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Steve Gold Joins Law School as Director of the Environmental Law Clinic

Steve C. Gold has joined the faculty as Assistant Professor of Law and Director of the Environmental Law Clinic. He was most recently a senior attorney, environmental enforcement section, Environment & Natural Resources Division of the U.S. Department of Justice in



Washington, DC. During his 18-year tenure at DOJ, Gold received numerous service awards from both the department and the Environmental Protection Agency. His major cases included trials or settlements relating to hazardous waste sites under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act as well as the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; single and multiple-facility Clean Air Act cases; and appellate matters under several environmental statutes.

Gold earned an A.B. cum laude in biology from Harvard College and a J.D. from Yale Law School. He has extensive experience in legal teaching and training as well as litigation. In addition to heading up the clinic, he will teach Environmental Law.

Carter Strickland, who had been acting director of the clinic, has accepted a new position with the New York City Office of Long Term Planning and Sustainability. He will be involved with implementing the air and water components of PlaNYC2030. During his five years with the law school, Strickland and clinic students played an important role in beach access, eminent domain, and various pollution lawsuits, several of national significance.

Faculty Promotions and Appointments

Professors Vera Bergelson and Keith Sharfman have become tenured faculty. Bergelson, promoted to full professor of law and named a Robert E. Knowlton Scholar, focuses her research on jurisprudence, criminal law, law and literature, and international law. Her most recent scholarship is “The Right to Be Hurt: Testing the Boundaries of Consent” in the *George Washington Law Review* and “Rights, Wrongs, and Comparative Justifications” in the *Cardozo Law Review*. Stanford University Press will publish her book “*Victims’ Rights, Victims’ Responsibilities: Comparative Liability in Criminal Law*” in 2008. A member of the faculty since 2001, Bergelson previously was an associate with Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton in New York for six years. She teaches Criminal Law, Property, International Law, Property and Privacy, and the Moral Puzzles of Criminal Law.

Sharfman’s latest publications are “Contractual Valuation Mechanisms and Corporate Law” in the *Virginia Law & Business Review* and “The Law and Economics of Hoarding” in the *Loyola Consumer Law Review*. He was recognized by the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges as one of only two American Bankruptcy Law Journal Fellows for 2006. Before joining the Rutgers faculty, he was Visiting Assistant Professor of Law and John M. Olin Fellow at Cornell Law School. Sharfman teaches Antitrust, Bankruptcy, Commercial Law, Corporate Finance, and Law and Economics.

Sandy Freund, Co-Director of the Federal Tax Law Clinic, has been reappointed Clinical Professor of Law. Prior to joining Rutgers, she was a docket attorney with the Internal Revenue Service, Office of Chief Counsel, in New York.

Charles Auffant has been reappointed Associate Clinical Professor of Law. He teaches in the Community Law Clinic where he specializes in the real estate and transactional representation of urban charter schools.

Rutgers Welcomes Elizabeth Rapaport and Gary Spring as Visiting Faculty

Elizabeth Rapaport and Gary W. Spring have joined Rutgers as Visiting Professors of Law for the 2007-08 academic year.



Rapaport has been a member of the faculty at the University of New Mexico School of Law since 1995. After earning a Ph.D. in philosophy from Case Western Reserve University, she spent 12 years teaching philosophy and public policy, with ethics as her specialty, at Boston University, the University of Southern California, Brown University, Bennington College, and the University of Sydney. She left teaching to enter Harvard Law School. Upon graduation, she returned to the classroom, teaching in Duke University's school of public policy. Areas in which Rapaport has focused her research include the death penalty and executive clemency. At Rutgers she will teach Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Professional Responsibility, and Jurisprudence.

Professor Spring is on leave from the law firm of Roetzel & Andress, headquartered in Ohio. He has been an adjunct professor at the University of Akron School of Law, where he has taught 25 semesters of either Labor Law, Employment Law, or Collective Bargaining, Negotiations & Arbitration. He received his J.D. with honors from the Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law. In his practice, Spring focused on labor and employment litigation, regulatory compliance, and union matters. He regularly represented major corporations in employment issues such as discrimination litigation, negotiations with unions, and defense matters before the National Labor Relations Board. He was selected for inclusion in "*The Best Lawyers in America*" for labor and employment law (2007-08).



