The Pace Law Advocacy Program Presents

GAVEL GALA

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7:00 PM - 12:00 AM
SURF CLUB ON THE SOUND
COCKTAIL HOUR

WELCOMING REMARKS  
*Louis V. Fasulo*

SPECIAL THANKS & CHAMPAGNE TOAST

DINNER SERVICE BEGINS

OPENING WORDS  
*Dean Horace Anderson*

UNSUNG HERO AWARD  
*Judge Delores Brathwaite*

LORETTA MUSIAL SERVICE AWARDS

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

PUBLIC & GOVERNMENT SECTOR RISING STARS

PRIVATE SECTOR RISING STARS

BOARD RECOGNITIONS AND REMARKS

ALEX GASTMAN COACH'S AWARDS

DESSERT SERVICE BEGINS
HONOREES

SPECIAL RECOGNITION
The Honorable Delores Brathwaite
Antonio Soares

THE LORETTA MUSIAL SERVICE AWARD
Jared J. Hatcliffe, Esq.
Jordan Montoya, Esq.

PUBLIC & GOVERNMENT SECTOR RISING STARS
Vittoria Fiorenza, Esq.
Brad Gorson, Esq.
Aharon Diaz, Esq.
Catherine Gonzalez, Esq.
MAJ. Matthew A. Pellegrine, Esq.
Danielle Reddan, Esq.

PRIVATE SECTOR RISING STARS
John Astarita, Esq.
Jonathan Engel, Esq.
Kristin Carroll, Esq.
Kenneth Calvey, Esq.
Cassidy Crough, Esq.
Arthur J. Muller III, Esq.

THE ALEX GASTMAN COACH'S AWARD
Jennifer Arlin, Esq.
Betty Lawrence Lewis, Esq.
Linda Maria Wayner, Esq.
Arthur J. Muller III, Esq.
Pernell Telfort, Esq.
ANTONIO SOARES
Mr. Soares is the Senior Manager for Academic Technology at Pace University. Prior to his current position, Mr. Soares had been the Manager of the Educational Media Office and oversaw the operations of the Law ITS office. Mr. Soares spent 27 of his 31 years working for the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University. He has helped countless students, faculty, and staff during his time at Pace and has contributed generously to the Advocacy Program by overseeing the program’s technological needs during COVID and our virtual competitions.

THE LORETTA MUSIAL SERVICE AWARD

JARED J. HATCLIFFE, ESQ.
Professor Hatcliffe holds the title of Senior Trial Counsel at the New York City Law Department. He has taught at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University as well as coached mock trial teams with Pace's Advocacy Program since 2018, recently placing as quarterfinalists. He is a moderator and instructor for the N.Y.C.L.D.'s Tort Division's in-house trial training program and has taught programs at the National Institute for Trial Advocacy for the past several years while giving Trial Advocacy lectures at Oxford University. Professor Hatcliffe co-created Advocate's Advantage, the Advocacy Program blog. He has authored *Trial Advocacy: The Art of Story Telling: Strategies for Winning a Trial in New York State Court* and co-authored *New York Criminal Procedure: An Analytical Approach to Statutory, Constitutional and Case Law for Criminal Justice Professionals, 3d Ed.*, Morse, Gorman and Hatcliffe.

JORDAN MONTOYA, ESQ.
Mr. Montoya is an Associate Counsel at the N.Y.C. Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice. Previously, Mr. Montoya served as an Assistant District Attorney in the Bronx District Attorney's Office working in the Rikers Island Prosecution Bureau and in the Public Integrity Bureau. He also served as a Forensic Science Unit Liaison to the Investigations Division. Mr. Montoya graduated from Elisabeth Haub School of Law in 2017. While a student, he was a member of the Advocacy Executive Board, won First Place Nationally at the Puerto Rican Bar Association Moot Court Competition, finished Top 8 in Advanced Appellate Advocacy, and won Most Professional Team in the 2016 Lone Star Classic Trial Competition. Since 2018, Mr. Montoya has served as a coach for the Pace Advocacy Program.
VITTORIA FIORENZA, ESQ. | CLASS OF 2016
Vittoria Fiorenza graduated cum laude from Elisabeth Haub School of Law in 2016 with a concentration in Criminal Law. As a student, she competed in seven total mock trial competitions and moot court teams. Since 2016, she has served as an Assistant District Attorney in the Trial Division at the Bronx DA's Office. She has presented over one-hundred cases to the grand jury, and tried one of the first felony trials to proceed in New York City in the summer of 2021 when juries were first convened again post-COVID. Since 2017, Ms. Fiorenza has coached Pace students in various mock trial competitions, with her husband and fellow Pace alum, Kenneth Calvey.

