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ELISABETH HAUB SCHOOL OF LAW AT PACE UNIVERSITY NEWS WEEK OF 6/7/2021

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Message from Dean Horace Anderson



Dear Haub Law Community:

We mourn the passing this week of former Chief Judge Robert A. Katzmann, 68, of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. He was an eminent and widely respected jurist, a brilliant teacher and scholar, and he touched the Haub Law community in a number of significant ways.

Judge Katzmann received an honorary degree from Haub Law and was our graduation speaker in 2014. We were honored to host Judge Katzmann at our Immigration Justice Clinic Seminar in April 2012, when he also delivered a major address to the Law School community on the need to improve immigrant representation. He was also a valued mentor for Prof. Emily Gold Waldman and Prof. Peter Widulski, both of whom clerked for him.

A graduate of Columbia, Harvard, and Yale Law School, Judge Katzmann was a professor of law and government at Georgetown University when he was nominated by President Bill Clinton to the Second Circuit bench in 1999. He served as Chief Judge of the Second Circuit from 2013 to 2020, taking senior status in January of 2021.

Judge Katzmann, whose father fled Nazi Germany and whose mother's parents were Russian immigrants, devoted a great deal of time and energy to the problem of inadequate legal representation for immigrants. He established and presided over a Second Circuit Study Group on Immigrant Representation, of which Prof. Vanessa Merton is a longtime member. He was instrumental in creating the Immigrant Justice Corps, a unique post-graduate fellowship program that trains and places new lawyers in nonprofit immigrant legal

services offices in the Second Circuit and throughout the country. Despite fierce competition, Haub Law has consistently placed at least one graduate in this prestigious program each year.

Working through the Study Group, Judge Katzmann also played a central role in establishing the New York Immigrant Family Unity Project, which provides publicly funded representation for indigent immigrants fighting deportation. This project is the first of its kind in the nation and is a model for programs in other cities and states. He also consistently warned against unethical lawyers who prey on immigrants' need for legal assistance by stealing their money and putting them at greater risk of deportation. He had many other accomplishments too numerous to recite here, including acting as special counsel to Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg during her Supreme Court confirmation hearing.

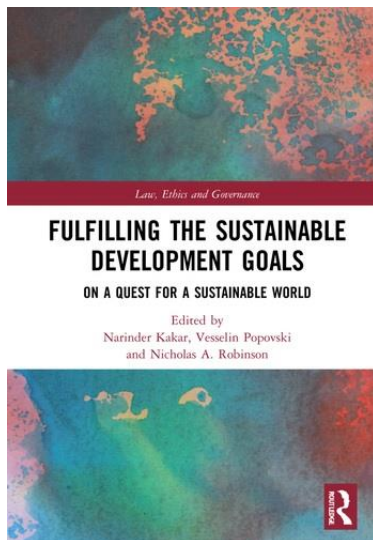
Haub Law joins the outpouring of tributes and memorials to Judge Katzmann, who has made significant contributions to the judiciary, the legal profession, and our system of justice.

Faculty, Staff, and School News

On June 9, 2021, **Professor Bridget Crawford** spoke about "Blockchain Technology and Estate Planning: Cryptocurrencies, NFTs, E-Wills, and Other Ways Blockchain May Affect Modern Estates" for a panel sponsored by Interactive Legal.

Elyse Diamond, Adjunct Professor & Director, Public Interest Law Center, has been named to the [Equal Justice Works](#) (EJW) National Advisory Committee 2021-23. The EJW National Advisory Committee members, only 8 law school professionals and 8 law students from around the country serving two year staggered terms, are selected based upon their "achievements in and commitment to public interest work" to provide advice and feedback on EJW programs and initiatives. Elyse also participated in the virtual New York Permanent Commission on Access to Justice Annual Conference on Wednesday, June 2.

Professor Bennett Gershman was featured in the article *Hartmann: The Strange Case Against Kim Gardner's Gumshoe Just Got Stranger* – read [here](#). He was also quoted in the article *How The Manhattan DA Hopefuls Stack Up On Financial Crime* – read [here](#).



Professor Narinder Kakar, Professor Nicholas Robinson, and Dr. Vesselin Popovski, Jindal University are co-editors of the forthcoming book **FULFILLING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS - On a Quest for a Sustainable World**. The book will be published by Routledge in August 2021. This study on implementing the Sustainable Development Goals was conceived and directed by Narinder Kakar for the Global Center for Environmental Legal Studies (GCELS) of the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University. In addition to Professor Narinder Kakar and Professor Nicholas Robinson, several Pace faculty members, prior visiting professors, and alumni author chapters within the publication, including Smita Narula, Richard L. Ottinger, Joseph Morreale, Anna Shostya, Hiroko Muraki Gottlieb, and Ben Boer. Learn more [here](#).

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.

