INSTITUTION BUILDING AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL MILESTONES

Both during the strategic planning process and after releasing New York Law School's Strategic Plan, we have undertaken many substantial efforts and initiatives. This timeline provides some highlights of the key milestones since May 2012.

May 2012

Dean Crowell Takes Office

Anthony W. Crowell takes office as the 16th Dean and President of New York Law School. Prior to his appointment, Dean Crowell served as Counselor to New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg. In this role, he served as counsel and senior management and policy advisor to the Mayor, as well as general counsel to the Office of the Mayor. He first joined New York Law School as a member of the adjunct faculty in 2003.

May 2012

National Law Journal Readers Rank NYLS Tax LL.M. Program Third in Nation

The Best of The National Law Journal, a new supplement reporting on readers' rankings, lists New York Law School's Tax LL.M. program as third in the nation. Nearly 5,000 readers cast votes for their favorite legal service providers in categories including education.

2012 THIRD PLACE WINNER OF THE BEST OF THE NATIONAL LAW JOURNAL New York Law School Tax L.L.M.

July 2012

NYLS Faculty Among Top 70 Schools for Scholarly Impact

Professor Brian Leiter of the University of Chicago Law School, in his popular law school blog, reports that New York Law School is among the top 70 law schools in a study of "scholarly impact" from 2007 to 2011.

August 2012

NYLS Honored as a 'Most Innovative' Law School

The National Jurist Magazine honors NYLS, along with 19 other law schools, for its innovative curriculum. The magazine recognizes NYLS' Legal Practice Program, a first-year skills program launched in fall 2011, which features a curriculum that provides students with a comprehensive introduction to lawyering skills at the beginning of their law school careers.

September 2012

New York Law Journal Readers Rank Two NYLS LL.M. Programs No. 1

The New York Law Journal's reader rankings supplement lists NYLS's LL.M. in Taxation program number one in New York City in the Best Banking/Bankruptcy/Tax LL.M. category for the third year in a row. In addition, NYLS LL.M. programs in Financial Services Law and Real Estate are ranked first and third respectively in the specialty program category, and the Law School's Joint J.D./LL.M. is ranked third in the joint degree category.

New York Law Journal Reader Rankings Winner Best Banking/Bankruptcy/Tax LLM New York Law School (Tax) 2012

New York Law Journal Reader Rankings Winner Best Other/Specialty LLM New York Law School (Financial Services Law) 2012

July 2012

Mendik Library Mobile App Honored

The Mendik Library's mobile application is named a recipient of the Excellence in Marketing Award, Best Use of Technology, by the American Association of Law Libraries.

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July 2012

Dean Crowell Joins New York City Bar Task Force on Challenges Facing Profession

The New York City Bar Association invites Dean Crowell to participate in a new task force to address the challenges facing new lawyers entering the job market and the structure and operation of the legal profession.

August 2012

NYLS Initiates Operational Review and Reorganization Planning

As an initial step in the strategic planning process, Dean Crowell announces a detailed examination of the Law School's organizational structure and functions to maximize strengths and identify opportunities for improvement.

October 2012

Manhattan District Attorney's Office and NYLS Partner to Develop a New Prosecution Clinic

Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance and New York Law School announce the launch of a new prosecution clinic, beginning in fall 2013, in which students will staff, under the supervision of experienced Assistant District Attorneys, the new Quality of Life Part in New York County Criminal Court. With the addition of a clinic at the Manhattan DA's Office, NYLS has the unique distinction of supporting clinical programs within three of the five New York City District Attorney offices.

District Attorney Cyrus Vance

November 2012

NYLS Blog Named One of the ABA's Top 100 Blawgs of 2012

For the second year in a row, the Program in Law and Journalism's *Legal As She Is Spoke* (LASIS) blog is named by the American Bar Association as one of the top 100 "blawgs" of the year. LASIS reports on the state of legal journalism and encourages conversation about the accuracy and felicity of reporting on law.

