KUKIN PROGRAM FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION
2017-18 Summary of Activities

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HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE 2017-18 YEAR INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

• The Dispute Resolution Program at Cardozo was ranked #9 in the country by US News & World Report.
• The Dispute Resolution Program at Cardozo received an A+ rating by prelaw magazine in the winter 2018 issue. Cardozo was the only school to receive an A+ for their ADR program.
• The Cardozo Journal of Dispute Resolution was ranked #7 in the country in global law journal rankings in the Civil Litigation and Dispute Resolution category in the 2017 Washington & Lee rankings of law reviews. Additionally, CJCR was the 5th most cited journal in those same 2017 global rankings for the Civil Litigation and Dispute Resolution category.
• Professor Brian Farkas hosted a Pop-Up Lecture entitled “Stormy Waters: The Donald Trump and Stormy Daniels Arbitration Agreement” on April 11, 2018.
• Articles written by both Sarah Lesser and Ethan Rubin were published in Volume 10 of the American Journal of Mediation (2017). They were two of eight students to be selected from a competition with over fifty applicants that made it to the final round of consideration. The other students who were selected are from Harvard Law School, Pepperdine Law School, Brooklyn Law School, and Missouri Law School. They were the only two students that are representing the same school.
• This past year, the ADR Competition Honor Society won:
  o 1st Place in the St. John's 2017 Securities Dispute Resolution Triathlon (out of 20 teams competing)
  o 2nd Place in the New York Law School Intellectual Property Negotiation Competition
  o 2nd Place in Team Advocacy (out of 50 teams from around the world) at the 2018 International Law School Mediation Tournament in Chicago
• Erica Weser, 2L, and James Liebling, 3L, presented a session entitled “Introduction to Mediation” to Yeshiva University undergraduate students at an event hosted by the Yeshiva University Pre-Law Society on April 10, 2018.
1. Alumni Writing Awards and Publication:

Professor Peter Halprin (’09) (Faculty Coach, ADR Competition Honor Society) and Stephen Wah (’17) co-authored an article in 2018 J. DISP. RESOL. (2018) on Ethics in International Arbitration.

Professors Donna Erez-Navot (’06) and Brian Farkas (’13), co-authored an article: First Impressions: Drafting Effective Mediation Statements, 22 LEWIS & CLARK L. REV. 157 (2018).

Shawna Benston (’14) and Professor Brian Farkas (’13) coauthored an article: Mediation and Millennials: A Dispute Resolution Mechanism to Match a New Generation, 2 JOURNAL OF EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING (2018).

2. The Cardozo Dispute Resolution Society

The Cardozo Dispute Resolution Society (CDRS), under the leadership of President Nicole Duke, Vice President Michelle Shaykevich, Secretary Angela Li, and Treasurer Nicholas Anselmi, hosted several successful events, including:

- On October 23, 2017, CDRS hosted author and disability rights lawyer Lainey Feingold who presented her first person account of Structured Negotiation, a dispute resolution process that trades the stress, expense, and conflict of lawsuits for true problem-solving and relationship building. Feingold shared stories about her work with Structured Negotiation and her advocacy for the blind and their organizations throughout the United States.

- On February 12, 2018 CDRS hosted Ashok Panikkar for a participatory dialogue about Citizen Demos, Panikkar’s initiative to strengthen the values and culture of our democracy. Citizen Demos is sponsored by Meta-Culture, an international conflict and peace building center, based in Washington DC. The event was titled “The Values and Culture of Democracy”.

