

CARDOZO LAW

J.D. PROGRAM





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As a longtime faculty member, alumna and now dean, I am proud of Cardozo's intellectual vigor, creative and entrepreneurial spirit and deep connections to the New York City legal community. There is a unique Cardozo spirit that permeates all aspects of the legal education we offer. I invite you to come for a visit.

—Melanie Leslie '91, Dean and Professor of Law

Cardozo takes you
where *you want to go.*



OUR UNIQUE VIEW OF **LEGAL EDUCATION**

Cardozo nurtures lawyers who
are powerful problem solvers
and creative thinkers.

The Cardozo approach to legal education combines the highest level of intellectual engagement between students and faculty with an ambitious and practical approach to the application of law. We hold a commitment to the words of the great Supreme Court Justice Benjamin N. Cardozo, who said that “the final cause of law is the welfare of society.” Cardozo faculty members teach the legal fundamentals with exceptional skill and passion. They also teach their students how to creatively apply the law to their clients’ lives and how to anticipate and address cultural shifts that call for legal responses.

Lawyers make a difference in people’s lives every day and provide solutions to our society’s deepest challenges. Cardozo students don’t just digest the law: they wrestle with it, challenge it and learn to shape it.

We have a unique approach to legal education.

To thrive and achieve career success in today's legal landscape, law students must acquire a set of complementary skills that are equal parts intellectual and practical. Our renowned faculty provide a superb grounding in both the essential principles that underpin our justice system and their practical application. They are highly ethical practitioners, committed to teaching the values of sound legal theory in the pursuit of justice for all.

Cardozo students build on this academic foundation through hands-on learning, experiencing the real challenges and opportunities they will encounter in their legal careers. Cardozo is well known for clinics that consistently secure substantial results for clients as well as for extensive experiential opportunities off campus.

There is no better place to hone these skills than New York City, a business and legal center where opportunities for our students are practically limitless. Here at Cardozo, you'll gain a critical legal perspective that prepares you for success whether you practice around the corner or across the globe.



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After taking a few years off after undergrad, I was nervous to jump back into school, but Cardozo seemed like the perfect fit. From their central location in the heart of New York City to their amazing faculty and their renowned programs such as the Innocence Project and the FAME Center, I knew I needed to be a part of such a vibrant community. Of course, the work is challenging, but I find that we have an incredible amount of resources, so I feel supported rather than overwhelmed. It's been a great time thus far, and I can't wait to see what the next few years have in store.

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Jenny Barajas '21



YOU'LL TAKE MANHATTAN

A MAGNET FOR LEGAL TALENT

Cardozo Law is well connected.

Our location in the heart of Manhattan provides students with unparalleled options and opportunities.

Our faculty—lawyers and scholars at the top of their fields—bring the city into our classrooms by scheduling guest appearances with their renowned New York City colleagues and other experts. Out-of-classroom opportunities, including judicial, business and public-service externships as well as conferences and networking events, give students an edge on their careers. When it's time for a study break, New York's world-class museums, theater, dance, music and sporting events are at your doorstep. And whether you will practice law in New York City or elsewhere, Cardozo's connections, including our 14,000 alumni, will help you navigate your first career moves.



Cardozo is vitally linked to the creative energy of New York City. You'll study law at the crossroads of Greenwich Village and Union Square—two of New York City's historic and iconic neighborhoods, legendary as creative hubs for artists and writers and now the home of innovative startups. Students can walk to SoHo, the Lower East Side, Washington Square and Tribeca. On lower Fifth Avenue, students take in sights and locations where history was made in literature, music, labor rights and LGBTQ rights and where cafés, bistros, independent films at the IFC Center, art galleries, the Strand bookstore and boutiques abound. On University Place, you can find shops, restaurants and the Union Square Greenmarket.



Elizabeth Wu '18

Cardozo's location is a magnet for top legal talent—and that's to your benefit. From our Federal Courts class to our Indie Film Clinic, Cardozo students take full advantage of the wealth of legal opportunities and robust connections that New York City and Cardozo provide.

The law school is a short subway ride from the criminal and civil courts, Wall Street financial giants, the United Nations, major media conglomerates, innovative technology startups, fashion houses, public service and government organizations, arts institutions and of course the largest law firms in the country. Our students and faculty are connected to it all.



Everything you need is at our 55 Fifth Avenue location, a modern environment within a beautiful pre-war Beaux Arts building.

CLASSROOMS AND STUDENT CENTER

Cardozo's classrooms, library, student lounges and study areas all have high windows with sweeping views of Manhattan. The wood-paneled moot courtroom is the interior centerpiece of the ground floor where students gather for orientation, events and lectures. The Fifth Avenue lobby provides comfortable furnishings where students meet and study while looking out on the Village streets of lower Fifth Avenue and 12th Street. The lobby is also a hub for many event receptions in the evenings. The third floor houses the Kathryn O. and Alan C. Greenberg Center for Student Life. The school is located midway between the famous arch of Washington Square Park and the Flatiron Building.

LIBRARY

Occupying four floors of Cardozo's building, the Dr. Lillian and Dr. Rebecca Chutick Law Library is the nexus of student and faculty scholarship at Cardozo. Librarians, many of them lawyers, teach advanced legal research courses and are deeply engaged with the school's scholarly efforts. In addition to its holdings of books, periodicals and audio and video

materials, the library provides access to an ever-expanding collection of advanced electronic data sources to facilitate student and faculty research. Students work collaboratively in 19 group-study rooms, one of which features a unique electronic table that is adjustable for those with disabilities. Nearby libraries at The New School and The Cooper Union are available to Cardozo students on Saturdays when the Cardozo library is closed for the Jewish Sabbath.

RESIDENCE HALLS

Many Cardozo students choose to live in The Benjamin, a university owned and operated residence hall of furnished studio apartments and two- and three-bedroom shares. The seven-story space on Lexington Avenue and 29th Street is a 10-minute subway ride from the law school and offers an exercise room, rooftop with views of the Empire State Building and a solarium study room. Another option is The Alabama, a privately owned building on East 11th Street—just around the corner from the law school—which offers students studios and one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments with a fitness center, study rooms, laundry, Wi-Fi, and cable.

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Cardozo's Office of Career Services was extremely helpful in preparing me for the on-campus interview process for large law firms. OCS helped me through every step of the process: deciding on which firms to apply to, how to best present my resume and how to compare offers from firms. Through Cardozo's on-campus interview program, I landed a job at my dream firm, Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver, & Jacobson.

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Dylan Bolduc '20

CAREER SUPPORT FROM THE START

At Cardozo Law, helping you map your career path is our job from day one.

We're with you every step of the way. Throughout your time at Cardozo, you'll have a designated career counselor who will get to know you, help you define your legal interests and match them to a career path. You'll also have access to the entire team of counselors at the Office of Career Services, all of whom have practiced law and have expertise in a range of professional areas. For those who wish to work in the public interest, our Center for Public Service Law works hand-in-hand with students and employers to make employment connections.

We are at your service.

Career support starts when you arrive and continues throughout your three years at Cardozo. Here are some of the top career resources and activities you'll find here:

JOB HUNT CHECKLIST

- ✓ On-campus and office-based interviews with law firm, corporate, government and nonprofit employers throughout the year
- ✓ Workshops on resumes, cover letters and interview skills
- ✓ Events and discussions with judges and attorneys from all fields regarding clerkships, internships, summer associate positions and postgraduate employment
- ✓ Weekly talks where practitioners—from music-streaming companies to tax accounting firms to the ACLU—talk with students about their jobs
- ✓ Annual forums where private-sector lawyers, government prosecutors and nonprofit and public service lawyers meet students

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Cardozo students bring a special intensity of purpose, enthusiasm, and thoughtful approach to solving clients' legal issues. Jones Day has been hiring Cardozo students for many years. Cardozo alumni are partners in Jones Day offices in New York and elsewhere, and there is a critical mass of graduates working as associates across our practice areas.

