

2022 STRATEGIC PLAN PROGRESS REPORT
EVER UPWARD



Our Mission

To provide an extraordinary and innovative educational experience that embodies the fundamental values of the legal system and creates a bridge from scholarship and service to leadership and practice;

To offer a vibrant, diverse, and forward-thinking center of legal studies where students develop the knowledge, skills, and professional values to serve their clients and have successful careers advancing justice, building the economy, and serving the various needs of modern society; and

To serve as an incubator of ideas and actions to be emulated throughout New York City, the nation, and the world.

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL



“Without lawyers, we have no democracy. Creating real and enduring change is very hard— it won’t happen overnight, and you can work a lifetime trying to achieve it like so many of your professors have done. But courageous leadership, unbreakable integrity, genuine empathy, and an appreciation for the long game will allow you to win out in the end. It simply has to.”

—Dean Crowell in his 2022 Commencement address to the Classes of 2020, 2021, and 2022

Dear Colleagues,

Just after the publication of *Strategic Plan 2020: Ever Upward*, our world changed.

A series of national crises—a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic, a profound reckoning on racial injustice, and deep political division—began reshaping American society, including the legal profession and higher education. The impact of these past years will be felt for decades.

Over the past few years, I asked our community to contemplate how New York Law School could contribute to the recovery and renewal of our nation, state, and especially the city that has been our home and classroom for 130 years.

Implementing our 2020 five-year Strategic Plan to these ends enhances the work that our students, faculty, and staff are already doing to promote justice, equity, and the rule of law.

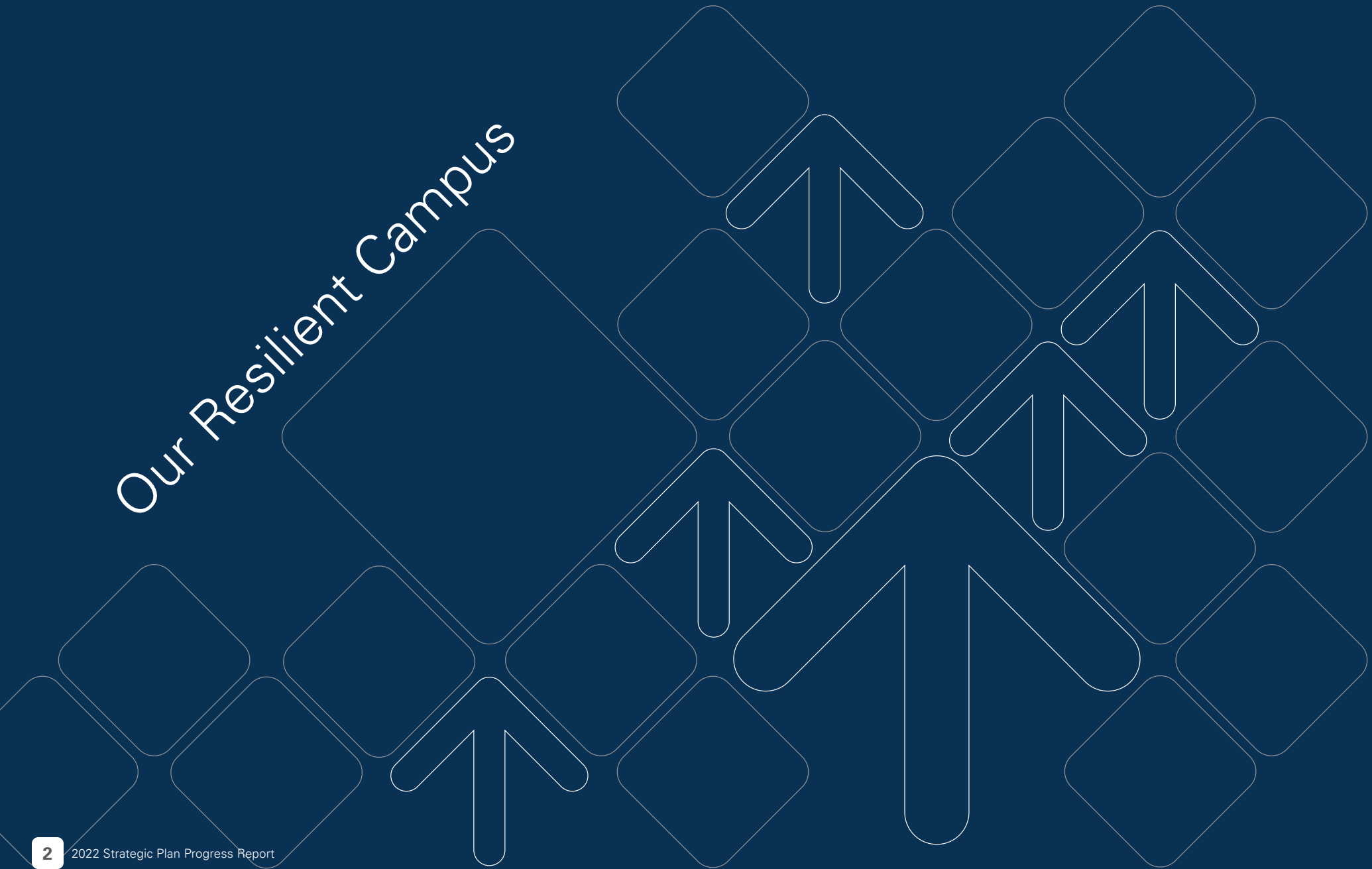
The key principles of our 2020 Plan remain as critical as ever, and this document reports on our delivery of educational excellence. It also frames a larger conversation and a call to action about how NYLS, its law students, and all lawyers can reinforce democratic values and reimagine our world.

So I say to our vast network of alumni, friends, and potential partners: If you are inspired by these efforts, please join us in any number of ways. This includes giving to our scholarships and academic programs, offering employment and mentorship to our students, and hosting scholarly conferences and other thought leadership opportunities with our faculty. This is a moment of unparalleled potential, in a world that needs lawyers prepared for today’s challenges and those ahead of us. Let’s seize it together.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony W. Crowell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'A'.

Anthony W. Crowell
Dean and President
Professor of Law

Our Resilient Campus





OUR PANDEMIC RESPONSE

In early March 2020, NYLS became one of the first New York City schools directly affected by COVID-19. The School closed briefly to address a student’s exposure to the virus at work. Days later, when it became clear that COVID-19 had begun to spread throughout the community, NYLS shifted its academic program entirely online. The School’s leadership team had been planning for this possibility since early February, monitoring evolving health data from Europe and the West Coast, and assessing our operating plans.

As NYLS worked with outside health advisors to develop pandemic-related policies and trainings—and later, to safely transition into a hybrid online and in-person format for the 2020–21 academic year—the 2020 Strategic Plan was a guiding force.

To guide NYLS’s actions, Dean Anthony W. Crowell defined a set of values, linked to the 2020 Plan, for the School’s pandemic response:

- Take all appropriate steps consistent with all government regulations and the best available medical advice to ensure the health, safety, and peace of mind of all community members and visitors to the School.
- Foster a warm, welcoming, supportive, engaging, collegial, and adaptable learning environment—both in person and online—with particular regard for the needs of first-year students, who will be new to our community and have no pre-existing relationships.

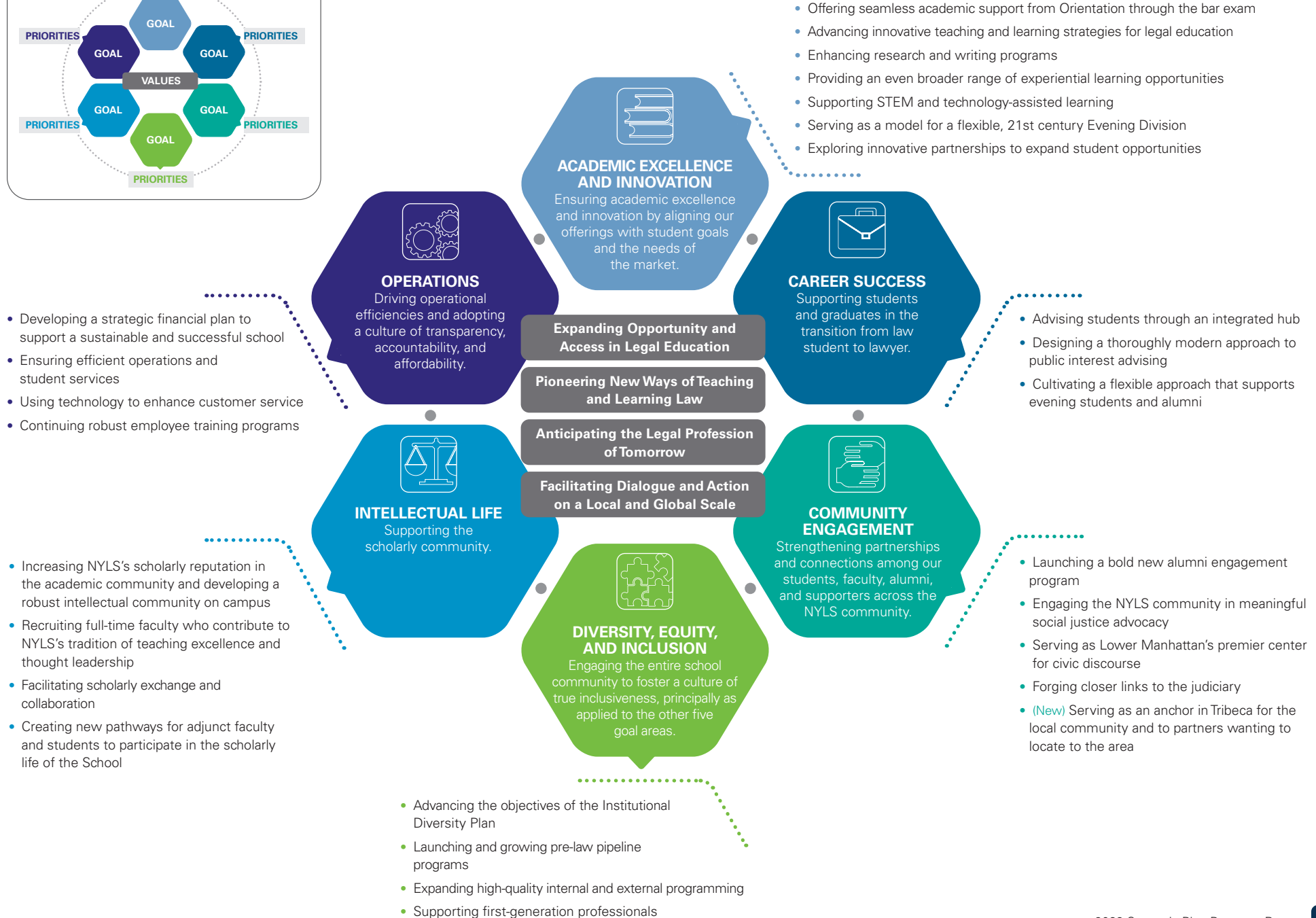
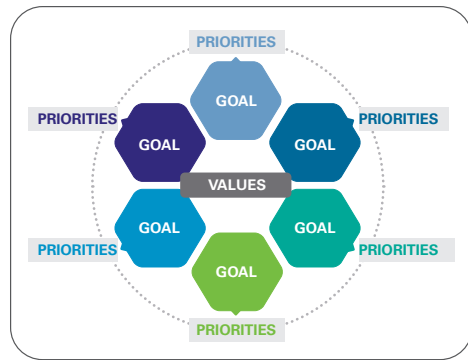
- Deliver excellence and opportunity, as always, to our students in every aspect of their academic program, academic and bar success, professional development, and the support services we provide them.
- Seize every appropriate opportunity to innovate in the above areas, in light of both our 2020 Strategic Plan to advance the institution and as dictated by the times in which we live.