Stephanie Richman Promoted to Assistant Dean for Career Services

Stephanie Richman has been promoted to Assistant Dean for Career Services. She had been the acting assistant dean. Richman received her B.A. in philosophy from Lehigh University, M.A. in philosophy from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and her J.D. *summa cum laude* from Temple University School of Law.



Prior to joining the law school in 2004 as Assistant Director for Career Services, she was an associate in the asset-backed financing group of Vedder, Price, Kaufman & Kammholz, PC in New York. Before that, she worked as an associate for Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP in both Philadelphia and New York. Richman also was the law clerk to the late Hon. Robert S. Gawthrop III of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Alumnae Ruth Sonshine and Elizabeth Truslow Join Development Office

Ruth Rosen Sonshine, who had worked for the development office on a part-time basis, has been appointed to the full-time position of Senior Associate Director of Development. A member of the Class of 1979, she will work with donors and donor prospects as part of a major gift

fundraising effort. Sonshine has had extensive experience in governmental, law firm, and corporate settings. In addition to her J.D., she holds a B.A. in American studies from the State University of New York at Albany and an LL.M. in environmental law from Pace University School of Law.

Elizabeth A. Truslow will join the law school this month as a Senior Associate Director of Development. She has been a litigation associate at Fox Rothschild LLP since receiving her J.D. in 2005. Truslow was an intern to the Hon. Faith S. Hochberg of the U.S. District Court and with the Vermont Defender General – Juvenile Division. A member of Phi Beta Kappa and the Golden Key National Honor Society, she holds a B.A. and an M.P.A. from Rutgers-Newark. She also has worked in secondary education as a development officer and a teacher.

CLINICAL PROGRAM & NEISSER PUBLIC INTEREST PROGRAM

Child Advocacy Clinic Receives Grants for Law School's First Clinical Fellow

The Child Advocacy Clinic (CAC) has received two new grants for the 2007-08 academic year – one from the New Jersey State Bar Foundation and the second from husband and wife Mitchell Daitz and Sharon Hellman. The funding has enabled the CAC to hire Nana Wilson '07 as the first Clinical Law Fellow in the almost 40-year history of Rutgers' clinical law program. The CAC is headed by founding director Randi Mandelbaum, Clinical Professor of Law.

The work of the fellow is two-fold: first, to serve as part-time facilitator of the CAC's "Aging Out" project, which provides youth transitioning out of the foster care system in New Jersey with community education and training about their rights and entitlements; second, to handle some of the CAC's casework so that Mandelbaum, with the assistance of donor Sharon Hellman, can devote time to developing an endowment to expand the clinic's interdisciplinary mission.

With this generous support, the CAC will be able to broaden its "Aging Out" project, increase the number of children and families it represents and for whom it provides assistance, and secure new financial resources to better serve children, families, and the community in a comprehensive fashion. The new funding also will open up educational opportunities for future Rutgers clinical law students.

In recognition of her accomplishments in developing the CAC's interdisciplinary and collaborative program, Mandelbaum has been invited to speak at an Oct. 19 and 20 conference at the University of Arizona on child advocacy clinics and the future of the child advocacy movement.

Street Law Program Expands Presence and Services, Marks Constitution Day

Street Law, a program of the Eric R. Neisser Public Interest Program, is expanding its reach and services under the leadership of Alycia M. Guichard, Supervising Attorney and New Jersey Bar Fellow. Rutgers law students who participate in Street Law develop lesson plans and teach classes to Newark high school students that are designed to provide knowledge about everyday legal problems and help them to become more active citizens. This fall, Street Law classes have been added at the Essex County Juvenile Detention Center, at the Isaiah House community center in East Orange, and at Montclair High School. There are plans to offer a Street Law class at many of Newark's alternative high schools. In addition, a new mentor program will pair up Rutgers law students with at-risk youth and youth who have aged out of the foster care system in Newark. On Sept. 7 in New Orleans, Guichard will discuss the Rutgers program in her presentation on "Street Law and Youth in Transition" at the ABA's 35th National Law-Related Education Leadership Conference.

