

**ALLAN AXELROD, 1922 – 2008**

Allan Axelrod, the William J. Brennan, Jr. Professor of Law Emeritus and a legendary figure in the history of the law school, died on August 9, 2008 at his home in Hoboken, NJ. He was 85 years old.

At a memorial service held at the law school on September 21, U.S. District Court Judge Louis Pollak, Yale Law School classmate of Professor Axelrod, delivered the eulogy and former faculty colleague Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg provided a videotaped tribute. More than 20 family members, friends, Rutgers colleagues, and former students shared their special memories with the overflow audience in the Baker Trial Courtroom.

Professor Axelrod was described as one of the ablest, most penetrating, and most exciting law teachers of his — or of any — era. He employed brilliance, verbal artistry, colorful anecdotes, and bursts of humor to bring thousands of students into thoughtful understanding of legal doctrine and the underlying tensions of policy. His fields of special interest were Contracts, Property, Commercial Law, and Bankruptcy but he was equally at home teaching Antitrust, Oil and Gas, and Local Government. One of his pedagogical innovations was the creation of a seminar in the Law of Gambling, a subject he particularly enjoyed researching and teaching.

Professor Axelrod received a B.A. from the University of Michigan and his LL.B. from Yale Law School. Two weeks before graduating, he began his teaching career at the University of Nebraska Law School. In 1960 he came to Rutgers, where he was a beloved teacher for 47 years. In 1978 he received the Lindback Prize, the university's highest teaching award. His prowess as a teacher was reflected in the roster of law schools at which he was a Visiting Professor: Berkeley, University of Chicago, Georgetown, Harvard, Hastings, University of Pennsylvania, Southern California, Stanford, and Yale.

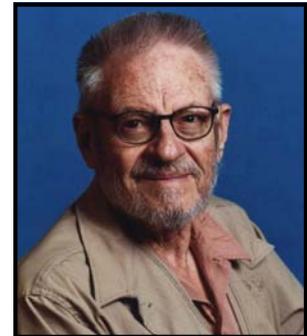
Professor Axelrod formally retired in 1988. However, he continued to teach until a year ago and could regularly be found in his office, ready to share his perspective on the wide range of subjects about which he was knowledgeable. He will be missed by all who had the opportunity to learn from his brilliance and experience his sharp wit.

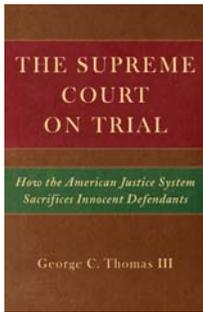
*The Law School is establishing the Allan Axelrod Memorial Fund to support the creation of an Axelrod Professorship as well as the existing Axelrod Library Endowment. Donations to the Memorial Fund should be made out to the Rutgers University Foundation, with a notation that it is for the Allan Axelrod Memorial Fund, and mailed to the Dean's Office, Rutgers School of Law-Newark, 123 Washington Street, Newark, NJ 07102.*

***New Book by Professor George Thomas Urges Significant Changes to U.S. Criminal Justice Process***

*In The Supreme Court on Trial: How the American Justice System Sacrifices Innocent Defendants* (University of Michigan Press), Professor George C. Thomas III draws on history and comparative law, particularly the French system, to show that the U.S. criminal justice system is not nearly as good as it could be at protecting innocent suspects and defendants and he offers a realistic blueprint for reform.

Early chapters examine how Western cultures, beginning with the Greeks, have historically identified those guilty of crimes. By the time the book reaches the late 17<sup>th</sup> century, it shows how the British and American systems of justice had become an adversarial system. Thomas argues that presenting a case under that system, in which the two sides need the jury to accept their version of the truth, often obscures rather than reveals the truth. In the last chapter he describes several reforms – some controversial – that would protect the innocent at





a reasonable cost. Thomas would, for example, create a pool of “criminal trial specialists” who would be available both to prosecute and defend criminal cases. Other suggested reforms, such as having judges review criminal cases before trial and after conviction, are less controversial and thus more likely to be adopted.

One of the country’s most respected criminal law scholars, Thomas is the author of *Double Jeopardy: The History, the Law* and co-author of *The Miranda Debate* (with Richard Leo) and *Criminal Procedure: Principles, Policies and Perspectives* (with Joshua Dressler), as well as more than 60 articles. He received his J.D. from the University of Iowa, and an LL.M. and J.S.D. from Washington University in St. Louis. Prior to joining the Rutgers faculty in 1986, he practiced law in Tennessee and was a member of the University of Tennessee faculty. He teaches Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure.

