New York Law School (NYLS) prepares its students to meet the demands of the growing innovation economy. We have hired NYLS graduates directly out of law school and remain impressed by their high level of performance.

Through NYLS’s Innovation Center for Law and Technology, students benefit from extraordinary practical courses, such as Post-Data Breach Litigation and Counseling, which gives them practical skills in an increasingly important area of legal practice. The Technology for Lawyers Working Group, a series of interactive seminars led by faculty and technology experts, educates students in pervasive technologies and the legal and policy issues they raise. And courses like Fashion Law and Technology and the Fashion Law Practicum delve into the multifaceted legal, business, and technological concerns faced by attorneys who represent fashion companies.

This year, the Innovation Center launched its mentorship program, which matches students with both recent and experienced NYLS graduates. We are excited to be part of this important initiative, and we know that it will continue to be an asset to both students and mentors.

It is an honor to help guide the Innovation Center, its faculty, its students, and the entire NYLS community, and we look forward to more exciting developments in the coming year.

Marylee Jenkins ’91
Partner
Arent Fox LLP

Errol B. Taylor ’87
Partner
Chair, Biopharma Patent Litigation Practice Group
Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP
The Innovation Center for Law and Technology is a dynamic hub of student and faculty research.

Our one-of-a-kind Cyberharassment Clinic completed its second year. Clinic students represented a diverse pool of clients, including people of color, women, transgender people, and other queer victims of non-consensual pornography and cyberharassment. The clinic also hosted a symposium on New York City’s new “revenge porn” law.

I am also proud to have created the Northeast Privacy Scholars Workshop. Privacy scholars from across the country gathered to share and receive commentary on their academic works-in-progress, which spanned a wide range of topics. We were overwhelmed by the response from the privacy community. Given the high demand, we will hold a second workshop on November 9, 2018.

In addition, our faculty published extraordinary scholarship in high-ranking law reviews on privacy by design, gene-editing technology, and other cutting-edge topics.

Our latest accomplishments are detailed in the following pages. It has been an exciting journey, and it is a privilege to lead the Innovation Center in its continued growth. Stay tuned … There’s much more to come!

Ari Ezra Waldman
Professor of Law
Director, Innovation Center for Law and Technology
Students and faculty at the Innovation Center are at the vanguard of developments in privacy law. And their work is already making a difference, from helping to draft data privacy legislation to advocating for victims of cyberharassment. Whatever practice area they choose, NYLS graduates will use what they have learned about privacy and data protection law to represent their clients in a digitized world.
NYLS houses the only law school clinic in the country exclusively dedicated to providing free counsel to victims of cyberharassment, including online exploitation, “revenge porn,” and cyberbullying.

In the past year, the clinic has achieved remarkable success:

- Organized a symposium on New York City’s new “revenge porn” law.
- Participated in the New York City-based Cyber Sexual Abuse Taskforce, a coalition of advocates working to end non-consensual pornography and other forms of cyberharassment.
- Worked with civil and criminal litigators on strategies for pursuing cases involving cyberharassment.
- Represented clients throughout the lifecycle of harassment cases, including reporting incidents of cyberharassment to law enforcement, collecting evidence, and contacting social media platforms to flag behaviors and content.

Our symposium brought together practitioners and students to learn about groundbreaking legislation that allows victims to report their experiences of non-consensual pornography. Students are gaining hands-on experience at the forefront of this quickly developing area.

—Adjunct Professor Andrew Sta. Ana
Director of the Cyberharassment Clinic
The inaugural Northeast Privacy Scholars Workshop was held at NYLS on October 20, 2017. The event offered privacy scholars from diverse fields the opportunity to discuss and receive extensive, constructive commentary on their scholarly works-in-progress. NYLS received three times the number of submissions it could accommodate, and 56 scholars from across the country attended the workshop.