- On April 11, 2018, CDRS co-hosted an event with the Cardozo Philosophy and Law Society: Stormy Waters: The Donald Trump & Stormy Daniels Arbitration 'Agreement'. Professor Brian Farkas led the event to a packed room of interested students discussing arbitration law as it relates to the Stormy Daniels scandal. In this lunchtime lecture, Professor Farkas addressed questions about arbitration: What is arbitration? Is it enforceable? How do concepts like unconscionability, duress, and liquidated damages help us to understand the ongoing dispute among President Trump, Mr. Cohen, and Ms. Daniels? More broadly, what is the relationship between arbitration and public policy, particularly given the #MeToo movement?
3. The Cardozo Journal of Conflict Resolution

Generous funding was provided by Jed Melnick, a founding editor of the Journal, to sponsor the 2017 Jed D. Melnick Annual Symposium on November 13, 2017: **Persistent Human Divides: Creative Initiatives for Communication, Collaboration and Cohesion.** Professor Michael Tsur (Cardozo and Shakla & Tariya) gave a keynote address, and other distinguished speakers followed: Professor Glen Parker (Cardozo), Elizabeth Clemants (Hidden Water), Professor Lela Love (Cardozo), Ashok Panikkar (Citizen DEMOS and Meta-Culture), Professor Robert Bordone (Harvard), Professor David White (Cardozo and Seton Hall), Abigail Disney (Fork Films and Cardozo’s 2011 International Advocate for Peace), Michelle Greenberg-Kobrin (Cardozo), Professor Maria Volpe (CUNY John Jay College), Reverend Blamo, Brad Roth (Mediators Beyond Borders), Professor Charles Moxley (Cardozo), Prabha Sankaranarayan (President and CEO of Mediators Beyond Borders), Professor Carol Pauli (Texas A & M), Professor Donna Erez-Navot (Cardozo), and John Marks (Search for Common Ground and Cardozo’s 2012 International Advocate for Peace)

CJCR gave its prestigious **2018 International Advocate for Peace Award** to Leymah Gbowee, Nobel Peace Laureate and Liberian peace activist. Gbowee’s organization, the Women of Liberia Mass Action for Peace, united Moslems and Christians to pursue peace and maintained the momentum towards peace through a mediation that would have faltered without her creative efforts. Her work was recognized in 2011 when she won the Nobel Peace Prize.

**January Intensive Courses**

- **Collaborative Family Law, Professor Adam Berner.** Introduced in January 2012, this interactive class introduces students to Collaborative Family Law, a new and growing alternative process, which provides a framework and skill set to help attorneys collaboratively work in attorney-client teams to resolve conflicts out of court. Through a combination of lecture, demonstration, discussion and role-play exercises, students learn the fundamental concepts and basic skills that underlie the Collaborative Law framework. The class is structured around the actual stages of the collaborative negotiation process, from the initial consultation with clients and assessing appropriateness of the process, to the joint meetings, through the "end game" of negotiating a collaborative settlement.

- **(IMAP) Representation in Mediation, Professor David White:** This intensive, interactive course introduces students to negotiation and mediation theory and develops strategies and skills for effective attorney representation in mediation. The course examines attorney responsibilities in advising clients about dispute resolution options, in preparing both the case and the client for mediation, and in representing the client effectively in the mediation session itself. There is substantial reading assignment prior to the commencement of the course. The program culminates in the students participating in a mock mediation coached by seasoned mediators.
• **Negotiation Theories and Skills, Professor Michael Tsur:** This seminar provides students an introduction to both theoretical and practice-based foundations of negotiation. Through simulation-based exercises and classroom discussions, the course covers the elements of both integrative and distributive bargaining; barriers to agreement and strategies to overcome them; the nature of dialogue; negotiation power; the role of culture, gender and race in negotiations; negotiation preparation, tactics, initial and responsive strategies, and ethics.

5. **The Certificate in Dispute Resolution**
The following students received a Certificate at graduation: Julia Cagin, Stephanie Goldberg, and James Liebling.

6. **Conferences and Presentations**

• The NYS Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution presented a 3-day *Commercial Arbitration Training for Arbitrators and Counsel CLE Program* (6/2018).

7. **Competitions—The ADR Competition Honor Society**

In addition to a successful competition year, the ADR Competition Honor Society hosted the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot and Cocktail Reception (3/28/18). The reception was generously co-sponsored by Anderson Kill.