### ***Iraq War Veteran Joins Lawsuit Filed by Con. Lit. Clinic Challenging Constitutionality of the War***

An Iraq war veteran who served nearly three years in Iraq and was part of the original invasion force has been added to the Constitutional Litigation Clinic lawsuit pending in the Federal District Court in Newark challenging the legality of the war absent a Congressional declaration. The lawsuit was originally filed in May on behalf of New Jersey Peace Action and two mothers of Iraq war veterans who are part of Military Families Speak Out. The plaintiffs are represented by Professor Frank Askin, director of the Constitutional Litigation Clinic, and Bennet Zurofsky ’79, general counsel of NJPA.

The suit alleges that Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution prohibits the president from launching an offensive war against a sovereign nation without a clear Declaration of War by Congress. It seeks a declaratory judgment that the president may not wage an offensive war against a sovereign nation without a clear Congressional vote. The lawsuit does not ask the court to interfere with the hostilities in Iraq, but it does urge a judicial declaration in light of recent presidential threats involving Iran, Georgia, and Pakistan.

### ***Book by Professor Stuart Green Wins Award for Raising Awareness of Impact of White-Collar Crime***

The book *Lying, Cheating, and Stealing: A Moral Theory of White-Collar Crime* by Professor Stuart P. Green has been selected to receive the White-Collar Crime Research Consortium’s first annual Outstanding Publication Award. The book’s ground-breaking analysis of the relationship between morality and white-collar criminal law was previously recognized with a 2006 ABA Scribes/American Society of Legal Writers Book Award nomination.

Professor Green joined the faculty this summer from Louisiana State University Law Center, where he was Louis B. Porterie Professor of Law. His scholarship on corporate and white collar crime, criminal law codification, comparative criminal law, victims’ rights, strict liability, justified homicide, plagiarism, and the criminal law’s Special Part has appeared in numerous books and journals. He is a member of the editorial boards of *Criminal Law and Philosophy* and the *New Criminal Law Review* and a manuscript reviewer for several academic presses. Professor Green received a J.D. from Yale Law School. He teaches Criminal Law, Criminal Adjudication, Advanced Topics in Criminal Law Seminar, and White Collar Crime Seminar.

### ***Law School Kicks Off Centennial Celebration With Food, Music, and Reflections on Its History***



Stories about the law school’s distinguished history were provided by several senior faculty members as Rutgers School of Law–Newark kicked off its Centennial Celebration with an all-day party on Sept. 9. Those speaking before a standing-room only audience of students included (l-r): Professor Emeritus Norman Cantor, Professor Frank Askin, Dean Stuart L. Deutsch, Professor Diana Sclar, Professor Paul Tractenberg, and Professor Emeritus Alfred Blumrosen. Not shown are Professors Emeritus Alfred Slocum and Saul Mendlovitz.



◀ The Sept. 9 Centennial Celebration also featured performances by student musicians, a luncheon, dinner, and reception. The celebration was sponsored by the Alumni Association, whose president, Robert S. Goldsmith '77, partner in Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP is shown here at right with Associate Dean Gregory Mark. The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be celebrated at a series of other events during the academic year.

► Close to 100 people attended the Sept. 23 Patent Law and Pharmaceuticals Symposium. It was the second IP symposium organized by the school's Center for Law, Science and Technology, which is headed by Professor Sabrina Safrin. The symposium was co-hosted by the New Jersey Intellectual Property Association and sponsored by Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP. The Hon. Pauline Newman, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, gave the keynote address. Panelists discussed proposed local patent rules for the District of NJ, whether patent settlements between brand-name companies and their generic rivals violate antitrust laws, and the patent issues that matter most to the pharmaceutical industry. Adjunct Professor Nicholas Groombridge (l) moderated the panel of senior in-house counsel who provided the pharma perspective on patent issues. Left to right: Henry Hadad of Schering-Plough, Jeffrey N. Myers of Pfizer, and David Manspeizer of Wyeth.




