



January Seminar: Lawyering in Washington, DC

**January 8 – 13, 2023
The Westin Washington
1400 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001**



SCHEDULE

Note: Meals, classes, and speakers that are *not* indicated as site visits will take place in the class conference room at the Westin.

Sunday, January 8, 2023

6:30 pm **Dinner at Carmine's, 425 7th Street NW**

Monday, January 9, 2023

8:30 – 9:15 **Breakfast Class**

10:00 - 11:30 **Site Visit: Department of Transportation**
Daniel Cohen, Assistant General Counsel for Regulation
Judith Kaleta, Deputy General Counsel

11:30 - 12:00 **Lunch in Navy Yard Area**

12:30 - 1:30 **Site Visit: Office of Administrative Law Judges, Department of Labor**
Chief Judge Stephen R. Henley
Judge Paul Almanza
Judge Carrie Bland

2:00 - 3:00 **Site Visit: Office of the District of Columbia Attorney General**
Caroline Van Zile, Solicitor General of the District of Columbia

3:30 - 4:30 **Site Visit: Earthjustice**
Kirti Datla, Director of Strategic Legal Advocacy

5:00 - 6:00 **Adam Lurie '00, Linklaters**

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

8:15 – 8:45 **Breakfast Class**

9:15 – 11:00 **Site Visit: Supreme Court of the United States**
Oral Argument
Public Areas

11:30 – 12:30 **Lunch: Supreme Court Cafeteria**

1:00 – 1:30 **Supreme Court of the United States: Courtroom Lecture**

- 2:00 – 3:30 **Site Visit: Google**
 Joshua Blumenfeld, Manager, Government Affairs & Public Policy, YouTube
 Jasmine Vasquez, Government Affairs and Public Policy, YouTube
- 4:00 – 5:30 **Site Visit: Institute for Constitutional Advocacy & Protection**
 Kelsi Corkran
 Amy Marshak

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

- 8:00 – 8:30 **Breakfast Class**
- 9:00 – 10:30 **Site Visit: U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit**
 Oral Argument
- 11:00 – 12:00 **D.C. Circuit: Chief Judge Sri Srinivasan**
- 12:30 – 1:00 **Site Visit: U.S. Capitol Building and Visitor Center**
 Hon. Grace Meng '02 (D-NY), U.S. House of Representatives
- 1:00 – 2:00 **Lunch: Longworth Cafeteria**
- 3:00 – 4:00 **Site Visit: Eisenhower Executive Office Building, White House**
 Sabeel Rahman, Associate Administrator, OIRA
 Arpit Garg, General Counsel, General Services Administration
 Dan Jacobson, General Counsel, OMB
 Adam Grogg, Deputy General Counsel, OMB
 Alejandra Apecechea, Senior Counsel for Oversight, OMB
 Sam Callahan, Associate Deputy General Counsel, OMB
- 7:00 - **Optional: Wizards v. Bulls, Capital One Arena**

Thursday, January 12, 2023

- 8:30 - 9:00 **Breakfast Class**
- 9:30 - 10:30 **Site Visit: The Brunswick Group**
 Michael Fitzpatrick, Partner
- 11:00 - 12:30 **Site Visit: Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs**
 Shanna Winters '96, Chief Policy Advisor
- 12:30 - 1:15 **Lunch: Dirksen Cafeteria**

2:00 – 3:30 **Site Visit: Institute for Justice**
Keith Neely
Joshua Windham

4:30 – 5:30 **Alumni Panel**
Laura Ames '08
Michelle Aronson '16
Joshua Goldman '09
Gabe Kader '02
DaWuan Norwood '22
Zachary Silver '20
Dotan Weinman '05

Friday, January 13, 2023

8:30 - 9:00 **Breakfast Class**

9:00 - 10:00 **Harper Jean Tobin, HJ Tobin Policy Consulting**

10:00 - 11:00 **Paul Bland, Executive Director, Public Justice**

11:00 – 1:00 **Check-out, Lunch, and Program Wrap-Up**

FACULTY

Professor Michael Pollack

Michael Pollack is Professor of Law, Associate Dean for Faculty Development, and Co-Director of the Floersheimer Center for Constitutional Democracy at Cardozo. Before joining the Cardozo faculty in 2017, he was a Trial Attorney in the Federal Programs Branch of the Civil Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, defending major legislative and regulatory initiatives from constitutional and statutory challenges. He was also a law clerk to Justice Sonia Sotomayor of the U.S. Supreme Court and Judge Janice Rogers Brown of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, as well as a Bigelow Fellow at the University of Chicago Law School. He is a graduate of Swarthmore College and the NYU Law School, and he teaches and writes primarily in the areas of property law, land use regulation, local government, and administrative law.