Papers presented at the workshop included the following:

- “Reap What You Sow? The Privacy of Agricultural Data”
  Solon Barocas and Karen Levy, Assistant Professors of Information Science, Cornell University

- “(Ab)Use of Consumer Information: How Can Companies Use Consumer Information?”
  Kirsten Martin, Associate Professor, The George Washington University School of Business

- “The Duty of Data Security”
  William McGeveran, Professor of Law, University of Minnesota Law School

- “Privacy and Access in Criminal Defense”
  Rebecca Wexler, Visiting Fellow, Yale Law School

The next workshop will be held on November 9, 2018 at Fordham University School of Law.
The Privacy Law Association was formed to supplement NYLS’s growing privacy curriculum through student-run programs and events. We are a resource for students who want to learn more about privacy law-related issues.

—Victoria Volpe 3L
NYLS’s new Technology for Lawyers Working Group is preparing the next generation of technologically literate lawyers. The workshop series engages students, faculty members, and outside attorneys in discussions of critical tech issues.

The Innovation Center’s new Technology Policy Fellow, Jonathan Frankle, and Professor Ari Ezra Waldman lead many of the workshops.

Workshops have focused on these topics:

- Cybersecurity
- Encryption
- Anonymity
- Machine learning and the practice of law
- Implicit bias in artificial intelligence
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
NYLS is an innovator in intellectual property (IP) study and practice. The School’s wide array of challenging courses prepares students to handle complex patent, copyright, and trademark matters once they reach practice, while specialized IP-related clinics give them a critical leg up in the job market.
The PTO Trademark Clinic was highly active in its first year:

- Filed nine new trademark applications.
- Analyzed two full search reports.
- Responded to four office actions by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).
- Successfully prosecuted one trademark application from filing to publication.
- Assisted more than a dozen nonprofits and individuals from traditionally underserved populations by prosecuting their trademarks and answering their trademark questions.

Trademarks are integral to every business. A company’s brand is one of its most important assets, and protecting that asset through trademark registration is a key part of starting any small business. Through the PTO Trademark Clinic, students work directly with new businesses to navigate the process of choosing and registering a trademark with the USPTO. In doing so, they learn how to navigate detailed, technical laws and rules while advocating for clients.

—Adjunct Professor Kimberly Maynard

During the PTO Trademark Clinic’s inaugural year, I helped contribute to the creation of our ‘law firm’ while working with real clients and practicing at the USPTO. The clinic helped me develop practical skills, gain insights into IP practice, and learn about trademark prosecution from an experienced IP attorney. It was one of my favorite experiences during law school and prepared me for the beginning of my IP career.

—Kaleigh Morrison ’18
The Science of Illusion with David Kwong

MAGIC AND THE LAW

In April 2018, the Innovation Center hosted a thrilling magic performance by David Kwong and a talk-back session on copyright law and magic led by Professor Ari Ezra Waldman.

Kwong routinely creates crossword puzzles for *The New York Times* and other national publications. He is also the puzzle and secret code consultant for the NBC show *Blindspot*, was the head magic consultant on the 2013 worldwide hit film *Now You See Me*, and recently co-created *Deception*, a show for ABC about a magician who joins the FBI.
The Innovation Center regularly invites distinguished practitioners—many of whom are alumni—to share their views and experiences with students, faculty, and community members.

“Innovation Center draws renowned practitioners to campus, which has helped me establish meaningful connections in the fashion industry while refining my professional skills. The ‘Fashion and Fair Use’ master class led by Terence Keegan from Miller Korzenik Sommers Rayman LLP focused on the relationship between IP and parody, which I found useful as I continue to focus my legal career on IP and its complex connection to the fashion world.

—Spencer Conway 2L
Presenters during the 2017–18 academic year included the following:

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INTERDISCIPLINARY ACADEMICS
The Innovation Center sits at the intersection of several academic disciplines, including law, social science, engineering and computer science, and biotechnology. As a result, NYLS students have the opportunity to study everything from cybercrime to international corporate governance, and they graduate prepared for the multifaceted nature of legal practice.
The Innovation Center, along with NYLS’s Center for International Law, offers a study abroad program in London, where students can explore international legal issues that cut across disciplines.

