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Message From Dean Horace Anderson*

The below message was emailed to students on Tuesday, November 10, 2020



It has been a week since Election Day, and I wanted to reach out to you to talk about what this election means to us as lawyers. Regardless of our party affiliation or candidate preference, we should take a moment to recognize the special nature of the American election process, and the paramount goal that our elections be free and fair, whether or not “our side” wins. Our patchwork quilt of state-run elections has delivered a result that should be carefully vetted but ultimately given the measure of authority we confer upon it as citizens of this democracy. It is the closest thing we have to the collective voice of our nation.

As attorneys, we hold dear the rule of law, and the rule of law requires us to nurture and respect that collective voice. Certainly, we must count all legitimate ballots and hear all valid claims of error or misconduct related to this process. In the end, the many court challenges and the responses to them should only make us more confident that our legal system works and our election system is ultimately effective. We may feel in time that our voting system should be altered or overhauled; there is a legitimate political process for this as well.

This adjudication of our election will take time, and there will be many who will express impatience with it. Yet we as lawyers recognize that as a civilized nation, we resolve our most important disputes in the courts. The centrality of our legal system to our society is what has motivated many of us to become lawyers. And we of all people should adhere to the result, respecting the peaceful transfer of power from one administration to the next, as we have done for more than two centuries. I urge you to keep an eye on the attorneys; they will be intimately involved in how the transition to the next administration is accomplished. As leaders and as officers of the court, lawyers have a responsibility to our democracy that transcends party or politics. Let us proudly bear that responsibility.

Faculty, Staff, & School News

Jill Backer, Assistant Dean for Career and Professional Development, joins a preLaw Magazine video panel discussion on *The Pandemic's Impact on Legal Employment*. Click [here](#).

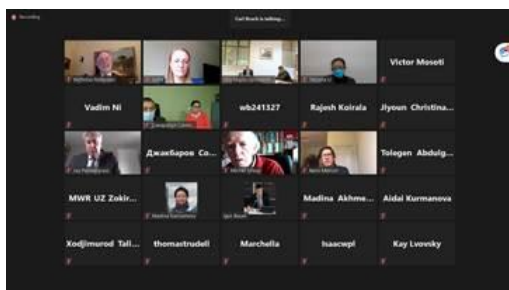
Professor Emeritus Jay Carlisle will present at the NYC Bar CLE Bridge the Gap in January. He will present the *NY CPLR Update*. Professor Carlisle is a Commissioner with the New York State Law Revision Commission. The Commission put forth a proposal urging the Governor to sign S.52-A which amends the civil rights law and the civil practice law and rules to broaden New York's rules regarding S.L.A.P.P. law suits. Governor Cuomo signed on, effective immediately. This is a victory for the NYS Law Revision Commission. Professor Carlisle has been a commissioner with the NYS Law Revision Commission for over eleven years. Professor Carlisle notes that, "the NYS Law Revision Commission was established in 1932 as a result of Judge Cardozo and it is the longest lasting commission in the world. We recommend legislation to be passed in NYS and have done so for the Uniform Commercial Code and several other significant acts which have benefited the people of NYS. There are five commissioners, by statute, and two must be law professors. I have been one since March 30, 2009 by appointment of Governor Patterson and served since 2012 under Governor Andrew Cuomo." The Commission is non-political and do not support or oppose proposed legislation on political grounds.

Professor Emeritus Jim Fishman will present at the NYC Bar CLE Bridge the Gap in January. He will present the *Introduction to Non-Profit Organizations Law*.

Four Haub Law faculty members and eight alumni were among those tapped by Westchester County District Attorney-elect Mimi Rocah for her transition team as she prepares to assume office. Read more [here](#).

Professor Bennett Gershman was featured by News12 in: *Legal maneuverings by president are dangerous*. Read more [here](#). He was also featured by News12 for 'We need evidence.' *Pace University professor weighs in on President Trump's legal challenges in several states* – read [here](#). Professor Gershman was interviewed by BBC Mundo, the Spanish language news website of the BBC on the likelihood of President Trump facing criminal charges – read [here](#).

Professor Smita Narula presented at and took part in a convening of human rights lawyers, scholars and advocates to discuss legal strategies to realize the rights to food, health and housing in the United States. The meeting was convened by the Cardozo Law Institute in Holocaust and Human Rights and the Miami School of Law Human Rights Clinic.



On November 5 and 12, 2020, **Professor Nicholas Robinson** lectured and participated on a panel of experts convened by the World Bank and the Environmental Law Institute to advise Uzbekistan's

parliament and environmental ministries regarding provisions for that Eurasian nation's new draft Environmental Code. He was joined on the panel by Prof. Michel Prieur of France, Dr. Vadim Ni of Kazakhstan, and Marianna Bolshakova of the UN Economic Commission for Europe. Here is a slide shot of some of the participants. This Code will be the first modern code for the environment since the end of the USSR in Uzbekistan, a major step forward. It will build the basis for the green economy in Uzbekistan.

Haub Law Adjunct Professor Danielle Shalov authored an article for the Westchester County Bar Association magazine about the renaming of the Representation in Mediation Clinic in honor of Amelia A. Gould. Read [here](#).

In her latest podcast of *Law to Fact*, **Professor Leslie Garfield Tenzer** spoke about Tax Law and Social Justice with Professor Francine J. Lipman, the William Boyd Professor of Law at William Boyd Law School at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Listen [here](#).

The Admissions team invited Haub Law faculty members and student leaders to record video introductions for prospective and admitted students. These engaging welcome messages add yet another component to our robust virtual programming, through which we have continued to foster meaningful interaction during the pandemic. Explore the virtual programming page [here](#)!

The Land Use Law Center will hold the 19th annual Alfred B. DeBello Land Use and Sustainable Development Conference virtually on December 7 - 10, 2020. The conference theme is *Making Progress in an Altered Landscape*. At the Conference, Richard Rothstein will talk about his book **The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America** and **Dean Horace Anderson** will be introducing him. For additional information on the conference, schedule, speakers, and to register please go to the [2020 conference page](#).

Alumni

Harry Buck '79, CEO, Legal Outsourcing 2.0, will moderate the Webinar, ACEDS (Association of Certified E-Discovery Specialists) NY Metro Chapter: AI Series: The Process of Innovation in the Legal Tech Space - 11/25, 1:00 - 2:00 pm ET – click [here](#).

Adam Weiss '13 was selected to the New York Metro Super Lawyers Rising Stars List. He is an attorney with Lever & Ecker, PLLC.

Jeffrey Deskovic's '19 article *Truth and Justice – The Innocent Prisoner's Dilemma*, was featured in a special *Looking Back* section on The Davis Vanguard – read [here](#).