Professor Michael Herz

Michael Herz is the Arthur Kaplan Professor of Law at Cardozo, to which he came from the Environmental Defense Fund, where he was a staff attorney for three years. Previously, he clerked for Associate Justice Byron R. White of the U.S. Supreme Court and for Chief Judge Levin H. Campbell of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. Professor Herz was Cardozo's Vice Dean from 2006 to 2009 and served as Senior Associate Dean from 1996 to 2000. For many years he directed Cardozo's Floersheimer Center for Constitutional Democracy and he was also co-director of the Israeli Supreme Court Project. He was a visiting professor at New York University School of Law from 2000 to 2001 and 2005 to 2006, has taught at

Columbia and Princeton, and spent a year as a Fellow in Princeton's Program in Law and Public Affairs. Professor Herz is a former Chair of the ABA's Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice and is a Senior Fellow of the Administrative Conference of the United States.

Vice Dean Michael Burstein

Michael J. Burstein is Vice Dean and Professor of Law at Cardozo, where he teaches and writes about intellectual property, innovation policy, and law and entrepreneurship. Professor Burstein's research focuses on the ways in which intellectual property law, corporate law, and public law facilitate relationships among entrepreneurs, markets, and government actors and influence the production and dissemination of innovative works and ideas. His recent publications include articles about patent markets, innovation prizes, judicial challenges to patent validity, and non-IP strategies for information exchange. He is currently writing about the legal treatment of information as an asset and editing a volume of case studies that explore sharing and commons-based production in entrepreneurial communities. Before joining the Cardozo faculty, Professor Burstein was a Climenko Fellow at Harvard Law School. He was previously an appellate litigator in private practice in Washington, DC, a Bristow Fellow in the Office of the Solicitor General, U.S. Department of Justice, and a law clerk for Judge A. Raymond Randolph of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. He was also a management consultant at McKinsey & Co. Professor Burstein is a graduate of Yale University and the NYU Law School.

SPEAKERS

Monday, January 7

Daniel Cohen

Assistant General Counsel for Regulation, Department of Transportation

Daniel Cohen oversees an office responsible for reviewing and coordinating the clearance of the Department's rulemaking documents to ensure they are consistent with all legal requirements and Administration policy governing the rulemaking process, including the Administrative Procedure Act, Regulatory Flexibility Act, Federal Advisory Committee Act, Paperwork Reduction Act, Unfunded Mandates Reform Act, Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act, and Executive Orders 12866. The office also formulates Department-wide regulatory policies and procedures; acts as liaison with the Office of Management and Budget and other federal agencies concerning Departmental regulatory matters; and develops and implements regulatory initiatives and innovative rulemaking techniques. Previously, Mr. Cohen was Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency at the Department of Energy (DOE) and was appointed the first-ever Chief Counsel for Regulation in the General Counsel's Office at the Department of Commerce. In this capacity, he oversaw the Office's Regulatory Division, which is responsible for legal review of all regulatory actions of the Department.

Judith Kaleta

Deputy General Counsel, Department of Transportation

As the senior career attorney in the Department, Judith Kaleta supports the General Counsel to

lead the Department's more than 400 attorneys in addressing a wide range of issues concerning transportation law and policy and the Department's more than 55,000 employees. She counsels senior Departmental leadership on sensitive and contentious matters involving the transportation industry and the workings of the Department. Prior to being appointed to her current position in 2012, Ms. Kaleta served as the Assistant General Counsel for General Law, where she provided advice on personnel matters, grants processes, and fiscal law issues. She developed and motivated the Department-wide "ethics team," resulting in more consistent advice, more timely reviews of financial disclosure reports, and more innovative training. She also previously served as the Senior Counsel for Dispute Resolution, as Chief Counsel of the Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), and as Acting Chief Counsel of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Hon. Stephen R. Henley

Chief Administrative Law Judge, U.S. Department of Labor

Stephen Henley became an ALJ for the Social Security Administration in Fayetteville, North Carolina in August 2011 and transferred to the Department of Labor in Washington in May 2012. He became Associate Chief Judge for Longshore in 2014 and Chief Judge in 2015. Prior to his appointment as an ALJ, Judge Henley served nearly 30 years in the United States Army, from which he retired in 2011 after 5 ½ years as Chief Trial Judge of the Army Trial Judiciary, the longest serving Army Chief Trial Judge. Judge Henley served more than thirteen years as a military trial judge presiding over criminal cases around the globe, ranging from capital murder, rape, and aggravated assault to drug distribution, AWOL, and larceny, including courts-martial in Afghanistan, Iraq, Kosovo, and Kuwait and military commissions convened in Guantanamo Bay.