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Harold Gordon '88
Partner, Jones Day

Our Graduates Get Great Jobs

Employers know the value of a Cardozo law degree. Cardozo graduates are sought after in every sector of the legal industry, from the largest law firms and financial compliance offices to in-house legal departments at major fashion houses to district attorneys' and defenders' offices.

Our excellent track record of placing students in highly competitive and rewarding positions has been acknowledged by a number of legal publications.

#25

in the nation for
“gold standard” legal jobs
(full-time jobs requiring bar passage,
not funded by schools)*



#3

in New York City
for “gold standard” jobs*



87%

of the class of 2017 landed
full-time jobs that require
bar passage or are J.D. Advantage and not
school-funded.*

#37

in the nation for
placing graduates in full-time
jobs at law firms with
over 100 attorneys*



#11

in the nation for government law programs
based on the number of graduates (12.1%)
who landed jobs in the government law
field, program curricula and the school's
debt/loan repayment options**

RECENT EMPLOYERS

LAW FIRMS	
Abrams Fensterman	Dealy Silberstein & Braverman
Abrams Garfinkel Margolis Bergson	Dechert
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld	DelZotto, Zorzi
Alexander Morelli	Dentons US
Allen & Overy	Desmarais
Alston & Bird	Douglas & London
Anderson Kill & Olick	Eiges & Orgel
Antonelli & Antonelli	Einbinder & Dunn
Arenson Dittmar & Karban	Fabiani Cohen & Hall
A.Y. Strauss, Attorneys At Law	Faust Goetz Schenker & Blee
Baker Botts	Feinstein Raiss Kelin Booker & Goldstein
Baker McKenzie	Feuerstein Kulick
Balestriere Fariello	Fish & Richardson
Ballon Stoll Bader & Nadler	Fox Rothschild
Barasch McGarry Salzman & Penson	Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy
Barton	Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson
Bernstein Liebhard	Gallet Dreyer & Berkey
Berry Appleman & Leiden	Gallo Vitucci Klar
Bortstein Legal Group	Garson, Segal, Steinmetz, Fladgate
Boudwin, Feigenbutz, & Associates	Gartner + Bloom
Boyarski Fritz	Gelis Law Group
Brand Glick Brand	Gell & Gell
Brown Moskowitz & Kallen	Gerard Fox Law
Bruns, Brennan & Berry	Getz & Braverman PS
Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner	Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher
BurgherGray Jaffe	Golenbock Eiseman Assor Bell & Peskoe
Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft	Goodwin Procter
Cahill Gordon & Reindel	Gordon & Silber
Canter Law Firm	Greenberg Traurig
Cardi & Edgar	Greenblum & Bernstein
Carter Ledyard & Milburn	Grover & Fensterstock
Cassin & Cassin	Grubman Shire Meiselas & Sacks
Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton	Halperin & Halperin
Clifford Chance USA	Harwood Reiff
Cohen Schneider	Heiberger & Associates
Cole Schotz	Hogan Lovells US
Cooper & Dunham	Howard M. Cohn & Associates
Covington & Burling	Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss
Cowan, DeBaets, Abrahams & Sheppard	Jones Day
Cozen O'Connor	Jun Wang Law Offices Jun Wang
Cravath, Swaine & Moore	Kasowitz Benson Torres & Friedman
Davis Polk & Wardwell	Kazerouni Law Group

Kelley Drye & Warren	
Kenyon & Kenyon	
Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton	
Kirkland & Ellis	
Kirschenbaum & Kirschenbaum	
Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel	
Krantz & Berman	
Kudman Trachten Aloe	
Labaton Sucharow	
Ladas & Parry	
Law Office of Craig Relles	
Law Office of Jonathan T.K. Cohen	
Law Office of Lawrence Komsky	
Law Office of Stephen H. Palitz	
Law Office of Theodore N. Cox	
Law Office of Zev Brachfeld	
Law Offices of Dawud Nelson	
Law Offices of Gabriel Mendelberg	
Law Offices of Gell & Gell	
Law Offices of Kirk & Teff	
Law Offices of Michael E. Pressman	
Law Offices of Neal Howard H. Rosenberg	
Law Offices of Regina Skyer & Associates	
Law Offices of Richard Sands	
Law Offices of William Pryor	
Levine Desantis	
Levine Lee	
Littman Krooks	
London Fischer	
Lowenstein Sandler	
Martin Clearwater & Bell	
Mayer Brown	
McAloon & Friedman	
McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff	
McGivney, Kluger & Cook	
McLaughlin & Stern	
Meister Seelig & Fein	
Meltzer, Lippe, Goldstein & Breitstone	
Mendes & Mount	
Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy	
Milstein Law Group	
Mintz & Gold	
Mintz Levin Cohn Ferris Glovsky and Popeo	
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius	
Morici & Morici	
Motley Rice	
Mound Cotton Wollan & Greengrass	

Musa-Obregon & Associates	
Olshan Frome Wolosky	
Ortoli Rosenstadt	
Oved & Oved	
Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison	
Pavia & Harcourt	
Pechman Law Group	
Peckar & Abramson	
Peter L. Cedeño & Associates	
Proskauer Rose	
Pryor Cashman	
Queens Law Associates	
Radulescu	
Reiss Sheppe	
Riddick & Associates	
Rinaldi, Finkelstein & Franklin	
Ritholz Levy Sanders, Chidekel & Fields	
Riveles Wahab	
Robert Wisniewski	
Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi	
Rodier Law Offices	
Romer Debbas	
Rosenberg & Estis	
Rubin, Fiorella & Friedman	
Sands Law Offices	
Santamarina & Associates	
Schlam Stone & Dolan	
Schneider Buchel	
Schultis Law Group	
Scott Legal Services	
Sedlmayr and Associates	
Seeger Weiss	
Seward & Kissel	
Seyfarth Shaw	
Shamberg Marwell Hollis Andreycak & Laidlaw	
Shearman & Sterling	
Shibolet	
Sidley Austin	
Simon Lesser	
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett	
Sinel & Associates	
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom	
Sperber, Denenberg and Kahan	
Stagg, Terenzi, Confusione & Wabnik	
Stern & Schurin	
Stroock & Stroock & Lavan	
Subin Associates	
Sullivan & Cromwell	
Sullivan Papain Block McGrath & Cannavo	
Sutherland Asbill & Brennan	

Syed Kabir, Attorney at Law
Tamir Law Group
Tand & Associates
Taylor IP
Tenenbaum Law
Tesser, Ryan & Rochman
Tetzlaff Law Offices
The Carbajal Law Firm
The Law Firm and Mediation Practice of Alla Roytberg
The Law Office of Fred Lichtmacher
The Law Office of Stan Weber
The Law Offices of David Zaslavsky
The Law Offices of Kevin H. Cohen
The Law Offices of Ted Sofer
The Schutzer Group, Attorneys at Law
The Seiden Group
The Serbagi Law Firm
Torino & Bernstein
Valle Makoff
Venable
Vigorito, Barker, Porter & Patterson, Nichols, & Porter
Vincent Volino
Wachtel Missry
Wade Clark Mulcahy
Ween & Kozek
Weg & Myers
Weil, Gotshal & Manges
WeissLaw
Wexler & Kaufman
White & Case
White, Nisar and Hilferty
Wigdor
Wildes & Weinberg
William Schwitzer & Associates
Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf
Wood Smith Henning & Berman

BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY

8of9 Consulting
Abrams Media
AIG
AirSwap
Alt Legal
Authentic Brands Group
BlackRock Title
Bravado International Group
Broadway Technology
Cammack Health
Chubb

Eigen Technologies
EisnerAmper
Ernst & Young
Exiger
Fiduciary Trust Company
FilmNation Entertainment
Francois et Mimi
Fuzz Productions
Gindi Equities
Goldman Sachs
Horizon Media
HSBC
Hyundai Heavy Industries
IBM Corporation
Ink Property Group
Investment Technology Group
Jefferies Financial Group
J.P. Morgan Chase
Kohlberg Kravis Roberts
KPMG
Kroll Bond Rating Agency
Macquarie
Madison Commercial Real Estate
Marwood Group USA
McKinsey & Company
Morgan Stanley
Munich Reinsurance America
NBC Universal
New York & Company
Paxos
PricewaterhouseCoopers
PVH
Rainbow
Razor & Tie
Reservoir Media Management
SalSon Logistics
Société Générale
Sotheby's
Syneos Health
The Bean
The Blackstone Group
The Box House Hotel Group
The Orchard
Thomson Reuters
Town Residential
Tower Legal Staffing
TravelClick
Tuff City Records
Versa Capital Management
Victory Wholesale Group
Warner Music Group
William Morris Endeavor
Yellowstone Capital

PUBLIC INTEREST/ GOVERNMENT
Alabama Appleseed Center for Law and Justice
American Cybersecurity Institute
Boom!Health
Brooklyn Defender Services
Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A
Center for Family Representation
Center for Independence of the Disabled, New York
City Harvest
Community Service Society
FINRA
Global Justice Center
Hampden County District Attorney's Office
Immigration Center for Women and Children
Immigrant Justice Corps
Jasa Legal Services
Lambda Legal
Lenox Hill Neighborhood House
Media Law Resource Center
Miami-Dade County Public Defender's Office
National Labor Relations Board
Nassau County District Attorney's Office
Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem
New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice, Appellate Bureau
New Jersey Office of the Public Defender, Bergen County
New York City Administration for Children's Services
New York City Commission on Human Rights
New York City Council
New York City Human Resources Administration
New York City Human Resources Administration, Office of Legal Affairs
New York City Law Department
New York State
New York State Excelsior Program
New York State Public Employment Relations Board
New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Judicial Department
Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation
Office of the Colorado State Public Defender

Office of the District Attorney, Bronx County
Office of the District Attorney, Kings County
Office of the District Attorney, Queens County
Office of the New York State Attorney General
Office of the Public Defender, Palm Beach
Prisoners' Legal Services of New York
Project Citizenship
Republic of Korea Army
State of Connecticut Judicial Branch, Superior Court
State of New York Unified Court System Appellate Division, 1st First Judicial Dept.
Superior Court Of New Jersey, Essex Vicinage
Superior Court of New Jersey, Hudson Vicinage
Superior Court of New Jersey, Middlesex Vicinage
Superior Court of New Jersey, Morris Vicinage
Superior Court of New Jersey, Ocean Vicinage
Superior Court Of New Jersey, Passaic Vicinage
Superior Court Of New Jersey, Somerset Vicinage
Superior Court of New Jersey, Union Vicinage
The Bronx Defenders
The Legal Aid Society
The Legal Aid Society of Westchester County
The New York County District Attorney's Office
Transgender Legal Defense & Education Fund
Unified Court System
Urban Justice Center
U.S. Army JAG Corps
U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of New York
U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
U.S. Department of Justice
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
U.S. Marine Corps JAG
Wisconsin State Public Defender's Office
WNET New York Public Media

A RICH AND BROAD CURRICULUM

Cardozo students gain a deep understanding of legal essentials that last them throughout their careers.

The law school blends rigorous legal theory with a passion for practical experience, offering stellar academic courses and specialty programs in a wide spectrum of legal fields. We complement these fundamentals with rich experiential opportunities and electives that enable you to customize your J.D. degree and pursue your career goals. From courses in technology and cybersecurity to real estate and business law, civil rights, consumer rights and LGBTQ rights, Cardozo prepares students for today's legal environment and tomorrow's opportunities.



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Cardozo professors are not only invested in ensuring that students learn the material but, and I think more importantly, they are invested in the materials themselves. Many of them are on the forefront of thought in their respective fields and are more than happy and willing to bring those thoughts into the classroom for debate. This not only makes classes exciting but also brings to light cutting-edge issues, which in turn better reveals how the law operates outside of the classroom.

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Jared Grubow '19

Cardozo is an intellectual powerhouse, driven by our *inspired faculty* and supported by the ambitions of our *incredible students*.

Melanie Leslie '91
Dean and Professor of Law

CONCENTRATIONS

Students may choose a professional concentration to focus on specific career goals. Each concentration consists of required courses, and electives and suggested clinics, field clinics and skills courses.

Business Law

Civil Litigation

Corporate Compliance and Risk Control

Criminal Justice

Data Law

Dispute Resolution

Family and Children's Law

Intellectual Property and Information Law

International and Comparative Law

Public Law, Regulation, and Government Affairs

Real Estate

Rights and the State

Tax Law

ACADEMIC PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND INFORMATION LAW

Cardozo Law has one of the most robust intellectual property programs in the United States, taught by faculty leaders with expertise in every aspect of IP, including internet privacy law; blockchain technology; scientific patents; music, fashion, sports and entertainment law; and international trade. Our IP curriculum includes advanced study in copyright, internet, trademark and patent law.

FILM: In the **Indie Film Clinic**, the only one in a New York City law school, students provide free legal services to independent documentary and narrative filmmakers working on social justice issues. The clinic also advises filmmakers through a partnership with the Tribeca Film Institute.

TECH: In the **Tech Startup Clinic**, students help new tech companies with their legal and business challenges while learning about IP, corporate, contract, tax and labor and employment issues.

FASHION: The **Fashion Law Practicum** pairs Cardozo students with students from FIT (Fashion Institute of Technology). Together they work out a plan to build and protect a fashion brand.

MUSIC: A partnership with the music rights organization BMI (Broadcast Music Inc.) makes possible the **Cardozo/BMI Entertainment and Communications Law Moot Court Competition**. Every year, students take on a highly complex music rights case and argue before music industry professionals who choose the winners.



INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROGRAMS

Fashion, Arts, Media and Entertainment Law (FAME)

Creative industries need creative lawyers, and that is why Cardozo graduates abound in the fields of music, arts, entertainment, media, sports and fashion law. Through rigorous coursework and hands-on learning, students are exposed to New York's unparalleled creative industries while learning about IP, employment law, digital media, finance, taxation, licensing, compliance and mergers and acquisitions.

Blockchain Project

As blockchain technology changes the way we think about international financial transactions, Bitcoin, and cryptocurrencies, Cardozo is at the forefront of understanding the rapid changes invoked by cryptocurrency and Bitcoin required in law and regulation. The project offers students and practicing lawyers multiple avenues to gain expertise in this revolutionary and transformative technology.