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## CLINICAL PROGRAM

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The clinical program, with assistance from the Clinical Legal Education Association, has defeated an attempt to require it to provide access under the state's Open Public Records Act (OPRA) to case files not otherwise protected as attorney work product or lawyer-client privilege. On Aug. 4 Superior Court Judge Travis Francis ruled that even though Rutgers, as a state university, is subject to OPRA for most matters, the law school clinics themselves are not state actors for OPRA purposes.

The judge relied heavily on a 1989 New Jersey Supreme Court decision in *Executive Commission on Ethical Standards Re: Appearance of Rutgers Attorneys*, 116 N.J. 216 (1989), which held that the law school's clinical professors representing clinic clients were not subject to the state conflicts of interest law provision that prohibited state employees from representing clients before state administrative agencies.

Professor Frank Askin, Director of the Constitutional Litigation Clinic, presented the clinical program's oral argument before the court on June 3, 2008. He stressed the devastating affect on clinical operations and chilling effects on the

attorney-client relationship that would result from a determination that Rutgers' clinics (unlike clinics at private law schools) were required to notify clients that all material turned over to the clinics might be subject to disclosure under OPRA. Askin had conceptualized and presented the clinic position before the New Jersey Supreme Court in *Appearance of Rutgers Attorneys*.

Clinical Professor Laura Cohen, who teaches in the Urban Legal Clinic, collaborated with Sandra Simkins, director of the Rutgers-Camden Children's Justice Clinic, and alum Cynthia Samuels '83, deputy public defender at the New Jersey Office of the Public Defender (OPD), to develop a winning proposal for the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's new Juvenile Indigent Defense Action Network (JIDAN). New Jersey is one of four states selected through a competitive process to join the Network, whose goal is to improve the quality of defense representation for kids in juvenile court.

Cohen and Simkins, who also are co-directors of the Northeast Regional Juvenile Defender Center, have worked closely with Samuels to develop training for OPD staff. Their JIDAN

proposal was an outgrowth of those efforts and will build on their existing partnership to provide new learning opportunities for law students and improved legal representation for indigent children.

The law school will hold “The Legacy of Arthur Kinoy and the Inspirational and Collaborative Dimensions of Clinical Legal Education: Honoring 40 Years of Clinics at Rutgers-Newark” on Friday, April 3, 2009. Speakers will include prominent academics and attorneys from the public and private sectors.

For more news about the clinical program, go to <http://law.newark.rutgers.edu/Fall08ClinicNewsletter.pdf>.

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### FACULTY NOTES

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“A View From the Trenches: Telling It to the Judge on Election Day” by **Professor Frank Askin** was published in the August *New Jersey Lawyer Magazine* Symposium on Election Law. Askin wrote the op-ed “For oil giant, a \$500 million recusal” for the July 28 *Record*. He was the keynote speaker at the Rutgers-Newark campus commemoration of Constitution Day on Sept. 17.

The fifth edition of the *New Jersey Legal Research Handbook* by **Paul Axel-Lute, Deputy Director of the Law Library**, has been published by the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education.

The May 2008 *Fordham Law Review* published **Professor Carlos Ball’s** “The Blurring of the Lines: Children and Bans on Interracial Unions and Same-Sex Marriages” (76 *Fordham L. Rev.* 2733). Ball also published an article titled “Against Neutrality in the Legal Recognition of Intimate Relationships” in the *Georgetown Journal of Gender & the Law* (9 *Geo. Jr. Gen & L.* 321, 2008). A longer version of the article will appear as a chapter in Gordon Babst, et. al., eds., *Moral Arguments, Sexual Minorities, and the Public Good: Advancing the Debate* (Lexington Books, 2009).

The Aug. 10 *Record* published “Giving gun liability a shot,” an op-ed by **Professor Bernard Bell** on the U.S. Supreme Court ruling on the Washington, DC gun control law.

**Professor Karima Bennoune** is a Visiting Professor at the University of Michigan Law School for the 2008-09 academic year. On Oct. 4 she will participate on a panel entitled “Middle East – the great clashes between the West and the Rest” during the annual meeting of the American Society of Comparative Law, held at the UC Hastings College of the Law. On Oct. 25 she will speak at a University of Maryland Law School conference celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The topic of her panel is “The Claims of Culture and Religion.”