Students can earn 4 credits toward their J.D. through these and other courses:

- Cybercrime
- International Corporate and Financial Services Law
- International Data Privacy Law
- International Human Rights Law
- International Intellectual Property Law

This summer, I had the pleasure of teaching International Intellectual Property Law for NYLS’s summer program in London. The program is a well-organized, rich, and place-based learning experience for students. Students were encouraged to observe and engage with IP issues outside of class and to share those issues with the class. It was a thrilling experience to teach and learn in one of the most historic and vibrant cities in the world.

—Adjunct Professor Cathay Y.N. Smith
The Innovation Center and the High Tech Law Institute at Santa Clara University School of Law held the Eighth Annual Internet Law Works-in-Progress Conference at NYLS on March 24, 2018.

The conference brought together nearly 80 scholars working on internet and technology law and policy matters and featured a diversity of backgrounds, nationalities, genders, sexuality, races, and areas of substantive research.

The next conference will be held at Santa Clara University School of Law in March 2019.
NYLS’s faculty members are renowned scholars who publish and present innovative research in the areas of privacy, IP, and technology. They also influence policy, assist clients, and play a critical role in shaping the next generation of lawyers.
Professor Chused’s recent IP scholarship includes “Moral Right: The Anti-Rebellion Graffiti Heritage of 5Pointz,” a lengthy survey of the history, demolition, and litigation surrounding the internationally renowned aerosol art site 5Pointz; “Appropriate(d) Moments,” a thorough analysis of issues related to an artist’s surreptitious photography of his neighbors, which was later exhibited in a gallery and online; and “The Legal Culture of Appropriation Art: The Future of Copyright in the Remix Age,” a study of the copyright treatment of appropriation art. “Appropriate(d) Moments” was selected as one of the best articles of 2015 related to entertainment, publishing, and the arts for inclusion in the 2016 edition of the anthology Entertainment, Publishing, and the Arts Handbook (Thomson Reuters).

**RECENT/FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS**


*Gendered Law in American History* (Carolina Academic Press, 2016) (with Wendy W. Williams)
Professor Elvy’s research examines the commercial law of privacy and emerging technology, such as the Internet of Things and advances in artificial intelligence. Her forthcoming chapter in the *Research Handbook on the Law of Artificial Intelligence* explores the contract law implications of the artificially intelligent Internet of Things. Professor Elvy’s 2018 *Boston College Law Review* article, “Commodifying Consumer Data,” explores companies’ use of consumer data in financial transactions and bankruptcy proceedings. Her 2017 *Columbia Law Review* article, “Paying for Privacy and the Personal Data Economy,” evaluates the rise of new data business models that permit consumers to monetize their own data. In 2018, Professor Elvy was selected to serve as an advisor on the American Law Institute’s Principles for a Data Economy, a joint project with the European Law Institute. In 2017, she was appointed Vice Chair of the Article 2 Uniform Commercial Code Committee of the American Bar Association.

### RECENT/FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

Professor Shadab focuses on the intersection of technology, law, and business in his teaching and the student projects he oversees. Several students in his spring 2018 Financial Institutions course built web applications for a simulated startup pitch competition. In April 2018, Professor Shadab spoke at the International Monetary Fund and World Bank Group’s New Economy Forum and FinTech Exchange on the subject of smart legal contracts. In March 2018, he led a workshop on smart contracts and blockchain. The workshop was a prelude to the Computational Law & Blockchain Festival co-sponsored by NYLS and in which Professor Shadab and NYLS students participated. In November 2017, Professor Shadab moderated a panel on smart contracts at the annual Wall Street Blockchain Alliance event held at NYLS.
In the past academic year, Professor Sherkow has published 11 articles on IP and biotechnology in legal and scientific outlets, including the *North Carolina Law Review*, the *Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine*, and the *British Medical Bulletin*. In June 2018, Professor Sherkow was appointed to the National Academy of Medicine for a three-year term, as part of the Academy’s Emerging Leaders Forum. Professor Sherkow is involved with the New York Genome Center and the Adaptive Immune Receptor Repertoire Community, a group of scientists working to use the immune system to understand cancer and other diseases. His forthcoming chapter about this effort will be published by Edward Elgar Publishing in 2019. He recently held visiting appointments at Stanford Law School and Columbia University’s Mailman School of Public Health.