Cardozo Data Law Initiative

Prepare for an in-demand career in the rapidly expanding fields of information governance, e-discovery, data privacy, social media law and cybersecurity. Through coursework, practical training and real-world exposure, Cardozo students are well positioned to fill the growing need for cutting-edge legal representation.

Cardozo-Google Patent Diversity Project

The first program of its kind at any law school in the country, this new project was created to increase the number of women and members of minority groups who receive patents. The law school provides legal assistance to people seeking patents.

THE FAME CENTER FOR FASHION, ARTS, MEDIA AND ENTERTAINMENT LAW

Creative Lawyers for Creative Industries

The FAME Center provides students with access to companies and professionals in creative industries. It helps students find externships in companies such as Kate Spade, Forbes and Sony Music Group that build on classes offered in music, entertainment, sports, and fashion law. It also presents numerous networking events throughout the year, featuring legal movers and shakers from creative industries. Recent talks have included music executive Clive Davis discussing his representation of icons from Aretha Franklin to Bruce Springsteen. Fashion designer Isaac Mizrahi discussed fashion and law as did the CEO and chief counsel for Michael Kors. MSNBC host Chris Hayes discussed the Trump administration's attacks on the press.



SELECTED COURSES

- Copyright
- Internet Law
- Patent Law
- Trademark Law
- Advertising Law
- Cultural Heritage
- Cybersecurity: A Practical Approach
- Entertainment Law
- Fashion Law
- First Amendment
- IP Business and Transactional Law
- Law of Surveillance
- Media Law
- Social Media Law
- Sports Law
- Startup Law

BUSINESS AND CORPORATE LAW

New York City is the world's leading financial and commercial center, making it the ideal place to study corporate, securities and commercial law. Our broad course curriculum, taught by well-known experts in the field, is complemented by hands-on experiences, such as the 10-day **Intensive Transactional Lawyering Program**, the yearlong **Securities Arbitration Clinic** and the **Tech Startup Clinic**. Recent externships have taken students to Morgan Stanley, Westwood One and MTV.

Concentration in Business Law

Students in this concentration graduate with sharp analytical and contract drafting skills, a deep understanding of key areas of law and a feel for current business problems—from navigating complex U.S. securities laws to understanding international business law in light of new technologies and shifting political dynamics. Cardozo Business Law graduates emerge from law school prepared for careers in transactional work, business counseling and commercial litigation in both for-profit and nonprofit settings.

Concentration in Corporate Compliance and Risk Control

Compliance attorneys make sure that financial institutions follow the law and avoid legal risks. To gain practical experience, students benefit from Cardozo's partnerships with major financial institutions and regulatory agencies, including JP Morgan Chase, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and the New York Office of the Attorney General, among others.



SELECTED COURSES AND CLINICS

- Advising Boards of Directors
- Alternative Business Entities
- Antitrust
- Bankruptcy: Debtors' and Creditors' Rights
- Corporate Drafting
- Corporate Finance
- Corporate Tax
- E-Commerce
- Ethics for a Business Attorney
- Federal Income Tax
- International Trade
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Negotiations
- Securities Arbitration Clinic
- Securities Regulation
- White-Collar Crime

HEYMAN CENTER FOR CORPORATE LAW & GOVERNANCE

The Heyman Center is our hub for studies and events related to corporate law and governance. It runs the comprehensive **Heyman Scholars Program**, in which selected students interested in corporate and securities law issues have special opportunities to interact with professional and academic leaders through mentorship and social events, professional development training and assistance with internships and externships.

One of the top Intellectual Property Law Programs in the nation

U.S. News & World Report

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

The 2016 presidential election launched an era of intense public discussion and debate over the U.S. Constitution. Controversies over travel bans, immigration restrictions, presidential powers and conflicts of interest have highlighted the importance, flexibility and complexity of this living document that guides our legal system. Other major areas in the public eye include the role of special prosecutor and the ethical guidelines that apply to government officials and whistleblowers.

In our classrooms, expert faculty interpret the rights of states and Congress, prosecutorial power and the power of the judiciary, giving students a deep appreciation of how critically important it is to understand the mechanisms of government. The Cardozo faculty includes five constitutional scholars who have clerked for the U.S. Supreme Court.



FLOERSHEIMER CENTER FOR CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY

Students with a keen interest in the Constitution find inspiration in the many events hosted by this center, including speaking engagements and conferences. Recent convenings have addressed hate speech and the culture wars, civil liberties in the age of terrorism and taxing the church.



Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor participated in a conversation with students at the school.



ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR)

In an era increasingly characterized by cyberbullying, road rage and extremism as well as by international violence and aggression, the skills used in mediation and dispute resolution are vital legal tools. Cardozo's ADR program is recognized worldwide for its curricular offerings and hands-on training that equip students with skills leading to a certification that they can put to immediate use.

Cardozo offers three pioneering mediation clinics and a weeklong Intensive Mediation Advocacy Program under the supervision of Professor Lela Love, director of the Kukin Program for Conflict Resolution and a widely recognized leader in the field. Many ADR students participate in the highly regarded *Cardozo Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

SELECTED COURSES

[ADR in the Workplace](#)
[Advanced Mediation Practicum](#)
[Arbitration Law: Theory and Practice](#)
[Divorce Mediation](#)
[Collaborative Family Law](#)
[International Commercial Arbitration](#)
[Interviewing and Counseling](#)
[Mediation Clinic](#)
[Negotiation Theory and Skills](#)
[Securities Arbitration Clinic](#)



REAL ESTATE LAW

The New York City real estate market is among the largest and most complex in the world. Here, lawyers address universal questions related to where and how we live, whether they represent individual renters or multinational construction firms. Cardozo students have an opportunity to understand real estate transactions by studying with some of the most experienced lawyers in the field. The real estate concentration offers courses, a seminar, electives and externships in New York law firms and real estate investment firms.

Rounding out the academic experience are events sponsored by the Center for Real Estate Law. Recent talks include *The Art of a Successful Deal: Both Sides Must Win* and *The Impact of Demographics, Consumer Behavior and Government Regulation on the Real Estate Market*. In addition, students write for the monthly Cardozo-based *New York Real Estate Law Reporter*, working with faculty to summarize and analyze court decisions.

SELECTED COURSES

[Alternative Business Entities](#)
[Construction Law](#)
[Co-ops and Condominiums](#)
[Land-Use Regulation](#)
[Real Estate Finance](#)
[Taxation of Partnerships](#)

INTERNATIONAL LAW

The dynamic and rewarding field of international law enables students to delve into numerous overlapping specialization areas as well as to travel and learn about new cultures. Whether your passion is human rights, intellectual property, immigration, trade or comparative law, students can construct a path at Cardozo that is rich in curricular content, experiential opportunities and semester-abroad programs to help prepare for global practice.

SELECTED COURSES AND PROGRAMS

Anti-Terrorism and Criminal Enforcement
Arab-Israeli Conflict
Business Immigration, Workforce and Compliance
European Legal Systems
International Business Transactions
International Criminal Law
International Dispute Resolution
International Human Rights
International Trade
Joint J.D./LL.M Degree with Sorbonne Law School, Paris
Law of War and Contemporary Conflicts
Vichy and the Holocaust



CRIMINAL LAW

Cardozo offers one of the most robust criminal law programs in the country. The growing movement to reduce mass incarceration and address racial disparity in criminal proceedings makes criminal law a vibrant area for study today. It is also an area where major legal shifts are under way, many of them led by states moving away from some of the harsher practices of previous decades, such as reforming bail systems and decriminalizing marijuana. Cardozo offers a very broad range of criminal law and procedure courses taught by faculty who are former federal and state prosecutors and defense lawyers. They approach the subject from both a pragmatic real-world perspective and from a rich theoretical one. That translates to solid career skills for our students, many of whom go directly into jobs at district attorneys' or public defenders' offices after graduation.