January 2013

Introducing the Dean's Leadership Council

As an important step in increasing students' engagement and their connection to the Law School, Dean Crowell introduces the Dean's Leadership Council. First-year students whose grades placed them in the top 25 percent of their class earn an inaugural seat on the Council. As part of the Council, students join Dean Crowell in a series of special dialogues until they graduate to discuss ways to tackle some of the biggest legal and policy issues facing New York City, the nation, and beyond.

September 2012

NYLS Launches Pro Bono Initiative

Dean Crowell announces that NYLS has created a Pro Bono Initiative directly designed to comply with new requirements being put into effect by the New York Court of Appeals, under the leadership of Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman. The initiative expands the Law School's clinical and experiential learning offerings to support students in completing at least 50 hours of *pro bono* service as a prerequisite to admission to the bar. It also addresses the needs of low-income New Yorkers, while helping students gain experience and build skills, and instills in them the values of *pro bono* service.

NY State Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman

October 2012

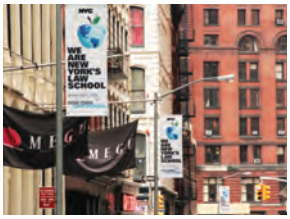
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit at NYLS

The United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit hears oral arguments on the New York Law School campus. The auditorium is filled to capacity with students and other members of the NYLS community, as well as many outside attendees. After the oral arguments, the judges participate in a panel and Q&A with students followed by a luncheon, where students network with judges, clerks, and other court personnel. The Court will sit again at NYLS in fall 2013.

January 2013

We Are New York's Law School Program

Dean Crowell announces NYLS's new "We are New York's law school" slogan. NYLS works with NYC & Company, New York City's tourism, marketing, and partnerships office, to launch a street banner program to feature NYLS banners on light posts declaring "We are New York's law school." The street banner campaign provides an opportune vehicle to communicate another strong connection to New York City, particularly in the heart of the government, legal, and business districts.



January 2013

Pathways to Passage: The NYLS Bar Examination Preparation Jump-Start Program

NYLS announces the launch of a new bar prep jump-start program for students who will take the bar exam. The program is designed to familiarize students with the exam and its various sections, including the New York portion (consisting of essays and the Multistate Performance Test (MPT)), and the multiple-choice portions. The program reviews the substantive areas of law that are covered, including wills and trusts, evidence, contracts, New York practice, criminal law, and criminal procedure. NYLS faculty worked with two commercial bar prep course providers, Pieper and BarBri, to design the program, and representatives from both companies provide instruction.

January 2013

Center Spotlight: New Academic Center for Business and Financial Law

Dean Crowell announces the launch of the Center for Business and Financial Law which provides J.D. and LL.M students with an unparalleled integrated approach to academic study and skills training in all aspects of corporate, commercial, and financial services law. The new center will provide cutting-edge courses, projects, research, CLE programs, speakers' forums, and other events that bring together academics, practitioners, government and industry leaders, alumni, and students to address the challenges faced by business and finance.

New York Stock Exchange

February 2013

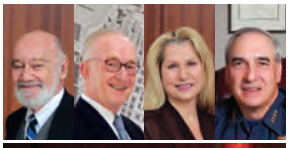
NYLS Hosts Event on Attracting Top Talent to New York City

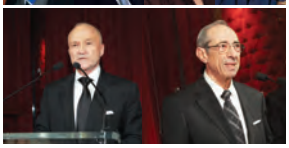
New York Law School hosts the Association for a Better New York (ABNY) and the Citizens Budget Commission for a lively discussion on New York City's ability to compete for top talent. Dean Crowell speaks about NYLS's role in New York City and how our programs are being aligned to the highest growth areas. Major corporate CEOs, elected officials, and academics and higher education leaders, including Cornell University President David Skorton, attend.