**The Cardozo/ABA Intraschool Negotiation Competition**
This year 120 students (60 teams) competed in the Annual Cardozo/ABA Intraschool Negotiation Competition on March 16, 2018. The winning team was: Frederico Zepeda (1L) and Jonathan Davis (1L).

**St. Johns Annual Securities Dispute Resolution Triathlon**
The Annual Securities Dispute Resolution Triathlon is a joint initiative of the Hugh L. Carey Center for Dispute Resolution at St. John’s School of Law and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). This year, the competition was held on October 14 - 15, 2017 in New York City. The competition consists of a negotiation, mediation, and arbitration round. Cardozo competed against 20 other teams from around the country and took First Place overall. The team of second-year law student competitors, Nicholas Anselmi, Derrick Ng, and Alexander Sable were prepared by fellow second-year students Leo Bronshteyn, Angela Li, and Camila Lopez. Michael DiTrapani, David Cherman, and Joshua Saccurato served as coaches. Cardozo Professor David Weisenfeld played an instrumental role in coaching the team.

**New York Law School Intellectual Property Negotiation Competition**
On October 15, 2017, New York Law School hosted their second-annual Intellectual Property Negotiation Competition giving students the opportunity to represent parties prominent in today’s media. The disputes centered on copyright and trademark issues.
with students being judged on their effectiveness as counsel. Cardozo sent two teams consisting of 2017-2018 Executive Editor CeCe Cole, Courtney Kaplar, Alex Sable, & 2017-2018 Managing Editor Yana Shnaider. The team composed of Cece Cole & Courtney Kaplar won Second Place overall.

Jeffry S. Abrams National Mediation Competition
The Jeffry S. Abrams National Mediator Competition, held in Houston on October 20, 2017, is one of the only competitions where students are judged on their effectiveness as a mediator. The Competition runs simultaneously with the University of Houston Law Center’s Newhouse Representation in Mediation Competition. Cardozo sent two teams consisting of second-year students Joshua Roseman and Alison Rudansky. Executive Editor Lyndsey Peck served as coach.

The American Bar Association Negotiation Competition
The 2018 ABA Regional Negotiation Competition was hosted at St. John’s Law School from November 3-4, 2017. Coached by David Cherman and Joshua Saccurato, Cardozo sent two teams consisting of second-year students Deluwara (Dinu) Ahmed & Zoya Mian and Samantha Cooper & Kayla Callahan.

NYSBA AAA Judith S. Kaye Arbitration Competition
The ADR Competition Honor Society participated in the third annual NYSBA/AAA Judith S. Kaye Arbitration Competition from November 10 - 11, 2017. Coached by 2017-2018 Editor-in-Chief Rasica Selvarajah, a team of Nicholas Anselmi, Camila Lopez, and Matthew Greenfield argued both sides for two rounds in the competition.

Tulane International Baseball Arbitration Competition
Cardozo attended the 11th Annual International Baseball Arbitration Competition at Tulane University Law School from January 17-19, 2018. The competition, run by the Tulane Sports Law Society each year, challenges students to apply their oral and written advocacy skills to MLB’s unique salary arbitration proceedings using real-life cases. Third-year students David Cherman, Reginald Greene, Shawn Green, and Joshua Saccurato all helped prepare the team’s briefs and performed admirably at oral arguments in Cardozo’s first appearance at this event.

ICC International Commercial Mediation Competition
Since 2007, Cardozo has sent a team to the ICC International Commercial Mediation Competition in Paris, an invitation only event that gathers student competitors from around the world. Students participated in a week-long intensive competition at the ICC Headquarters in Paris, France from February 1 - 8, 2018. This prestigious competition encourages the teaching and learning of the effective use of mediation while empowering law students to meet the dispute resolution needs of an increasingly cross-cultural and global market. Michael DiTrapani, Allison Rudansky, Alexander Sable, and Joshua Roseman competed on behalf of Cardozo. 2017-2018 Editor-in-Chief, Rasica Selvarajah, served as head coach with assistance from last year’s competitors. Cardozo’s team was coached in Paris by Professors Lela Love and Donna Erez-Navot.
International Law School Mediation Tournament (INADR)
In March 2018, Cardozo competed at the International Law School Mediation Tournament in Chicago, Illinois. This event is run by the International Academy of Dispute Resolution and challenges students to show their skills in both acting as a mediator and representing a client in mediation. A team consisting of second-year competitors Deluwara (Dinu) Ahmed, Angela Li, and Courtney Kaplar along with third-year coach David Cherman advanced all the way to the final round of the tournament before finishing in Second Place overall in Client Advocacy out of 50 law schools from around the world. Within the last few years, the tournament has reported attendance from as many as 16 different countries and 37 different nationalities.