Highly diverse experiential learning programs give students the skills they need to hit the ground running. They include the Innocence Project, Prosecutor Practicum, Criminal Defense and Criminal Appeals Clinics and U.S. Attorney's Office externship as well as Cardozo's signature Intensive Trial Advocacy Program.

SELECTED COURSES

Civil Rights Clinic
Criminal Defense
Criminal Law
Advanced Criminal Law
Criminal Procedure I and II
Evidence
Prisoners' Rights
Prosecutor Practicum
White Collar Crime

Kate Shaw is a professor of law and the co-director of the Floersheimer Center for Constitutional Democracy. She clerked for Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens during the 2007 term. She previously worked in the Obama Office of White House Counsel as associate counsel to the president. She is a contributor on ABC News covering the Supreme Court and legal issues on Capitol Hill.



JURISPRUDENCE & LEGAL THEORY

Cardozo offers students a rich and vibrant intellectual community, and jurisprudence and legal theory are at the heart of it. For those fascinated by the philosophy and history that underpin legal principles, these courses, taught by internationally renowned thinkers, encourage deep exploration of these ideas.

Students explore topics such as law and morality, theories of punishment and sexuality. Leading intellectuals, including the American legal theorist and public intellectual Stanley Fish, Slovene philosopher Renata Salecl and German philosophy professor and post-Holocaust author Bernhard Schlink, have deep and long-lasting ties to Cardozo Law through teaching and research.

SELECTED COURSES

- Authority and Liberty
- History of Western Law
- Jewish Law
- Jurisprudence
- Law and Film
- Law and Literature
- Law and Religion



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You can be a very good lawyer by being a technical, relentless thinker. But you can't be a great lawyer without thinking deeply about the law. Great lawyers have at least a touch of the philosopher in them.

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Professor Ekow Yankah

FAMILY LAW, BIOETHICS, AND HEALTH CARE LAW

Same-sex marriage and surrogate motherhood are among the many ways in which social transformation and technology have made family law one of the most captivating and innovative areas in which to practice. Families have long turned to lawyers for help with complex personal matters such as adopting a child or intervening when a relative should no longer drive or manage money.

Cardozo has a long tradition in family law: A significant proportion of students take courses in this subject, and as a result, we have a strong alumni network practicing in this area. Students in this concentration graduate fully prepared to represent the families of today and the families of the future.

Several hands-on opportunities—especially the Mediation Clinic, Bet Tzedek Clinic (helping elderly clients and those with disabilities), Divorce Mediation Clinic and Bronx Defenders Family Defense field clinic—perfectly complement the curriculum.

Cardozo Law is the only law school—anywhere—to offer a J.D. and M.S. in bioethics jointly with a medical school. This program, offered with YU-affiliated Albert Einstein College of Medicine, provides a distinct advantage for attorneys interested in the expanding opportunities in health care law.

Students may alternatively enroll in the Certificate Program in Bioethics and Medical Humanities, offered in conjunction with the Montefiore Einstein Center for Bioethics. About 25 law students each year attend a series of seminars with professionals in health care law, chaplaincy, social work and other disciplines, learning the foundations and the skills needed in this growing field.



SELECTED COURSES & CLINICS

- Bronx Defenders Services, Family Defense Practice
- Children and the Law
- Collaborative Family Law
- Divorce and Family Mediation
- Divorce Mediation Clinic
- Domestic Violence and Child Abuse
- Family Law
- Juvenile Justice
- New York Family Law Drafting and Procedure
- Sexual Orientation and the Law
- Special Education Law and Advocacy Field Clinic
- Trusts and Estates



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I am so excited and honored to have the opportunity to work with and learn from the ACLU's Criminal Law Reform Project. I've been passionate about fighting for change in our criminal justice system ever since I was a kid and had the misfortune to watch this system fail my older brother. Cardozo's Public Service Stipend Program gives students like me a chance to learn how we can be a part of this fight after we complete law school. I'm grateful to be a part of a community that encourages this type of work.

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Bernardo Caceres '20



LEADERSHIP IN PUBLIC SERVICE

Public Service is in our DNA.

Public service is at the very heart of the Cardozo experience. It has been since we opened our doors in 1976. Throughout your studies at Cardozo, you will have many opportunities to work for access to justice for those in need. Students have worked to help win exoneration for innocent prisoners on death row, pursued asylum cases and sought restitution for Holocaust survivors. Many Cardozo students each year are steeped in the legal avenues to social justice while actually working to achieve it for their clients.

The Center for Public Service Law provides guidance and support to students wishing to pursue public service and organizes regular programming for the entire law school community on public service topics. The Center also supports all public service events and helps students make valuable connections for externships.



In the Classroom and Community

Many Cardozo Law faculty are deeply involved in fighting for social justice inside and outside of court instilling in students an appreciation of the critical role that lawyers play in achieving justice for those in need. Students interested in human rights and social justice can choose to participate among dozens of courses, clinics, externships, panels and symposia, brown-bag lunches, clubs, journals and other activities.

Cardozo students run many **public-service organizations** that let you turn your passion into action. The **Public Service Scholars Program**, a prestigious and selective three-year program, offers specialized training.

PUBLIC SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

Public Service Law Advocacy Week

Every year the law school devotes a full week in January to public service, offering daily panels and workshops with prominent legal practitioners and community advocates addressing issues such as domestic violence, LGBT rights, prisoner's rights, immigration reform and education reform.

Public Service Summer Stipend Program

The Public Service Summer Stipend Program raises money to support stipends for students working in summer internships at public interest organizations and government agencies in the United States and beyond.

Loan Repayment Assistance Program

Cardozo Law provides annual forgivable loans to graduates working in public service for up to six years after graduation to help them overcome their educational debts. The Laurie M. Tisch Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) means that students can pursue their dream careers immediately after graduation. Cardozo's particularly expansive LRAP supports graduates who work not only for nonprofit organizations but also for government agencies, including prosecutors' offices.

HANDS-ON LEARNING

CLINICS
PRACTICAL
OPPORTUNITIES
JOURNALS
CONFERENCES

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The Innocence Project helped me better understand not simply the law but the social science issues leading to wrongful convictions. I wasn't merely refining my research and writing skills, I was working for individuals who were wronged by a system that was supposed to protect them. When there is an exoneration, I feel a great sense of pride in knowing that somehow I contributed to that. I am eager to continue this work and better prepare myself to change the system that led to these miscarriages of justice.

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Eugenia Fowlkes '20

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Hands-on learning gives
our students a
real-world edge.

Cardozo Law offers groundbreaking clinics, externships and trial experiences that help bring the law to life and allow students to chart the course of their careers. Cardozo Law students don't just learn about securing justice for clients. They achieve it. You'll put classroom learning to work while you're still in law school and gain the skills you need to hit the ground running after graduation.

IN-HOUSE CLINICS AND
FIELD CLINICS

IN-HOUSE CLINICS

Cardozo offers 11 in-house clinics taught by full-time faculty that enable students to work on real cases with significant social impact while they are still in law school.

From the Immigration Justice Clinic, where Cardozo students have helped hundreds of immigrants win release from detention or avoid deportation, to the Innocence Project, where they have helped exonerate more than 200 innocent prisoners, Cardozo's clinics provide students with some of the best opportunities for real-world legal training in the nation.