In fall 2021, the NYLS community returned to campus, with most classes being delivered in-person and staff back in their offices to serve the School’s students. A deliberate process informed the extensive protocols put into place to ensure a safe and healthy on-campus experience. The School continues to adapt in real time refining its planning, guided by public health expertise, as new variants and other factors complicate the public health picture.

In addition to NYLS’s work as a leader in the national dialogue on the pandemic and its impacts, in the wake of the death of George Floyd and other police killings of Black Americans, the School reassessed how it could strengthen its already pioneering work to advance racial equity and justice while supporting a more inclusive and equitable legal profession and world. This report describes the work undertaken in all of the above areas. Much of it expanded throughout 2021 and early 2022.

Strategic Plan Progress and Outcomes

OUR FIVE-YEAR PLAN AT A GLANCE (From the 2020 Strategic Plan)





ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION



CAREER SUCCESS



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION



INTELLECTUAL LIFE



OPERATIONS



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION

Strategic Plan 2020 Priorities

Offering seamless academic support from Orientation through the bar exam

Advancing innovative teaching and learning strategies for legal education

Enhancing research and writing programs

Providing an even broader range of experiential learning opportunities

Supporting STEM and technology-assisted learning

Serving as a model for a flexible, 21st century Evening Division

Exploring innovative partnerships to expand student opportunities

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ABA/AALS Site Review: “Letter Perfect”

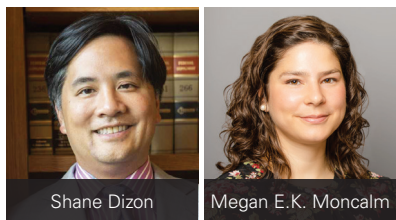
The **American Bar Association** (ABA) and **Association of American Law Schools** (AALS) conducted a site visit to NYLS in 2021. The process is now required every 10 years to ensure compliance with ABA standards for all accredited law schools. A team of deans, faculty, and administrators from other schools reviewed every aspect of the NYLS program of legal education and operations. Dean Crowell was pleased to advise the school community that the ABA report on NYLS was “letter perfect,” and found NYLS in full compliance with all standards. Building on the ABA’s report, the AALS confirmed NYLS’s status as a member of the learned society and specifically lauded NYLS “for prioritizing diversity, equity, and inclusion,” and said it “look(s) forward to the contributions (NYLS) will make to legal education and to society in the years to come.” The next review will occur in 2031.

Academic and Bar Success

- Expanded the Office of Academic and Bar Success Initiatives into the most fully staffed one of any in New York state, adding:
 - Individual Assistant Deans and Associate Directors for both Academic and Bar Success.
 - A new senior-level Associate Dean to oversee the entire office and direct institutional strategy.
- Against the challenging backdrop of COVID-19, deployed strategic resources and support, including both remote and on-campus programming, to maintain strong bar pass results during the remote bar exams and after they returned to their in-person format.
- Provided AdaptiBar, a best-in-class bar exam multiple choice software, to law students for usage in the first-year, upper-division, and introductory bar prep courses as well as a supplement to post-graduate bar study.
- Provided simulated exams, community programs, and guaranteed remote bar exam space to reacclimatize COVID-impacted students to large-scale bar testing.
- Expanded the use of diagnostics to assess retention of bar-tested topics and foundational legal issues.
- Launched an academic success companion course for first-year Day Division students that was heavily subscribed, with over half of first-year students enrolled in the program.
- Launched a seven-week academic support companion course for second-year evening students enrolled in Property.
- Added a two-part “Success in Evidence” workshop for upper-level students.
- Debuted new “Foundations for the Study of Law” and “Foundations for Pursuit of Professionalism” courses to help incoming 1L students begin their legal studies on a solid footing.
- Since early 2020, recent graduates Gabrielle Esposito ‘19 and Alexandra Simels ‘19 have helped lead a volunteer effort for NYLS to grow its Alumni Bar Mentoring Program, which has doubled in size since inception to 70 mentors and has ensured quality guidance from recent alumni to our takers.

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Academic and Bar Success Leadership



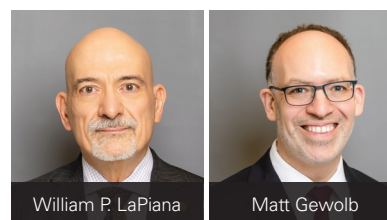
Shane Dizon, a nationally recognized expert in academic success and bar preparation, has joined NYLS as Interim Associate Dean for Academic and Bar Success. **Megan E.K. Montcalm** has been appointed to serve as Assistant Dean of Academic Success.

Cutting-Edge Teaching and Learning

- Hosted the virtual Biennial Empire State Legal Writing Conference attended by more than 200 faculty members; conference topics included best practices in pedagogy, techniques for enhancing racial inclusivity in the law school classroom, and innovations in online instruction.
- Led the 18th annual New York Academic Support Workshop for attendees nationwide.
- Through the School's Initiative for Excellence in Law Teaching, convened outside experts to discuss remote learning approaches such as hybrid classes, online quizzing and polling, and online assessments.
- Partnered with Teachers College at Columbia University to explore best practices for facilitating distance education in law school.
- Hosted dialogues with faculty and outside experts on creating a more inclusive classroom experience.
- With AccessLex Institute, organized a national phone conference for law school academic support educators to focus on the achievement of law students engaged in distance education.

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Strategic Leadership in NYLS Academic Program



In 2022, longtime NYLS leader **William LaPiana** was appointed Dean of Faculty, allowing him to bring greater focus to building faculty depth and strength and to continue shaping broad institutional policy with the Faculty Committees. NYLS General Counsel **Matt Gewolb** was appointed Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Institutional Strategy, taking on vital day-to-day management and strategy coordination of the Academic Program.

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Our New Institutes

The School's **James Tricarico Jr. Institute for the Business of Law and In-House Counsel** is providing best-in-class business, legal, and technology skills training. Made possible by a gift from alumnus **James Tricarico Jr. '77**, the Institute prepares law students and practitioners for the future of in-house counsel roles. It also seeks to advance racial diversity in these positions. Its initiatives include a "Mini M.B.A." intensive for practicing lawyers and students, a Tech Incubator and Startups Clinic, and a Tricarico Scholars program. Michael Pastor, former lead technology counsel for New York City government, was appointed Director of the Institute.

NYLS's **Ronald H. Filler Institute for Financial Services Law** is preparing aspiring and current financial services lawyers to navigate the complexities of a post-pandemic landscape. The Filler Institute is named in honor of distinguished Professor Emeritus **Ronald H. Filler**, a global leader in the financial services industry. It provides cutting-edge educational programming and speaker forums for students and practitioners that respond to emerging challenges in securities, derivatives, banking, and insurance laws and regulations. Professor Howard S. Meyers is the Inaugural Director.

Social and Racial Justice

CIVIL RIGHTS AND DISABILITY JUSTICE



NYLS's **Civil Rights and Disability Justice Clinic** draws from the expertise of new faculty member Britney Wilson, a civil rights and disability rights advocate. The clinic partners with community members, grassroots groups, and legal organizations to litigate cases and develop advocacy related to racial, economic, and criminal justice and education, housing, and voting rights. In addition, NYLS's long-established **Racial Justice Project** is continuing powerful impact litigation, legislative advocacy, and public programming focused on all aspects of the intersection of racial justice with the law.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM



Amidst growing attention to criminal justice reform, NYLS launched the **Criminal Justice Institute**. The Institute brings together sectors of the criminal justice system to find solutions that reduce both crime and incarceration. Led by faculty with expertise in prosecution and criminal defense, the Institute hosts lectures, panels, and workshops, providing a forum for pressing questions of criminal justice reform, such as mass incarceration, enforcement racial disparities, fiscal inefficiencies, prosecutorial ethics, prison conditions, police reform, and measures to help offenders resume productive lives. The Institute also offers students a chance to meet and work with practitioners, academics, government officials, and reformers whose work impacts this field.

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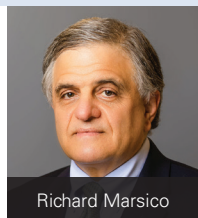


NYLS launched the **Education Law and Policy Institute** at a time of unprecedented learning loss for New York City schoolchildren. Through the Institute, NYLS students collaborate with civil rights organizations to increase access to broadband internet, connect students to special education services, implement trauma-informed approaches to teaching and discipline, work to end the school-to-prison pipeline, implement restorative justice, desegregate schools, and expand language access. The Institute also offers technical assistance and training to public school teachers and administrators in upholding students' rights, as well as "know-your-rights" workshops for students and their parents on special education, discipline, and juvenile justice.

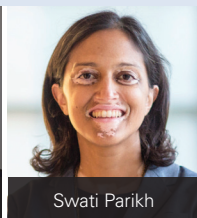
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



During a year of unprecedented change for youth and families, NYLS launched a clinic in partnership with The Legal Aid Society's Juvenile Rights Practice. Through the **Juvenile Rights Law Clinic**, students assist in representing children in Manhattan Family Court proceedings. The clinic's work includes custody, immigration, juvenile justice, and school suspension matters. In addition, NYLS offered a new **Family Law Clinic**, in partnership with LIFT (Legal Information for Families Today), in fall 2021. Students worked with New York City Family Court litigants who are otherwise proceeding pro se in custody/visitation, child support, domestic violence, and other matters.



Richard Marsico



Swati Parikh

Professor **Richard Marsico** leads the School's newly established Wilf Impact Center for Public Interest as Director. **Swati Parikh** was named Assistant Dean for Public Interest and Pro Bono Programs, Academic Planning and Career Development. She is also an Adjunct Professor and leads the Wilf Scholars Program.

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Mini-M.B.A.



The flagship program of the Tricarico Institute, NYLS held the inaugural session of the five-day, 1-credit program for 40 NYLS students in May 2021. Spearheaded by Associate Dean Jeff Becherer, with full-time and adjunct faculty leaders Professors Howard Meyers, Houman Shadab, Alan I. Appel '76, and Lawrence Montle

'13, the program featured leaders and alumni in business and government such as the current General Counsel for Edward Jones, the General Counsel to New York State's affordable housing agency, and the Chief Legal Officer of Pershing LLC, among other prominent leaders. Students were presented with a coherent framework of interrelated and interdependent concepts and subject matter, including accounting and finances, corporate culture, risk management and regulatory compliance, data privacy, and cybersecurity.

Research and Writing

- Convened the Upper-Level Writing Task Force in summer 2020 to set a vision for expanding writing opportunities and to better align writing opportunities with research and experiential learning opportunities throughout the curriculum.
- Published, with input from the full faculty, "The Lawyer's Writing Process"—a document for students that outlines key principles of strong legal writing.
- Reorganized 1-credit research course offerings to focus on key areas of growth: corporate/business law, criminal law, family law, intellectual property, practical skills, real estate, and skills for the digital world.
- Placed among the top 50 schools for legal writing in the 2022 *U.S. News & World Report* rankings.

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NYLS Selected to Publish *Family Law Quarterly*

The Family Law Section of the American Bar Association selected NYLS as its new academic partner to publish the ***Family Law Quarterly*** after a nationwide search. The journal adds to NYLS's profile as a leader in family law through its Diane Abbey Law Institute for Children and Families. The first student-edited issues of the *Family Law Quarterly* were published in spring 2021.