February 2013

NYLS Honors Notable Alumni at Annual Gala

The Law School honors four alumni at its annual gala: Hon. Ernst H. Rosenberger '58, Of Counsel, Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP; Gerald C. Crotty '76, President, Weichert Enterprise LLC; Cynthia G. Senko Rosicki '86, Founding Partner, Rosicki, Rosicki & Associates PC.; and Daniel J. Oates '86, Chief of Police, Aurora, Colorado. Justice Rosenberg, Mr. Crotty, and Ms. Rosicki receive the Groundbreaker Award; Mr. Crotty's award is presented by former New York Governor Mario Cuomo. Chief Oates receives the inaugural Dean's Award for Excellence in Leadership and Service, presented by New York City Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly.





February 2013

New Scholarship Program for Public Servants Announced

New York Law School announces a new Public Service Scholarship Program for New York city, state, and federal public servants. The program recognizes public servants for their commitment by providing three full-tuition scholarships and 12 half-tuition scholarships to qualified candidates. It is tied to the Law School's rich history of diversity, which has included students from law enforcement, the fire department, and all areas of government.

New York City Hall

February 2013

NYLS Holds Symposium on New York City Charter Revisions

The NYLS Law Review and Center for New York City Law present a symposium titled "Process, Power, and Lessons for the Future: 25 Years of New York City Charter Revisions." The event features illustrious panelists, including former Deputy Mayor Randy Mastro, former New York City Corporation Counsel Fritz Schwarz, John Avlon, Senior Political Columnist for *Newsweek* and the Daily Beast and a contributor on CNN, and Dean Crowell. The keynote is delivered by New York City Corporation Counsel Michael Cardozo.

March 2013

NYLS Earns U.S. Presidential Honors

New York Law School is named to the 2013 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. It is the only law school in New York State to make the list, and one of only three law schools in the country named to the Honor Roll. The Honor Roll designation is the highest honor a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning, and civic engagement. Among many community service programs at NYLS, those highlighted by the Honor Roll include: the NYLS Safe Passage Project, which assists unrepresented immigrant youth; the Street Law Project, which brings law students into public schools to educate students about their legal rights; and the Racial Justice Project, which assists people denied constitutional and civil rights.

April 2013

Event Spotlight: Start-up City Conference Featuring Mayoral Candidate Forum

New York Law School partners with Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer to present the Start-up City Conference. The conference focuses on the ideas outlined in Stringer's recently released report, "Start-up City: Growing New York City's Entrepreneurial Economy for All." Dean Crowell serves as a panelist. The second part of the program features a New York City Mayoral Candidate Forum, which includes candidates Former Councilmember Sal Albanese, Public Advocate Bill de Blasio, Former Bronx Borough President Adolfo Carrion, Comptroller John C. Liu, Council Speaker Christine C. Quinn, and Former Comptroller Bill Thompson.

May 2013

Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg Delivers NYLS's 2013 Commencement Address

New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg addresses the graduates at New York Law School's 121st Commencement exercises at Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall. He receives an honorary Doctor of Laws degree, his first honorary law degree. The Law School graduates 559 candidates for the Juris Doctor (J.D.), 45 for the Master of Laws (LL.M.), and 3 for the Master of Arts (M.A.) in Mental Disability Law. The President's Medal of Honor is awarded to Arthur N. Abbey '59, a master securities litigator and Chairman of New York Law School's Board of Trustees.

"This honorary law degree means a lot to me, especially coming from an institution as important to our City's history and to our future as New York Law School"

Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg

June 2013

NYLS Hosts Forum on Migration and Peace

New York Law School Hosts the Scalabrini International Migration Network's Fourth Annual International Forum on Migration and Peace at which numerous high-ranking diplomats are in attendance.