Judge Henley received a B.S. from Providence College, an M.H.A. from Duke University, J.D. and LL.M. degrees from The George Washington University, and an LL.M. from The Judge Advocate General's School, Charlottesville, Virginia. He formerly served as an Adjunct Professor at The George Washington University Law School and was the recipient of the 2011 Judge Advocates Foundation MG William K. Suter Distinguished Judicial Service Award.

Hon. Paul Almanza

Associate Chief Judge for Longshore and Immigration, U.S. Department of Labor

Paul Almanza joined DOL 2013 after a brief stint as an ALJ with the Social Security Administration. Since January 2017, he has been the Associate Chief ALJ for Longshore and Immigration. From 2002 to 2012, he held a variety of senior positions at the Department of Justice, including National Coordinator for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction in the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, Chief of Staff and Senior Counsel in the Office of Legal Policy, and Deputy Chief in the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section. Before joining DOJ, he was an associate with a firm in Washington, D.C.; his first job out of law school was with a firm in Los Angeles, where he focused primarily on environmental law matters. Judge Almanza received an A.B. in Politics from Princeton in 1988 and a J.D. from Berkeley in 1992.

From 1996 to 2001, Judge Almanza served on active duty in the U.S. Army as a judge advocate in a variety of positions including prosecutor, administrative law/claims attorney, public defender, and appellate government counsel. Before going on active duty, he served as a reserve

military intelligence officer, and since leaving it he served as a reserve judge advocate until his military retirement in 2016. His last reserve assignment was as a military judge, during which time he presided over many active duty courts-martial, briefly served as a judge on the Army Court of Criminal Appeals, and was the investigating officer in U.S. v. PFC Bradley Manning, the Wikileaks case.

Hon. Carrie Bland

Associate Chief Judge for Black Lung, U.S. Department of Labor

Judge Carrie Bland is one of two Associate Chief Administrative Law Judges for the U.S. Department of Labor Office of Administrative Law Judges (OALJ), a role which she took on in June 2021. In that capacity, she oversees four District Offices and the national Black Lung program for OALJ. Prior to becoming Associate Chief, Judge Bland served as the Washington, D.C. District Chief, the office where she began as a line judge in October 2015. Prior to working at OALJ, Judge Bland was an Administrative Law Judge for the Social Security Administration from September 2014 until October 2015.

Judge Bland received her undergraduate degree from Clemson University and her Juris Doctor from the University of Maryland School of Law. After graduating, Judge Bland clerked for the Honorable James P. Salmon (ret.), Maryland Court of Special Appeals, as well as for the Honorable Mary Ellen Bittner (ret.), Chief Administrative Law Judge, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Prior to becoming an administrative law judge, Judge Bland spent most of her career in law enforcement, serving as an Assistant State's Attorney for Baltimore City, as well as Senior Attorney for DEA's Office of Chief Counsel.

Caroline Van Zile

Solicitor General, District of Columbia

Caroline Van Zile is the Solicitor General for the District of Columbia. She oversees all appeals involving the District, its administrative agencies, and its employees in their official capacities. Her work focuses on the U.S. Supreme Court, D.C. Circuit, and D.C. Court of Appeals. Prior to joining the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, she litigated appeals and handled novel legal issues as an attorney at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. During her time at Skadden, she handled appellate matters in federal appellate courts, as well as the U.S. Supreme Court and state courts of appeals. Her practice focused on administrative law, including challenges to actions and rulemakings by the Federal Communications Commission, U.S. Department of Education, and Internal Revenue Service. She also maintained a robust pro bono docket. Ms. Van Zile is a member of the Edward Coke Appellate Inn of Court and volunteers for the Supreme Court Institute. She previously clerked for Associate Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, then-D.C. Circuit Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh, and D.C. District Court Judge James E. Boasberg.

Kirti Datla

Director of Strategic Legal Advocacy, Earthjustice

Kirti Datla leads Earthjustice's efforts to anticipate and shape trends in judicial doctrine outside the environmental arena. This includes legal doctrines affecting justiciability, jurisdiction, the scope of federal power, and judicial review of agency actions. Immediately prior to joining Earthjustice, Kirti worked in the Supreme Court and Appellate practice group at Hogan Lovells US LLP. There, she briefed and argued appeals before federal circuit courts and substantive

motions before federal district courts. She also briefed cases before the Supreme Court of the United States. Earlier in her career, Kirti served as an attorney-adviser in the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Legal Counsel, where her work focused on federal environmental and land statutes. There, she reviewed the legality of presidential orders; advised federal agencies on major questions of constitutional, statutory, and administrative law; and examined pending legislation for constitutional issues. Kirti has served as a law clerk at all levels of the federal judiciary: for Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor of the U.S. Supreme Court, Judge Jeffrey S. Sutton of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and Judge Amul R. Thapar, then of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky (now of the Sixth Circuit). She received her B.A. in environmental engineering from Rice University and her law degree from the NYU School of Law. Kirti is an appointed Public Member of the Administrative Conference of the United States, an independent federal agency dedicated to improving the federal administrative process. She serves on the Board of Law Clerks for Diversity, an organization that works to help persons from traditionally underrepresented groups apply for and obtain judicial clerkships. In 2021, Kirti was named a Rising Star by the South Asian Bar Association.

