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INTRODUCTION

For decades, the Samuel & Ronnie Heyman Center on Corporate Governance has been the heart and driver of Cardozo’s business and corporate law programming, serving as a hub for research on innovation in the field and bringing together leading scholars, business leaders, practitioners, and students.

The Center comprises the central pillar of a robust curriculum of dozens of courses on subjects ranging from Bankruptcy Law to International Trade to Venture Capital. Classes are taught by Cardozo’s faculty, by visiting international faculty and scholars, and by highly accomplished adjuncts who bring the realities of practice into the classroom. Our renowned faculty members have expertise in many areas including technology, antitrust, securities regulation, corporate compliance, and the ongoing ESG debate. Our faculty equips students to become ethical business attorneys and leaders in corporate practice, including as transactional lawyers or litigators.

In addition to rigorous classroom learning, our students gain real-world practical experience through clinics, internships, and externships at some of the most prestigious global companies. Students have participated in externships at JP Morgan Chase, Chanel, Morgan Stanley, Sony Music, Viacom, and more. Through our in-house clinics, including the Securities Arbitration Clinic, the Entrepreneurship and Community Business Clinic (ECBC), and the Filmmakers Legal Clinic (FLC), our students solve complex legal challenges for clients.

The Center regularly hosts a variety of events each semester with leading scholars and practitioners addressing the greatest challenges facing the global economy, such as artificial intelligence, capital markets, blockchain, corporate innovation, cryptocurrency, and sustainability.

Over the years, the Center’s high caliber programming has attracted hundreds of students to Cardozo. Students flock to the Center’s events, enroll in business law courses, and are mentored by the faculty and professionals in our network. Students know that the Center offers not only theory and doctrine, analytical skills, and problem solving; they know, too, that the path to a promising career in corporate governance, finance, compliance, and regulation will have a strong start at the Center because of the program’s legacy sitting squarely at the intersection of law and business.

We would like to thank Ronnie & Samuel Heyman for their immense support, generosity, and leadership toward the Heyman Center and Cardozo throughout the years. The following report summarizes the accomplishments of the Center over the 2025–2026 academic year. We appreciate your interest in our mission and work.



EVENTS

Events for Students

1. Heyman Scholars **Welcome Event** – September 2025

At our first event of the academic year, we got together with the new cohort of Heyman Scholars in the Third Floor Lounge. Executive Director Fabian Eichentopf welcomed new and returning Heyman Scholars and previewed this year's program. Dean Melanie Leslie also joined us, along with Faculty Co-Directors Professor Sam Weinstein and Professor Matthew Wansley.

2. Heyman Center Lunch: **Life as In-House Counsel** – September 2025

We welcomed Heather Mars, SVP (Business & Legal Affairs and Music Strategy) at Touchtunes, and Hayley Cohen '12, Director and Senior Corporate Counsel at Tradeweb. Students learned about helpful skills to succeed in an in-house legal practice, current industry insights, and how to pursue mentorship opportunities.

3. Heyman Center Lunch: **Corporations & Pride** – September 2025

The Heyman Center and OUTLaw co-sponsored a lunch panel on corporations' association with—or distancing from—LGBTQ+ pride in recent years. The panel was moderated by Professor Ed Stein and featured Outten & Golden attorney Nina Frank '11 and Professor Matteo Gatti (Rutgers Law).

4. Heyman Center Lunch: **Restructuring at Weil** – October 2025

We hosted Gary Holtzer, a 1990 alumnus and member of the Heyman Center Advisory Committee, to speak about his career path from Cardozo to becoming Partner and Co-Chair of the Restructuring Department at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP.

5. Heyman Center Lunch: **Restructuring at Ropes** – November 2025

The Heyman Center and the Cardozo Bankruptcy & Restructuring Society co-sponsored a lunch conversation with Regina Castellano and Eric Sherman, both associates at Ropes & Gray to discuss their work as part of the firm's restructuring practice group.