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Census and Redistricting Leadership



Since NYLS's **New York Census and Redistricting Institute** launched in fall 2019, led by Adjunct Professor and Senior Fellow **Jeffrey M. Wice**, it has provided educational programming—including a new NYLS course—and created tools and publications to help students and the public understand the 2020 Census and the subsequent redistricting process. The Institute now serves as a non-partisan redistricting resource center, advising the public, organizations, and government officials on best practices and strategies on federal, state, and local redistricting processes.

Experiential Learning

- Engaged over 700 students in 39 experiential learning courses.
- Established or expanded new clinic partnerships, such as the Criminal Defense Clinic's partnership with the nonprofit Good Call to support low-income New Yorkers pre-arraignment, and the Post-Conviction Innocence Clinic's work with the Suffolk County District Attorney's Conviction Integrity Bureau.
- Offered new family law simulation courses and expanded simulation course offerings related to trial advocacy, negotiation, and mediation in response to growing demand.

- Announced the new NYLS Washington, D.C. Honors Externship, led by Associate Dean Matt Gewolb. The program provides law students in their final academic year with an unparalleled opportunity to gain full-time practical lawyering experience in and around the federal government through a full-time placement and seminar in the nation's capital.

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Building a Simulated BigLaw Experience

In May 2020, NYLS and Am Law 100 firm Venable LLP teamed up to build a first-of-its-kind “virtual law firm.” Through the eight-week **Venable-NYLS Summer Associate Simulation Program**, NYLS students whose summer employment was disrupted by the pandemic got the chance to work on pressing legal matters related to COVID-19. Projects were rooted in real legal issues faced by Venable and its clients due to COVID-19. Attorneys from Venable, including partner **Michael J. Volpe '90** and other senior lawyers, provided training and mentorship. Led by Professor **Howard Meyers**, students (the “summer associates”) met weekly for classes, participated in “staff meetings” with partners and senior associates, and created real-world deliverables. Students also took part in weekly leadership development workshops. Those who completed the program earned academic credit, and their program tuition and fees were fully covered by generous alumni sponsors. The program continued during summers 2021 and 2022.

“We viewed this as an opportunity to teach them to be ready to join the front lines in the COVID-19 response as lawyers.”

–Dean Anthony W. Crowell in *Bloomberg Law*

SHAPING THE CONVERSATION

- “Venable to host New York Law School students in credited summer program” –*Reuters*
- “Venable and NY Law School Craft COVID-19 Summer Course” –*Law 360*
- “Venable, New York Law School Offer Virtual Summer Firm Program” –*Bloomberg*

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Leaders in Experiential Learning



Kim Hawkins



Anna G. Cominsky '05

In 2020, NYLS created two new faculty leadership roles in experiential learning—the inaugural Stephen J. Ellmann Dean of Clinical and Experiential Learning and the Managing Attorney of NYLS

Legal Services, Inc. The School appointed two highly experienced faculty members, Professor **Kim Hawkins** and Professor **Anna G. Cominsky '05**, respectively, into these roles.

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Advocacy at The Plumeri Center



Joe Plumeri

Through NYLS's **Joe Plumeri Center for Social Justice and Economic Opportunity**, clinic students advocated for low-income individuals, immigrants, and others adversely affected by the pandemic.

- Students in the Asylum Clinic worked with clients from Angola, El Salvador, Ghana, and Turkmenistan to adapt not only to the difficulties of a pandemic, but also to changing immigration policies and landscapes.
- Students in the Education Law Field Placement helped ensure that vulnerable students in the New York City school system had access to remote education.
- Students in the Housing Rights Clinic protected tenants at risk of eviction in the midst of the pandemic.
- Securities Arbitration Clinic students participated in the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's (SEC) Virtual Investor Advocacy Clinic Summit. At the Summit, students met with high-level SEC officials and policymakers to discuss combatting retail fraud and protecting individual investors.
- Students in the Veterans Justice Field Placement drafted a public comment to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to urge greater protection of veterans' benefits. Several students in the course are veterans themselves.

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Policing

NYLS's **21st Century Policing Project (P21)** boldly advances the racial justice and police reform demanded by, and needed in, all communities. The Project develops strategies with law enforcement departments and municipalities around the country to implement reforms and to improve the relationship between police departments and the diverse communities they serve. Its activities include legal and policy advocacy, thought leadership, comparative analyses of different policing and Civilian Complaint Review Board models, on-site assistance to local jurisdictions, and robust engagement in the American Bar Association's Legal Education Police Practices Consortium. P21 student fellows support this work. The initiative also includes a new course: Policing the Police. P21 is led by a Professor Kirk D. Burkhalter '04 who is a retired Detective, First Grade with 20 years of experience in the NYPD, making the program unique among academic programs on policing.



"Activists and politicians have called for changes in how our police departments are funded and managed, but just as essential is throwing out the book on police training and replacing it with a robust system of modern education."

—Professor Kirk D. Burkhalter '04, Director of P21, in a *USA Today* op-ed

STEM and Technology

- Through the Innovation Center for Law and Technology, hosted LegalTech Demo Days, at which students showcased legaltech apps they had built using visual software development tools, including for intellectual property registration, supply chain, compliance, and other functions.
- Through the Innovation Center, hosted a HackNYLS 2020 competition. Students built software applications to address corporate legal operations challenges.

- Hosted major legal technology events, including the Inspire.Legal™ conference and the annual meeting of the Sedona Conference's Working Group 6. These events, which coincided with Legal Week 2020, brought top legal tech professionals to campus.
- Joined the International Legal Technology Association, the premier association for legal technologists.
- Currently developing a Tech Incubator and Startups Clinic in which students will build technology solutions and software applications for corporate counsel and law firms and provide legal assistance to tech startups under expert guidance.

Evening Division

- Through the Evening Division Task Force, continued progress on a first-of-its-kind, multi-year study, funded with a grant from AccessLex Institute, to support evening students' success; the data were used to develop the new NYLS Pro.

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In 2022, NYLS introduced **NYLS Pro**, a bold, new vision that reimagines our evening program to make it more accessible, flexible, and affordable. NYLS Pro is tailored to the specific needs of 21st century professionals who balance work, home, and school—which means more avenues to law degrees for New Yorkers and beyond. The program offers more support and flexibility to accommodate evening students' busy schedules, while ensuring that they continue to receive a high-quality, rigorous academic experience.



CAREER SUCCESS

Strategic Plan 2020 Priorities

Advising the students through an integrated hub

Designing a thoroughly modern approach to public interest advising

Cultivating a flexible approach that supports evening students and alumni

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Welcoming a New Dean

Appointed **Erin Bond '08** as Associate Dean for Academic Planning and Career Development, a longtime senior NYLS executive and the first alumna to hold the position.

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Helping Graduates Find Success With the LEAD Program

In February 2021, NYLS debuted LEAD—the Leadership Excellence and Attorney Development Program—in response to the challenges young professionals face in a job market impacted by COVID-19. Through LEAD, experienced alumni and the School partnered to give Class of 2020 graduates extra support as they launched their careers during a challenging time. Experienced private-sector alumni joined LEAD by hiring a 2020 graduate (subject to certain salary and other requirements). In turn, they received access to exclusive networking programs hosted by NYLS, including seminars, CLEs, and workshops. They also benefited from developing their mentoring skills and supporting the School's newest graduates.

Initiatives

- Transitioned integrated academic and career services to remote format quickly and effectively.
- Supported evening students' career development through new and specialized virtual advising, including extended hours.
- Participated in major external career fairs held virtually.
- Offered Professional Development 101, a required course for all 1L students, to help students begin to build networking, résumé-writing, and other professional development skills.
- Responded to changed landscape of public interest jobs by offering remote advising and networking events.
- Continued relationships with the state and federal judiciary through the efforts of Hon. Marc Whiten '84, Special Advisor to the Dean and a retired New York State Judge.
- Issued a weekly career development e-newsletter, *The Inside Track*, promoting events, internships, jobs, career fairs, and resources.
- Issued a monthly e-newsletter, *The Diversity Digest*, sharing diversity-related academic and professional opportunities.

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NYLS Honored on Leading Lists

NYLS was named to *Billboard* magazine's "Leading Law Schools of the Top Music Lawyers" list. The list was based on the 10 most frequently cited alma maters of *Billboard*'s top music lawyer honorees. In addition, *Business Insider* listed NYLS among seven law schools with a surprising number of alumni in Big Law roles. The list was based on analysis of public employment records.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Strategic Plan 2020 Priorities

Launching a bold new alumni engagement program

Engaging students and the broader NYLS community in meaningful social justice advocacy

Serving as Lower Manhattan's premier center for civic discourse

Forging closer links to the judiciary

(New) Serving as an anchor in Tribeca for the local community and to partners wanting to locate to the area

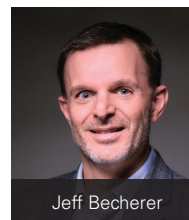
Recent Trustee and Alumni Engagement

- NYLS hosted the virtual 25th Annual Black Law Students Association Alumni Awards dinner. The event honored Benjamin DeCosta '75, Principal, DeCosta Consulting, LLC; Lydia Payne-Johnson '96, Director of IT Security, Identity Management, and Risk at George Washington University; and Johnny T. Vasser Jr. '11, Director, Labor Relations and Discipline at the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, NYLS Trustee, and NYLS Alumni Association President. The event raised substantial funds for scholarships.
- The School hosted a virtual celebration of Donors and Scholars, which honored student recipients of named scholarships and the generous donors of these transformational gifts.
- NYLS celebrated alumnae who lead local bar associations in honor of Women's History Month, highlighting how graduates of the School oversee the Brooklyn Women's Bar Association, Bronx Women's Bar Association, Staten Island Women's Bar Association, Columbian Lawyers Association, Dominican Bar Association, Haitian American Lawyers Association of New York, and numerous other local groups.
- NYLS hosted its virtual Alumni Celebration, a day of educational CLEs and networking events. CLE topics included "Prosecutorial Ethics in the Trump Administration" and "U.S. Supreme Court Year in Review and Year Ahead." The event benefited the School's bar success fund.

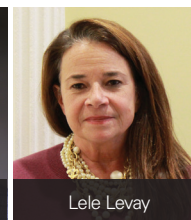
- After COVID-19 led to the cancelation of Gala 2020, NYLS held a virtual Gala. Generous members of the NYLS community rose to the challenge of supporting the School's Annual Fund virtually.
- Two recent graduates, Gabrielle Esposito '19 and Alexandra Simels '19, partnered with NYLS's Office of Academic and Bar Success Initiatives to launch the Mentoring Program for Graduate Students. The program pairs the NYLS graduating class with recent alumni to the soon-to-be graduates navigate academics, job search duties, and bar prep and admission.
- NYLS continued to highlight alumni career news and share campus events and opportunities with alumni in its monthly *Connections* newsletter.
- In feature stories and via social media highlights, NYLS regularly celebrated the professional accomplishments of alumni.

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Office of Institutional Advancement Leadership



Jeff Becherer



Lele Levay

Jeff Becherer was named Associate Dean and Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Chief Development Officer and **Lele Levay** joined the School as Assistant Dean of Development.

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Rising to the Challenge

During the most difficult stages of the pandemic, NYLS alumni and students shared their time, talents, and resources to benefit their local communities and the School. In its "**Rising to the Challenge**" series, the School highlighted their stories. The series featured a student working part-time as an emergency medical technician, a recent graduate who also practices emergency medicine at a city hospital, and an alumna who mobilized a large-scale effort to feed healthcare workers while supporting local restaurants. Find all of their stories at news.nyls.edu.