Clinic students meet one or two days a week in the classroom, with students typically spending multiple days each week working on their cases, meeting with clients or partner organizations together with their teammates.

CLINIC STUDENTS:

- interview clients and witnesses
- draft pleadings and briefs
- conduct discovery
- counsel clients
- mediate
- draft and negotiate contracts
- argue motions or appeals and conduct hearings in court
- negotiate settlements
- incorporate new businesses

Students at Cardozo's Innocence Project worked on the case of Mark Denny, who was released in 2017 after 30 years in prison for a crime he did not commit



CARDOZO
CLINICS

BENJAMIN B. FERENCZ
HUMAN RIGHTS AND ATROCITY
PREVENTION CLINIC

Named after the great Nuremberg trial lawyer who presided over the largest Nazi war crimes case after World War II, this clinic engages students in pursuing U.S. and international litigation and advocacy to prevent war crimes, protect populations and rebuild societies in the aftermath of atrocities.

**BET TZEDEK
LEGAL SERVICES CLINIC**
Students represent elderly and disabled clients in cases ranging from eviction to health care coverage. They recently litigated a class action lawsuit protecting tens of thousands of low-income older adults and people with disabilities from rent increases in New York City.

CIVIL RIGHTS CLINIC
Students investigate new cases, counsel clients, draft pleadings and appear in court seeking constitutional protections for clients, often for issues involving prison conditions or police brutality.

CRIMINAL DEFENSE CLINIC
Students learn the intricacies of criminal defense and the unpredictability of trials by representing clients in court cases from start to disposition.

DIVORCE MEDIATION CLINIC
By applying a commonsense, problem-solving lens to help families through this difficult transition, students have helped more than 350 people navigate separation and divorce.

INDIE FILM CLINIC
Students learn transactional skills while providing legal services to makers of independent and documentary films with social justice themes.

INNOCENCE PROJECT
Cardozo is the birthplace of this world-renowned program. Students work with prisoners, crime labs, prosecutors and others to free wrongfully convicted prisoners using DNA technology and modern forensics. Since the project's inception, students have helped to win the release of more than 200 people.

**KATHRYN O. GREENBERG
IMMIGRATION JUSTICE CLINIC**
Students represent immigrants before federal immigration authorities and U.S. courts of appeals. Cardozo's clinic participants have stopped deportations of unaccompanied minors fleeing violence in Latin America, secured visas for victims of human trafficking and helped immigrants win asylum.

MEDIATION CLINIC
Students help disputing parties find agreeable resolutions in Brooklyn and Manhattan Small Claims Courts, Civil Court and community mediation centers.

**SECURITIES
ARBITRATION CLINIC**
Students advocate for small investors who have lost money due to fraud, malpractice or mistakes on the part of brokerage firms and investment advisors. The clinic has recovered more than \$1.6 million, every penny of which went back to clients who had been victims but could not afford a lawyer to take on major financial institutions.

TECH STARTUP CLINIC
Students provide legal services to new technology-based companies in New York City, guiding them through entity formation, intellectual property issues, funding questions and commercialization strategies.

FIELD CLINICS

In Cardozo Law's competitive and intensive semester-long or yearlong Field Clinics, more than 250 students each year branch out into dozens of areas of the law. They work in legal offices and take on real client responsibilities under close supervision by practitioners who also teach seminars at the law school.

APPROPRIATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Students conduct research, work with clients and observe live mediation sessions at organizations that specialize in conflict-resolution services.

ART LAW

Students work with arts institutions, including the Whitney Museum of Art, the Brooklyn Academy of Music, and Christie's, on issues of cultural management, stewardship and ownership.

BRONX DEFENDERS SERVICES, FAMILY DEFENSE PRACTICE

Through a unique model of holistic representation, students gain litigation experience, representing low-income families in high-stakes child neglect proceedings.

CONSUMER RIGHTS

Students work with legal services offices to protect the rights of low-income consumers against predatory practices.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

Students work in this state regulatory department that is keeping pace with dramatically evolving financial products and services.

FEDERAL CRIMINAL PROSECUTION

Students work in the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, one of the busiest and most respected in the nation.

HEALTH-CARE REFORM

Working in high-profile health law offices, students help low-income New Yorkers navigate health insurance claims and appeals.

IMMIGRATION LAW

Students working in nonprofit organizations help with applications for asylum, permanent residence, T and U visas (for trafficking and other crime victims) and citizenship.

NEW YORK CITY LAW DEPARTMENT, APPEALS DIVISION

Students are assigned real appellate cases to research and draft from start to finish on a variety of civil matters.

NEW YORK CITY LAW DEPARTMENT, JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

In Family Court, students help to ensure that juveniles who commit

delinquent acts are both held accountable and afforded an opportunity for rehabilitation.

NEW YORK CITY LAW DEPARTMENT, LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW

Students work on all aspects of civil litigation, including claims of First Amendment retaliation; gender, race, age and disability discrimination; and violations of the Equal Pay Act.

NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, SOCIAL JUSTICE DIVISION

In the one of the largest and most powerful state legal offices in the country, students work in civil rights, labor and environmental protection.

SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW AND ADVOCACY

Students work at Advocates for Children and collaborating organizations, representing and assisting with cases on behalf of low-income families seeking appropriate educational services.

TAX LAW

Working in taxpayer centers and with selected private practitioners, students represent and assist on behalf of low-income clients.



EXTERNSHIPS

Externships are an excellent way to explore career options, and Cardozo offers one of the largest programs in the United States. Each year, more than 250 students choose from opportunities in public-service nonprofits—from the grassroots to major cultural, health care and social justice institutions—as well as businesses, government offices and federal or state courts.

Cardozo's New York City location provides students with unparalleled chances to pursue these areas of interest under the careful supervision of leaders in their fields.

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I always knew that I wanted to make a difference in the world. Working with the United States Environmental Protection Agency allows me to do just that, while my academic and practical experiences at Cardozo have prepared me to perform with confidence, poise and curiosity. My first assignment at the internship centered on concepts I had just learned in class. There is a great sense of accomplishment when your knowledge from the classroom transitions into real-world career experiences.

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Melissa Mertz '20

SIMULATION PROGRAMS

JANUARY IS LAWYERING SKILLS MONTH

There are not enough days in the week for Cardozo Law students to take advantage of all of the experiential learning opportunities available to them. So during the January midyear break, students can participate in offerings that provide intensive skills-based training applicable to many areas of the law.

INTENSIVE TRIAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM

The popular Intensive Trial Advocacy Program (ITAP) is a cornerstone of Cardozo's practical skills curriculum. In this two-week "boot camp," second- and third-year students learn cutting-edge strategies from leading trial attorneys and judges who come to Cardozo from across the country to teach this rigorous course simulating the intensity of a trial and to critique students' work.

In small groups, students practice direct and cross examinations, interviewing and preparing witnesses, selecting juries, dealing with evidentiary issues and preparing for and presenting bench and jury trials. The course ends with students conducting a full jury trial.

OTHER JANUARY INTENSIVE PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- Intensive Mediation Advocacy Program (IMAP)
- Negotiation Theories and Skills
- Intensive Transactional Lawyering Program (ITRANS)
- Introduction to Financial Statements (I-FinS)
- Collaborative Family Law
- Advanced Legal Research

OTHER HANDS-ON LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

LAW JOURNALS

Working on a journal is one of the best ways to develop legal research, writing and analytical skills. Cardozo is home to student-run journals that publish articles by distinguished academics and practitioners along with student notes and comments. Courts often cite Cardozo journal articles and notes in decisions.