On June 6, **Assistant Professor Joshua Blank** presented an early draft of “Overcoming Overdisclosure: Toward Tax Shelter Detection,” 56 *UCLA Law Review* \_\_ (forthcoming, 2009) at the Third Annual Junior Tax Scholars Conference, held this year at NYU School of Law. Blank also participated in a symposium on wealth transfer taxation at NYU School of Law on Sept. 19 and will take part in an Oct. 24 conference on tax administration in the 21st century at Columbia Law School.

“A Coherent Policy Proposal for U.S. Residence-Based Taxation of Individuals” by **Associate Dean Cynthia Blum** (with Paula N. Singer) was published in the May 2008 issue of the *Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law* (41 *Vand. J. Transnat’l L.* 705).

**Clinical Professor Laura Cohen** was one of the speakers at the Aug. 9 ABA Criminal Justice Section program on “The Rule of Law and Juvenile Justice.” New York Chief Judge Judith Kaye moderated the panel, which was co-sponsored by the Commission on Youth at Risk.

New Jersey Appleseed will present a special tribute to **Dean Stuart L. Deutsch**, who is stepping down as dean at the end of the current academic year, during its 2008 Awards Gala on Oct. 15. R-N Chancellor Steve Diner and Clinical Professor Robert Holmes will deliver tributary remarks.

**Professor Gary Francione** wrote about California’s Proposition 2, the Prevention of Farm Animal Cruelty Act, as a guest author on About.com’s animal rights channel. His pamphlet, “Animal Rights: The Abolitionist Approach,” written with Adjunct Professor Anna Charlton, has been translated into Italian, Polish, French, Spanish, Portuguese, and German.

The Sept. 26 *Record* published **Associate Professor Anna Gelpern's** "Responding to Crises," an op-ed about the current financial crisis. On Sept. 27 Gelpern wrote about sovereign self-regulation as a guest blogger on the Law & Development Blog. She has also signed on with the Conglomerate as a guest blogger.

The Italian publisher, Egea, has published the Italian version of the book *Lying, Cheating, and Stealing: A Moral Theory of White-Collar Crime* by **Professor Stuart P. Green**.

**Clinical Professor John Kettle** was a panelist at the Business of Music program held by NJ ICLE in June. He also is principal co-author of *The Business of Music* seminar book.

**Associate Professor Suzanne Kim** has been appointed to the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Minority Concerns, on which she addresses issues of minority citizen access to the courts. Kim presented her article "When Words Matter: Language and Social Meaning in Marital Names, Same-Sex Marriage, and Family Law" on Sept. 13 at Boston University's Northeast People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference.

**Professor John Leubsdorf** is teaching Civil Procedure and a Lawyers in Fiction Reading Group as a Visiting Professor at Harvard Law School for the fall 2008 semester.

**Clinical Professor Randi Mandelbaum** discussed "Educational Advocacy" before the Court Appointed Special Advocates of Atlantic and Cape May counties on July 23.

On Oct. 13 **Professor Emeritus Saul Mendlovitz** will present "Preventing Genocide: A United Nations Emergency Peace Service Eradicating Armed Conflict" as part of the Center for the Study of Genocide and Human Rights' fall speaker series colloquium on Globalization: Reform, Resistance and Rights. The R-N Division of Global Affairs is a co-sponsor.

**Professor James Pope** will speak on "The Glorious Labor Amendment, Then and Now" at the Oct. 3 University of Colorado School of Law faculty colloquium. On Sept. 25 he delivered the third annual Kermit Hall Memorial Constitution Day Lecture on "Liberty and Justice for All? Class,

Race, and the United States Constitution" at the College of St. Rose in Albany, NY. On Sept. 18 he spoke on "Class Conflicts of Law" at a University of Buffalo Law School conference marking the 25th anniversary of James B. Atleson's *Values and Assumptions in American Labor Law*.

On Nov. 20 **Associate Dean Carol Roehrenbeck** will chair a program on Privacy and Library Records at the Princeton Public Library.

The *Utah Law Review* has published "When Lawyers Fail Innocent Defendants: Exorcising the Ghosts That Haunt the Criminal Justice System" (2008 *Utah L. Rev.* 25) by **Professor George Thomas**.

**Professor Paul Tractenberg** provided the legal perspective on the civil activism that laid the groundwork for Essex County College at the college's Sept. 25 Constitution Law Day.