United Nations

April 2013

NYLS Undertakes Historic Expansion of Clinical and Experiential Learning Programs

Beginning in the 2013–14 academic year, NYLS students will be given an unprecedented opportunity to become even more immersed in the legal life of New York City. Thirteen new clinics will expand their real-world opportunities in the practice of law and allow them unparalleled opportunities to build critical skills and knowledge while helping to make an immediate difference in the lives of others. Guided by expert faculty and attorney supervisors, students will bridge their classroom learning to practical legal training, primarily in New York City government law offices and nonprofit agencies or serving New York City clients. Among the new programs is the Clinical Year, during which third-year students will spend the entire year in three 10-week, full-time, clinical rotations, building on the medical school model. With the additions, the Law School now will offer 26 clinics in all and give new opportunities for evening students to participate in them.

May 2013

Recognition for Law Practice Technology Program

New York Law School is honored as one of 13 top law schools teaching law practice technology by the eLawyering Task Force of the American Bar Association's Law Practice Management Section. The Task Force recognizes New York Law School's Certificate Program in Mastery of Law Practice Technology.

June 2013

NYLS Hosts NYC BigApps Competition

The Law School partners with the New York City Economic Development Corporation in hosting the NYC BigApps CityCamp and Demo Night on America's National Day of Civic Hacking. The event offers the public an opportunity to engage with NYC BigApps participants. Teams compete for prizes, including tickets to the White House and to Code for America's Annual Summit. First Prize goes to HealthyOut, an app that helps New Yorkers quickly locate healthy meals at local restaurants.

June 2013

NYLS Hosts Manhattan Borough President Candidate Forum

New York Law School hosts the Lower Manhattan Marketing Association's Manhattan Borough President Candidate Forum with candidates Gale Brewer, Robert Jackson, Jessica Lappin, and Julie Menin.

August 2013

Two NYLS Professors Win Fulbrights

Dean Crowell announces that Professor Richard K. Sherwin and Professor Stephen J. Ellmann have been named Fulbright recipients. Professor Sherwin, who received the honor to work on a new project called "The Moving Images of Law," is serving as the Fulbright Visiting Research Chair in Law and Literature at the Institute for the Public Life of Arts and Ideas at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, in the 2013-14 academic year. Professor Ellmann received a Fulbright Specialist Award to work on comparative constitutional law and clinical legal education planning this past summer at the University of Capetown Faculty of Law in South Africa.

Professor Richard K. Sherwin

Professor Stephen J. Ellman

September 2013

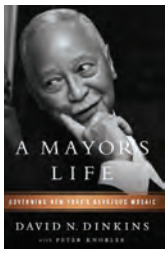
NYLS Launches New Web Site

New York Law School launches its new website and receives great feedback on the website's look, ease of use, and mobile-friendly design. Some of the new features include a searchable class catalog, an institutional events calendar, a redesigned newsroom (including a social media directory and toolkit), and a faculty news page.

September 2013

Former Mayor Dinkins Interviewed by Dean Crowell and Ross Sandler

The Center for New York City Law hosts former New York City Mayor David Dinkins at a City Law Breakfast. Following an introduction by Leonard Riggio, Executive Chairman of Barnes and Noble, Dean Crowell and Ross Sandler, Founding Director of the Center, jointly interview Mayor Dinkins about his recently published book, A Mayor's Life: Governing New York's Gorgeous Mosaic. Among several topics discussed is the "Safe Streets, Safe City" crime reduction program he implemented when he served as mayor in 1990-93.



September 2013

NYLS Announces Two-Year Honors Program

New York Law School announces that, beginning in January 2015, it will offer a two-year J.D. honors program. Candidates for admission will be expected to have completed at least two to three years of meaningful professional work experience or possess unique academic credentials. Because it is an honors program, admission will automatically come with at least a $25,000 merit scholarship per year for each of the two years, for all enrolled students. New York Law School is the first in the nation to reduce tuition for an accelerated program by a third. The Law School will guarantee postgraduate fellowships to all two-year honor students through partnerships with firms, companies, nonprofit organizations, and government agencies. Dean Crowell is interviewed about the program on New York Public Radio and Bloomberg Law.