Cardozo Law Review

Cardozo Arts & Entertainment Law Journal

Cardozo Journal of Conflict Resolution

International Comparative, Policy & Ethics Law Review

Cardozo Journal of Equal Rights and Social Justice

Law and Literature

MOOT COURT HONOR SOCIETY

Members of Cardozo's Moot Court Honor Society participate in approximately six national and regional competitions each semester. The student-run organization prepares participants to write advocacy briefs and make powerful oral arguments. Structured like a publication, with selected writers, editors and oralists, the Honor Society hosts competitions—such as the Cardozo/BMI Moot Court Competition, a unique entertainment-law contest—and selected students participate in national and regional competitions.

ALEXANDER FELLOWS PROGRAM

A highly selective program, this judicial clerkship, offered every semester, enables students to clerk for a federal judge in chambers five days a week. Students research and prepare memoranda, participate in conferences and draft opinions. A weekly seminar, usually led by a federal judge, gives students an insider's view of the day-to-day operations of a court. Graduates of the program have an advantage in securing postgraduate clerkships.



Cardozo laid the foundation of how to *think like a lawyer*. The tipping point was the *Intensive Trial Advocacy Program*: that solidified that I wanted to do trial work. It gave me *real-world experience* and a comfort level going into the courtroom the first time.

Portia Downing '03
Essex County Assistant Prosecutor

AMERICAN CONSTITUTION SOCIETY ART
 LAW SOCIETY ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN
 LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION BLACK LAW
 STUDENTS ASSOCIATION BUSINESS LAW
 SOCIETY CARDOZO ADVOCATES FOR KIDS
 CARDOZO CRIMINAL LAW SOCIETY CARDOZO
 DEMOCRATS CARDOZO DISPUTE RESOLUTION
 SOCIETY CARDOZO ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
 SOCIETY CARDOZO FALL MENTORS CARDOZO
 FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS AND EQUALITY
 CARDOZO INTERNATIONAL LAW SOCIETY
 CARDOZO JURIST CARDOZO LABOR AND
 EMPLOYMENT LAW SOCIETY CARDOZO
 LAW & INTERNET CLUB CARDOZO MAY
 MENTORS CARDOZO SPORTS LAW SOCIETY
 CARDOZO STARTUP SOCIETY CARDOZO
 STUDENTS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS CARDOZO
 WOMEN'S LAW INITIATIVE COURTROOM
 ADVOCATES PROJECT ENTERTAINMENT LAW
 SOCIETY FAMILY LAW CLUB GAMING LAW
 SOCIETY INTERACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT
 LAW SOCIETY JEWISH LAW STUDENTS
 ASSOCIATION KOREAN AMERICAN LAW
 STUDENTS ASSOCIATION LATIN AMERICAN
 LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION LAW REVUE
 LOUIS D. BRANDEIS CENTER FOR HUMAN
 RIGHTS UNDER LAW, CARDOZO CHAPTER
 MINORITY LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
 MUSLIM LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
 NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD OUTLAW
 PHILOSOPHY AND LAW SOCIETY REAL ESTATE
 LAW ASSOCIATION SOUTHEAST ASIAN LAW
 STUDENTS ASSOCIATION STUDENT ANIMAL
 LEGAL DEFENSE FUND SUSPENSION
 REPRESENTATION PROJECT TAX LAW SOCIETY
 UNEMPLOYMENT ACTION CENTER

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Cardozo Law has more than 40 dynamic organizations, through which students meet like-minded peers, learn about new areas of the law, provide public service and participate in a range of activities. These groups also provide opportunities to network with alumni and faculty through lectures, panels, dinners and other social events.

Vibrant intellectual debate outside the classroom

New York City is a magnet for legal and business experts, and hundreds of events each year expose students to far-reaching subjects and of-the-moment debates in law and society.

CONFERENCES, SYMPOSIA AND PANELS

Noted leaders in law, finance and politics have spoken at recent events, including U.S. Supreme Court Justices Sonia Sotomayor and John Paul Stevens, former U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York Preet Bharara, former secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson, and former U.S. secretary of Housing and Urban Development Julian Castro. Other visitors have included prominent journalists, authors, fashion designers, filmmakers and music executives.

RECENT CONFERENCES, PANELS AND SPEAKERS

- Art as an Asset Class: Transactional Concerns for Art-Market Participants
- Cardozo Sports Law Symposium
- Clive Davis, Legendary Music Executive and Record Producer, Discusses His Career Highlights
- Ethical Pitfalls and Pratfalls in Corporate Representations
- New York Voter Protection Training Seminar
- Powering Change: Women in Innovation and Creativity (World IP Day event)
- The Fair Housing Act After 50 Years
- The Innocence Project's Impact After 25 Years: Law, Policy, and the Courts
- The Israel Supreme Court at a Moment of Transition, with Justices Miriam Naor, Elyakim Rubinstein, and Salim Joubran
- The New Counterterrorism and Countering Violent Extremism: Speech Regulation, Private Companies and Free Expression

TECH TALKS

- Blockchain & the Law
- 3D Printing and Patent Law
- The Future of Net Neutrality and Broadband Privacy

FASHION LAW TALKS

- A Conversation with Fashion Icon Isaac Mizrahi on Fashion, Law and Business
- Fashion with a Conscience
- What's in a Name? Three Designers Talk About the Risks and Rewards of Calling a Brand by Their Name
- An Evening with Stewart Weitzman



OUTSTANDING FACULTY

ARE HERE FOR YOU

Cardozo's exceptional
and caring faculty
will help you thrive.

Cardozo faculty are intellectual pathbreakers and practitioners who care deeply about their subjects and their students, sharing not only their knowledge but also their connections in New York City and the world. The faculty will know your name and welcome your ideas. They bring warmth into the classroom and a fresh approach to legal education, often infusing philosophy, literature, economics, politics and history into their teaching to bring the law to life.

MICHELLE ADAMS

Professor of Law, civil rights scholar with expertise in race and sex discrimination and in affirmative action; currently writing a book on the failed promises of the Fair Housing Act of 1968. Co-director of the Floersheimer Center on Constitutional Democracy.



SELECT CARDOZO FACULTY

CHRISTOPHER BUCCAFUSCO

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Director of the Intellectual Property & Information Law Program and leading scholar on IP law incentives for artistic production.

MYRIAM GILLES

PUBLIC LAW

Paul R. Verkuil Chair in Public Law and a prolific writer; an expert in consumer rights, specializing in class action law suits, who has testified before Congress.



ELIZABETH GOLDMAN

CORPORATE LAW

Director of the Securities Arbitration Clinic; former prosecutor with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission who has won awards for her role in prosecuting white-collar criminals.



MICHAEL HERZ

ADMINISTRATIVE AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

A leading authority on administrative law and government agencies and co-director of the Israeli Supreme Court Project; former attorney for the Environmental Defense Fund and former clerk to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Byron White.

LELA LOVE

MEDIATION

An international leader in legal mediation and alternative dispute resolution; founding director of the renowned Kukin Program for Conflict Resolution and director of the Cardozo Mediation Clinic.

PETER MARKOWITZ

IMMIGRATION LAW

Founder and director of the Kathryn O. Greenberg Immigration Justice Clinic; a scholar on criminal and immigration law who has been recognized with awards from the New York City Council for his groundbreaking work on behalf of immigrant communities.