Professor Nicholas Robinson moderated a panel as part of a webinar put on by The Journal Environmental Policy and Law (EPL) and IOS Press. The webinar was titled: *Our Earth Matters: Pathways to a Better Common Environmental Future* and the panel that Professor Robinson moderated was titled: *The Road to Stockholm + 50 and Beyond*. Additionally, Professor Robinson was featured in the article *Reforms needed to meet environment goals* – read [here](#).

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NONPROFIT WESTCHESTER

Creating a Supportive Workplace for People Impacted by Domestic Violence

NPW fosters awareness about the services uniquely provided by Westchester's nonprofit agencies. These resources benefit other nonprofits, businesses, government partners, schools, churches and neighbors. Services will be interactive and led by 10 practitioners.

SUMMER Lunch & Learn SERIES

June 30, 12-1:30 PM

Violence and abuse do not discriminate by race, ethnicity or economic means; anyone can become a victim of abuse. As we emerge from the pandemic and return to congregational settings, it is vital to understand an organization's culture that promotes an understanding of domestic violence and employee safety may be more important now than ever before. Please join us to learn from the experts of Pace Women's Justice Center about the building blocks needed to create a workplace environment that supports employees who may be dealing with abuse.

Key topics include:

- Resources that every nonprofit and business should have available and include in their employee handbook
- How to support and speak to a co-worker or friend you are concerned about
- How to access legal services and other related assistance

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Pace Women's Justice Center (PWJC) provides free legal services to victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and elder abuse. A nonprofit legal center serving Westchester and Putnam Counties, PWJC helps individuals navigate the legal system and obtain services related to divorce, custody, support, financial reparation, public benefits, and housing. Through outreach events and training programs we raise awareness, educate the community, and train judges, public officers, attorneys, and social service providers on best practices when working with victims of abuse. www.pace.edu/wjc

Pace Women's Justice Center's Executive Director, Cindy Kanusher along with **Director of Training, Outreach & Education, Susan Carroll**, kick off Nonprofit Westchester's summer series. The interactive Lunch & Learn Summer Series starts June 30th with PWJC, and is limited to 30 participants. PWJC will discuss "Creating a Supportive Workplace for People Impacted by Domestic Violence." To hear more about the resources that should be available and included in employee handbooks, supportive communication for a co-worker/friend whom you are concerned about, and accessing legal services and other related assistance, register for the webinar [HERE](#).

Save the date: Haub Law will be offering an initial mediation training for attorneys, professionals, and students on July 19, 20, 21, 26, 27 and 28 via Zoom. Please email **Professor Danielle B. Shalov, Director of the Amelia A. Gould Representation in Mediation Clinic** at dshalov@law.pace.edu for details and registration.

Students

Rebecca Angel's debut album *Love Life Choices* releases today. Learn more [here](#).

Gina Hervey's article *Zoning Solutions to Boost Food Security* will be published in American Planning Association's Planning Magazine.

Alumni



Join Us to Celebrate
Ten Years!



P.L.A.N.'s 40th Quarterly Networking Event
on Thurs., June 17, 6:15 p.m., via Zoom!

Register in advance at the link below:

<https://pace.zoom.us/joining/register/tJ0tcO-urTMoHNVOa28QLwaDD68lgz3jYZc0>

and afterwards you'll receive an email with log-in info



Questions? Contact Jeremy Farrington at jeremy.wm.farrington@gmail.com

Save the Date for P.L.A.N.'s 40th Quarterly Networking Event to be held via Zoom on Thursday, June 17 at 6:15PM. In conjunction, on June 17, we welcome our new and returning alumni board members.

Anthony Enea, Esq., Partner, and Lauren Enea, Esq., Associate, Scanlan & Sirignano, LLP held a CLE this week: CLE: Major Changes to New York's Statutory Short Form Power of Attorney. You can watch it [here](#).

Carrie Nolting Morrissey '84 began a new job as General Counsel to the Marine Corps Systems market segment at Sikorsky Aircraft.

Charles DeStefano '86 was most recently appointed by the Chief Judge of the Appellate Division, Second Department, Honorable William J. Mastro, to the Committee on Character and Fitness. He is also President of the Staten Island Trial Lawyers Association for the years 2020 and 2021. Further, he is Law Chairman of the Democratic Party of Richmond County and Chair of the Committee on Judicial Screening, a recipient of the 2020 Humanitarian Award for the Wagner College Holocaust Center, a board member for Integrated Community Facilities, a board member of La Colmena, a board member and legal advisor to the Tibetan Museum of Art, and Chairman of the NYC Mayor's Committee for City Marshal.

David Karas '88 was appointed as Hitachi's first Chief Compliance Officer.

Lance Johnson '96 is Vice President, Spectrum Strategy & Gov't Affairs of Anterix, Inc. He noted that the company is making great strides in providing broadband spectrum for utilities to deploy modern communications networks for grid operations and they expect to receive their first low band 900 MHz broadband licenses from the FCC later this year.

J. Justin Woods '16/17 of The Law Offices of J. Justin Woods PLLC has opened a second office in Ithaca, NY.