**Professor David Troutt** wrote the article "Judging an Elitist by His Cover" for the July 15 issue of the *Washington Independent* webpaper.

**Clinical Professor Penny Venetis** will speak at Seton Hall Law School's Oct. 6 First Monday program entitled "The Election Process: Is Your Suffrage Suffering?"

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## STUDENT NEWS

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Several Rutgers-Newark law students have recently won prestigious scholarships, including: **Heidi Alexander '09**, a Jean Robertson Women Lawyers Scholarship; **Thomas Leung '09**, the Sidney B. Williams, Jr. Scholarship from the American Intellectual Property Law Education Foundation; **Mary C. Lee '09**, the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office Richard L. Barbour Scholarship; and **Jewel McGowan-Watson '10**, **Dante Simone '10**, and **Allison Vogel '09**, New Jersey State Bar Foundation Scholarships.

**Tamara Britt '09**, a summer associate at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, New York, was co-author with David E. Brodsky and **Timothy M. Haggerty '05** of "At border, laptops are open books," published in the July 21 *National Law Journal*.

**Andrew Kunka '11** was interviewed by CNN (Aug. 22) and quoted in several major newspapers about the problem of students with excessive credit card debt.

An Aug. 29 *Jewish Standard* article about the Anti-Defamation League's summer associate program described the pro bono case to which **Jorge Sanchez '10** was assigned as part of his summer associate work at Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland Perretti LLP.

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### ALUMNAE/I HIGHLIGHTS

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The **Hon. Salem Ahto '63** retired from the bench on July 1, stepping down as presiding judge of the criminal division, Morris County Superior Court. He will continue to serve for two years as a recall judge.

**Kirsten Branigan '95** has joined the McDonald Law Group, LLC, Florham Park, as a member of the firm and chair of the employment law group.

**Rosemary Bruno '76**, shareholder of Buchanan Ingersoll Rooney PC, has been elected statewide chair of the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Character.

**John E. Clark '96** has joined Epstein Becker & Green, P.C. as a member of the firm. He will lead the construction law practice in New Jersey, New York, and the northeast.

**Dennis Drasco '73** has become president of the Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey. Drasco, who is a partner in Lum Drasco & Positan, Roseland, also serves as chair of the ABA Commission on the American Jury.

**Anthony R. Higgins '93** has been sworn in as a Newark Municipal Court Judge.

Chadbourne & Parke LLP has named **Dennis Hopkins '98** a partner in the firm. Resident in the New York office, he focuses his practice on all aspects of intellectual property.

**James Hupp '95** has been appointed founding dean of the new dental school at East Carolina University. He had been dean of the dental school at the University of Mississippi.

The New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in the Law presented **Raymond Londa '64**, a partner in Londa & Londa, Elizabeth, with the 2008 Daniel J. O'Hern Award at its Sept. 26 awards luncheon. The award is given annually to an attorney who exemplifies commitment to the highest standards of professional conduct, career achievement, and service to the legal profession and community. Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. has appointed **Eva L. Martinez '96** director of labor relations. She had been a senior staff attorney in Con Edison's law department.

**Robert Morris '95** has joined the New York office of Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP as a partner in its intellectual property department. He was previously with Ropes & Gray and before that Fish & Neave.

The **Hon. Sybil Moses '74**, the first woman assignment judge in New Jersey, has retired from the Bergen County Superior Court. Judge Moses, who spent her entire legal career in public service, received the Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumna Award in 2006. A Sept. 22 *Star-Ledger* article highlighted her many accomplishments. **Peter E. Doyne '76**, the general equity presiding judge in Bergen County and acting assignment judge in the Bergen Vicinage since 2006, was appointed to succeed her. Judge Doyne was appointed to the bench in 1993 after working in private practice.

**Linda Neilan '01** has been named a partner at Outten & Golden LLP, New York. She is co-chair of the firm's family responsibilities and disability discrimination practice group.

The lead article in the Sept. 8 *New Jersey Law Journal* profiled a case in which **Jacques Pierre '06** successfully convinced the Essex County Superior Court that, in violation of court rules, the eviction process for renters was wrongly applied against a co-op shareholder and that the eviction should be vacated. Pierre handled the case during his six months as Lowenstein Sandler PC's associate-in-residence at Essex Newark Legal Services. Pierre is now serving a one-year clerkship with Chief Justice Stuart Rabner.