On Sept. 17 from 4 – 7:30 pm, a Street Law Program and Constitution Day Reception will feature remarks by Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye of the New York State Court of Appeals; Commissioner Kevin M. Ryan of the New Jersey Department of Children and Families; Mary Ellen Tully, president of the New Jersey Bar Foundation and partner at Rabinowitz, Lubetkin & Tully LLC; and Patrick S. Campbell, partner at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP.

For more information about the event, contact Guichard at streetlaw@kinoy.rutgers.edu or 973-353-3160.

FACULTY NOTES

Professors Frank Askin and **Paul Tractenberg** and **Adjunct Professor Amy Gottlieb**, who is director of the American Friends Service Committee Immigrant Rights Program in Newark, are regular contributors to NJ Voices, the *Star-Ledger* blog. Together with other academics, policy experts, and *Ledger* columnists, they were invited to write about politics, race and immigration, taxes, and other topical issues.

Three op-eds by **Professor Frank Askin** have been published this summer. They are: “Congress’s Power to Compel” in the July 21 *Washington Post*; “A government divided” in the Aug. 6 *Record*; and “The path to the high court’s reversal on segregation” in the July 5 *Record*.

An article by **Associate Professor Karima Bennoune** entitled “Do We Need New International Law to Protect Women in Armed Conflict” was published in the 2006/2007 issue of *Case Western Reserve Journal of International Law* (38 *Case W. Res. J. Int’l L.* 363). On June 2 Bennoune presented her paper “Terror/Torture” to law enforcement, criminal justice, and human rights experts attending the second Istanbul Conference on Democracy and Global Security. Research she conducted in France this summer looking into support among some Muslims for the country’s ban on religious symbols (including headscarves) in public schools will be published as an article in Foundation Press’s upcoming Human Rights Stories volume, part of its Law Stories Series. In the Netherlands she chaired a panel, called “Effective Remedies for All? Universalizing the Battle Against Impunity,” at the American Society of International Law’s 8th Hague Joint Conference on Contemporary Issues of International Law. In August Bennoune was a delegate to Amnesty International’s 28th International Council Meeting in Morelos, Mexico.

Emeritus Professor Alfred Blumrosen co-authored with former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo and editorial for the Aug. 9 *New York Law Journal* entitled “The Illegal War.” Blumrosen will be a panelist at the ABA International 2007 Fall Meeting, to be held Oct. 3 – 6 in London. The subject of the panel is “Discrimination in Europe – Lessons from the USA?” and his paper is entitled “Some Suggestions for a Reporting System for European Employers Based on American Experience with Equal Employment Opportunity Laws and Administration.”

Reference librarians Molly Brownfield and **Dennis Kim-Prieto** will administer the Standardized Assessment of Information Literacy Skills (SAILS) to 1Ls and 3Ls in order to determine if SAILS is a useful measure of law student research skills. This marks the first time that any law school has used the SAILS instrument, which was designed by the Association of College and Research Libraries. For more information about the study, contact ethan@pegasus.rutgers.edu.

Professor Sherry Colb is a Visiting Professor for the academic year and **Professor John Leubsdorf** a Visiting Professor for the fall semester at Columbia Law School. In the spring,

Leubsdorf will be a Visiting Professor at NYU Law School. **Professor Claire Moore Dickerson** is Visiting Senator John B. Breaux Professor of Business Law at Tulane Law School this year.

The Aug. 22 *Philadelphia Inquirer* published **Professor Gary Francione's** op-ed entitled "We're all Michael Vick."

Associate Professor Anna Gelpern has been invited to present her paper, "Domestic Bonds, Credit Derivatives, and the Next Transformation of Sovereign Debt," at the annual meeting of the Canadian Law & Economics Association, to be held Sept. 28 - 29 in Toronto.

Legal Research and Writing Instructor Barbara Hoffman wrote the chapter "The Employment and Insurance Concerns of Cancer Survivors" for the new book "*Cancer Survivorship – Today and Tomorrow*," published by Springer.

