



Elisabeth Haub School of Law

ELISABETH HAUB SCHOOL OF LAW AT PACE UNIVERSITY NEWS WEEK OF 3/8/2021

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Message from Dean Horace Anderson



This week marks a full year since March 11, 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic forced Pace University and Haub Law to first transition to remote operations. March 14 marks the day of the first COVID-19 death in New York a year ago. Since then, we as a community have experienced many direct and indirect effects of the coronavirus, beyond the transformation of our learning programs. The direct effects of this past year include immense personal suffering and loss nationwide, with nearly 30 million coronavirus cases and more than a half-million deaths in the United States alone. We will hold a Zoom memorial on Monday, March 15, at 12:50 pm, in honor of all those who died from COVID-19, and we will observe a moment of silence to remember all Haub Law community family and friends who are no longer with us. Details of the Monday event were included in an email sent yesterday by Dean D'Agostino.

Along with this widespread sickness and death also came a huge increase in mental distress or illness, isolation and loneliness, and domestic abuse, as well as a loss of freedom to travel and move about in society, and an enormous decline in the personal interactions with family, friends and colleagues that are so important to us all. An additional effect of this plague year has been an increase in anti-Asian attacks, the result of misguided people lashing out at communities they falsely perceive to be the cause of the virus. Rumors of a Chinese plot and nicknames for the virus relating to China and Wuhan stirred ill feelings and laid the groundwork for recent physical attacks on Asians or those of Asian descent. We must do what we can to ensure that such attacks are not tolerated anywhere, and I will be working with the leadership of the Asian American Law Students Association to make sure

that members of the Haub community feel valued, and to provide support to the wider Asian-American community where possible.

We also have seen a worsening of gender disparities in employment, with women taking a huge share of the responsibility for caregiving as children are remotely schooled at home. Working and learning from home in an ad hoc environment have greatly increased stress for most if not all. The partial shutdown of our society has cost about 10 million jobs nationwide. This job loss has fallen disproportionately on women and people of color, and this disparity is likely to continue as these jobs eventually come back and hiring increases. All of the work that we at Haub Law engage in around social justice is doubly important now.

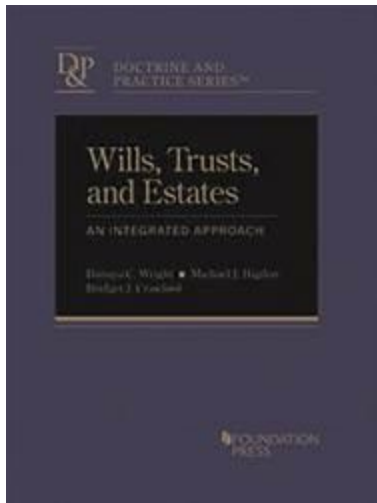
As springtime arrives later this month, we can take hope in the rapid increase in vaccinations and the arrival of warmer weather, which will allow us to spend more time outdoors with others. But until vaccinations are widespread, we cannot let down our guard and forget our best health practices: wear masks, keep a distance, wash hands, and don't gather in large groups indoors. It has been a difficult year for everyone. But, we have learned over the past 12 months that we are strong and resilient in ways that matter. We have done so much that we would never have thought possible just five years ago, and I think we have become stronger as a community as we have navigated the challenges of the pandemic. Let us all remember that strength as we enter this next, more hopeful period.

Faculty, Staff, and School News

Professor Emeritus Jay Carlisle attended the virtual Past President's Meeting of the Westchester County Bar Association on March 10. Professor Carlisle notes that, President Wendy M. Weathers reported on the Association's activities during the past year and Pace alumna Justice Linda Jamieson (immediate past president of the WCBA) was a featured speaker. Pace alumnus Donald Sandford (past president of the WCBA) was given an award for his co-chairing of the Association's Judicial Committee. Additionally, alumnus Robert C. Hertman was elected secretary of the Association. Alumni Nicholas Pasalides and Lauren Enea were honored as the Association's Outstanding New Lawyers.

On Tuesday, March 9, **Professor David Cassuto** was part of the Columbia Journal of Environmental Law's 2021 Climate Change Symposium – learn more here: <https://journals.library.columbia.edu/index.php/cjel/symposium>.

Professor Karl Coplan was quoted in the article *EPA Opens Door To Novel CO2 NAAQS After Withdrawing Petition Denial* – read [here](#).



Later this month, Foundation Press will published a second edition of **Professor Bridget Crawford's** Wills, Trusts, & Estates casebook, co-authored Professor Danaya Wright (Florida) and Professor Michael Higdon (Tennessee). More details are [here](#).

Professor Jason Czarnezki presented at a lunch talk hosted by Stockholm University on "The Legacy of Wangari Maathai, Linking Environmentalism, Climate Justice, and Global Security." – see [here](#).



Save the Date: On, Wednesday, March 31, **Professor Bennett Gershman** will present a talk: *Repairing the Damage: To Our Constitution, Our Democracy, Our Way of Life*. This talk, hosted by the Office of Research at Pace University, is in honor of Professor Bennett Gershman's recognition by Pace University as a Distinguished Professor, which is the highest honor the University bestows upon faculty. Professor Gershman will give his lecture via Zoom on Wednesday, March 31st from 12:45–1:45PM. Click [here](#) for zoom information and to learn more about this significant event and achievement.