CATHERINE GONZALEZ, ESQ. | CLASS OF 2015
Catherine M. Gonzalez is a Senior Staff Attorney and Policy Counsel at Brooklyn Defender Services (BDS) within the Padilla Unit in the Criminal Defense Practice. Ms. Gonzalez graduated from Elisabeth Haub school of Law in 2015. As a student, she served as Managing Editor of the Pace International Law Review, Co-Chair of the Moot Court Honor Board, and was a research assistant for the Advocacy Program. She participated in multiple mock trial and moot court competitions and received the Pace Law Latin American Law Student Association's Fuerza Award. Ms. Gonzalez is Vice President of the Brooklyn Women's Bar Association and, in 2021, received WBASNY’s Doris S. Hoffman Outstanding New Lawyer Award. She also serves on the Criminal Courts Committee of the New York City Bar Association. She is a "Know Your Rights" advocate, and has been invited to appear on Noticiero Univision and WPIX’s “Cafecito with Cristian.”

MAJ MATTHEW A. PELLEGRINE, ESQ. | CLASS OF 2014
MAJ Matthew Pellegrine currently serves as a Judge Advocate in the United States Air Force as Regional Environmental Counsel. He represents the Department of Defense and United States Air Force’s strategic interests before state and local legislatures as well as regulatory agencies in 18 states and the Pacific territories. MAJ Pellegrine previously served his country as a Military Prosecutor, Special Victims’ Counsel, Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, and Installation Judge Advocate. He has also served one tour overseas. MAJ Pellegrine graduated from the Elisabeth Haub School of Law in 2014. He was an active member of the Advocacy Program, participating and excelling in both moot court and trial advocacy competitions. Through his achievements, MAJ Pellegrine has been recognized as the Officer of the Year and has received numerous distinctions including both the Joint Service and Air Force Commendation Medals.
BRAD GORSON, ESQ. | CLASS OF 2013
Brad Gorson graduated from Elisabeth Haub School of Law in 2013. Mr. Gorson has served as the coach of the Pace Law American Bar Association National Appellate Advocacy Competition team since 2018 and as an assistant coach to Pace's International Criminal Court Moot Court team since 2019. As a student, Mr. Gorson was Chair of the Moot Court Board and was Captain of the Pace Law International Criminal Court team, placing first in the 2013 regional competition and arguing in the Netherlands. Mr. Gorson was also a member of the Thurgood Marshall Federal Bar Moot Court team. He has worked at the City of Yonkers Department of Law at the Yonkers Board of Education for the past six years, successfully arguing various appeals before the Appellate Division, Second Department. Mr. Gorson previously served in the City of Mount Vernon Department of Law.

AHARON DIAZ, ESQ. | CLASS OF 2012
Aharon Diaz graduated cum laude from Elisabeth Haub School of Law in 2012. Mr. Diaz has since served as a coach for the Pace Law team at the Peter James Johnson ’49 National Civil Rights Mock Trial Competitions and served as a board member of the Pace Law School Alumni Board. As a student, Mr. Diaz served as Treasurer of the Student Bar Association and twice competed in the Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial competitions. Since 2012, Mr. Diaz has served as an Assistant District Attorney in Queens County. Mr. Diaz started in a felony trial bureau where he successfully prosecuted cases from pre-indictment to conviction. He transitioned into the investigations division, serving in the Economic Crimes Bureau. Mr. Diaz has also served in the Appeals Bureau, where he has successfully argued various appeals before the Appellate Division, Second Department. Mr. Diaz currently serves in the Frauds Bureau.