DEBORAH PEARLSTEIN

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND LAW OF WAR

An expert on national security whose scholarship focuses on separation of powers, counterterrorism and the law of war who has testified before Congress on detainee treatment; frequent commentator and opinion writer in the press.



ALEX REINERT

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

Director of the Center for Rights and Justice; an expert in prisoners' rights, employment discrimination and disability law who has argued cases before the U.S. Supreme Court; successfully argued against the use of solitary confinement in New York City jails.



JESSICA ROTH

CRIMINAL LAW

Former federal prosecutor focused on violent crime and securities fraud; co-director of the Jacob Burns Center for Ethics in the Practice of Law and a member of the board of directors of Cardozo's Innocence Project.

DAVID RUDENSTINE

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

Former dean of the law school and former civil liberties litigator in federal and state courts; an esteemed scholar on First Amendment and other civil liberties matters; author of several acclaimed books on national security and secrecy.

JEANNE L. SCHROEDER

CORPORATE LAW, CRYPTOCURRENCY AND JURISPRUDENCE

A leading scholar in blockchain technology and cryptocurrency regulation with interests ranging from commercial law to feminist jurisprudential theory; currently developing a feminist theory of law and economics.

KATE SHAW

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

A prolific constitutional law scholar, Supreme Court commentator for ABC News, former clerk to U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens and associate counsel in the Obama Administration. Co-director of the Floersheimer Center for Constitutional Law.



ED STEIN

FAMILY LAW

Founding director of the Family Law, Policy and Bioethics Program, with expertise in legal aspects of sexual orientation, gender, reproduction, cognition and science.



STEWART STERK

REAL ESTATE LAW

One of the most widely cited real estate law scholars in the country; expert in property and land-use regulation, trusts and estates, and copyright. Director of the Center on Real Estate Law and Public Policy.

SUZANNE LAST STONE

JEWISH LAW

University Professor of Jewish Law and Contemporary Civilization and a former litigator; writes and lectures on religion and the state and on the intersection of Jewish thought, legal theory and the humanities.

FELIX WU

TECHNOLOGY LAW

Director of the Cardozo Data Law Initiative; a leader in information law with scholarship focused on freedom of speech, privacy law and intellectual property.

EKOW YANKAH

CRIMINAL LAW, ELECTION LAW, JURISPRUDENCE

A leading criminal law scholar focused on criminal theory and punishment as well as on voting rights and election law. Publishes extensively in the legal and popular press.



INCLUSION

UNITES US

The spirit of inclusion is a core value at Cardozo.

On our campus and in our classrooms, we strive to create an environment that is welcoming to people of all religions, races, ethnicities, socioeconomic backgrounds, sexual orientations and gender identities and expressions. We believe that maintaining an environment in which a full range of perspectives and viewpoints is articulated and respected is essential to the strength of our community and to the continued advancement of justice, equality and democratic values in the United States.

At Cardozo we believe that inclusion is a cornerstone of legal education and that diversity advances the entire legal system. We are committed to two core values: providing opportunity for historically underrepresented people in the legal profession as well as ensuring that every Cardozo lawyer has the training and awareness to conduct an inclusive

practice in the modern legal world. Cardozo's director of diversity and inclusion ensures that our practices reflect our values and cultivates a campus where all students feel welcome and develop skills in cultural competence.

The director of diversity and inclusion is in charge of ensuring a robust annual assessment of the many ongoing and newly created initiatives to ensure Cardozo is supportive, inclusive and diverse.

Cardozo's student organizations offer social activities for their members while sharing their culture and traditions with the broader Cardozo community.

- Asian Pacific American Law Students Association
- Black Law Students Association
- Cardozo Women's Law Initiative
- Jewish Law Students Association
- Korean American Law Students Association
- Latin American Law Students Association
- Minority Law Student Alliance
- Muslim Law Student Association
- OUTlaw
- South Asian Law Students Association

Cardozo School of Law welcomes people of all faiths and backgrounds to join our community. As part of Yeshiva University, we strive to reflect the Jewish ethical tradition of advancement of knowledge and healing the world for the betterment of humanity. The law school continuously seeks to break barriers of entry into the legal profession and holds inclusion as a cherished value.

OUR GLOBAL ALUMNI NETWORK WILL WORK FOR YOU

14,000

Alumni

61

Nations

47

U.S. states + D.C. and Puerto Rico

12

Regional Alumni Groups

Wherever you launch your legal career, the Cardozo alumni network is there to help. Cardozo graduates work in 47 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands as well as 61 nations all over the world in every imaginable type of legal job. Whether you want to work in a leading law firm, major entertainment company, small startup or human rights nonprofit, our 14,000-member community is ready and willing to help the next generation of law school graduates turn their career goals into reality.

Cardozo alumni clubs and local representatives are active and ready to assist you in cities including Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, Florida, San Francisco and Washington, D.C. as well as in France, Germany, Israel and Japan. We're pleased to introduce you to our alumni who are practicing successfully in a highly diverse range of legal areas.



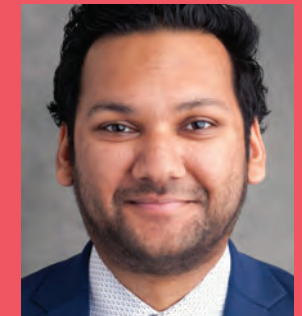
MICHELE ARONSON '16

Law clerk, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York;
Co-chair, Cardozo OUTlaw alumni



JOHN LEBARRE '05

Senior counsel, Google Patent Transaction Team



AMOL SINHA '10

Executive director, ACLU of New Jersey



JON LENZNER '04

First Assistant United States Attorney at U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Maryland
Washington D.C. Metro Area



JULIE SWIDLER '82

Executive vice president, SONY Music



HON. TANYA KENNEDY '92

Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Civil Branch

NOTABLE CARDOZO ALUMNI

RAFAEL CASTELLANOS '86

President, Expert Title Insurance Company

MICHAEL REINERT '82

Partner, Fox Rothschild
Former executive vice president, Universal Motown Republic Group

IRA DIZENGOFF '92

Partner, Akin Gump

ERIC HOCHSTADT '03

Partner, Weil, Gotshal & Manges

HEIDI WACHS '05

Vice president, Stroz Friedberg

KIMBERLY GRANT '07

Counsel, Pryor Cashman, Immigration Group

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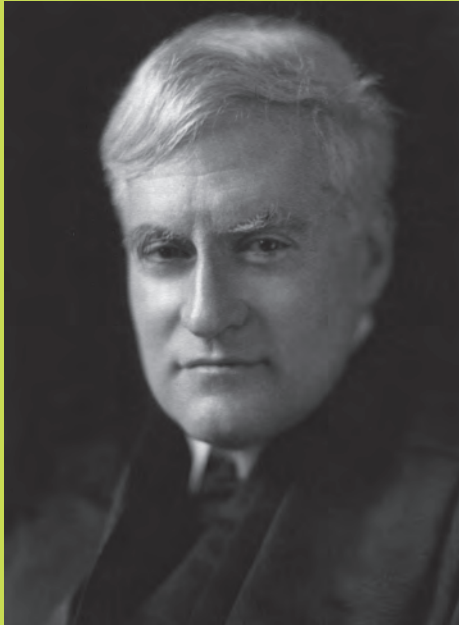
Associate, Product Liability, Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker

JONATHAN RUSSO '12

Staff attorney, GMHC

TALONA HOLBERT '17

Associate, Stroock & Stroock & Lavan



The final cause of law is the *welfare of society.*

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Benjamin N. Cardozo

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