**RECENT/FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS**


“Key Challenges in Bringing Somatic Cell Therapy into the Clinic,” *Genome Medicine* (2017) (with Dianne Nicol et al.)
Professor Sherwin recently completed dual fellowships as Visiting Fellow at Fitzwilliam College and Research Scholar at the University of Cambridge. He presented the lecture “Escalus’s Dream: Re-Imagining Shakespeare’s States,” at the July 2018 Law and Poetics in Early Modern England and Beyond Conference at the University of Cambridge. He also served as Round Table Chair at a performance event at the same conference. Professor Sherwin participated in the June 2018 Fellows Work-in-Progress Seminar Series held by CRASSH, the Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities at the University of Cambridge, where he presented on “Law’s Sovereignty.” In May 2018, he gave the lecture “Law and the Visual Imagination” in Naples, Italy. He spoke at the May 2018 Fellows’ Lecture on “Blind Spots in Law and Literature” at Fitzwilliam College and the February 2018 lecture “On Law and Visual Culture” at the Architectural Association School of Architecture in London.

**RECENT/FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS**


*A Cultural History of Law in the Modern Age* (Bloomsbury, 2018) (Editor and contributor, with Danielle Celermajer)


Professor Waldman’s research focuses on law, technology, and society. In March 2018, he published *Privacy as Trust: Information Privacy for an Information Age* (Cambridge University Press). Since its publication, Professor Waldman has spoken about the book around the world, including in New York, Washington, D.C., Berlin, Ottawa, Tel Aviv, London, and Copenhagen. In April 2018, he was honored as the Deirdre G. Martin Memorial Lecturer on Privacy at the University of Ottawa for his research on “revenge porn” in queer online communities. The same month, he also testified before the House Judiciary Committee on issues related to Facebook, data collection, Cambridge Analytica, and content moderation. He is currently working on an analysis of the use of digital surveillance technology in intimate partner violence, a socio-legal exploration of the proliferation of fake news, original research on privacy law compliance, and collaborations with scholars in psychology, marketing, sociology, and law.

**RECENT/FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS**


*Privacy as Trust: Information Privacy for an Information Age* (Cambridge University Press, 2018)


*Winner of the International Association of Privacy Professionals Award for Best Paper at the 2017 Privacy Law Scholars Conference*

In March 2018, Professor Ari Ezra Waldman published *Privacy as Trust: Information Privacy for an Information Age*. Following its release, NYLS hosted a book talk featuring Professor Waldman and Frank Pasquale, Professor of Law at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law and a renowned privacy and information law expert.

Professors Waldman and Pasquale spoke about how the future of privacy requires moving beyond consent and privacy policies and how the legal status quo allows technology companies to take, use, sell, and manipulate personal data with impunity.
Cancer is a remarkably complex disease—in the words of two famous cancer researchers, “complex beyond measure.” In an ambitious effort to cure a broad array of cancers in the next decade, the National Cancer Institute recently established a “Cancer Moonshot” project with more than $2.5 billion of funding.

Both public and private research institutions are likely to play roles in achieving the Moonshot’s goals, but whether and to what extent the drug development industry will participate is unclear. The answer depends, at least in part, on what IP will be available to private participants and whether such IP will be worth the public’s money.

This past year, Professor Jacob S. Sherkow authored a lengthy exploration of the IP issues in modern cancer research, including the Moonshot. His article, “Cancer’s IP,” was published in the *North Carolina Law Review* and was selected for presentation at the inaugural Junior Faculty Forum in Law and STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Mathematics) hosted by the University of Pennsylvania in 2017. His previous work on the disconnect between cancer drugs and patent law won NYLS’s 2018 Otto L. Walter Distinguished Writing Award.
In his article “Moral Right: The Anti-Rebellion Graffiti Heritage of 5Pointz,” Professor Richard Chused explores the origins, importance, and demise of the famous 5Pointz site in Long Island City, Queens, as well as the swirling legal disputes surrounding its 2014 demolition.