6. Heyman Center Lunch: **Careers in Antitrust** – February 2026

During this exclusive lunch, pre-registered Heyman Scholars were able to engage in an intimate conversation with three highly accomplished antitrust attorneys about their practice and careers: Emma Burnham (FTC, fmr. DOJ); Sean Farrell (DOJ, Antitrust Division); and Richard Powers (fmr. Deputy Assistant Attorney General, now at Kressin Powers).

Heyman Center Lunch

Life as In-House Counsel

Sep 8, 2025
Room 512
12:40 PM



Heather Mars
SVP, Business & Legal Affairs & Music Strategy
Touchtunes



Hayley Cohen
Director, Senior Corporate Counsel
Tradeweb

food & drinks will be served
Questions? heymancenter@yu.edu

7. Heyman Center Lunch: **All Things Energy** – March 2026

The Heyman Center hosted Max Minzner, Senior Vice President & Deputy General Counsel (Corporate) at Exelon, to discuss his practice in energy law and his long and extraordinarily successful career spanning Big Law, academia, in-house roles, and having been the General Counsel at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

8. **Mid Law Career Forum** – March 2026

We kicked off this Heyman Center & Office of Career Services event with a panel of three recent Cardozo graduates moderated by Executive Director Fabian Eichentopf, followed by a forum in the Third Floor Lounge featuring tabling by various mid-sized law firms, including Anderson Kill, ArentFox Schiff, Feuerstein Kulick, Ford Harrison, Meltzer Lippe, Olshan, and Ruskin Moscou Faltischek PC. Students had an opportunity to meet with potential employers and learn about life at mid-sized law firms.

9. Heyman Center Lunch: **Out of Court Restructurings** – March 2026

In another student group co-sponsored event, the Heyman Center and Cardozo's Bankruptcy & Restructuring Society hosted a panel of attorneys from Gibson Dunn and Kirkland & Ellis, moderated by Professor Jared Mayer, to discuss the current trend toward out-of-court restructurings.

10. Heyman Center Lunch: **Navigating Professional Growth & Workplace Best Practices** – April 2026

We hosted Stephanie Cuba '99 for a conversation on practical strategies for networking effectively and building the habits, judgment, and presence needed to succeed and advance in the workplace. Ms. Cuba is a New York City-based coach and advisor who works with young professionals on career development and workplace skills, and a Cardozo Law graduate with prior experience as an investor, developer, and attorney.

11. Heyman Center Lunch: **Comparative Corporate Governance** – April 2026

For the last Heyman Center Lunch of the semester, Borys Soloviov presented on comparative corporate governance, examining corporate law approaches in civil law countries such as Ukraine and France alongside common law countries like the United Kingdom. Mr. Soloviov is a corporate law lecturer at Paris Dauphine–PSL University and Undergraduate Programs Director at its London campus, focusing on comparative corporate and international business law.



Public Events

1. Antitrust Fireside Chat – September 2025

After last year's popular antitrust event, the Heyman Center once more hosted a discussion of recent antitrust developments, featuring Deputy Assistant Attorney General Omeed Assefi, Professor Samuel Weinstein, and Kevin Hart, Partner at Jones Day. Focusing on enforcement policy at the U.S. Department of Justice, the panelists considered the shift from the previous presidential administration to the current one and presented an outlook on what attorneys and the public should expect in future antitrust development.

Our faculty, students, and staff were also excited to welcome guests from the wider attorney community who were able to receive Continued Legal Education credits for attending our program. Many guests stayed after the programming for a drink and hors d'oeuvres to network with our students.



2. DExit Averted? – November 2025

In November, the Heyman Center hosted a joint event with Cardozo’s Business Law Society on the topic of Delaware Senate Bill 21.

Corporate lawyers know Delaware as the home of most of America’s corporations, due to its relatively favorable laws, competent courts, and robust precedent. In recent years, other states have shown ambitions to compete with Delaware as new havens for corporate existence. In response, Delaware Senate Bill 21 has aimed to fend off challenges, address disadvantages of Delaware’s established system, and reassert Delaware’s dominance.