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Judge Judy Sheindlin Makes \$5 Million Legacy Gift to NYLS to Support Women in the Law



Photo credit: Michael Becker for IMDb TV

Television icon **Judge Judy Sheindlin '65** made a historic gift to NYLS to create substantial, new opportunities for women to attend law school and become leaders in the legal profession. Three generations of women from Judge Sheindlin's family have attended NYLS: her daughter Nicole Sheindlin '93, her granddaughter Sarah Rose, who graduated in spring 2022, and the Judge herself, who graduated in 1965.

The gift establishes the Judge Judy Sheindlin Honors Scholars Program and formalizes an enduring partnership with Her Honor Mentoring, one of the region's most prominent mentoring programs for young women founded and developed by Judge Sheindlin and Nicole Sheindlin in 2006. NYLS will host 10 women annually with excellent credentials and demonstrated financial need who will receive a full-tuition scholarship, book stipend, and a summer employment fellowship after their first year of law school.

Judge Judy Sheindlin '65 says: "New York Law School has evolved into a welcoming and nurturing institution since I graduated in 1965. It is a joy for me to be able to support talented women in their pursuit of a career in the law. Independent and focused women not only enrich the profession, but the world."

SHAPING THE CONVERSATION

- "Judge Judy donates \$5 million to put women through law school" –*Reuters*
- "Judge Judy Sheindlin Establishes NYLS Scholars Program for Women in Law" –*New York Law Journal*
- "Judge Judy Funds Full Scholarships for 10 Female Law Students at Her Alma Mater: 'A Joy for Me'" –*People Magazine*

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A Historic Gift to Train Public Interest Lawyers



Through the Wilf Family Foundations, distinguished alum and Trustee **Zygi Wilf '74**, Principal Owner of the Minnesota Vikings, has made a transformative \$5 million gift to NYLS. The historic gift names the School's **Wilf Impact Center for Public Interest Law** and dramatically expands its reach by establishing the **Wilf Impact Scholars Program**.

The Wilf Impact Scholars Program allows NYLS to recruit and retain an annual cohort of students who are diverse, talented, and committed to public interest careers. The gift provides for substantial renewable scholarships, summer fellowships, and postgraduate fellowships for 10 Wilf Scholars per entering class. The School seeks to award these prestigious designations to students from historically underrepresented groups.

Wilf Scholars work closely with faculty leaders on the front lines of today's most important civil rights challenges, including civil rights, immigration rights, racial justice, educational equity, housing rights, and access to justice for children and families. The Scholars engage in the new initiatives and in NYLS's longstanding public interest programs, including the Racial Justice Project and the Diane Abbey Law Institute for Children and Families. Scholars also have the opportunity to collaborate with external social justice organizations that operate on NYLS's campus.



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Organizing Standalone Graduate Schools

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STANDALONE GRADUATE SCHOOLS

Even before COVID-19, many independent graduate schools—those not affiliated with a university—confronted similar challenges related to their independent status. NYLS organized these institutions for the first time to serve as a collective voice before the federal government, a creator of model state legislation and/or regulation, and a foundry for innovative partnership strategies. The **National Association of Standalone Graduate Schools** launched with 11 inaugural members and has added more in the succeeding months. NYLS Dean and President Anthony W. Crowell is serving as the inaugural President of the Board and Associate Dean Matt Gewolb as the inaugural Executive Director.

“What we’ve realized is that legislators and policymakers within the agencies don’t necessarily understand the independent graduate schools the way they understand undergraduate universities. They know we are out there and we play a vital function, but ... it was clear there could be reform and refinement in terms of how we are provided for.”

– Dean Anthony W. Crowell in *The National Law Journal*

SHAPING THE CONVERSATION

- “National Association of Standalone Graduate Schools Launches” –*Inside Higher Ed*
- “‘Powerful, Collective Voice’: Independent Law Schools, Standalone Graduate Schools Team Up to Build Lobbying Muscle” –*The National Law Journal*

HIGHLIGHT

The C.V. Starr Center for International Law



The C.V. Starr Center for International Law is using online interactive platforms to offer virtual programming to a much broader audience, including participants from around the world. Guest speakers have included Anthony Dworkin, a London-based senior policy fellow at the European Council on

Foreign Relations; Nushin Sarkarati, Senior Staff Attorney at the Center for Justice & Accountability; Reinhold Gallmetzer, Appeals Counsel for the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court; Castro Wesamba, the Chief of Office of the United Nations Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect; Sameer Zuberi, a Canadian Member of Parliament; and Dr. Tilman Rodenhäuser, a Thematic Legal Advisor at the International Committee of the Red Cross. All of this is made possible by the generosity of The Starr Foundation and its Chairman, **Maurice R. (“Hank”) Greenberg ‘50**.

Student Engagement

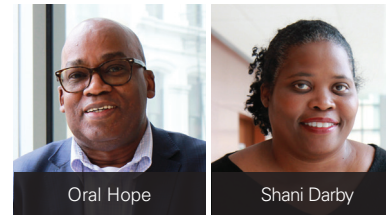
- The NYLS Animal Legal Defense Fund Student Chapter was selected as a “Student Chapter of the Year” in 2021, one of only four organizations selected nationally.
- In April 2021, NYLS’s Asian American Law Students Association partnered with the School on an event addressing the rise in hate crimes against the Asian American community, including in New York City. At the event, New York City Council Member Margaret Chin shared steps students and others could take to intervene or respond to hateful incidents.
- NYLS’s chapter of the Black Law Students Association won the 2019–20 “Chapter of the Year” award for the Northeast Region of the National Black Law Students Association and won the award again in 2021–22. The award honors chapters for outstanding community service, educational outreach, and minority retention activities.

- Throughout 2020, 2021, and 2022, students in NYLS’s Dean’s Leadership Council—student academic leaders who demonstrate exemplary performance in the first semester of their 1L year—took part in special events with leaders in government, law, and policy, including Kapil Longani, Counsel to Mayor Bill de Blasio, and candidates for mayor of New York City.
- NYLS’s Moot Court Association hosted the 45th and 46th Annual Robert F. Wagner Moot Court Competition in a virtual format. The competition is named for the distinguished U.S. Senator and judge, who graduated from NYLS in 1900. It is the premier national moot court competition in the area of labor and employment law. Forty teams of law students from around the country took part each year.
- Throughout 2020, 2021, and 2022, students in NYLS’s competition teams—the Moot Court Association, Dispute Resolution Team, and Trial Competition Team—performed well and won praise for their participation in an array of regional, national, and international student competitions, held virtually due to the pandemic.
- NYLS students worked remotely and in-person to publish Volumes 65 and 66 of the *New York Law School Law Review* and the first NYLS student-edited issues of the *Family Law Quarterly*. The latter publication is produced in partnership with the American Bar Association’s Family Law Section.
- NYLS’s Sports Law Society hosted a virtual symposium in April 2021 and a hybrid symposium in April 2022 focused on cutting-edge issues in sports law, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, gender equality, labor relations, and intellectual property. NYLS alumni in sports law were invited to be keynote speakers, including Marc Lasry ’84, Chairman, CEO, and Co-Founder of Avenue Capital Group, and Co-Owner of the Milwaukee Bucks; Emerson Moore ’99, Executive Vice-President and Chief People Officer of the Brooklyn Nets; and Samuel Porter ’09, Co-Managing Partner and Owner, Club Necaxa.
- Jessica Rouf 3L was named an Immigrant Justice Corp Fellow in March 2021, and Jaime Balbuena Hernandez 3L and Julia Miller 3L were named Fellows in March 2022. The prestigious two-year fellowship places recent law graduates in host organizations dedicated to supporting immigrants’ rights and representing those in need.
- Konstantine Tettonis 1L Evening was named a “rising star” in city politics by City & State New York magazine in October 2020. The list spotlights “unsung heroes who are influencing policies on a number of fronts, whether it’s the coronavirus pandemic, the recession, police brutality, or climate change.” Tettonis is a Senior Policy Analyst in New York University’s Office of Government Affairs by day.

- Kacia Wilson 2L was one of seven students nationwide featured in National Jurist’s “Law Students of the Year” in April 2021. She served as a front-line health care worker in addition to her legal studies at NYLS. In March 2020, Kayla Santosuosso 3L Evening was one of six students nationwide featured in “Law Students of the Year.” She serves as Deputy Chief of Staff to New York City Council Member Justin Brannan in Brooklyn.

HIGHLIGHT

Leaders in the Office of Student Life



Oral Hope has been appointed Dean of Students in addition to serving as Registrar. **Shani Darby** has been named Assistant Dean of Students.

We are deeply grateful to Dean of Students **Sally Harding** for her more than 30 years of leadership and contributions throughout her distinguished career at the School. Her accomplishments will be celebrated during NYLS’s 2023 Commencement.

HIGHLIGHT

Student-Led Conversations With Mayoral Candidates

The 2021 mayoral election was the most important in a generation. NYLS launched its **Law and Leadership Institute** programming series during this extraordinary moment of leadership transition. Throughout spring 2021, the School hosted a student-led series of discussions with top mayoral candidates, including Eric Adams, who was elected Mayor on November 2, 2021, on issues including leadership and management, affordable housing, education, technology, public policy, and managing change. The dialogues allowed student leaders to pose key policy questions to the candidates.

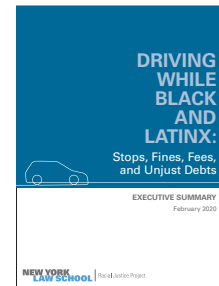
Social Justice Advocacy

- In June 2021, the JPB Foundation awarded NYLS a significant grant to support extending the right to counsel nationwide for tenants facing eviction. NYLS continues to lead local right-to-counsel efforts through its Housing Rights Clinic and Housing Justice Leadership Institute.
- During spring 2021, NYLS clinics held community education sessions with religious communities in New York City on small business issues, housing rights, and immigration rights. The sessions were in partnership with the Interfaith Center of New York.
- In April 2021, NYLS—in partnership with the McInerney Inn of Court and NYLS student organizations the Black Law Students Association, Criminal Law Society, and Federalist Society—hosted the CLE “Qualified Immunity and Police Officers: A Candid Discussion on the Doctrine’s Past, Present, and Future.” The panel discussion explored the current issues arising from the doctrine, including its effects on police accountability and community building.
- In October 2020, NYLS joined the American Bar Association and other law schools nationwide in a new five-year initiative to improve U.S. police practices and oversight. The Legal Education Police Practices Consortium is working to eliminate police tactics that are motivated by race or have a disparate impact based on race and to advance the widespread adoption of best practices in policing.
- In September 2020, NYLS’s Center for Real Estate Studies hosted a webinar on climate change’s impact on real estate as part of New York City Climate Week.
- In June 2020, NYLS’s Racial Justice Project hosted a CLE on COVID-19 and racial disparities with public health experts titled “COVID-19 Health Inequities: Diagnosing and Writing the Prescription.”
- In June 2020, three NYLS centers—the Center for New York City Law, the Center for Real Estate Studies, and the Impact Center for Public Interest Law partnered to host a virtual event on housing rights in the time of COVID. Nearly 1,000 people attended.
- Through NYLS’s Pro Se Legal Services Fellowship Fund, students helped pro se litigants, working with New York Legal Assistance Group’s (NYLAG’s) Legal Clinic for Pro Se Litigants. NYLAG’s clinic operates at the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, offering guidance and answering questions onsite.

- Since 2019, Professor Alvin Bragg, on behalf of NYLS’s Racial Justice Project, has represented the family of Eric Garner and police accountability advocates in a lawsuit against the City of New York seeking a judicial inquiry into Mr. Garner’s 2014 death. They obtained a unanimous ruling from the Supreme Court of New York State granting the judicial inquiry, which took place in October 2021.