Adam Lurie '00
Partner, Linklaters

A partner in the Dispute Resolution Department, Adam heads Linklaters' Washington D.C. Litigation and Government Investigations Practice. Previously he was a partner in the DC office of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, senior counsel to the Assistant Attorney General (AAG), Criminal Division, at the DOJ, an Assistant United States Attorney in Newark, New Jersey, and Chief Counsel for investigations and oversight on the U.S. House of Representatives Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. He began his career clerking for United States District Judge Clarence C. Newcomer, of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Adam is a highly accomplished trial lawyer who serves as lead counsel for clients on their most important civil, criminal and regulatory disputes. He has particular experience advising financial institutions, multinational companies and business leaders in cross-border and other matters involving considerable reputation, finance and regulatory risk. Adam is a two-time recipient of the prestigious Burton Award for exceptional legal writing; television and print media regularly call on Adam for commentary; and clients repeatedly re-engage him for a broad range of important matters. Adam is an appointee to the U.S. Sentencing Commission's Practitioners Advisory Group; he advises the Commission on sentencing policy and all amendments to the federal sentencing guidelines. His pro bono work includes representing the American Jewish Committee before the U.S. Supreme Court and the U.S. Courts of Appeals in precedent-setting cases involving religious liberty, freedom of speech, Presidential power, and other critical issues.

Tuesday, January 8

Josh Blumenfeld
Google

Josh Blumenfeld is a member of YouTube's Government Affairs and Public Policy team at Google, where he works to advance a free and open internet in the US and around the world. Previously, Josh was the Managing Director and Chief Legal Officer of Malaria No More, where he led a global policy and advocacy team working to advance access to health. Josh served in the

Obama Administration, as a Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, advising Secretaries Clinton and Kerry on advancing the administration's foreign policy, national security, development, and trade priorities in Congress. Prior to joining the Administration, Josh served in the United States Senate as Senior Foreign Policy Advisor to Senator Chris Dodd. He also served as the Staff Director of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, and as Director of the U.S. Senate India Caucus. Josh holds a JD from Georgetown Law, an MA from the London School of Economics, and a BA in History and Political Science from the University of Rochester. Josh is also a Lecturer in Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania.

Jasmine Vasquez

Google

Jasmine Vasquez is YouTube's Third Party Manager and oversees external affairs on behalf of the Government Affairs and Public Policy team. She has over 15 years of public policy and regulatory experience, including serving as Legislative Director for former Democratic Caucus Chairman Xavier Becerra (D-CA) of the U.S. House of Representatives and most recently as the Director of the Economic Security Government Affairs team at AARP. She also worked for three different health insurers and began her career as an Economic Policy Advisor for U.S. Representative Bill Pascrell (D-NJ) and a congressional tax fellow for the House Ways and Means Committee. She is a graduate of DePaul University College of Law and Flagler College. She resides in Maryland with her husband and three sons.

Kelsi Brown Corkran

Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection

Kelsi Brown Corkran is Supreme Court Director at the Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection and Senior Lecturer at Georgetown University Law Center. She oversees ICAP's Supreme Court litigation, specializing in civil rights and criminal justice matters at both the certiorari and merits stages. She has argued before the Supreme Court on two occasions and has argued over 30 cases in the courts of appeals, including 11 of the 13 U.S. Courts of Appeals and the en banc Ninth Circuit. Immediately prior to joining ICAP, Corkran was the Head of the Supreme Court Practice at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe. She previously served as a law clerk to Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg of the United States Supreme Court and Judge David S. Tatel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. Among other positions, she was as an attorney with the Civil Appellate Staff at the U.S. Department of Justice and in the Communications Office of the White House's Executive Office of the President, where she assisted with judicial nominations, including the confirmation hearings of Justice Sonia Sotomayor. Before law school, she was a social worker in Philadelphia's foster care system. Corkran serves on the Board of Directors for the Washington Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs and on the Supreme Court Practitioners' Committee for the Presidential Commission on the Supreme Court of the United States. She received her B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and her J.D. and M.P.P. from the University of Chicago.