In a panel discussion with prominent attorneys and scholars of corporate governance, we explored the long-term impact of SB21 on this dynamic. Our panelists included moderator Gustavo Bruckner ’92 (Pomerantz), Edward Rock (NYU Law), Eric Talley (Columbia), Philip Richter (Fried Frank), and Chris Kupka (Fields Kupka).

As always, students were able to network with our panelists and visiting attorneys attending for CLE credit at a reception with food and drinks following the main event.



3. Emerging Regulations for Stablecoins & Crypto – April 2026

In November, The Heyman Center and Cardozo's Intellectual Property Law Society hosted an evening panel on cryptocurrency regulation and compliance, including explanations of basic concepts and what attorneys need to know about the current state of the law. We were joined by Aaron Wright '05 (Tribute Labs), Sam Enzer (Cahill), and Ross Delston, CAMS & CTCE. After answering questions for an engaged audience during our Q&A session, everyone gathered to network over food and drinks.

Aaron Wright is the co-founder and CEO of Tribute Labs and a Professor at Cardozo (currently on leave). He played a role helping to launch Ethereum and has worked closely different prominent blockchain projects over the past several years. Sam Enzer is the Founder and Co-Chair of CahillINXT, the Cahill firm's *Chambers*-Band 1-ranked Digital Assets and Emerging Technology practice, and a senior member of the firm's top-ranked Litigation, White Collar Defense, and Investigations groups. Ross Delston is an independent American attorney, Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS), CipherTrace Certified Examiner (CTCE), and former U.S. banking regulator (FDIC) who has specialized in BSA/AML issues for over 20 years.

4.22.2026 | 5:30 PM | Cardozo School of Law
Third Floor Lounge

Emerging Regulations for Stablecoins & Crypto



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Tribute Labs



Sam Enzer
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Reception and refreshments to follow

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This program has been approved for 1.0 transitional/non-transitional New York State CLE credits in the category "Areas of Professional Practice." To receive CLE credits, you must attend the program "live." We cannot award CLE credits for watching a recorded version of any part of this program.

CURRICULUM

Heyman Business Law Colloquium

This spring, Professor Matthew Wansley, Faculty Co-Director of the Heyman Center, led the fourth Heyman Business Law Colloquium, a selective seminar for students focusing on new research in business law. The Colloquium welcomed the following speakers, each presenting a working paper for discussion with the students:

- **Lisa Fairfax** (University of Pennsylvania Law School), *The Privatization of Shareholder Power*
- **Jared Mayer** (Cardozo Law School), *The Modern Corporation and the Ghost of Partnerships Past*
- **Jared Ellias** (Harvard Law School), *The Global Law of Debt*
- **Jennifer Arlen** (Columbia Law School), *Behavioral Self-Management the Strategic Shifting of Fairness Norms*
- **Roberto Tallarita** (Harvard Law School), *The Logic of Ratification*
- **Jamie Grischkan** (Fordham Law School), *Saving Fed Independence*
- **Albert Choi** (University of Michigan Law School), *Intra-Corporate Affairs*

Courses

Cardozo offers an enormous range of courses in corporate and securities law and related areas, equipping students for careers as corporate attorneys in firms and at corporations, while helping them develop an understanding of the legal issues relevant to entrepreneurs, company executives, investment bankers, or funds managers. In addition, students can choose from a variety of clinical and international programs.

Courses offered in the 2025–2026 academic year included:

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| • Administrative Law | • International Commercial Arbitration |
| • Advanced Business Taxation | • International Tax |
| • Alternative Business Entities: LLCs, Partnerships, and Business Trusts | • International Trade |
| • Bankruptcy Law | • ITRANS |
| • Commercial Law | • Labor Law |
| • Consumer Bankruptcy | • Mergers and Acquisitions |
| • Contract Drafting | • Negotiation Theory and Skills |
| • Corporate Finance | • Regulation of Capital Markets |
| • Corporate Fraud | • Securities Arbitration Clinic |
| • Corporations | • Securities Regulation |
| • Employment Law | • Tax Policy |
| • Ethics for Business Attorneys | • Taxation of Business Entities |
| • Federal Income Taxation | • Taxation of Real Estate |
| • Filmmakers Legal Clinic | • Venture Capital |
| • Global Corporate Compliance | • Entrepreneurship and Community Business Clinic |

Clinics

In addition to the Heyman Center’s robust curriculum, students interested in business law can choose from a variety of clinics including the Filmmakers Legal Clinic, Securities Arbitration Clinic, and the Entrepreneurship and Community Business Clinic.