HIGHLIGHT

An NYLS Report Leads to New Legislation



NYLS’s **Racial Justice Project** collaborated with the **Fines and Fees Justice Center**, one of the national nonprofits housed on campus, on a powerful research report. The report, published in February 2020, demonstrated that New Yorkers of color are disproportionately stopped, ticketed, arrested, charged, and convicted for traffic violations and driving on a suspended

license. The report helped lead to the passage of New York State legislation ending license suspensions for people unable to pay a traffic fine and allowing hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers to regain their driver’s licenses.

SHAPING THE CONVERSATION

- “New York Law School helps to end license suspensions that affects communities and people of color” –*National Jurist*
- “Advocates ramp up efforts to change how tickets are paid” –*POLITICO*
As lawmakers launch a new push to reform the way people pay traffic tickets, a new report by the Racial Justice Project at New York Law School shows that people of color are disproportionately likely to have their license suspended due to unpaid fines.

HIGHLIGHT

Supporting Tribeca



Tribeca, where NYLS's campus is located, is a vibrant Lower Manhattan neighborhood in the heart of New York City's finance, civic, legal, and growing tech centers. And yet Tribeca, like so many other parts of the country, has been impacted by the pandemic. To help, NYLS is leading a new recovery effort. This work began when Dean Anthony W. Crowell wrote an open letter to the Tribeca community. In it, he asked, "The question before us now is, how do we harness our neighborhood's collective strength and rebuild?" The School hosted a community meeting with more than 100 local business owners and residents. NYLS has convened a **Tribeca Pandemic Recovery Task Force** to support neighbors, workers, and business owners. Students will be engaged in the recovery effort through the School's Neighborhood Legal Fellows Externship Program.

SHAPING THE CONVERSATION

- "New York Law School will convene task force for neighborhood recovery" –*Tribeca Citizen*

Civic Discourse and the Judiciary

- NYLS's 25-year-old Center for New York City Law continued its popular CityLaw Breakfast series, adapting the series for the virtual environment.
- NYLS has two alumni who will serve in the New York City Council beginning January 1, 2022 after councilmember Kalman Yeger '11 won reelection and Tiffany Caban '12 was elected on November 2, 2021.
- The Center for New York City Law also held CLEs focused on ethics and property tax issues.
- Through the CityLaw series and other events for students and the public, NYLS hosted high-profile civic leaders, including the following:*)
 - Eric Adams, mayoral candidate and Brooklyn Borough President
 - Steven Banks, Commissioner, New York City Department of Social Services
 - Tiffany Caban '12, criminal justice reform advocate and candidate for New York City Council
 - Michael Arad, Chief Architect of the 9/11 Memorial
 - Richard Carranza, Chancellor, Department of Education
 - Margaret Chin, New York City Council Member
 - Annette Gordon-Reed, the Carl M. Loeb Professor at Harvard Law School and a former member of NYLS's faculty
 - James E. Johnson, New York City Corporation Counsel
 - Hank Gutman, Commissioner, New York City Department of Transportation
 - John B. King Jr., 10th U.S. Secretary of Education
 - Brad Lander, New York City Council Member
 - Kapil Longani, Counsel to Mayor Bill de Blasio
 - Carolyn Maloney, U.S. Representative (D-NY)
 - Richard Ravitch, Former New York State Lieutenant Governor
 - Janet Sabel, Attorney-in-Chief and CEO of The Legal Aid Society
 - Polly Trottenberg, Commissioner, New York City Department of Transportation
 - Kathryn Wylde, President and CEO of the Partnership for New York City

*Titles reflect leadership positions at the time they spoke at the event.

HIGHLIGHT

NYLS Faculty Serve on City Transition Teams

NYLS leaders served in key roles on the transitions of the incoming Mayor, Comptroller, Manhattan District Attorney, and Manhattan Borough President. Dean and President **Anthony W. Crowell** served as a senior advisor to Mayor Eric Adams's Transition, and co-led the Appointments Committee responsible for identifying candidates for the highest-level appointments in the new Administration. Professor **Michael Pastor** served on the Adams Technology Committee. Associate Dean and General Counsel **Matt Gewolb** served on the transition committees of Comptroller Brad Lander and Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine. NYLS Professor **Alvin Bragg** was elected as Manhattan D.A. in November 2021 and NYLS professors **Susan Abraham**, **Adele Bernhard**, **Kirk D. Burkhalter '04**, **Michael Pastor**, and **Rebecca Roiphe** served on the Bragg Transition Team.

HIGHLIGHT

NYLS Honors Letitia James



New York Attorney General **Letitia James** gave the keynote address for NYLS's 2021 virtual Commencement ceremony. James is the first woman of color to hold statewide office in New York and the first woman to be elected Attorney General. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she has protected New Yorkers from fraud and predatory practices, helped New Yorkers stay in their homes through foreclosure relief assistance, and established a program to provide free legal assistance for tenants facing eviction throughout the entire state.

HIGHLIGHT

A Historic Win for an NYLS Professor



Visiting Professor **Alvin Bragg**, Co-Director of the Racial Justice Project, was elected as the next Manhattan District Attorney on November 2, 2021. He made history as the first African American Manhattan District Attorney and took office on January 1, 2022. He will continue to be part of the NYLS community as a Distinguished Adjunct Professor.

HIGHLIGHT

Alumnus Appointed to State's Highest Court



Hon. Anthony Cannataro '96 was confirmed and now serves as an Associate Judge and the fourth alumnus to serve on the New York State Court of Appeals, the State's highest court. He is only the second openly LGBTQ+ judge in the Court's over 170-year history. In August 2022, he was named Acting Chief Judge.

HIGHLIGHT

Training Court Staff to Act as Mediators

New York Chief Judge Janet DiFiore has required that all courts in all districts of the New York State Unified Court System initiate a "Presumptive ADR" (alternative dispute resolution) procedure, by which thousands of filed claims are directed to mandatory mediation and other forms of ADR. To assist, NYLS helped train court staff to act as mediators. And in anticipation of the sweeping need for court-approved private mediators, the School has created and offered an initial mediation training that satisfies these requirements and provides 24 CLE credits.

NYLS Celebrates 2022 Graduation in Person

For the first time since 2019, New York Law School graduates convened in person for the 130th Commencement Exercises. The NYLS community honored the Classes of 2020, 2021, and 2022 at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn on May 26, 2022. Two speakers from each graduating class— **Jasmine Bridges '20** and **Kevon Weekes '20 Evening**; **Maraya Aboly-Brown '21** and **Omar Rafiq '21 Evening**; and **John Paul Dominguez '22 Evening** and **Emily Gibbons '22**—gave inspiring remarks to the community, reflecting on their time as law students and the endless possibilities that awaited the graduates in their future legal careers.

Beth Blauer '01, Associate Vice Provost for Public Innovation; Executive Director, Centers for Civic Impact, Johns Hopkins University, received the 2022 President's Medal for her innovative leadership in expanding the nation's understanding of the real-time impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. **Judge Judy Sheindlin '65** was presented with an honorary Doctor of Laws degree (LL.D.) by Board Chair **Arthur N. Abbey '59** and **Nicole Sheindlin '93**, the Judge's daughter, before she gave the keynote Commencement address to the graduating classes. Among the many life lessons that Judge Sheindlin offered, she encouraged students to: "Reach your potential—and remember it's your potential, not someone else's vision of your potential." Following the Commencement address, **Johnny T. Vasser Jr. '11**, President of the New York Law School Alumni Association, offered the graduates a warm welcome to the alumni community.





DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

Strategic Plan 2020 Priorities

Advancing the objectives of the Institutional Diversity Plan

Launching and growing pre-law pipeline programs

Expanding high-quality internal and external programming

Supporting first-generation professionals

Institutional Planning

- Engaged the School community to begin an update of NYLS's 2016 Institutional Diversity Plan so that it reflects the latest priorities of students, faculty, and staff, as well as the broader needs of a 21st century, multicultural society.
- Began discussion of the curriculum by the Faculty Diversity Committee to understand and evaluate how issues of race and racial injustice are incorporated into all subject areas and courses.
- Further developed the Race, Bias, and Advocacy course, a unique course co-taught by more than a dozen faculty members who represent a cross-section of expertise; faculty members who co-teach this course are planning to publish a collection of essays.
- Designated Juneteenth as a permanent school holiday and provided community resources for those who wished to dedicate the day to social justice action.

HIGHLIGHT

Integrating DEI Climate Survey Recommendations

During the 2020–21 academic year, NYLS undertook a climate assessment by an external diversity, equity, and inclusion consultant. The consultant surveyed the School community and met with numerous faculty members, staff members, and students. Feedback was positive and reinforced the importance of strong recruitment programs for students, staff, and faculty of color; expanding need-based scholarships, participation, and leadership of students of color in student-run academic journals; and programs on anti-racism and the history of race and racism in the development of American law and policy. These recommendations align with institutional priorities and will be incorporated into NYLS's updated Institutional Diversity Plan.

Diversifying the Profession

- Continued to build the Pre-Law Summer Program, a pipeline program that guides college juniors in learning about legal careers and the law school application process. The summer 2021 program included instruction by NYLS faculty and senior staff on topics related to legal analysis, legal writing, the LSAT, and professional development. The program culminated in a capstone project.
- Preparing to launch a second pipeline program for working professionals. This program will serve civil servants and other working adults, building on the School's previous partnerships with paralegal studies programs and government agencies.

Programming and Support

- Held trainings on cultural competency and religious literacy that were required for all 1L students in partnership with the Interfaith Center of New York (ICNY). These trainings used small group case-study discussions to explore the practical and ethical issues facing attorneys representing religiously diverse clients in a range of practice areas.
- Formed an anti-racism book club for faculty, staff, and students to explore issues of racial injustice through shared readings.
- Hosted faculty roundtable conversations on addressing race and bias in the classroom.
- Shared anti-racism books, articles, and films with the entire community and built an online repository for these materials.
- Hosted a religious diversity and pedagogy workshop for NYLS clinical faculty members, inviting faculty members to reflect on their experiences engaging with religious diversity in clinical legal education, and set the stage for community legal education programs.
- Conducted community legal education programs, led by NYLS clinic students and presented in partnership with diverse congregations and faith-based organizations, including “Starting Your Own Nonprofit Organization” in partnership with the Jewish Community Relations Council’s Center for Community Leadership; “Housing Law for Tenants” in partnership with First Corinthian Baptist Church; and “Immigrants Rights Legal Clinic” in partnership with the Sikh Coalition, United Madrassi Association, United Arya Samaj Federation, and others.
- Held a staff development workshop for the New York City Law Department on “Religious Diversity in the Workplace and the Law,” featuring a screening of ICNY’s religious diversity training video and presentations by diverse attorneys and community leaders.

HIGHLIGHT

Community Days at NYLS

NYLS’s August 2020 Student Orientation schedule included a new two-day program—**Community Days: Law in Context**. Community Days, tailored for the arriving 1L class but open to all current students, faculty, and staff, explored American law and the legal profession in relation to racism, racial justice, and cultural competency. The senior administration, along with numerous trustees, faculty, and distinguished alumni, shared their personal stories at the event. Community Days continued for upper-level students in spring 2021 and fall 2021 and remains a major feature of student orientation.

HIGHLIGHT

DEI Events for the Broader Law Community

NYLS organized numerous virtual trainings for attorneys that provided New York State CLE credit in Diversity, Inclusion, and Elimination of Bias. Events included the Sixth Annual Alternative Dispute Resolution and Diversity Symposium, with keynote speaker Hon. Edwina G. Mendelson, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Justice Initiatives.