Amy Marshak

Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection

Amy Marshak is Senior Fellow at the Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection and Senior Lecturer at Georgetown University Law Center. She previously served as Managing Director and as a Senior Counsel at ICAP. Immediately prior to joining the Institute, Marshak

was an attorney with the National Security Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, where she engaged in policy and appellate work and served as counsel to the Assistant Attorney General for National Security. She previously served as a law clerk to Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg of the United States Supreme Court, Chief Judge Robert A. Katzmann of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, and Judge Jed S. Rakoff of the Southern District of New York. She also worked as an attorney and intelligence analyst in the Intelligence Division of the New York Police Department. Marshak was named a 2019 immigration law trailblazer by the *National Law Journal* for her work at ICAP. Marshak graduated *summa cum laude* from New York University School of Law, where she was a senior executive editor of the *NYU Law Review* and was awarded the University Graduation Prize. She received her undergraduate degree from Cornell University.

Wednesday, January 9

Hon. Sri Srinivasan

Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit

Chief Judge Srinivasan was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals in May 2013 and became Chief Judge in February 2020. He graduated from Stanford University in 1989 and Stanford Law School and Stanford Graduate School of Business in 1995. Following graduation, he served as a law clerk to Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, as a Bristow Fellow in the Office of the U.S. Solicitor General, and as a law clerk to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. In 1998, he joined the law firm O'Melveny & Myers. From 2002 to 2007, he served as an Assistant to the Solicitor General. In 2007 he returned to O'Melveny & Myers as a partner, later becoming chair of the firm's appellate and Supreme Court practice. From 2011 until his appointment to the U.S. Court of Appeals, Chief Judge Srinivasan served as the Principal Deputy Solicitor General of the United States. He has taught appellate advocacy at Harvard Law School and currently teaches a seminar on civil rights statutes and the Supreme Court at Georgetown University Law Center.

Hon. Grace Meng '02

U.S. House of Representatives

U.S. Congresswoman Grace Meng is serving her fourth term in the United States House of Representatives. Grace represents the Sixth Congressional District of New York encompassing the New York City borough of Queens, including west, central and northeast Queens. Grace is the first Asian American Member of Congress from New York State, and the only Congressmember of Asian descent in the entire Northeast. She is also the first female Member of Congress from Queens since former Vice-Presidential nominee Geraldine Ferraro. Grace is a member of the powerful House Appropriations Committee and its Subcommittees on State and Foreign Operations, and Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies. The Appropriations Committee is responsible for funding every federal agency, program, and project within the United States government. Grace is also a Senior Whip and Regional Whip for New York, and a founder and Co-Chair of the Kids' Safety Caucus, the first bipartisan coalition in the House that promotes child-safety issues. She helped create and serves as a founding member and former Co-Chair of the Quiet Skies Caucus which works to mitigate excessive aircraft noise that adversely affects communities. Grace has passed several pieces of legislation in law. These include laws

about religious freedom, making Queens historic sites part of the National Park Service, striking “Oriental” from federal law and protecting public housing residents from insufficient heat. Also signed into law were her measures to assist veterans and members of the military, and provisions to improve consumer protections and safeguards for children. In addition, Grace has fought to expand opportunities for communities of color, young people and women, and she secured resources to help local small businesses. Born in Elmhurst, Queens, and raised in the Bayside and Flushing sections of the borough, Grace attended local schools, and graduated from Stuyvesant High School and the University of Michigan. She then earned a law degree from Yeshiva University’s Benjamin Cardozo School of Law. Prior to serving in Congress, Grace was a member of the New York State Assembly. Before entering public service, she worked as a public-interest lawyer.

Sabeel Rahman

Associate Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs

K. Sabeel Rahman is the Associate Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs. He is on leave from his position as an Associate Professor of Law at Brooklyn Law School. Rahman’s research focuses on the themes of democracy, economic inequality, exclusion, and power. His first book, *Democracy Against Domination* (Oxford University Press, 2017) examines how democratic ideals fueled reform movements in the Progressive Era, and what their implications might be in today’s post-financial crisis debates about economic inequality. His second book, *Civic Power* (Cambridge University Press, 2019, with Hollie Russon Gilman) explores new approaches to organizing, power, and institutional reform in the face of the current crisis of American democracy. His next research project focuses on the problems of structural inequality and exclusion, private power, and inequality, exploring historical, social movement, and public policy approaches to tackling these issues. Rahman has worked extensively with policymakers, funders, and advocacy groups in developing strategies and novel approaches to questions of democracy and economic inequality. In 2014-15 he served as a Special Advisor on strategies for inclusive economic development in New York City, and from 2015-16 as a Public Member of the New York City Rent Guidelines Board. From 2013-2016, Rahman was the Design Director for the Gettysburg Project, an interdisciplinary initiative working with organizers, academics, and funders to develop new strategies for civic engagement and building civic capacity. In addition, Rahman is on the Board of The New Press, a non-profit publisher focusing on publishing books in the public interest, and United to Protect Democracy, a legal advocacy group battling current threats to American democratic institutions. Rahman earned his AB at Harvard College summa cum laude in Social Studies and returned to Harvard for his JD at Harvard Law School and his PhD in the Harvard Government Department. He also has degrees in Economics and Sociolegal Studies from Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar.