DANIELLE REDDAN, ESQ. | CLASS OF 2011
Danielle Reddan graduated from Elisabeth Haub School of Law in 2011. Ms. Reddan has been a prosecutor at the Kings County District Attorney’s Office since 2012. Over the course of her career, she has indicted over 250 cases and tried over 18 cases to verdict. She was promoted to Senior Trial Assistant in 2017. In 2018, she was promoted to Deputy Bureau Chief of Criminal Court, where she supervised a team of 12 ADAs. Most recently, she was promoted to Deputy Unit Chief of the Forensic Science and Cold Case Unit in 2020. She is a Liaison to the NYPD Laboratory and Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for the forensic testing of evidence in Brooklyn, NY. Additionally, she works in an advisory capacity to the trial assistants in the office, which consists of training ADAs alongside her Unit on various forensic disciplines (such as DNA and ballistics), and assisting in trial strategy and eliciting testimony from forensic expert witnesses in both Grand Jury presentations and trials.
ARTHUR J. MULLER III, ESQ. | CLASS OF 2015
Arthur J. Muller III is a 2015 magna cum laude graduate of the Elisabeth Haub School of Law. Mr. Muller is presently a Senior Associate at Trivella & Forte, LLP. He started his career focused on representation of unions and ERISA Trust Funds, including complex alter-ego litigation. His practice areas have since evolved into various commercial litigation fields. Since 2018, Mr. Muller has been selected as a Super Lawyers Rising Stars. In 2019, Mr. Muller was nominated to the House of Delegates for the New York State Bar Association. In 2021, he was elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Westchester County Bar Association and is the Co-Chair of the Membership Committee and Chair of the Mock Trial Committee. Mr. Muller has been a Trial Coach for the Trial Advocacy Department since 2016, coaching various competitions, with teams making quarter-final, semi-final, and national advancements, and winning multiple awards. Mr. Muller has lectured at the Advocacy Department’s bootcamps and has been a guest lecturer for the Trial Advocacy course.

JOHN ASTARITA, ESQ. | CLASS OF 2015
John Astarita graduated cum laude from the Elisabeth Haub School of Law in 2015. During his time at Pace, he was the Editor-in-Chief of the International Law Review, competed in multiple competitions, and was a student attorney in the Pace Investor Rights Clinic. After graduating, Mr. Astarita worked as an Assistant District Attorney at the Westchester County District Attorney’s Office for six years where he prosecuted and tried homicide and violent felony offenses. This past year, Mr. Astarita left the public sector to join FINRA, where he worked to evaluate broker-dealers to determine if they were in violation of securities laws. Recently, Mr. Astarita left FINRA to join Scotiabank where he is working with the D.O.J. appointed monitorship.

KRISTEN CARROLL, ESQ. | CLASS OF 2014
Kristen Carroll was recently named Partner at Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith, and has been a part of the appellate team general liability practice for almost four years. Ms. Carroll handles a variety of motions and appeals in state and federal court. Prior to her time at Lewis Brisbois, Ms. Carroll was an Assistant District Attorney at the Kings County District Attorney’s Office for three years in the Appeals Bureau. She graduated cum laude from the Elisabeth Haub School of Law in 2014 with an International Law Certificate. At Pace, Ms. Carroll was Editor-in-Chief of Pace International Law Review, Co-Chair of the Moot Court Honor Board, and Student Coordinator of CLARO Westchester. She competed on multiple international moot court teams and was also the recipient of the Adolf Homburger Humanitarian Award upon graduation.
CASSIDY CROUGH, ESQ. | CLASS OF 2012
Cassidy Crough graduated cum laude from the Elisabeth Haub School of Law in 2012. During her time at Pace she competed on mock trial and moot court teams. Ms. Crough has coached many mock trial teams at Pace since 2012, including the Stetson Pretrial Competition, the National Trial Competition, The Fordham Kelly Competition, and the Trials and Tribulations team. Ms. Crough started her career working as an Assistant District Attorney for the Bronx District Attorney’s office in 2012. She then worked as an Associate Legal Advisor for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security until August of 2021. Currently, Ms. Crough works as an Associate Attorney for the Law Office of Dennis R. Vetrano, Jr., LLC.