Diane and Arthur Abbey '59, Board Chair, graciously sponsored NYLS’s groundbreaking partnership with the Interfaith Center of New York (ICNY). As part of that partnership, NYLS hosted the two-day Lawyering and Religious Diversity Symposium. The symposium, which featured a keynote dialogue with Hon. Robert A. Katzmann, focused on how attendees could work effectively with clients from New York City’s diverse faith communities in order to ensure equal access to justice for New Yorkers of all religious and secular backgrounds. The School hosted the second annual program in summer 2022, which honored Judge Katzmann who passed away in June 2021.

HIGHLIGHT

Dean Estrada Leads Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion



As Associate Dean and Vice President for Enrollment Management, Student Financial Services, and Institutional Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, **Ella Mae S. Estrada** directs the endeavors of the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Through her leadership, NYLS continues to host annual Council for

Legal Education Opportunities (CLEO) Achieving Success in the Application Process (ASAP) Weekend Seminars as well as the 2022 Tri-State Diversity Women's Law Symposium. The School also hosted the 2022 Tri State Diversity LGBTQIA+ Summit in June and the 15th Annual Meeting of Law School Diversity Professionals. Dean Estrada is frequently a panelist at various recruiting events to discuss diversity, equity, and inclusion, and she works closely with her team to recruit at underrepresented colleges across the country. She is also a member of the Board of Directors for the Tri-State Diversity Council as well as a member of the Law School Anti-Racists Consortium (LSARC) for New York/New Jersey and Co-Chair of the Admissions and Student Affairs Division.

HIGHLIGHT

Ford Foundation Awards Civil Rights and Disability Justice Clinic \$300,000 Grant

The Ford Foundation has awarded a generous grant to NYLS's **Civil Rights and Disability Justice Clinic**, led by Associate Professor of Law **Britney Wilson**, to support the clinic's critical advocacy, legal research, and outreach for disability and civil rights. The \$300,000 grant will aid the clinic's overall goal of bridging the gap in legal education and the civil rights bar by examining and addressing the relationship between disability and all aspects of social justice. Over the next three years, with the Ford Foundation's funding, the clinic will continue to train law students, practitioners, and policymakers to address systemic injustice through the lens of disability and civil rights. The clinic will also take on more impact litigation and advocacy, produce scholarship, and carry out recruitment efforts to both lawyers and students with disabilities.





Strategic Plan 2020 Priorities

Increasing NYLS's scholarly reputation in the academic community and developing a robust intellectual community on campus

Recruiting full-time faculty who contribute to NYLS's tradition of teaching excellence and thought leadership

Facilitating scholarly exchange and collaboration with outside scholars

Creating new pathways for adjunct faculty and students to participate in the scholarly life of the School

Books

- Dean and President **Anthony W. Crowell** co-authored *Beyond Imagination? The January 6 Insurrection* (West Academic Publishing, 2021).
- Professor **Doni Gewirtzman** authored *Omnibus Questions for Practice Perfect for Constitutional Law* (Aspen Publishing, forthcoming).
- Professor **Jeffrey Haas** authored the second edition of *Corporate Finance* (West Academic Publishing, 2020).
- Trustee Professor **Gerald Korngold** co-authored *Real Estate Transactions: Cases and Materials on Land Transfer, Development and Finance*, 7th Edition (Foundation Press, 2021) and *Statute, Form and Problem Supplement*, 7th Edition (Foundation Press, 2021).
- Assistant Professor **Molly Guptill Manning** co-authored *The Best-Read Army in the World* (The Grolier Club, 2020) and *Words Into War: How Soldiers Fought for their First Amendment Rights in World War II* (Blackstone Publishing, forthcoming).
- Associate Professor **Justin Murray** authored *Criminal Procedure: Adjudication* (ChartaCourse, 2021).
- Joseph Solomon Distinguished Professor Emeritus **Edward A. Purcell Jr.** authored *Antonin Scalia and American Constitutionalism: The Historical Significance of a Judicial Icon* (Oxford University Press, 2020), which won the NYLS Full-Time Faculty Writing Award for Books in 2021.
- Professor **Andrew Scherer** co-authored *Residential Landlord-Tenant Law in New York, 2019–20 Edition* (Thomson Reuters, 2020).
- Assistant Professor **Elizabeth Valentin** co-authored the 2019–20 edition of *Elder Law & Special Needs Planning/Will Drafting* in the New York Lawyers' Practical Skills Series (New York State Bar Association).

HIGHLIGHT

NYLS Collaborates to Address the Insurrection



On January 6, 2022—the one year anniversary of the attack on the U.S. Capitol—**Dean Anthony W. Crowell** and 13 fellow law deans released *Beyond Imagination?: The January 6 Insurrection*. The book addresses the events from a legal perspective, providing a roadmap to collective action and highlights “the roles of lawyers in promoting truth and respecting the rule of law are not only

valuable, but they are fundamental to the preservation of our democracy,” as Dean Crowell writes. Dean Mark C. Alexander of Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law designed and coordinated the book project. The book’s other co-authors include the law school deans from Penn State Dickinson Law, Rutgers University, St. Thomas School of Law (Minnesota), Stetson University, Suffolk University, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UCLA, University of Minnesota, University of Pennsylvania, University of Wisconsin, and Washburn University. On January 6, to mark the book’s launch, Dean Crowell co-moderated a featured “Meet the Author” panel with all co-authors for the 2022 AALS Annual Meeting.

SHAPING THE CONVERSATION

- “‘Without lawyers, we have no democracy,’ said Dean Anthony W. Crowell in Law deans offer up Jan. 6 lessons” –*Reuters*

HIGHLIGHT

Pedagogical Leadership

The events of the past two years contain valuable lessons for legal educators. Through its **Initiative for Excellence in Law Teaching**, NYLS has convened outside speakers and presenters from across the country to discuss legal pedagogy in the context of remote learning and creating inclusive learning environments. The School has also led key pedagogical discussions with faculty at Columbia Teachers College and other institutions.

Book Chapters and Supplements

- John Marshall Harlan II Professor **Penelope Andrews** authored the chapter “Will They Have Dancing? A Sketch of the Biography of Justice Ismail Mahomed” in *Law, Morality and Justice: Essays in Honour Of Chief Justice Ismail Mahomed* (Juta and Company, 2020).
- Distinguished Chair in Immigration and Human Rights Law Professor **Lenni B. Benson** authored *Immigration and Nationality Law*, 2nd Edition (Carolina Academic Press, 2020).
- Professor **Richard Chused** authored the chapter “Commentary on Gruen v. Gruen” in *Feminist Judgements: Rewritten Property Opinions* (Cambridge University Press, 2021).
- Trustee Professor **Gerald Korngold** authored the 2020 supplement to *Private Land Use Arrangements: Easements, Real Covenants, and Equitable Servitudes* (Juris Publishing, Inc.).
- John Marshall Harlan II Professor Emeritus **Frank W. Munger** authored the chapter “Thailand: The Evolution of Law, the Legal Profession, and Political Authority” in *Lawyers in 21st-Century Societies, Volume 1 National Reports* (Hart Publishing, 2020).

- The 34th update/supplement of Professor Emeritus **Michael Perlin**’s treatise *Mental Disability Law: Civil and Criminal* (three volumes), co-authored with Distinguished Adjunct Professor **Heather Ellis Cucolo ’03**, published in 2022 (Lexis Law Publishing, 2016). Perlin authored a chapter, “‘I Hope the Final Judgment’s Fair:’ Alternative Jurisprudences, Legal Decision-Making, and Justice,” in *The Cambridge Handbook of Psychology of Legal Decision-making*.
- Wallace Stevens Professor Emeritus **Richard K. Sherwin** authored the chapter “Post-Secular Jurisprudence: A Visual Semiotics of the Sacred Source of Law’s Authority” in *Mediation and Immediacy: The Semiotic Turn in the Study of Religion* (De Gruyter Press, 2021).
- Professor **Lynn Boepple Su** authored the chapter “Creativity, Content, and Community in Evidence Online” in *Law Teaching Strategies for a New Era: Beyond the Physical Classroom* (Carolina Academic Press, 2021).
- Ernst C. Stiefel Professor of Comparative Law **Ruti G. Teitel** authored the chapter “From Human Rights to Humanity’s Law” in *Critical Essays on Human Rights Criticism* (Boom Uitgevers Den Haag, 2020) and “Transitional Justice and Human Rights” in *History of Latin American Law in Global Perspective* (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming).

Law Review and Journal Articles

- Professor **Susan J. Abraham** authored “Through the Lens of Restorative Justice: A Re-Humanizing” in the *New York Law School Law Review* (2020).
- Professor **Alan I. Appel ’76** co-authored “The Hidden Marriage Penalty Inside the TJCA” in *Tax Notes Federal* (2020) and authored “Gain or Loss of Foreign Persons from Sale or Exchange of Partnership Interests” in the *Journal of International Taxation* (2021).
- Distinguished Chair in Immigration and Human Rights Law Professor **Lenni B. Benson** authored “The Danger of Dissent: A Century of Targeting Immigrants” in the *New York Law School Law Review* (2021).
- Adjunct Professor **Andrew C. Brunsten** co-authored “Inspectors General and the Law of Oversight Independence” in *William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal* (2021). The article won the NYLS Adjunct Faculty Writing Award for Articles in 2022.

- Professor **Richard Chused** authored “Charging Bull, Fearless Girl, Composition, and Copyright” in the *New York University Journal of Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law* (2020). The piece was selected for inclusion in the 2021 edition of the *Entertainment, Publishing and the Arts Handbook*, an annual anthology by Thomson Reuters, and won the NYLS Full-Time Faculty Writing Award for Articles in 2021. Professor Chused also authored “Protectable ‘Art’: Urinals, Shredders, and Bananas” in the *Fordham Intellectual Property, Media, & Entertainment Law Journal* (2020); “Quantum Copyright Law: Schrödinger’s Cat, Banksy’s Shredder, and Art on the Edge” in the *Northwestern Journal of Technology and Intellectual Property* (forthcoming); “Randomness, AI Art, and Copyright” in the *Cardozo Arts & Entertainment Law Journal* (2022); “Sex, Stamina, and Politics” in *Duke Law’s Law and Contemporary Problems* (2022); and “Strategic Thinking About Racism in American Zoning” in the *New York Law School Law Review* (2022).
- Professor **Shahrokh (Seve) Falati ‘08** authored “Eviscerating Patent Scope” in the *UIC Review of Intellectual Property Law* (2022) and “Killing Rarity” in the *Texas Tech Law Review* (forthcoming).
- Wallace Stevens Professor **Kris Franklin** co-authored *Legal Reasoning Case Files* (2019), which won the NYLS Full-Time Faculty Writing Award for Books in 2020. She also co-authored “Directed Questions: A Non-Socratic Dialogue About Non-Socratic Teaching,” as the lead article in the *University of Detroit Mercy Law Review* (2021); co-authored “How to Train Your Supervisor” in the *Pace Law Review* (2021); co-authored “How to Raise Your Kids Queer” in the *Family Law Quarterly* (2022); and authored “Meditations on Teaching What Isn’t” in the *New York Law School Law Review* (2022).
- Professor **Doni Gewirtzman** authored “Was Impeachment Designed to Fail?” (2020) and “Let Us Now Praise Corporate ‘Persons’” (2020) in *Public Books*.
- Associate Professor **Lisa F. Grumet** authored “Hidden Nondefense: Partisanship in State Attorneys General Amicus Briefs and the Need for Transparency” in the *Fordham Law Review* (2019). The article won the NYLS Full-Time Faculty Writing Award for Articles in 2020. She also edited and co-authored with students “Co-Parenting During Lockdown: COVID-19 and Child Custody Cases Before the Vaccine” in the *Family Law Quarterly* (2022).
- Professor **Gowri J. Krishna** co-authored “Caring for the Souls of Our Students: The Evolution of a Community Economic Development Clinic During Turbulent Times,” in the *Clinical Law Review* (2021).
- Dean of Faculty **William P. LaPiana** authored “Married is as Married Does(?),” in the *ACTEC Law Journal* (2020).
- Assistant Professor **Molly Guptill Manning** authored “Access Denied: How 28 U.S.C. Sec. 1915(g) Violates the First Amendment Rights of Indigent Prisoners” in the *Seattle Journal for Social Justice* (2021) and her article “Trouble Counting to Three: Circuit Splits and Confusing in Interpreting the Prison Litigation Reform Act’s ‘Three Strikes Rule,’ 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g)” in the *Cornell Journal of Law and Public Policy* (2018) was cited in two 2021 district court cases.
- Professor **Richard D. Marsico** authored “The Interaction of Race, Wealth, and Special Education: The Role of Structural Inequities in the IDEA” in the *New York Law School Review of Law* (2022).
- Adjunct Professor **Paul B. Marrow** co-authored “Artificial Intelligence and Arbitration: The Computer as an Arbitrator—Are We There Yet?” in *Dispute Resolution Journal* (2019). The article won the NYLS Adjunct Faculty Writing Award for Articles in 2020.
- Associate Professor **Justin Murray** authored “Prejudice-Based Rights in Criminal Procedure” in the *University of Pennsylvania Law Review* (2020); “Policing Procedural Error in the Lower Criminal Courts,” in the *Fordham Law Review* (2020), which won the NYLS Full-Time Faculty Writing Award for Articles in 2022; and “Prosecutorial Nonenforcement and Residual Criminalization” in the *Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law* (forthcoming). He co-authored “Symposium Preface” in the *American Criminal Law Review* (forthcoming).
- Professor Emeritus **Michael Perlin** co-authored with **Alison Lynch ‘13** “‘I See What Is Right and Approve, but I Do What Is Wrong:’ Psychopathy and Punishment in the Context of Racial Bias in the Age of Neuroimaging” in the *Lewis & Clark Law Review* (2021) and co-authored with Distinguished Adjunct Professor **Heather Ellis Cucolo ‘03** “‘Something’s Happening Here/But You Don’t Know What It Is:’ How Jurors (Mis)Construe Autism in the Criminal Trial Process” in the *University of Pittsburgh Law Review* (2021).