September 2013

NYLS Symposium Commemorates Dr. King's 'I Have a Dream' Speech

NYLS hosts a symposium commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have A Dream" speech and the March on Washington. Sponsored by the Racial Justice Project, the Justice Action Center, and the Law Review, the event features leaders of the civil rights movement—including Clarence Jones, Dr. King's advisor and speechwriter—as well as prominent civil and human rights attorneys and legal scholars. Associate Dean Deborah N. Archer presents the opening remarks, and panelists reflect on the impact Dr. King's speech and the March had on the civil rights movement; examine civil rights enforcement in the federal courts; and discuss the legacy of these events today and for the future.

October 2013

Dean Crowell Named to 'People to Watch in Higher Education' by Crain's

Dean Crowell is selected by Crain's New York Business as one of its "People to Watch in Higher Education." He is the only law school dean to be named to the list. Crain's says, "Anthony Crowell was appointed New York Law School president and dean a little more than a year ago, and he's already making waves. Amid the growing debate about whether a law school should be cut to two years from three,…Mr. Crowell began allowing some third-year students to earn credits working in the field this fall. Some of that work will be in city government, an area familiar to Mr. Crowell, who previously served as counselor to Mayor Michael Bloomberg."

October 2013

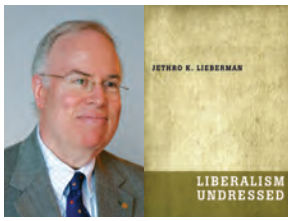
Credit Suisse to Hire as Many as 10 NYLS Students for Its General Counsel Academy

Financial services company Credit Suisse announces that it is in the process of hiring as many as 10 NYLS 2L and 3LE students to join the Credit Suisse General Counsel Academy, an internship program where students work part-time (paid), rotating throughout various divisions of the bank's General Counsel and Compliance Office. The announcement is made at the New York Law School Law Review Alumni Network's second annual fall reception, in the Credit Suisse building at 11 Madison Avenue. Nearly 100 alumni, current Law Review students, and Credit Suisse employees attend the event, at which Dean Crowell and alumna (and Credit Suisse attorney) Erin (Efland) Miner '08 give remarks.

October 2013

Jethro K. Lieberman Named Martin Professor of Law

Dean Crowell appoints Professor Jethro K. Lieberman as the Martin Professor Law. The professorship was created in memory of Lester Martin, a noted philanthropist. Now in his 29th year on the faculty, Professor Lieberman has served in many of the Law School's central academic and administrative roles, including associate dean for academic affairs, director of the Writing Program, and vice president and now director of academic publishing. He has published more than 25 books; his *Liberalism Undressed* (2012) was praised in the *New York Law Journal* as a "masterwork, a brilliant, provocative and mature product of decades of thought about some of the most fundamental issues of our time or any time."



November 2013

NYLS Announces ADR Skills Program

Dean Crowell announces a new Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Skills Program distinguished by its emphasis on practical experience. Students who complete the program will receive a Certificate in Dispute Resolution Skills. Developed with the realities of modern American lawyering in mind, the curriculum will emphasize skills and actual experience in negotiating, drafting, mediating, and arbitrating deals and conflicts ethically. Students will be exposed to theories of interest-based negotiation and its alternatives, and given opportunities to practice their skills. The program will also offer services to the legal and business community of the New York City region, through CLE and other training programs at the Law School as well as customized programs delivered onsite for companies, firms, and agencies. NYLS will serve as a resource center and a convening facility for lectures and special events for deal negotiators and conflict managers.

October 2013

'From Law School to Practice' Event Focuses on Legal Hiring Trends

NYLS Hosts "From Law School to Practice: Finding Your Way in a Changing Landscape," a conversation with leading practitioners on changing dynamics within the business of law, sector trends up and down, who's getting hired today, and why. Lee Pacchia '06 of Bloomberg Law moderates a panel consisting of Aurora Cassirer, Partner and Executive Committee Member, Troutman Sanders; Jay Grushkin, Senior Finance Partner, Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy; William Rochelle, Editor at Large, Bloomberg News; and Peter Sacripanti, Co-Chair, McDermott Will & Emery.