Located within easy view of passengers on the No. 7 train traveling to and from Grand Central Station, 5Pointz became a famous graffiti site. The property owner, however, prepared to tear it down to redevelop it. The graffiti artists filed suit seeking to halt demolition, or to obtain damages if the aerosol paintings were mutilated or destroyed. The property owner proceeded to whitewash and later demolish the building. In the ensuring legal battle, the artists were awarded more than $6 million by a federal court.

Professor Chused’s analysis of the legal proceedings delves into the relationship between copyright law and graffiti, as well as changing ideas about protected forms of art.
Kimberly Maynard teaches the PTO Trademark Clinic, a year-long course through which students assist clients in selecting trademarks for their business and registering those marks with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Professor Maynard has presented on a variety of trademark and IP topics. During December 2017 through February 2018, she participated in numerous panels for the American Cheese Society that focused on trademark issues faced by the cheese industry. She also moderated a November 2017 panel for the International Trademark Association titled “From Creation to Console—Understanding IP in a Video Game World” and spoke at the Practising Law Institute’s February 2017 panel “Licensing a Brand Abroad: What Clients and Their Counsel Need to Know.” She has authored articles focused on trademark, copyright, and other legal issues encountered by dancers, choreographers, and others in the dance field. Professor Maynard has been recognized as a New York Super Lawyers Rising Star (2012–15) and a Super Lawyer (2016–18).

John Scordo teaches Post-Data Breach Litigation and Counseling, a practice-based course that instructs students on representing commercial clients after they have experienced a data breach, including advising clients on their legal obligations and potential liability. Professor Scordo counsels clients on data privacy and protection, best practices, breach preparation and response, insurance coverage, and post-breach regulatory liability and litigation. He recently presented the lecture “GDPR [General Data Protection Regulation] and Data Privacy: What You Need to Know” to the Association of Corporate Counsel of New Jersey and “Post-Data Breach Legal Issues: Regulatory and PCI DSS [Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard] Liability” at the New Jersey State Bar Association’s Cybersecurity Institute. He authored the article “How to Make an Informed Policy Selection in the Dynamic Cyber Insurance Market” in The Cybersecurity Law Report.
STUDENTS
ALUMNI
NYLS students are motivated, curious, and eager to gain real-world experience through internships, externships, and clinics. Graduates of the School work at “Am Law 100” law firms, nonprofit advocacy groups, and everywhere in between. This year, the Innovation Center launched its mentorship program to guide the transition from law school to practice by matching each student with two mentors: a recent graduate and a senior alum distinguished in his or her field.
NIKITA BHARGAVA ‘17

• Associate at Reavis Page Jump LLP, focusing on entertainment law, employment law, and related IP and corporate matters (as of fall 2018)

• Summer extern at the New York State Department of Financial Services, where she assisted the financial frauds and consumer protection division with ongoing investigations (2016)

• Fall extern at Coach, where she assisted with online trademark enforcement matters (2016)

MICHAEL ISSELIN ‘15

• Associate in the Advertising and Marketing subsector of the Entertainment and Media Industry Group at Reed Smith LLP (as of fall 2018)

• Winner of the New York Law School Law Review Best Note Award and the Otto L. Walter Distinguished Writing Award at Commencement for his article “#StopImmunizing: Why Social Networking Platform Liability Is Necessary to Provide Adequate Redress for Victims of Cyberbullying”

• Speaker on the panel “Keeping Up With the FTC [Federal Trade Commission]: Social Media Influencers and Developing Ad Laws” at the Third Annual Fordham University Media and Entertainment Law Symposium
MAVERICK JAMES 3L