On June 5 **Professor Jonathan Hyman** delivered the keynote address to the annual New Jersey Family Court Education Conference, held in Avalon. His topic was "Complementary Dispute Resolution, Divorce, and Family Conflict: Have We Turned a Corner?"

"Will Apple bite back?" an op-ed by **Clinical Professor John Kettle**, was published by the *Record* on Sept. 2.

Professor Howard Latin was one of the keynote speakers at an April 20 program at the University of Washington in Seattle honoring Professor William H. Rodgers, Jr.'s 40-year-career teaching environmental law.

The spring 2007 *University of Toledo Law Review* published "The Toledo Auto-Lite Strike and the Fight Against 'Wage Slavery'" by **Professor James Pope**, with co-author Rebecca Zietlow (38 *U. Tol L. Rev.* 839-54). On Aug. 13, Pope spoke on "Worker Lawmaking" at a Forum on Workers' Rights co-sponsored by the Southern Maine Labor Council and the University of Maine Law School. He has been elected to the executive council of the Rutgers AAUP/AFT.

Associate Professor Sabrina Safrin's "Chain Reaction: How Property Begets Property" was published by the *Notre Dame Law Review* (82 *Notre Dame L. Rev.* 1917, 2007).

The summer 2007 issue of the *Texas Tech Law Review* (39 *Tex. Tech. L. Rev.* 1293) included **Professor George Thomas's** article "Confessions and Police Disclosure: Regulating Police Deception During Interrogation."

Professor Paul Tractenberg, founding director of the Rutgers-Newark Institute on Education Law and Policy (IELP), will moderate a Sept. 19 program at the New Jersey Law Center entitled "Equalizing Educational Opportunity in New Jersey: A Conversation with Five Former Supreme Court Justices About *Abbott v. Burke*." IELP, the Public Education Institute, and the New Jersey State Bar Foundation are principal sponsors of the panel discussion, which will feature retired Chief Justice Deborah Poritz and retired Associate Justices James Coleman, Alan Handler, Daniel O'Hern, and Gary Stein. Tractenberg founded the Education Law Center, which has represented the urban student plaintiffs in *Abbott*. On Sept. 25 Tractenberg will make a presentation in Paramus at the Institute of New Dimensions, which offers university-level programs for senior citizens.

The spring 2007 *Fordham Environmental Law Review* has published “Federal Environmental Enforcement: Is Less More?” (18 *Fordham Env'tl. L. Rev.* 303) by **Richard Webster, Staff Attorney** in the Environmental Law Clinic.

At the July annual meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, **Professor Mark S. Weiner** spoke about Andrew Jackson and international law.

RUTGERS-NEWARK LAW IN THE NEWS

The law school's commencement address by New Jersey **Chief Justice James R. Zazzali** was published in the June 18 *New Jersey Lawyer*. In the speech, the Chief Justice, who has since retired, declared his admiration for Rutgers both “for the great job it does in preparing attorneys to enter the profession” and “for advancing the causes that determine our worth as a society.”

The May 28 and June 11 *New Jersey Lawyer* reported on the Garden State Bar Association's honoring **Clinical Professor Robert Holmes** with its Oliver Randolph Award and **Marisa Slaten '03** with its first Young Lawyer Award. Slaten is an associate in Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland Perretti's litigation group. The May 28 issue noted the selection of **Associate Professor Anna Gelpern** as a presenter at the Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum. The June 11 issue announced the publication of **Professor David Dante Troutt's** first novel, “*The Importance of Being Dangerous*.” Troutt's book was reviewed by the June 17 *Washington Post*.

New Jersey Lawyer talked to **Professors John Payne, Sherry Colb, and Gary Francione** for a June 4 article about the use of laptops in law school classes.

The July 27 *New York Times* and *Star-Ledger* and July 30 *New Jersey Lawyer* quoted **Professor Frank Askin** on the New Jersey Supreme Court's *Twin Rivers* decision. The Constitutional Litigation Clinic, headed by Askin, represented residents of the Twin Rivers private community in their unsuccessful challenge to restrictions placed on their free speech rights by the homeowners association. Askin commented for the July 21 *Record* on the state Supreme Court's censure of Associate Justice Roberto Rivera-Soto; the July 13 *Herald News* on towns using zoning ordinances to restrict the location of adult entertainment businesses; and the June 5 *Record* and *Asbury Park Press* on the nomination of Attorney General Stuart Rabner as New Jersey Supreme Court Chief Justice.