**Annette Quijano '91** was appointed to fill a vacant State Assembly seat in Union county (20th Legislative District). She had been an assistant counsel to Gov. Jon Corzine. Quijano is the

district's first woman and first Hispanic state legislator.

**Edward G. Sponzilli '75**, a member of the firm at Norris McLaughlin & Marcus, P.A., has received the 2008 Trial Attorneys of New Jersey Professional Lawyer of the Year Award from the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in the Law.

Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs LLP, Boca Raton, FL, has named **Scott Topolski '87** chair of its litigation practice group.

The **Hon. Alexander P. Waugh, Jr. '75**, presiding judge for general equity in Middlesex County, has been appointed to the Appellate Division.

**Precious Williams '06** was the keynote speaker at the Mathews-Dickey Boys' & Girls' Club 19<sup>th</sup> Annual "Say Amen" Banquet. Williams is an alumna of the St. Louis organization's "The Sky Is the Limit" career-readiness program. After serving as a law clerk for the Hon. Joseph P. Perfilio, she has joined Heidell, Pittoni, Murphy & Bach, New York, as an associate.

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### R-N LAW IN THE NEWS

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**Dean Stuart L. Deutsch** and alums **Rosemary Alito '78**, **Nancy McDonald '89**, **Kirsten Branigan '95**, and **Erin Cleary '08** were featured in the NJN *Due Process* show "The Glass Ceiling," which was broadcast several times in July.

The law school's **clinical program**, one of the oldest and largest in the country, has been ranked 13th for "Best in Practical Training" by *National Jurist* magazine (September 2008). The rankings are based on the number of clinical positions as a percentage of total number of full-time students.

**Professor Frank Askin** was interviewed for a Sept 21 *Star-Ledger* story about a case before the state Supreme Court involving warrantless roadside searches; an Aug. 29 *Ledger* article about Stuart Rabner's first year as chief justice; and a July 23 *Ledger* story about a Paterson councilman's suggestion that "saggin'" (sagging jeans exposing underwear) be made a misdemeanor.

A July 17 *Herald News* report on anticipated budget cuts at Legal Services included a comment by **Clinical Professor Jack Feinstein**.

**Professor Gary Francione** was a guest on the Sept. 9 Toronto radio program "Animal Voices." He provided the animal rights perspective in the *National Review Online* July 22 article "Veganism Is Murder."

*Law360*, a newswire for business lawyers, quoted **Assistant Professor Steve Gold** in an Aug. 25 article about EPA's lawsuit over costs associated with cleaning up a New Jersey Superfund site.

The *New York Times* (Aug. 17) quoted **Professor Stuart Green** about the grand jury investigation of the Deutsche Bank fire in which two firefighters were killed. The *Star-Ledger* (Aug. 21) included his comments in a story about an Appellate Division decision that a man's pastor can testify against him at trial.

*New Jersey Lawyer* quoted **Professor Howard Latin** in its Sept. 1 article about the U.S. Supreme Court's *Exxon Shipping Co. v. Baker* decision that restricts punitive damages.

**Clinical Professor Randi Mandelbaum** was interviewed for a July 22 *Record* story about court-appointed special advocates.

**Professor Emeritus Saul Mendlovitz** appeared on a segment of the Sept. 30 *CBS Evening News with Katie Couric* that was devoted to "Voter Purgings." Mendlovitz reported that, despite having voted in the same precinct for 30 years, he recently received a letter from the State of New Jersey informing him that he was not registered to vote.

Comments by **Professor George Thomas** were included in a Sept. 26 *Star-Ledger* article about the prosecutor's opposition to a probable cause hearing in a murder case; a July 30 *Press of Atlantic City* story about the impact of a faulty warrant in the resolution of a sexual assault case; and a June 24 *Star-Ledger* article about the court's agreeing that the disclosure of the location of a global positioning system in a drug case would compromise public safety.