The American Bar Association Representation in Mediation Competition
Two teams represented Cardozo at the ABA Representation in Mediation Competition this year at Fordham University School of Law. Second-year competitors Kayla Callahan, Zoya Mian, Derrick Ng, and Nicholas Anselmi participated in a full day of competitive mediation sessions with law schools from around the northeast region. The team was coached by last year’s regional champions, Noah Batist and Michael DiTrapani, who came in first place out of ten teams at this event when it was hosted at Rutgers-Camden. The competition tests students’ negotiation and mediation skills by having them solve legal problems through collaboration and creative problem solving where one student acts as a lawyer and the other acts as a client.

Fordham National Basketball Negotiation Competition
The Fordham National Basketball Negotiation Competition is an interscholastic negotiation competition hosted by the Fordham Sports Law Forum in New York City. The competition consists of head to head negotiations based on real world scenarios involving proposed trades, free agency signings and sponsorship deals between teams of two competitors. This year's Competition was held on March 2-3, 2018, where second-year competitors Matthew Greenfield and Samantha Cooper represented Cardozo. The team was coached by third-year students Jeffrey Jacobson and Shawn Green, with assistance from Cardozo Professor David Weisenfeld.

24th Annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition
The Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition is a world-renowned event held in Vienna, Austria that aims to promote the study of international commercial arbitration skills. The event attracts more than 300 law schools from around the world and challenges students to analyze a moot problem based on an international sales transaction that also involves procedural issues of international arbitration. Students are called upon to submit two substantial written briefs prior to the moot as they prepare to make their oral arguments. The event was held from March 22-31, 2018 and the Cardozo team consisted of Leo Bronshteyn, Carly Manger, Samantha Bershad, and 2017-2018 Managing Editor Yana Shnaider. The team was coached by Professor Peter Halprin with the assistance of Reginald Greene, who received an Honorable Mention for the Martin Domke Award for Individual Oralists at the closing ceremony for his excellence in oral advocacy at the event last year.
8. Clinics

- **Mediation Clinic**
  The Mediation Clinic is an 8 credit, 2 semester clinical program in which 16 students are trained and supervised in mediating cases at community dispute resolution centers, small claims and the pro se civil courts, high schools, and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), while studying the broad field of alternative dispute resolution. The Mediation Clinic was founded in 1985 and has been offered each year since. In addition to the educational value of the Mediation Clinic, Cardozo is proud of the community service the Clinic provides. Clinic participants are trained to be mediators in the fall semester of their program. In the spring semester, they are approved community mediators servicing difficult and diverse cases in a variety of venues. In addition, each student gives a presentation on conflict resolution to community or other groups. Students may elect after the fall semester to take only a 2-credit Advanced Mediation Practicum and/or a 2-credit ADR Writing Seminar in the spring.
  
  This year Cardozo students reported participation in 242 cases, either as an apprentice mediator (observing or co-mediating) or as a mediator. For all the cases, the agreement or resolution rate was 55%. As in past years, the Mediation Clinic was popular. A total of ninety-three students applied for the sixteen clinic openings.

- **Divorce Mediation Clinic**
  In the Spring of 2010, Cardozo Law School was selected by the New York State Office of Court Administration to create a divorce mediation program to bring the benefits of family mediation to the public. The Cardozo Divorce Mediation Clinic was established as a result. Over the last eight years, the Cardozo Divorce Mediation Clinic has offered to a group of competitively selected law students each semester an opportunity to gain practical mediation experience and develop matrimonial drafting skills, while offering critical, cost-free divorce services to residents of New York City and the metropolitan region.
  