- Joseph Solomon Distinguished Professor **Rebecca Roiphe** co-authored “May Federal Prosecutors Take Direction from the President?” in the *Fordham Law Review* (2019), which won the NYLS Full-Time Faculty Writing Award for Articles in 2020. She also co-authored “A Fiduciary Theory of Prosecution” in the *American University Law Review* (2020), co-authored “When Prosecutors Politick: Progressive Law Enforcers Then and Now” in the *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology* (2020), co-authored “Who Should Police Politicization of the DOJ?” in the *Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics and Public Policy* (2021), authored “A Typology of Justice Department Lawyers’ Roles and Responsibilities” in the *North Carolina Law Review* (2020), and authored “Impeaching Legal Ethics” in the *Florida State Law Review* (2022).
- Professor **Ross Sandler** authored “New York’s BQE emergency” in the *Daily News* (2021).
- Professor **Houman B. Shadab** authored “Software is Scholarship” in the *MIT Computational Law Report* (2020).
- Professor **Andrew Scherer** authored “Critical Developments in Housing Policy—Symposium Comments” in the *Cardozo Journal of Equal Rights and Social Justice* (2020) and “Process as Racism and Oppression: The Case Against Summary Eviction Proceedings” in the *Seton Hall Law Review* (forthcoming).
- John Marshall Harlan II Professor Emerita **Nadine Strossen** authored “The Interdependence of Racial Justice and Free Speech for Racists” in *The Journal of Free Speech Law* (2021).
- Professor **Lynn Boepple Su** authored “Juluka and Law Teaching: Working to the Edge, Reveling in Silence and Practicing Gratitude” in *The Second Draft* (2020) and “Unpacking the Teaching Potential of a Hypothetical Criminal Case Involving a Cross- Racial Eyewitness Identification” in the *New York Law School Law Review* (2022).
- Ernst C. Stiefel Professor of Comparative Law **Ruti G. Teitel** co-authored “Peace or Justice: A Rethinking Inspired by the Legacy of Cherif Bassiouni,” *International Review of Penal Law* (2019) and “From Grievances to Guarantees: Getting to Yes in the Iran Nuclear Talks” in the International Economic Law and Policy Blog (2021).

- Assistant Professor **Claire R. Thomas ’11** authored “The So-Called Stateless: Firm Resettlement, African Migrants, and Human Rights Violations in Mexico” in *The Boston University Public Interest Law Journal* (forthcoming).

Scholarly Events

- NYLS and the American Bar Association Family Law Section co-hosted the symposium “Family Law and COVID-19” in April 2021. NYLS is the new academic partner in publishing the ABA’s *Family Law Quarterly* journal, which includes a student editorial board. Students assisted with aspects of the symposium.
- NYLS presented a wide range of virtual CLE programs on topics including alternative dispute resolution, housing rights, policing, religious diversity, and other key topics. The School often drew on adjunct faculty members as speakers for these events and marketed the events to the full community, including students.
- NYLS continues to host its Tuesday Scholarship Lunch Series, featuring NYLS faculty workshopping their writing-in-progress, as well as outside scholars from other law schools nationwide and from fields outside of law.

Appointments

- Professor **Penelope Andrews** served as the 2019–21 President of the Law and Society Association, the largest association of socio-legal scholars. In 2022, she was named the John Marshall Harlan II Professor of Law at NYLS.
- Professor **Tamara C. Belinfanti** has been named the Lester Martin Professor of Law at NYLS. An expert on corporate governance, she has more than 20 years of experience in corporate law practice and academia.
- Professor **Lenni B. Benson** was appointed the Distinguished Chair in Immigration and Human Rights Law at NYLS, in recognition of her trailblazing work on behalf of young immigrants.
- Associate Professor **Anna G. Cominsky ’05** was appointed Managing Attorney of NYLS Legal Services Inc., the School’s law firm to assist vulnerable New Yorkers.

- Associate Dean **Paulina Davis** was elected Secretary of the Association of Academic Support Educators (AASE), a not-for-profit membership organization that supports the professional development of law school academic success professionals. She also received the AASE's Mentorship Award, given at its national conference.
- Dean and President **Anthony W. Crowell** was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities in New York. He also was appointed to the AALS Planning Committee for the 2022 Deans Forum. Additionally, he was named to *City & State New York's* "Higher Education Power" list and its "Law Power 100" list each for 2020, 2021, and 2022, as well as to its "Pride Power" list for 2022. He also was on the *Crain's New York Business* "2020 Notable LGBTQ Leaders & Executives" list.
- Professor **Kris Franklin**, a national leader and innovator in legal pedagogy and experiential learning, was appointed the Wallace Stevens Professor at NYLS.
- Professor **Kim Hawkins**, who has extensive experience in clinical and experiential education, was named the inaugural Stephen J. Ellmann Dean for Clinical and Experiential Learning at NYLS.
- In 2022, Professor **Gerald Korngold**, an experienced leader in property and real estate law and Director of the NYLS Center for Real Estate Studies, was named the Trustee Professor of Law at NYLS.
- Professor **Howard S. Meyers**, an experienced business law instructor and clinician, was named Director of NYLS's Center for Business and Financial Law and NYLS's Ronald H. Filler Institute for Financial Services Law.
- In 2020, Professor **Frank W. Munger**, a scholar of public law and a specialist in social science research, was named the John Marshall Harlan II Professor of Law at NYLS. In 2022, he became a Professor Emeritus.
- Adjunct Professor and Senior Fellow **Michael Pastor**, formerly the chief technology counsel for New York City government, was appointed as the inaugural Director of the James Tricarico Jr. Institute for the Business of Law and In-House Counsel.
- In 2022, Professor **Rebecca Roiphe**, an expert in legal and prosecutorial ethics, was appointed Joseph Solomon Distinguished Professor at NYLS. She formerly served as the Trustee Professor of Law.

- Professor **Houman B. Shadab** was named Director of NYLS's Innovation Center for Law and Technology. He is an expert in enterprise technology, fintech and financial regulation, and commercial transactions.
- Otto L. Walter Distinguished Professor of Tax Law **Ann F. Thomas** was elected to the American College of Tax Counsel, a professional association of U.S. tax attorneys that is limited to a maximum of 700 members.
- Assistant Professor **Claire R. Thomas '11** won a Fulbright Award in 2020 to research solutions for asylum seekers in Mexico. She directs NYLS's Asylum Clinic.

HIGHLIGHT

Welcoming New Faculty



In May 2021, NYLS welcomed civil rights and disability rights attorney **Britney Wilson** as Associate Professor of Law and Director of the Civil Rights and Disability Justice Clinic. She joined the School after serving as a staff attorney at the National Center for Law and Economic Justice. In her prior role, she litigated civil rights cases involving excessive fines and fees and discriminatory policing. She also litigated disability rights cases concerning the provision of home and community-based services to people with disabilities, as well as disability discrimination in healthcare.



In July 2022, **David Simson** joined New York Law School as an Associate Professor of Law and begins teaching in the 2022–23 academic year. Professor Simson's scholarship analyzes the role of law in the production, maintenance, and dismantling of social hierarchies, with a focus on race and racial hierarchy. He joined the School after three years teaching at NYU School of Law and prior experience at UCLA School of Law teaching employment discrimination law and a self-designed seminar titled, "Race, Social Psychology, and the Legal Process."

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NYLS's New Senior Fellows

NYLS welcomed new Senior Fellows—experienced practitioners and judges affiliated with one of the School's academic centers and institutes. They are:

- **Christopher Bruno '12**, Director of Economic Development, City of Fairfax, VA
- **Susan H. Chase**, Senior Staff Attorney, Legal Aid Society, Harlem Community Law Office
- **Alex Dimitrief**, global business leader and former General Counsel of GE
- **Shahrokh (Seve) Falati '08**, Director, NYLS Patent Law Clinic
- **Steven Harber '92**, Executive Chairman at Cimplifi
- **Florence Hutner**, General Counsel, NYC Office of Chief Medical Examiner
- **Michael Pastor**, Director, NYLS's James Tricarico Jr. Institute for the Business of Law and In-House Counsel
- **Lydia Payne-Johnson '96**, Director, IT Security, Identity Management and Risk, George Washington University
- **Hon. Jean T. Schneider**, Retired Supervising Judge, NYC Housing Court
- **Nicholas Stabile**, Assistant Vice President, New York City Economic Development Corporation
- **Errol B. Taylor '87**, Consulting Partner, Milbank LLP
- **Hon. Carolyn Walker-Diallo '03**, Administrative Judge, Civil Court of the City of New York
- **Jeffrey M. Wice**, Director of NYLS's New York Census and Redistricting Institute

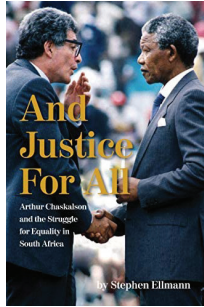
Civic Influence

- Faculty have published commentary and been quoted in the *Washington Post*, *Bloomberg Law*, the *Daily Beast*, *The Hill*, CBS News, ABC News, NBC News, MSNBC, *USA Today*, *Inside Higher Education*, *Slate*, the *New York Daily News*, *The New York Times*, *City & State New York*, WNYC, Law.com, *VICE News*, the *New York Law Journal*, *Politico*, *Project Syndicate*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and numerous other national and international outlets.