Arpit Garg

General Counsel, General Services Administration

Arpit K. Garg is the GSA’s chief legal officer, overseeing all of the agency’s legal matters and managing a nationwide office of nearly 160 attorneys and approximately 20 support staff. He also serves as the Designated Agency Ethics Official and Chief Freedom of Information Act Officer, advises agency leadership on the formulation and promulgation of GSA policies and regulations, oversees the agency’s litigation, and provides overall direction to the Office of the General Counsel. Prior to his arrival at GSA, Garg served in the White House as the Deputy

General Counsel for the Office of Management and Budget where he supervised clearance of the President's executive actions, provided legal advice to OMB's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, oversaw OMB's litigation, and coordinated congressional oversight. Prior to that, Garg was a counsel in the Appellate and Supreme Court Group at Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP, where he oversaw high-profile litigation involving constitutional challenges to federal, state, and local practices, coordinated appellate strategy on a broad range of legal issues (ranging from antitrust, arbitration, and financial services to administrative law, Native American law, and international law), and advised clients on time-sensitive high-stakes matters. Garg also served as a law clerk to Justices Stephen G. Breyer and David H. Souter of the U.S. Supreme Court, Judge Stephen Reinhardt of the Ninth Circuit, and Judge Denise L. Cote of the Southern District of New York. He is a graduate of Yale University and Yale Law School.

Daniel Jacobson

General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget

Prior to joining OMB, Dan Jacobson was the General Counsel of the Office of Administration and Special Assistant to the President. He also served as an Associate Counsel in the White House Counsel's Office during the Obama-Biden Administration. Between his roles at EOP, he was an attorney at Arnold & Porter in Washington D.C., where he focused on voting rights litigation. Dan served as a law clerk for the Honorable A. Wallace Tashima on the Ninth Circuit and the Honorable Naomi Reice Buchwald in the Southern District of New York. He is originally from New York and graduated from Harvard Law School and Yale University.

Adam Grogg

Deputy General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget

Adam Grogg joins OMB from the Department of Justice, where he most recently served in the Office of Legal Counsel and previously served in the Office of the Associate Attorney General and in the Civil Division's Federal Programs Branch. Adam's background is in civil litigation and administrative law. He clerked for Judge Sidney Thomas on the Ninth Circuit and Judge Ellen Huvelle on the District Court for the District of Columbia. A graduate of Williams College, Oxford University, and Yale Law School, Adam grew up in Frederick County, Virginia, now lives in Bloomingdale, and returns to Montana every chance he gets.

Alejandra Apecechea

Senior Counsel for Oversight, Office of Management and Budget

Alejandra Apecechea joined OMB from the U.S. House of Representatives, where she served as an Investigative Counsel on the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol. Alejandra has significant experience conducting investigations involving complex anti-corruption and regulatory compliance issues, including in the cross-border context. Prior to her service on the Select Committee, Alejandra was an attorney at King & Spalding, where her practice focused on government and internal investigations. Alejandra is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, and the University of California, Berkeley, where she graduated with high distinction.

Sam Callahan

Associate Deputy General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget

Before joining OMB, Sam was an attorney at Arnold & Porter, where he focused on appellate

litigation in federal courts. Sam was previously a law clerk to Hon. Paul V. Niemeyer on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, and to Hon. Christopher R. Cooper on the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. He is a graduate of Harvard Law School, where he served as an Executive Editor of the Harvard Law Review. He received bachelor's degrees in trumpet performance and economics from Indiana University Bloomington. Sam lives in Capitol Hill with his wife Jessica, a classical oboist.

Thursday, January 10

Michael Fitzpatrick Partner, Brunswick Group

Michael Fitzpatrick was, until recently, Director of Global Strategy & Innovation and Head of Global Regulatory Affairs at Google. Prior to that, he was Head of Regulatory Advocacy at General Electric. Earlier in his career, Michael served as the Associate Administrator of the Office of Management and Budget's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, where he helped lead the development of regulatory policy and White House review of significant Executive Branch regulatory actions in the Obama Administration. He served as the Executive Branch liaison to the ABA's Administrative Law Section and has led several U.S. delegations abroad for meetings with the European Union and Canada. During the Obama Presidential Transition, Fitzpatrick served as deputy lead of the Executive Office of the President and Government Operations Agency Review Teams. From 2001 to 2009, Fitzpatrick was in the Washington, D.C. office of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, where he was a partner in the Litigation Practice Group, specializing in white collar, complex civil, and regulatory matters. Before joining Akin Gump, Fitzpatrick served as an Assistant United States Attorney in Washington, D.C., and as a Senior Advisor to the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget. Fitzpatrick clerked for Judge William Norris on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit after graduating from Stanford Law School.