October 2013

Appointment of Ann F. Thomas as Otto L. Walter Distinguished Professor of Tax Law

At the 2013 Otto L. Walter Tax Policy Lecture, Dean Crowell officially appoints Ann F. Thomas as the inaugural Otto L. Walter Distinguished Professor of Tax Law. The endowed chair was funded by a generous donation from the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation Inc. Otto L. Walter '54 was a renowned international jurist, specializing in U.S.-German tax treaties. Professor Thomas has been a tenured professor since 2001 and the Director of the Graduate Tax Program since 2003. Dean Crowell speaks about the life and work of Dr. Walter and Professor Thomas; Frank G. Helman, the Foundation's President, offers remarks about Dr. Walter; and Professor Thomas gives a talk on "Tax Reform and Shared Prosperity."

November 2013

NYLS Bar Pass Rate Rebounds

Several measures introduced in spring 2013 to ensure that New York Law School graduates improve their first-time bar pass rate have met with great success. In just one year, the NYLS first-time bar pass rate has increased by 13.6 points to 83.4 percent for the July 2013 exam. These measures include the New York Law in National Perspective course and the Jump Start and Boot Camp programs. Quoted in the New York Law Journal, Dean Crowell says that NYLS graduates "went in to the bar prep period feeling more confident and having less of a learning curve. We're very pleased, and it's a terrific step in the right direction." In this highly competitive job market, passing the bar on the first try is extremely important, and NYLS will continue to offer these resources; they will put NYLS graduates on track toward meeting and exceeding the first-time bar pass rate of 94 percent, which NYLS achieved just a few years ago, in 2008.

November 2013

NYLS Honors Three Groundbreakers at Gala 2013

The Law School honors three distinguished alumni with the Groundbreaker Award at its Annual Gala. Dean Crowell presents the award to The Starr Foundation, led by Maurice R. Greenberg '50 and guided by its president, Florence A. Davis; Freddi Weintraub '88, a partner at Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen and Loewy, LLP; and Anthony D. Knowles '75, a partner at Venable. He observes, "Our honorees have had very different career paths, yet all of them have distinguished themselves by using the education they received at New York Law School as a foundation on which to build a great career." The event, held at Three Sixty in TriBeca, raises $940,000.

December 2013

NYLS Appoints Paula Edgar as Its First Chief Diversity Officer

Dean Crowell announces that Paula Edgar has been named the Law School's Chief Diversity Officer. She is the inaugural holder of this position. Among her duties, Ms. Edgar will work with the NYLS Admissions team to develop strategies to increase the number of applicants with diverse backgrounds and experiences. In addition to focusing on individuals of different racial and ethnic backgrounds, Ms. Edgar will be responsible for developing outreach programs and enhancing existing initiatives for veterans and active military members, the LGBTQ community, and other groups who have been historically underrepresented in the profession. Previously, she was an Associate Director of Career Services at Seton Hall University School of Law.

December 2013

Safe Passage Project Recognized by American Immigration Lawyers' Association

The American Immigration Lawyers' Association (AILA) selects Professor Lenni Benson and the Safe Passage Project as the Fall 2013 Pro Bono Heroes of the Northeast region, which includes nominations from Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont. Each quarter, AILA recognizes individuals and organizations from across the country that embody the ethical responsibility to provide pro bono service through promoting and contributing to pro bono work, taking on complex pro bono cases, or handling a significant number of pro bono cases or pro bono hours.