Professor Shelby Green moderated "Community Development After the Pandemic" – a talk sponsored by the ABA's Section of Real Property, Trust & Estate Law.

The Westchester Women's Bar Association is hosting WWBA FOUNDATION QUIZ NIGHT: Honoring the Women of the United States Supreme Court. **Professor Randolph McLaughlin, Judge Lisa Margaret Smith, and Rebecka J. Levitt ('20)** will be panelists. Click [here](#) to register and learn more.

Professor Margot Pollans's article *Eaters: Powerless by Design* was accepted for publication in the Michigan Law Review (forthcoming in February 2022).

Professor Nicholas Robinson spoke at Chappaqua Library's Virtual Lecture on *Averting the Next Pandemic* – click [here](#).

In **Professor Leslie Garfield Tenzer's** latest episode of *Law to Fact*, **Professor Alexander Greenawalt** shared his thoughts, and predictions about California v. Texas, a case pending before the Supreme Court – listen [here](#).

[Yankwitt LLP is proud to announce a newly established scholarship at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University](#) – the Yankwitt LLP Immediate Impact Scholarship – which will be awarded to an incoming first year student who expresses an interest in social justice and demonstrates financial need.

Angie D'Agostino was selected as a 2020 recipient of the President's Award for Outstanding Contribution, in recognition of her hard work as part of the University COVID Taskforce Team. Congratulations!

Congratulations to all of the **[Haub Law 2020 Service Award Recipients](#)**.

Global Environmental Law Fellow Shannon Peters post *Australia's Climate Inaction: Why Grassroots Activism is a Necessity* was featured [here](#).

The winning team of the **2021 Jeffrey G. Miller National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition (NELMCC)** was the University of Miami School of Law (Team 19). Congratulations to the winning team. And, congratulations to all who helped make the first ever virtual NELMCC a success. Read more about this year's Competition [here](#).

Students

Congratulations to **Madison Shaff, Class of '22**, the first Haub Law student to receive the Jefferson Award for Public Service, a Pace University honor recognizing individuals from the Pace community for their public and volunteer service, and dedication to improving the quality of life in their communities. Madison is also featured as a Haub Law student profile in our website – read [here](#).



[Congratulations to Haub Law student Vivian Lee!](#) **Vivian Lee** was awarded the New York Bar Foundation's Antitrust Section Law Student Fellowship. She will spend this 10-week long Fellowship over the summer working with the Federal Trade Commission. There were four available seats for this 10-week long Fellowship, each valued at \$6,000, awarded to students in the state of New York. Some of the goals for this Fellowship is to provide law

students an opportunity to experience antitrust and government investigations and forge relationships among antitrust practitioners throughout the State of New York. Recipients of this Fellowship are also granted two years of membership to the Antitrust Section of the New York Bar Association, which provides a forum in which attorneys and law students can learn about and keep up with developments in competition law and complex litigation. Vivian is "honored and extremely humbled to have this opportunity to learn from the enforcers of the antitrust laws." She notes, "I'd like to use my position as a platform to represent my the Asian-American community. I also hope to bring more attention to the ever-growing prevalent world of antitrust and bridge the gap between law students and this complex field."

This past weekend four representatives of the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University for the **Constance Baker Motely Mock Trial Competition** team competed at the **Black Law Student Association National Convention Advocacy Competition**. The team began preparing in October of 2020 to compete. This year, the team was able to finish in 3rd place for the Northeastern Black Law Student Association Region. This strong finish allowed the Team to compete at the National Convention Advocacy Competition. The four members of the team were **Juan Rodriguez (2L), Kimberly Roc (3L), Diana Beague (3L), and Joel Mays (2L)**. The team notes that none of this would have been possible without the help of their coaches Professor Betty Lawrence-Lewis, Pernel Telfort, and Kurt Jones. Team member, Juan Rodriguez notes, "[t]hey truly took the time to help all of us develop as advocates and help us develop our craft as future practitioners." Congratulations to the entire team and coaches!



Haub Law students Regina Rubino, Nicolette Brusco, Mattison Stewart, and Alexandra Guidarelli competed in the **AAJ Student Trial Advocacy Competition** this past week and won their region, which qualified the team for the National Finals. The National Finals will take place on April 15-18. In the Regional Competition, Nicolette Brusco and Mattison Stewart represented the Plaintiff, while Alexandra Guidarelli and Regina Rubino represented the Defendant. Both parties competed in a total of 3 preliminary rounds, which qualified them as the highest scoring team for the semi-finals. The defense team competed in the semi-finals against Emory University, and won - which qualified them for the finals. During the finals, the Plaintiff team competed against Campbell University, who won the competition the past three years in a row. The team defeated Campbell, which made them

the Regional Champions. The team is coached by AJ Muller and is looking forward to competing again in Nationals next month. Congratulations to all!

Alumni

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

2020 LLM graduate Sahana Ramdas was featured in the article *Meet Sahana Ramdas, one of India's fewest Animal Rights lawyers, who is standing up for nature's furry friends* – read [here](#).