KENNETH CALVEY, ESQ. | CLASS OF 2013
Kenneth Calvey graduated from the Elisabeth Haub School of Law in 2013. During his time with Pace, he was an active member of the Pace Law Advocacy Program and competed in a number of mock trial competitions. Mr. Calvey started his career as an Assistant District Attorney for the Bronx County District Attorney’s Office. In 2017, Mr. Calvey practiced civil litigation defense with the law firms Traub Lieberman and Lester Schwab Katz and Dwyer. In 2018, he joined his current law firm, Portale Randazzo, LLP. He primarily practices criminal defense in both federal and state courts at the trial and appellate levels, as well as in the fields of healthcare compliance and defense of Section 1983 claims. Since 2017, Mr. Calvey has coached numerous mock trial teams along with his wife, Vittoria Fiorenza. Mr. Calvey has been recognized as a Super Lawyers Rising Star and in 2020 was named one of the National Trial Lawyers Top 40 Under 40 in the field of criminal defense.

JONATHAN ENGEL, ESQ. | CLASS OF 2009
Jonathan Engel graduated from the Elisabeth Haub School of Law in 2009, where he was an active member of Pace's Advocacy Program. He is currently a Managing Attorney at Finkelstein & Partners, LLP. Previously, he was a trial attorney at Finkelstein & Partners, LLP, where he handled trials throughout New York State. Mr. Engel is on the Orange County Bar Association's Board of Directors, and will begin serving on the Westchester County Bar Association's Board of Directors in May 2022. He has been recognized for his legal work by Super Lawyers and The National Trial Lawyers.
JENNIFER ARLIN, ESQ.
Professor Jennifer Arlin began her career as a litigation associate, and has since worked as a senior court attorney, motions law clerk, Sole Hart-Scott-Rodino associate, investor relations attorney, associate in the practice of criminal defense, and a professor. Professor Arlin is especially proud of her work as a professor at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law which holds a very special place in her heart. She began teaching Advanced Appellate Advocacy at the school in 2008. Over the years, she has taken on increasing responsibilities; teaching not only Appellate Advocacy, but also first-year Legal Skills, and oversaw guided research and writing projects with two students. She coached Pace’s National Moot Court team to its first-ever berth in the competition’s national rounds, reaching the top 16.

PERNELL TELFORT, ESQ.
Professor Pernell Telfort graduated from Howard University School of Law in 2006. Professor Telfort then began his legal career as a corporate litigation associate at a large international law firm. In 2010, he began working as a government attorney. First, as a prosecutor for the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia, then as an Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of New York representing city employees in allegations of federal civil rights violations, and more recently as an attorney representing the City of New York in Special Education case, which was preceded by a brief stint working as an associate at an insurance defense firm. Professor Telfort is also a college professor where he teaches Legal Research and Writing and Torts. He coaches law students in trial and appellate advocacy at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law. Additionally, Professor Telfort is a volunteer attorney with the Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program.

LINDA MARIA WAYNER, ESQ.
Professor Linda Wayner began her career at Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP in its litigation and arbitration group, and then served Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg as General Counsel for International Affairs for seven years. Professor Wayner has since worked as a diversity expert with organizations such as NYU School of Law, Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft, Lateral Link, and the New York City Bar Association. Professor Wayner has taught courses such as international arbitration, international business transactions, and corporations at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law for more than a decade, where she also coaches the Willem Vis Moot International Arbitration Team. Professor Wayner is a fierce advocate for diversity in the legal industry and is presently a partner at the Lepore Law Group in New York City.
BETTY LAWRENCE LEWIS, ESQ.
Professor Betty Lewis retired in 2016 from The New York City Law Department where she served as Borough Chief of The Bronx Tort Office for 21 years and as a trial attorney for the previous six years. She has been a staff attorney for the Legal Aid Society and the Center for Constitutional Rights. She is an Adjunct Associate Professor at NYC College of Technology, where she has taught paralegal trainees. She has also been a consistent faculty member of the NYC Law Department’s trial advocacy program. Professor Lewis has been the recipient of numerous awards for excellence. She has taught trial advocacy at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University since 2016, and she has coached the Pace team competing in the Constance Baker Motley competition each year since 2017, this year winning the regional competition.