  The Cardozo program provides mediation services at the courthouse at 80 Centre Street in Manhattan three days each week, working with couples screened by the Office of Court Administration; it is unique among law school clinical programs in affording students the responsibility to mediate the complete range of a couple’s economic issues as well as parenting provisions. Working under the direct supervision of Robert Kirkman Collins, a professor with over thirty-five years of divorce mediation experience in private practice, students assist separating couples resolve the full range of the issues presented by their divorce – the parenting schedule and decision-making protocols for their children, the equitable division of their assets and liabilities, a calculation of basic child support and allocation of major parental expenses, the setting of spousal support, the negotiation of appropriate insurance coverage, and a navigation through the tax issues triggered by divorce. Upon completion of catalyzing the couples’ discussions (which typically require from two to five mediation sessions) students assume responsibility for drafting the parties’ legal Separation Agreement and preparing and filing the complex set of papers and forms needed to obtain an uncontested decree of divorce.
During the eight years of its operation, the Cardozo Divorce Mediation Clinic has assisted some 400 couples traverse the bewildering process of marital separation — without cost to them and with a minimization of rancor—and contributed what’s been calculated as more than $900,000 in legal services to the City. The program has directly benefited members of the public who could not otherwise have afforded experienced guidance through their divorce, and aided the judiciary by resolving several complex cases directly referred to the Cardozo Clinic from the bench. In addition, many law students have reported the Divorce Mediation Clinic to have been the highlight of their educational experience at Cardozo, and a number of Clinic alumni have gone on to incorporate divorce mediation into their practices after graduation.

As in past years, the Divorce Mediation Clinic was popular. A total of sixty-two students applied for the eight clinic openings.

On November 12, 2017, Bob Collins, with His Croton Chorale and Orchestra, performed a Benefit Concert at Cardozo to support the Divorce Mediation Clinic. Together with a Grand Mass, Professor Collins offered a new Alma Mater for Cardozo titled *The Summons*, composed by him.

- **Securities Arbitration Clinic**

  The Securities Arbitration Clinic represents claimants who cannot afford an attorney and who have securities or commodities-related claims arising from improper actions by retail securities brokers and/or broker-dealers, and/or to correct mistakes or problems with executions of customer orders. The majority of the Clinic's clients are elderly and retired, others include disabled persons, persons for whom English is not their first language, young adults who have inherited some small sum of money on the passing of their parent(s), and persons with otherwise limited income. The clients' cases mostly involve arbitrations, which are tried primarily before FINRA, but the Clinic also handles matters before the NFA and AAA arbitration forums, the CFTC, and in the New York State and federal courts. During the past year, the Clinic received 13 inquiries, settled, mediated to settlement, or otherwise resolved 6 cases, and currently has one case pending before FINRA, one pending in the Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of New York (an adversary proceeding), one securities fraud case currently pending in the Eastern District of New York and three cases under investigation. The remainder of the cases either presented claims that were not actionable; were barred by the statute of limitations and/or arbitration eligibility rules; or involved parties who were in jurisdictions to which the Clinic's student practice order does not extend. To date, the Clinic has recovered judgments of over $2 million on behalf of its clients.

  The Clinic is staffed by eight students, and one full-time Director/Clinical Faculty member, Professor Elizabeth Goldman. As in past years, the Securities Arbitration Clinic was popular. A total of seventy-nine students applied for the eight clinic openings.
9. Lela P. Love

Most Recent Publications

*Dispute System Design Can Help to bring the future envisioned by GPC participants, we need to change the structure of what we do* (with Lisa Blomgren Amsler and Mansi Karol) Dispute Resolution Magazine (Spring 2018).