January 2014

NYLS Honors Nelson Mandela

The Law School hosts an event celebrating the remarkable life of Nelson Mandela, who died on December 5, 2013. Paying tribute to Mandela as lawyer, revolutionary, and statesman are Professor Stephen Ellmann, Co-Chair of the South Africa Reading Group; Penelope Andrews, Dean and President of Albany Law School; Hlonipha Mokoena, Associate Professor of Anthropology at Columbia University; George Monyemangene, South African Consul General; and Franklin Thomas, President of the Ford Foundation from 1979 to 1996.

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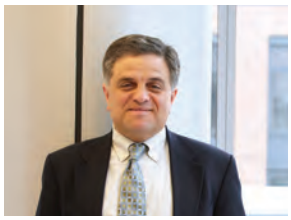
December 2013

Charter Approved for Charter High School for Law and Social Justice

The New York State Board of Regents approves the charter school application for the Charter High School for Law and Social Justice. The School is the result of a unique partnership Professor Richard Marsico has developed with the College of Mount St. Vincent. The School has a five-year charter to operate in the southern Bronx. Its mission is to provide students from underserved communities with a high-quality education focused on creating pathways to college, graduate school, and careers in the legal profession. Students will be exposed to a rigorous curriculum that uses law and social justice issues to help them develop the crucial skills of critical thinking and analysis, literacy, and effective communication.



January 2014

Two Recent Grads in Forbes 30 Under 30 for Law

Forbes, a prominent business magazine, names Amie Stepanovich '10 and Trevor Timm '11 to this year's 30 Under 30 list. Stepanovich is senior policy counsel at Access, an international human rights organization. Forbes features her as an "expert on drone surveillance, cybersecurity and national security who has testified before Congress on the need for privacy protections for domestic drone use." Timm is executive director of the Freedom of the Press Foundation. Forbes describes him as "ubiquitous in battle against NSA spying and Obama administration's war on whistleblowers."

January 2014

NYLS Hosts Voting Rights Litigation Training Session

The NYLS Racial Justice Project hosts the American Constitution Society and the Campaign Legal Center as they present a half-day training session for Voting Rights lawyers in the wake of the Supreme Court's highly controversial Shelby County decision, which struck down key provisions of the Voting Rights Act. The session is taught by some of the most respected voting rights practitioners in the country: Juan Cartagena, President and General Counsel of LatinoJusticePRLDEF; Ryan Haygood, Director, Political Participation Group, NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, Inc.; J. Gerald Hebert, Executive Director, Campaign Legal Center; Myrna Perez, Deputy Director, Democracy Program, Brennan Center for Justice; Ezra Rosenberg, Partner, Dechert LLP; and Paul M. Smith, Partner, Jenner & Block LLP.

February 2014

NYLS Recognized for Diversity

Hispanic Outlook Magazine names New York Law School to its list of Top 25 Law Schools with Majority/Minority Hispanic Enrollment and its list of Top 25 Law Schools Granting Most Degrees to Hispanics.

March 2014

'National Jurist' Ranks NYLS as a Top School for Practical Training

New York Law School was recognized by The National Jurist as one of the best schools in the nation for practical training in the March 2014 issue. The Law School was one of 15 that received an A- and was in the top half of the 84 law schools that were honored.

February 2014

NYLS Hosts New York City Borough Presidents

The Center for New York City Law, Dean Anthony W. Crowell, and Professor Ross Sandler honor New York City's five Borough Presidents (four of whom are newly elected) in a panel discussion on borough priorities. Borough Presidents Eric Adams (Brooklyn), Gale Brewer (Manhattan), Ruben Diaz Jr. (Bronx), James Oddo '91 (Staten Island), and Deputy Borough President Leroy Comrie (Queens) participate at the panel, moderated by Errol Louis of NY1. They discuss the Borough President Offices' relationship with community boards and other levels of government, the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure, the importance of civic engagement, and many other issues facing the five boroughs of New York City.