New Jersey Law Journal's July 10 article on new law school courses on electronic data discovery included comments by **Associate Dean Bernard Bell**, and **Steven Bennett** of Jones Day and **Adam Cohen** of FTI Technology who are co-teaching Electronic Discovery this fall. Bell was quoted in an Aug. 23 *Star-Ledger* story about a proposed consolidation of Vioxx lawsuits and a June 14 *Record* article about a state Supreme Court decision that reporters waive their Shield Law rights when they share information with law enforcement investigating cases

A Home News Tribune columnist quoted **Emeritus Professor Alfred Blumrosen** in a June 18 article about the Military Commissions Act and other Bush administration actions since 9/11.

An Aug. 12 *Star-Ledger* report on housing inspection procedures in Dover included a comment by **Clinical Professor Jack Feinstein**, Director of the Urban Legal Clinic.

The Aug. 5 *Washington Times* noted that **Alycia Guichard, Supervising Attorney** of the Street Law Program, was a co-founder of the Youth Business Initiative, a Washington-area non-profit that offers training to help foster children transition to independent living.

Professor Howard Latin was quoted in the July 8 *Star-Ledger* about growing interest among practitioners and in law schools in the legal implications of global warming and climate change.

Professor John Payne commented for the June 12 *Star-Ledger* on who should be held responsible when a township issues an illegal permit and for the July 2 *Star-Ledger* about a Hunterdon County township's challenges to an application for construction of a Hindu temple.

The *Star-Ledger* interviewed **Professor Louis Raveson** for a June 15 article about jurors visiting the site of a murder and a June 22 article about the weapons at issue in another murder trial.

Forbes.com included an anecdote from **Assistant Dean Andrew Rothman** in its July 25 story about the physical and emotional stress caused by the bar exam.

Associate Professor Sabrina Safrin commented for the Aug. 14 *Star-Ledger's* report on the damages awarded in a contract dispute between two chemical companies.

National Public Radio's "Morning Edition" interviewed **Clinical Professor Penny Venetis** for its Aug. 29 broadcast on electronic voting machines. Venetis was quoted in an Aug. 26 *Home News Tribune* article about the new state directive that police ask about the immigration status of people they arrest and a July 18 *Star-Ledger* report on testing done at New Jersey Institute of Technology of printers designed to be used with electronic voting machines.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The law school will hold its **Fourth Annual Golf Outing** at Baltusrol Golf Club on Monday, Sept. 24. Proceeds benefit the Justice Morris Pashman Scholarship. For information about the event, contact the development office at 973-353-5094 or golf@kinoy.rutgers.edu.

The **25th reunion of the Class of 1982** will take place on Sunday, Sept. 30, at 2 pm. The event will be a brunch, hosted by Agnes I. Rymer '82. For more information, contact Senior Alumni Relations Officer Tamara Britt at 973-353-1617 or tbritt@kinoy.rutgers.edu.

Eve C. Gartner, senior staff attorney in the Public Policy Litigation & Law Department of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, will be the guest speaker at the Wednesday, Oct. 3, **First Monday** program. Gartner argued *Gonzalez v. Planned Parenthood* before the U.S. Supreme Court last term and will speak on the topic of reproductive rights. The First Monday event, sponsored by the Eric R. Neisser Public Interest Program, is scheduled for 4 – 6 pm.

On Nov. 1, the Alumni Association will honor three graduates at its **Annual Recognition Dinner**. Lawrence E. Bathgate, II '64, managing partner of Bathgate Wegener & Wolf, and Angelo J. Genova '78, partner in Genova Burns & Vernoia, each will receive a Distinguished Alumnus Award. The Fannie Bear Besser Award for Public Service will be given to Nancy Biberman '73, co-founder and president of the Women's Housing and Economic Development Corporation. For more information, contact Senior Alumni Relations Officer Tamara Britt at 973-353-1617 or tbritt@kinoy.rutgers.edu.