Shanna Winters '96 Chief Policy Advisor, U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs

Shanna Winters has had a varied career in and out of government. She recently became Chief Policy Advisor for the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, moving over after a two-year stint as Senior Counsel to the Judiciary Committee. From 2013 to 2020, Winters was Senior Vice President, Global Policy, for the Motion Picture Association of America. Prior to joining the MPAA, Winters served as a staffer for eight years in the U.S. House of Representatives. She served as Senior Policy Advisor and then General Counsel for the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and as Chief Counsel and then Staff Director for the Subcommittee for Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property of the House Judiciary Committee. She began her career as a Trademark Attorney in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Winters is a graduate of Stern College and the Cardozo School of Law.

Keith Neely Institute for Justice

Keith Neely joined IJ in 2019. Before joining IJ, Keith worked as an associate in the Tax Controversy practice of the D.C. office of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. While

employed at Skadden, he also spent six months seconded to the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia, where he specialized in eviction defense. Prior to joining Skadden, Keith clerked for Judge Danny Boggs of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Keith received his law degree in 2016 from the University of Virginia School of Law, where he also served as an editorial board member of the Virginia Law Review. He has an undergraduate degree in History from Vanderbilt University.

Joshua Windham **Institute for Justice**

Josh Windham is IJ's current Elfie Gallun Fellow in Freedom and the Constitution. Josh joined IJ's headquarters office in 2016, having received his law degree earlier that year from the University of North Carolina School of Law, where he served as president of the Federalist Society and externed for the Honorable Robert Numbers in the Eastern District of North Carolina. Before that, Josh graduated summa cum laude from North Carolina State University with a Bachelor of Arts in History. Since starting at IJ, Josh has litigated in defense of economic liberty and property rights, with a focus on state constitutions. In 2020, he secured a major Pennsylvania Supreme Court victory holding that the Pennsylvania Constitution demands greater protection for economic liberty than the U.S. Constitution. In 2022, he convinced a state trial court that the Tennessee Constitution offers more protection from warrantless searches of private land than the U.S. Constitution. Josh is also a leader of IJ's Project on the Fourth Amendment, which aims to bolster all Americans' right to be secure in their persons and property.

Alumni Panel

Michelle Aronson '16

Michelle Aronson is a Managing Associate at the Washington, DC office of Sidley & Austin. She represents clients in high-stakes litigation and enforcement matters, particularly those implicating data privacy, consumer protection, and cybersecurity issues. As a Certified Information Privacy Professional/United States (CIPP/US) through the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP), Michele guides businesses in navigating evolving consumer protection and data privacy laws and regulations. Before moving to Sidley, Michelle was a litigation associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore and a law clerk to the Honorable Louis L. Stanton of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. At Cardozo, Michele was the Managing Editor for the *Cardozo Law Review*, interned at the SEC's New York Office, and spent her 1L summer with a state court judge. Prior to entering law school, Michele worked as an elementary school teacher through Teach For America in New Orleans and interned for a year at the Legal Aid Society. She is a graduate of Binghamton University.

Laura Ames '08

Laura Ames has spent her whole career at federal agencies. Currently, she is a Deputy Assistant General Counsel at the U.S. Department of Energy. She works in the General Law section and is Program Director for the Department's Honors Program. Prior to joining DOE, she was an Attorney Advisor at the Department of Transportation. She began her career in the Honors Program and then the General Counsel's Office at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. While at Cardozo she spent her 2L summer at EPA's Region II office, had a one-semester internship at the FTC, and spent her 1L semester interning for a federal judge. She was also Managing Editor of the *Journal of Law and Gender*. She is a graduate of Brandeis College.

Joshua Goldman '09

Josh works at Climate Nexus, a non-profit strategic communications firm that shapes national conversations about climate change. As the Director of Transportation, Josh covers all issues related to accelerating the transition to cleaner modes of transportation. From electric vehicles and improved fuel efficiency to self-driving cars, electric-powered ships, planes, trains, and everything in between, Josh works with partners and the media to tell the story of how transportation is changing how we get to point B. Before joining Climate Nexus, Josh directed the electric vehicle portfolio at the Union of Concerned Scientists. He led campaigns to enact or protect progressive transportation policy at the state and federal level. After graduating from Cardozo, where he founded (or at least resurrected) the Cardozo Environmental Law Society, Josh went to DC as a federal liaison for the New York State Governor.