February 2014

Launch of 'NYLS Faculty Insights' Video Series

The Law School launches a video series offering expert insights by faculty members. The first two videos feature Robert Blecker on the topic "Is Punishment Dead in America?" and David Schoenbrod arguing that "The Clean Air Act Needs a Reboot." The videos are produced by alumnus Lee Pacchia '06—formerly a WebTV host, producer, and legal analyst for Bloomberg Law—and his production company, Mimesis Productions. More videos will be posted to the Faculty News page of the NYLS website, as they become available.

March 2014

Launch of the NYLS Women's Network

The NYLS Women's Network launched at a breakfast event, with noted television anchor, legal analyst, and trial attorney Rikki Klieman as the keynote speaker. Her topic was "A Lawyer's Journey." Also in attendance was her husband, New York City Police Commissioner William J. Bratton. The goal of the NYLS Women's Network is to foster professional development and leadership among our women alumni, students, faculty, and staff. In support of this goal, the Network offers programming designed to foster personal and professional growth and to provide opportunities for NYLS women to meet, learn, share their experiences, and network.

March 2014

'U.S. News' Recognizes NYLS in Three Categories

New York Law School was among the top 30 schools (No. 30) nationally to be ranked for Clinical Training by U.S. News & World Report. The magazine also ranked NYLS among the top law schools for Part-time Law Programs and gave the Law School high marks on the Law School Diversity Index.

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March 2014

National Law Journal Readers Rank NYLS Tax LL.M. Program Second in the Nation

The Best of the National Law Journal, a supplement reporting on reader rankings, lists New York Law School's Tax LL.M. program as No. 2 in the nation. Nearly 6,500 readers cast votes in 94 categories, including education. Last fall, readers of the New York Law Journal ranked the Tax LL.M. program No. 1 in New York in the Best Banking/ Bankruptcy/Tax LL.M. category for the fourth year in a row.

April 2014

Institute for In-House Counsel Holds Inaugural Event

The Law School launches its Institute for In-House Counsel with a half-day conference. The new Institute, directed by Andrew R. Berman, is devoted exclusively to in-house and corporate counsel, addressing the emerging legal, economic, and business issues affecting companies from a variety of industries and sectors. The keynote presentation is a conversation between Dean Crowell and Richard K. DeScherer, Chief Legal and Compliance Officer at Bloomberg, L.P. Panel topics include: The Outside Counsel Relationship: Strategies for Success. Professor Rebecca Roiphe presents a briefing on Ethical Issues, which is followed by a networking reception.

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NYLS Hosts Symposium on Financial Action Task Force

The Center for Business and Financial Law and the New York Law School Law Review, along with the American College of Trusts and Estates Counsel, present a symposium on the Financial Action Task Force. The Task Force is an intergovernmental policymaking body established in 1989, in response to rampant international money laundering and terrorist financing. The symposium examines policy recommendations promulgated by FATF, their implementation at both state and federal levels, and their direct impact on legal professionals in the corporate, financial, and trusts and estates legal fields. The symposium chairs are Professors William LaPiana and Houman Shadab.

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NYLS Holds First Annual Scholarship Benefit Dinner

The Law School hosts "Give the Gift of Education," its first annual scholarship benefit dinner, at The Odeon. Proceeds support general scholarships at New York Law School. Marc Lasry '84, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and Co-Founder of Avenue Capital Group, is the host of the event. Also presenting remarks are Dean Crowell, Board Chairman Arthur Abbey '59, and Erik Lane 2L, Editor in Chief of the Law Review for 2014-15.

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Tamara Belinfanti and Houman Shadab Are Granted Tenure

Tamara Belinfanti and Houman Shadab, Co-Directors of the Center for Business and Financial Law, are awarded tenure. Professor Belinfanti's scholarly interests include general corporate governance matters, executive compensation, the proxy advisory industry, shareholder activism, and law, culture and identity. Professor Shadab is an internationally recognized expert in financial law and regulation whose research focuses on hedge funds, derivatives, and securitization. Both joined the faculty in 2009. Both will present at Oxford University in June at the third annual Seminar on Advancing Good Governance in International Development.