- In May 2022, Franklin University Switzerland presented John Marshall Harlan II Professor **Penelope Andrews** with an Honorary Degree for her distinguished legal career and global human rights advocacy. She also addressed the graduating class as the keynote speaker.
- Visiting Professor **Alvin Bragg** testified before the New York City Council in support of the Citizen Complaint Review Board's proposed rule revisions concerning its jurisdiction over lying and sexual misconduct.
- Dean **Camille Broussard**, Associate Dean and Library Director at NYLS's Mendik Library, received a 2022 American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Hall of Fame Award honoring her service to the legal information profession and contributions to the AALL.
- Professor **Kirk D. Burkhalter '04**, a retired NYPD Detective, is a key voice in the media on police reform and education, including in *The New Yorker*, *USA Today*, ABC National News, the BBC, and MSNBC.
- Dean and President **Anthony W. Crowell** presented at the Association of American Law Schools and Law School Admission Council bi-weekly "Deans' Dialogue" on leadership in advance of the 2020 presidential election. His remarks were adapted into the *Inside Higher Education* column "A Dean's Lessons From the 2016 Presidential Election." He also participated in the inaugural New York Deans' Roundtable hosted by the Law School Anti-Racist Consortium.
- Robert F. Wagner Professor Emeritus **Arthur S. Leonard's** legal commentary for *Gay City News* was honored in the New York Press Association's 2020 and 2022 awards. In addition, the LGBTQ Rights Committee of the New York City Bar Association has established the Arthur S. Leonard Award, recognizing compelling commitment to LGBTQ equality through the law.
- Joseph Solomon Distinguished Professor **Rebecca Roiphe** serves as a CBS National News legal analyst and has published opinion pieces in *Bloomberg News*, the *New York Review of Books*, *Politico*, *U.S. News*, and the *New York Law Journal*. She also won the 2020 Sanford D. Levy Award from the New York State Bar Association, given for excellence in prosecutorial ethics.
- Ernst C. Stiefel Professor of Comparative Law **Ruti G. Teitel's** has published pieces in or been quoted by CNN, Al Jazeera, and more, and has offered lectures and presentations around the world.

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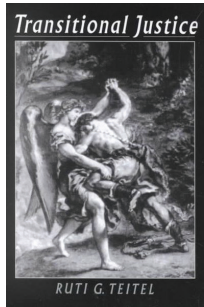
Honoring Stephen J. Ellmann's Final Book



In October 2020, NYLS hosted a virtual conversation on the late Martin Professor **Stephen J. Ellmann's** final book, a biography of South African Chief Justice Arthur Chaskalson, *And Justice for All: Arthur Chaskalson and the Struggle for Equality in South Africa*. The event featured Hon. Albie Sachs and Charlayne Hunter-Gault, the award-winning author and journalist.

HIGHLIGHT

20 Years of *Transitional Justice*



September 2020 marked the 20th anniversary of Ernst C. Stiefel Professor of Comparative Law **Ruti G. Teitel's** pioneering book, *Transitional Justice*. Published in 2000, the book applied a legal and scholarly framework to the rapid transitions to democracy many countries experienced during the 1980s and 1990s. In honor of the book's anniversary, the publisher Opinio Juris and Oxford University hosted a virtual book symposium. Leading international law scholars submitted commentary, and Hon. Albie Sachs, former justice of the South African Constitutional Court, delivered a special message on Professor Teitel's impact.

HONORING NEW EMERITI

NYLS honors retiring faculty members **Arthur S. Leonard, Frank W. Munger, Edward A. Purcell Jr.,** and **Richard K. Sherwin** for their distinguished careers, their deep commitment to educational excellence, and their years of service in the NYLS community.

Using law to help win equality has been a guiding passion of **Arthur S. Leonard's**, and he uses his role as a legal educator to constructively help shape the law. Over the past 40 years, he has written numerous influential articles on employment law, AIDS law, and lesbian and gay law, and he is a frequent national spokesperson on sexual orientation law and gay family law. He has been honored with prestigious awards and symposiums for his effective advocacy for change on lesbian and gay issues.

As a lawyer and internationally-recognized scholar, **Frank W. Munger** has focused his scholarship on the power of courts, lawyers, and the formal law to bring about change, including studies of the relationship between class and law in critical moments of massive social change. Throughout his career, his legal research has taken him to parts of the United States, Europe, and Asia, especially Thailand, to examine how law and courts take root. He has published articles and books scrutinizing the informal influences of individual rights on the daily lives of minority communities and the ways in which the law impacts lower socio-economic populations.

Edward A. Purcell Jr. is one of the nation's foremost authorities on the history of the U.S. Supreme Court and the federal judicial system. He has written extensively on legal and constitutional issues in America, and his books and articles have won prestigious awards such as the Frederick Jackson Turner Prize, the Triennial Griswold Book Prize, and the Pelzer Prize. Throughout his career, he has served on many boards and committees, including the Community Law Offices of The Legal Aid Society and the Federal Courts Section of the Association of American Law Schools, and earned recognition for his outstanding pro bono work.

Richard K. Sherwin is an expert on the multiple connections that link law and culture, focusing on legal storytelling and visual communication. In his academic career, he led a pathbreaking course to teach law students about the role, efficacy, and pitfalls of using visual evidence and visual advocacy in contemporary legal practice and launched a first-of-its-kind project exploring the visual litigation field to promote visual literacy among lawyers, judges, law students, and the public. A frequent public speaker both in the United States and abroad, he has been a regular commentator, enlightening the public on the relationships between law, culture, film, and digital media.





OPERATIONS

Strategic Plan 2020 Priorities

Developing a new strategic capital plan to support a sustainable and successful school

Ensuring efficient operations and student services

Using technology to enhance customer service

Continuing robust employee training programs

COVID-19 Response Leadership Team

- Collaborated with outside health advisors to monitor evolving New York City health data.
- Developed NYLS pandemic policies, protocols, and trainings.
- Safely transitioned instruction and essential operations to a hybrid online and in-person format.
- Developed and implanted a careful and scientifically informed return to campus transition for full in-person learning and operations for the fall of 2021.

Technology and Operations Upgrades

- Shifted NYLS’s energy provider. The School now operates on 100 percent renewable energy sources.
- Received federal funding during the pandemic to support student needs and technology upgrades to facilitate remote learning and enhance in-person learning.

- Launched a new NYLS website during summer 2020 using internal resources. The new website includes reorganized, streamlined content and easier access to key information for prospective and current students.
- Reorganized the NYLS Portal to ensure that key content for students, faculty, and staff is clear and accessible.
- Streamlined the photo ID process, enabled self-checkout at dining services locations, and developed and launched campus-wide dining app ordering through a partnership with Grubhub.

HIGHLIGHT

Our Campus Recognized in *National Jurist*

NYLS’s exceptional campus was included on the *National Jurist* list of “Best Law School Buildings” in spring 2020. The School’s state-of-the-art, 235,000-square-foot facility opened in 2009 and is designed to maximize student learning and collaboration. In addition, its campus neighborhood, Tribeca, is one of the country’s most sought-after ZIP codes.

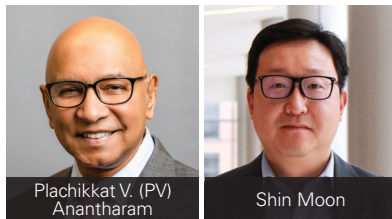


Employee Training and Support

- During summer 2020, launched a special Summer Professional Development Series for staff. The program was focused on honing skills in both traditional software and new programs that were key to meeting the School's remote learning needs.
- Planned employee appreciation events and honored staff who celebrated key work anniversaries and milestones
- Planned employee engagement initiatives to promote health and wellness, foster a community environment, and strengthen organizational performance and stakeholder value

HIGHLIGHT

NYLS Appoints a New CFO and a Vice President of Finance



In February 2020, **Plachikkat V. (PV) Anantharam** was appointed Senior Vice President and CFO of NYLS. In the role, he oversees NYLS's budget, finance, business operations, and human resources functions.

In November 2021, **Shin Moon** joined NYLS as Vice President of Finance, working closely Anantharam on NYLS's financial operations, including the development and implementation of the annual operating budget, and helping manage the School's endowment in coordination with the Investment Committee. Both are seasoned finance executives, bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience to NYLS: Anantharam has served as Deputy Director of the New York City Mayor's Office of Management and Budget, CFO of NYC Health + Hospitals, and CFO of the New York City Housing Authority. Moon served most recently as Vice President for Finance and Auxiliary Services and CFO at Caldwell University in New Jersey.

HIGHLIGHT

2021 President's Medal Recipients Honored for Their Service to NYLS



Joan Fishman, George H. Hayes, and Susan Redler, three of NYLS's longest serving senior leaders, were recognized for their historic and unmatched service to NYLS as recipients of the 2021 President's Medal at the Law School's Commencement. Collectively, they have given the School more than a century of distinguished service. They expertly guided NYLS to a position of enduring strength by offering wise counsel to the Dean and President and the Board of Trustees. While all three retired as full-time administrators, they are actively providing counsel to the Dean and senior administrative leadership.

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An aerial photograph of Lower Manhattan, New York City, taken during the golden hour of sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and light blue. The city's dense skyline of skyscrapers is visible, with the Hudson River in the foreground and the East River to the right. The water reflects the warm colors of the sky.

Our Story

New York Law School has been a downtown institution since its founding in 1891, where it sits among the global markets, tech companies, government agencies, high-profile courts, and the vibrant culture of Lower Manhattan. Originally housed in the renowned Equitable Building at 120 Broadway, the School currently inhabits an iconic, modern glass building adjoined to two historic buildings at 185 West Broadway, a vibrant corner of Tribeca.

Through economic highs and lows and dramatic changes to the legal profession and legal education, NYLS has remained a coveted destination for thousands of committed students from all backgrounds to pursue the study of law. With the tools NYLS provided, graduates of the School have built modern New York.

The School's alumni include U.S. Senator and New Deal architect Robert F. Wagner Sr., Class of 1900; U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Marshall Harlan II, Class of 1924; Emilio Nunez '27, New York's first Latino judge; Julius Archibald '30, New York's first Black State Senator; Barbara Watson '62, the first Black person and first woman to serve as a U.S. Assistant Secretary of State; Hon. Judith Sheindlin '65 (television's "Judge Judy"); Maurice R. (Hank) Greenberg '50, Former Chairman and CEO of American International Group and Chairman and CEO of C.V. Starr & Company, Inc.; Zygi Wilf '74, owner of the Minnesota Vikings; Vincent Viola '83, owner of the Florida Panthers; Marc Lasry '84, co-founder and CEO of Avenue Capital Group and co-owner of the Milwaukee Bucks; Charles E. Phillips Jr. '93, CEO of Infor; Cindy Rose '90, Microsoft UK CEO and Area Vice President; Joe Plumeri '15 (Hon.), Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors for First Data Corporation; and thousands of other leaders, including the founders or name partners of several global law firms.

In May 2012, Anthony W. Crowell became NYLS's 16th Dean and President. Dean Crowell established the motto "We are New York's law school" in recognition of NYLS's unparalleled connection to New York City and its commitment to excellence, opportunity, and service.

At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020, NYLS shifted to a remote model to ensure that our students' rigorous education would remain uninterrupted. Now back in person, NYLS has remained responsive to evolving guidance from local and national government agencies and our own contracted health advisors, adapting as the shape of the pandemic changes and new variants emerge. Throughout the pandemic, our School has maintained its resilience—an attribute woven into the history of the institution—and remains a community dedicated to keeping each other safe and supported.

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