Gabriel Kader '02

Gabe Kader is currently Associate Counsel and Deputy Director of Vetting in the White House Presidential Personnel Office. In this role, he helps lead a team that vets President Biden's nominees and appointees for positions throughout the executive branch. From 2018 to 2022, Gabe served as Senior Counsel on the Senate Judiciary Committee, where he vetted judicial nominees under the leadership of Judiciary Committee Chair Richard Durbin. From 2013 to 2017, Gabe worked in the Obama White House, initially in the Presidential Personnel Office and later in the White House Counsel's Office. After graduating from Cardozo in 2002, Gabe spent the next ten years working on political campaigns. He did just about every job there is to do on campaigns, but he primarily worked as an opposition researcher. Among other roles, Gabe was a researcher at the Democratic National Committee for Obama's 2008 campaign, and he served as Research Director for Tim Kaine's 2012 campaign for U.S. Senate.

DaWuan Norwood '22

DaWuan Norwood serves as a Legal Fellow at Campaign Legal Center. As a Fellow at CLC, DaWuan focuses on litigation and research efforts with the Voting Rights & Redistricting team. While in law school, he served as Editor-in-Chief of the Cardozo Moot Court Honor Society. He also used his time in law school to expand his experience in voting rights through internships at the ACLU Voting Rights Project, Southern Poverty Law Center Voting Rights Practice Group, and the NAACP Office of the General Counsel. Prior to law school, DaWuan attended Howard University (B.A., 2019), where he studied Political Science and Africana Studies.

Zachary Silver '20

Zachary Silver focuses his legal practice on the impacts of technology on civil rights and civil liberties. Most recently, Zach was an associate in the labor and employment group at Venable LLP, where he litigated, conducted investigations, and counseled public- and private-sector clients on issues such as workplace privacy, discrimination and retaliation, and labor-management relations; he also maintained an extensive *pro bono* civil rights practice representing prisoners. After graduating from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in 2020, he was a legal fellow at the Surveillance Technology Oversight Project, where he brought affirmative litigation, conducted legislative advocacy, and published research about the effects of modern technologies on privacy in areas such as labor and employment, consumer protection, and law enforcement. While in law school, Zach was on the executive board of the *Cardozo Law Review*, an Alexander Fellow for The Honorable Loretta A. Preska of the U.S. District Court for

the Southern District of New York, and an intern in the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties and for The Honorable David J. Kirschner of the New York City Criminal Court. For nearly a decade prior to law school, Zach held various technical roles involving privacy and cybersecurity. Zach is also a two-time alumnus of the Lawyering in DC seminar.

Dotan Weinman '05

Dotan Weinman is Assistant Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Division of Marketing Practices at the Federal Trade Commission. He joined the FTC in 2010 as an Attorney in the Bureau of Consumer Protection, became Counsel to the Director in 2014, and Assistant Director in 2015. He focuses on combating consumer fraud and has frequently been interviewed for news reports regarding deceptive practices by funeral homes in particular. Dotan began his career as a litigation associate at Weil, Gotshal & Manges in New York City. At Cardozo, he was a Notes Editor for the *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, in the Innocence Project Clinic, and an RA for the Floersheimer Center. He earned his BA from Ben Gurion University.

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Harper Jean Tobin

HJ Tobin Policy Consulting

Harper Jean Tobin is a lifelong activist and policy maven whose work focuses LGBTQ equality and gender justice. For over a decade, she made it her goal to be one of the nation's leading policy experts, advocates, and strategists in the movement for transgender justice. Her approach seeks to be informed by, and to collaborate with, overlapping movements for broader gender, racial, disability, immigrant, and economic justice, and advocates doing essential grassroots organizing, litigation, and other change work. She has worked with local school districts, grassroots coalitions, federal and state legislators, major employers, professional associations, institutions in the medical, social services, legal, and justice fields, and a wide range of government agencies. After many years at the National Center for Transgender Equality, she opened her own consulting practice, in which she specializes in helping organizations with policy strategy, policy analysis, and policy development. Past clients include the American Civil Liberties Union, the Center for American Progress, the National Center for Transgender Equality, the National Women's Law Center, GLSEN, the Human Rights Campaign, the Transgender American Veterans Association, and the Transgender Law Center.

F. Paul Bland, Jr.

Executive Director, Public Justice

Paul Bland has been a senior attorney at Public Justice since 1997. As Executive Director, Paul manages and leads Public Justice's legal and foundation staff, guiding the organization's litigation docket and other advocacy. As staff and senior attorney, he was responsible for developing, handling, and helping Public Justice's cooperating attorneys litigate a diverse docket of public interest cases. Paul has argued and won more than 30 cases that led to reported decisions for consumers, employees, or whistleblowers in the U.S. Courts of Appeals and the high courts of nine different states. Prior to coming to Public Justice, Paul was Chief Nominations Counsel to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee and worked for nearly seven years

with the late Kieron F. Quinn in Baltimore, where he handled consumer and toxic tort class actions, prosecuted qui tam suits, and defended libel suits. Paul is a 1986 cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School and a 1983 magna cum laude graduate of Georgetown University, where he received a B.A. in Government.