annual Conference. The panel is called "Setting the Precedent" and will also feature Hon. Juan Vasquez from the U.S. Tax Court and Hon. Albert Diaz from the Fourth Circuit.

Professor Leslie Garfield Tenzer interviewed **Professor Alexander Greenawalt** in an exclusive virtual session for admitted students for her *Law to Fact* podcast. Professor Greenawalt discussed *California v. Texas*, the upcoming Supreme Court case concerning the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act.

Haub Law was included on a national list of where women are attending law school – read [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).

Read the **Pace Environmental Law March 2021** Newsletter [here](#).



Haub Law is a co-sponsoring institution of the program More Than Just Treading Water: How to Survive and Grow as a Law School Parent Right Now – a conversation with Lauren Smith Brody. The special program on parenting and caretaking while in law school will take place on Friday, March 19 at 4PM eastern time. For more information on Lauren Smith Brody please visit prhspeakers.com. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.



The **Asian American Law Students Association** organized a fundraiser to benefit the Pace Women's Justice Center. Learn more [here](#).

Alumni

Elizabeth Citrin '94 is our featured Haub Alumni of the Month. Read her profile [here](#). Elizabeth is the founder of her law firm, Elizabeth A. Citrin, P.C. in Alabama. Her primary practice areas include personal injury, bad faith insurance claims, business interruption

claims, and more. After graduating from Vanderbilt University, Ms. Citrin started her career as a television producer and writer, working for CBS News, Channel 9, Lifetime, WWOR TV, and others before going on to attend law school. After law school, she completed a clerkship for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit as a Motions Law Clerk. She then worked as Assistant Corporation Counsel for the NYC Law Department. Afterward, Ms. Citrin briefly returned to television to work on a start-up court show for CBS Inc./King World before she started practicing complex litigation defense work in South Alabama. Ms. Citrin has been identified as one of the Top 100 Civil Plaintiff Trial Lawyers in Alabama.



Ryan Thompson '14 was recognized by NYU Law with the [2020 Grunin Prize for Law and Social Entrepreneurship from NYU Law](#). The Grunin Prize recognizes lawyers for their role in developing innovative solutions to advance the fields of social entrepreneurship and impact investing, and Ryan was part of the winning team at the law firm Goldstein Hall. She is Special Counsel of the firm.

Tala DiBenedetto's '20 article *Coordinating NHPA and NEPA to Protect Wildlife* was published by William & Mary Environmental Law and Policy Review. Read more [here](#).

Jeffrey Deskovic's '19 article *Looking Back: Doing Hard Time – Part Two*, was featured in a special *Looking Back* section on The Davis Vanguard – read [here](#).