- Vice President of Domestic Privacy of the Privacy Law Association (2018–19)
- Cyberharassment Clinic participant (2018–19)
- Judicial intern to the Honorable Andrea Masley, New York State Supreme Court (2018)
- Legal intern at the Kings County District Attorney’s Office, Cybercrimes Unit (2018)
- Published article in the New York State Bar Association Commercial and Federal Litigation Section’s newsletter titled, “Legal Ethics in the Digital Age” (2018)
- President of First Generation Professionals (2017–18)

PAISLEY PIASECKI 2L

- Vice President of the Media, Entertainment, and Fashion Law Association (2018–19)
- Rights and Clearances Intern at ABC News (2018)
- Global Law Fellow Scholarship Recipient
- Dean’s Leadership Council—High Honors
Karen Artz Ash is at the forefront of fashion law in New York City. She is the National Co-Chair of the Intellectual Property Department of Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, an international firm with more than 750 attorneys. Since 2010, she has served as an Adjunct Professor at NYLS, teaching IP Licensing/Fashion Law. Professor Ash is also a member of the Innovation Center’s Advisory Board and regularly advises NYLS on its IP curriculum.

She is the recipient of the National Law Journal Intellectual Property Trailblazer Award, was named one of the Crain’s New York Business Top 100 Women Lawyers and one of the World Trademark Review’s Top 100 IP Attorneys in the World, was honored by Managing Intellectual Property as a top IP star, and is regularly included in the Legal 500 and Legal 1000 lists. She has also been recognized by Super Lawyers (for the past 10 years), New York Magazine, and The Wall Street Journal, and was recently named a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

Professor Ash is a contributing author of several fashion- and IP-focused books, including Becoming a Fashion Designer; Fashion Law: A Guide for Designers, Fashion Executives, and Attorneys; and The Licensing Law Update. She is a monthly columnist for Managing Intellectual Property and Publisher/Editor in Chief of The Katten KattWalk, a quarterly news update on the fashion industry.

NYLS is honoring Professor Ash at its 2018 Gala.
The Innovation Center continues to add programs, support new scholarship, and prepare students for careers at the intersection of law and technology.

The 2018–19 academic year will see exciting developments.

**BUSINESS OF LAW INSTITUTE**

The Innovation Center will collaborate on programming with NYLS’s newest pathway to modern lawyering. The Business of Law Institute launched in July 2018 and is training students in the hands-on technical and operational skills they will need as lawyers at 21st-century businesses, law firms, government agencies, and nonprofits. Areas of synergy between the Business of Law Institute and the Innovation Center include artificial intelligence and cybersecurity concerns. Cross-disciplinary student and alumni programming will include networking events, master classes, and continuing legal education courses.

- The Innovation Center will grow its new **Privacy Professionals Program**, which trains students for in-demand privacy jobs at major technology companies.

- Scholars from around the country and across the world will share their scholarly writing at the second **Northeast Privacy Scholars Workshop**, co-hosted by NYLS.

- Eight dynamic privacy experts will deliver talks as part of a new **Privacy Lecture Series**, helping academics refine their scholarship and making NYLS a destination for privacy scholarship in the legal academy.
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ABOUT THE CENTER

The Innovation Center for Law and Technology is a cross-disciplinary program that addresses technology’s outsized impact on law and society.

The Innovation Center’s doctrinal fields of study include privacy and data security, IP (including copyright, patent, and trademark law), and internet law.

The Center also focuses on legal and policy issues in information technology, applied sciences, fashion, media, and entertainment. Finally, the Center addresses social concerns related to technology, including online harassment and biased artificial intelligence.

Its goals include these:

• Provide opportunities for NYLS students and faculty to collaborate on IP, privacy, and technology law projects.
• Advance student knowledge in these fields.
• Connect students and faculty to industry and practice groups.
• Help develop the law in the Center’s areas of expertise.
• Engage with the community to address gaps in the law and ensure access to justice.

The Innovation Center is powered by $1 million in alumni donations including a generous lead gift of $750,000 from Diane and Arthur N. Abbey ‘59, Chair of the NYLS Board of Trustees. The Abbeys are visionary leaders who understand the symbiotic relationship between law and technology. NYLS thanks them and all of the Center’s supporters for their generosity.