*The Hopes and Fears of All the Years: 30 Years Behind and the Road Ahead for the Widespread Use of Mediation*, 31 OHIO STATE J. ON DISP. RES. 123 (2016) (with Ellen Waldman)


*Success and Failure in ADR: A Dialogue between Partners* (with Joseph Stulberg), *INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL ON CONFLICT ENGAGEMENT AND RESOLUTION* 1-2014.


Stories Mediators Tell (editor, with Eric Galton) (ABA Publishing 2012).

Courses, Conference and Other Presentations:


Course on Mediation, Nanterre University (Paris, 2/3-8/18).

Presentation at the International Chamber of Commerce, Stories Mediators Tell (Paris, 2/7/18).


Panelist, How to Become a Mediator, teleconference/webinar of the Young Lawyers Division of the American Bar Association (with Brian Farkas and Matthew Schorr) (11/10/17).

Presenter, Innovations in Opening and Closing a Mediation; Harnessing Our Collective Wisdom, International Academy of Mediators Fall Conference (with Dwight Golann) (Austin, TX 11/2/17).

Professor, Negotiation and Mediation, Tulane-Humboldt Summer Program in Berlin (8/17).


Professor, week long intensive course on Mediation Theory and Practice, the Straus Institute, Pepperdine University School of Law (5/17).

Workshop/Juntos Leader at the International Academy of Mediators Conference (Memphis 5/17).

Moderator for a Panel on Stories Mediators Tell, World Edition and Coach for Cardozo’s ADR Competition Honor Society Team in the National ABA Representation in Mediation Competition at the ABA Dispute Resolution Section Conference (San Francisco, 4/17).

Panelist, Conference on Legal Formalism, *Bar Ilan University* (Israel, 12/19/16)

Invited Professor, Bar Ilan ICC Competition Team Short Course on Representation in Mediation, *Bar Ilan University* (Israel, 12/18 & 20/16)


Panelist, *Global Pound Conference/NYC Event* (Cardozo School of Law, 9/12/16).

**Committee and Other Service:**

Advisory Board, International Journal on Conflict Engagement and Resolution, Bar-Ilan University (2012- )

Member, International Board of Distinguished ADR Professionals of the Center for Mediation and Law in Moscow (2011- )

Chair, Academic Standards Committee, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law (2011-2016)

Member, Surrogate’s Court Mediation Pilot Project (2009-present)

Member, CPR Executive Advisory Committee (2010-2015) and Mediation Committee (2010-2015)

Mediator, mediated first case in a Surrogate’s Court (2010)

Member, Mediation Ethics Advisory Committee, Unified Court System of New York State (2006-2009).

Member, Committee on Mediator Ethical Guidance, ABA Section of Dispute Resolution (2006-2010). Chaired subcommittee that drafted response to first ethical query to the Committee on Mediator Ethical Guidance.
10. Donna Erez Navot

Most Recent Publications:


Courses, Conference and Other Presentations:


Presentation, *Introduction to Dispute Resolution Processes*, *Cardozo School of Law Summer Seminar for International Law Students* (7/18).


Panelist, *Teaching Negotiation on the Tower of Babel: Strategies in a Cross-Cultural Classroom or Workplace*, *ABA Dispute Resolution Section Conference* (San Francisco 4/17).


Presentation, *Introduction to Dispute Resolution Processes*, *Cardozo School of Law Summer Seminar for International Law Students* (7/16).
Committee and Other Service:

Faculty Advisor, Cardozo’s ADR Competition Honor Society (2018- ).

Co-Liasion, Young Lawyers’ Section and Member of Executive Committee, NYSBA, Dispute Resolution Section (2018- ).


Member, American Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section’s Legal Education Policy Committee (2017- ).

Judge, James B. Boskey Law Student Essay Contest in Dispute Resolution (2014- ).

Proposal Reviewer, American Bar Association, Dispute Resolution Section Spring Conference (2018).

SDNY Mediator Services Committee Discussion to Improve Diversity of Neutrals (2018).

Member, Planning Committee, Global Pound Conference, hosted at Cardozo Law School (2016).