**Clinical Professor Penny Venetis** discussed voting rights issues on WNYC's Sept. 22 "Brian Lehrer Show."

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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“**Perspectives on Obama, Race and the Law**” is the topic of the Oct. 16 *Rutgers Race and the Law Review* symposium. Speakers include Craig Jackson of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Glenn Martin of the Fortune Society, Reginald Oh of Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Catherine Smith of the University of Denver College of Law, William Schroeder '86 of Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, and Rutgers Law School Professors Frank Askin, Bernard Bell, Carlos Gonzalez, Brandon Paradise, and David Troutt. The symposium will take place from 4 – 8 pm with dinner to follow. RSVP by Oct. 10 to [racelawreview@gmail.com](mailto:racelawreview@gmail.com).

From 4 – 6 pm on Oct. 20, Professor Paul Tractenberg's **Centennial Seminar** will host a special program celebrating the law school's commitment to diversity and the fruits of that diversity. Distinguished alums from every sector of the legal profession will speak about their personal experiences. Speakers will include Professors Emeritus Alfred Slocum and Annamay Sheppard, NJ Public Advocate Ronald Chen, NJ Public Defender Yvonne Smith Segars, Fried Frank partner and New York County Lawyers Association president Ann Lesk, NY Civil Liberties Union executive director Donna Lieberman, former U.S. attorney Alberto Rivas, and George Washington University Law School Professor Mary Cheh. A reception will follow the program.

“**Celebrating 100 Years of Rutgers Law**” is the theme of the Oct. 22 Annual Alumni Recognition Dinner at the Hilton at Short Hills. Honorees are the Hon. William J. Martini '72, Anthony R. Coscia '84, and the Hon. Rudy Coleman '74. The dinner will also note Dean Stuart Deutsch's final year as dean of the law school. For all the details, go to <http://www.rutgerslawalumndinner.org/>.

On Friday, Oct. 24, *Rutgers Law Record* will present “**Iraq at the Crossroads: Protecting Refugees, Rescuing Our Allies, and Empowering Iraqi Law.**” Speakers at the all-day symposium will include Jwan Taffiq, deputy permanent representative of Iraq to the United Nations; Judge Ra'id Juhi, the chief investigative judge of the Saddam Hussein trial; Congressman Bill Pascrell (D-NJ); Bob Carey, chair of Refugee Council USA and vice president of International Rescue Committee; Hilary Ingraham of the State

Department's Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration; and Kirk Johnson of the List Project. Register online at [www.lawrecord.com](http://www.lawrecord.com).

**First Monday**, whose purpose is to educate campus communities about important social justice issues and expose students to careers in public interest advocacy, will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 5, the day after election day. The program will consider, among other topics, the likely impact of the election results on the Iraq war and the presence of military recruiters on high school campuses. Constitutional Litigation Clinic Professors Frank Askin and Penny Venetis, who with their students have been active on both issues, will be among the speakers. The 2008 Eric R. Neisser Public Interest Award will be presented to Donita Judge '03, staff attorney with the legal action group Advancement Project. Clinical Professor Laura Cohen and Jessica Kitson, associate director for career services, are co-directors of the Neisser Program. For more information on the event, email [publicinterest@kinoy.rutgers.edu](mailto:publicinterest@kinoy.rutgers.edu).

“**Jazz for Justice**,” the Association of Black Law Students' annual fundraising event, will take place beginning at 6:30 pm on Thursday, Nov. 6, in the Rutgers-Newark Paul Robeson Student Center. Proceeds will benefit the Wanda Green Endowed Scholarship to provide tuition assistance to a law student who was deeply affected by the events of September 11<sup>th</sup> or Hurricane Katrina. “Jazz for Justice” will honor Marcia Brown '94, Rutgers-Newark vice chancellor for student and community affairs. The Hon. Betty J. Lester '71, New Jersey Superior Court, will make the welcoming remarks and Vaughn L. McKoy '93 of PSE&G Services Corporation will deliver the keynote address. For information about tickets and sponsorship opportunities, email [jazzforjustice@gmail.com](mailto:jazzforjustice@gmail.com).

Professors Gary Francione and George Thomas will read from their new books when **Friends of Rutgers Law Library** hosts **Meet the Authors** on Thursday, Nov. 20. Francione's latest book is *Animals as Persons: Essays on the Abolition of Animal Exploitation* and Thomas's is titled *The Supreme Court on Trial: How the American Justice System Sacrifices Innocent Defendants*. The program will begin at 6:30 pm following a reception with the authors. RSVP by Nov. 14 to [egiordano@kinoy.rutgers.edu](mailto:egiordano@kinoy.rutgers.edu).