ARTHUR J. MULLER III, ESQ.
Arthur J. Muller III is a 2015 magna cum laude graduate of the Elisabeth Haub School of Law. Mr. Muller is presently a Senior Associate at Trivella & Forte, LLP. Since 2018, Mr. Muller has been selected as a Super Lawyers® Rising Stars. In 2021, he was elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Westchester County Bar Association and is the Chair of the Mock Trial Committee. Mr. Muller has been a Trial Coach for the Trial Advocacy Department since 2016. In 2021, his American Association for Justice team was the Regional Champion and National Finalist, finishing second in the nation out of over 130 competing schools. The following Fall, his team also earned a regional advancement in the All-Star Bracket Challenge, eventually placing in the Top 4 in the nation out of 64 competition schools. Mr. Muller has lectured at the Advocacy Department’s bootcamps and has been a guest lecturer for the Trial Advocacy course.
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THE PACE LAW ADVOCACY PROGRAM

2020-2021

28  Mock Trial and Moot Court teams
124  Student Participants on Mock Trial & Moot Court Teams
22  of those students were Shadow Team Participants
26  Mock Trial & Moot Court coaches
22  of those coaches are Pace Alumni
61  Students participated in our Mock & Mid-Year Bootcamps
75  Students tried out for Mock Trial & Moot Court Teams
39  2L's participated in Advanced Appellate Advocacy
233  1L's participated in the Louis V. Fasulo 1L Moot Court Competition
94%  Bar passage rate of Executive Board Members
100%  Job Placement of Board Members

2021-2022

35  Mock Trial and Moot Court Teams
146  Student Participants on Mock Trial & Moot Court Teams
10  of those students were Shadow Team Participants
30  Mock Trial & Moot Court coaches
21  of those coaches are Pace Alumni
58  Students participated in our Mock & Mid-Year Bootcamps
57  Students tried out for Mock Trial & Moot Court Teams
47  2L's participated in Advanced Appellate Advocacy
273  1L's participated in the Louis V. Fasulo 1L Moot Court Competition
90%  Bar passage rate of Executive Board Members
100%  Job Placement of Board Members
COMPETITION AWARDS

2020-2021

Buffalo-Niagara Mock Trial Competition
QUARTERFINALISTS

Battle of the Experts Competition
BEST ADVOCATE AWARD

American Association for Justice Student Trial Advocacy Competition
REGIONAL CHAMPIONS & NATIONAL FINALISTS

American Association for Justice Student Trial Advocacy Competition
REGIONAL SEMIFINALISTS

Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot
TOP 10% IN THE WORLD

Estrella Trial Advocacy Competition
SEMIFINALISTS

Queens County District Attorney Mock Trial Competition
5TH OVERALL
BEST DIRECT EXAMINATION AWARD

Constance Baker Motley Mock Trial Competition
3RD PLACE REGIONALS
BEST CLOSING ARGUMENT
COMPETITION AWARDS

2021-2022

In Vino Veritas Golden Gate National Criminal Mock Trial Competition
QUARTERFINALISTS

All Star Bracket Challenge
TOP 4 IN REGION & NATIONAL SEMIFINALISTS
BEST ADVOCATE AWARD

King of the Hill National Trial Competition
DIVISION FINALISTS & OVERALL QUARTERFINALISTS
BEST CROSS EXAMINATION AWARD

Syracuse National Competition
BEST CLOSING ARGUMENT AWARD

Weschler First Amendment Moot Competition
OCTOFINALISTS

American Association for Justice Student Trial Advocacy Competition
REGIONAL CHAMPION & NATIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Constance Baker Motley Mock Trial Competition
REGIONAL CHAMPION

National Appellate Advocacy Competition
QUARTERFINALISTS

National Moot Court Competition
REGIONAL FINALISTS & NATIONAL OCTOFINALISTS

Transatlantic Negotiation Competition
AMERICAN BRACKET CHAMPION & FINALISTS
SPECIAL THANKS
TO ALL OUR COACHES

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Thank you to all of our coaches for all that you do. None of our Program’s success would be possible without all of your time, commitment, and contribution to the Program and our students. It is thanks to your leadership and guidance that our Trial Advocacy Program has been ranked in the top 15% in the country.