Filmmakers Legal Clinic

The Filmmakers Legal Clinic (FLC) provides free transactional, intellectual property, and First Amendment legal services to visual advocates, filmmakers, and video journalists working to move the social justice needle and diversify the stories that are told through media. The Clinic helps filmmakers navigate contractual, legal, and business issues so that their important films can be made and distributed. To empower creators, the FLC provides individual client representation, educational services, "know your rights" trainings for community partners, and pop-up legal clinics.

Clinic students represent clients pro bono on a range of issues critical to any film production, including the drafting and negotiation of entity formation documents and agreements; talent, crew and producer agreements; depiction releases; music, film clip and artwork licenses; legal opinion letters on fair use and First Amendment issues; and other advice depending on the context of the film and the needs of the client.

Client films have screened in leading U.S. and international film festivals including Cannes, Sundance, Berlinale, South by Southwest, Rotterdam, New Directors/New Films, the Tribeca Film Festival, the International Documentary Film Festival Amsterdam (IDFA), the Los Angeles Film Festival, Hot Docs, DOC NYC and more.

Entrepreneurship and Community Business Clinic

The Entrepreneurship and Community Business Clinic (ECBC) provides free legal assistance to small businesses, startups, and nonprofit organizations that serve underserved communities throughout New York City. Under the supervision of experienced faculty, Cardozo law students support clients with entity formation, governance, contracts, intellectual property protection, and other transactional legal needs.

ECBC’s mission is to promote equitable economic development by empowering local entrepreneurs and community-driven ventures to build sustainable, legally sound businesses. In addition to gaining hands-on legal experience, clinic students are exposed to the legal challenges and structural inequities that disproportionately affect BIPOC-owned businesses and under-resourced neighborhoods. ECBC builds on Cardozo’s broader commitment to public service and social justice, equipping future lawyers with the skills and values necessary to support community economic resilience.

Securities Arbitration Clinic

Under faculty supervision, students serve as advocates for small retail customers in arbitrations before the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and the National Futures Association (NFA) as well as in reparations proceedings before the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), and before federal and state tribunals. The students conduct all phases of their cases, including case intake, case development, discovery, settlement negotiation, mediation, and representation of the claimants before the relevant tribunal. Students also often negotiate or mediate the Clinic cases to resolution.

Coursework includes the study of the fundamental principles of securities arbitration, evidence rules in arbitration and in the federal courts, an overview of the state and federal securities and other laws relevant to typical investor claims against broker-dealers, brokers, and clearing firms, and instruction on ethical issues and guidelines concerning all aspects of the clinic's practice.

In addition to their legal work, students advocate on behalf of the Clinic's client population, including actively working with regulators, providing public comments on proposed regulations, and making community presentations to help inform investors about investment risks and scams in their communities.

Corporate Compliance Program

In recent years, many large corporations, particularly in the banking and financial services sector, have dramatically expanded their corporate compliance departments. This has created attractive career opportunities for recent law school graduates interested in corporate law and regulation.

To help students take advantage of these emerging opportunities, Cardozo recently created a specialized concentration in compliance and risk management. This program is designed to teach students the substantive laws, rules, and standards applicable to large business corporations, and particularly financial institutions, as well as the internal controls and governance structures by which potentially harmful conduct can be monitored and risks assessed and managed. The concentration provides in-depth instruction in such critical areas as Securities Regulation, Investor Protection, Business Ethics, Fiduciary Duties, Prevention of Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing, and other state and federal regulations applicable to financial institutions.

Intensive Transactional Lawyering Program (ITRANS)

The Intensive Transactional Lawyering Program (ITRANS) is part of Cardozo’s practical skills curriculum for students planning to focus on transactional practice. In this two-week immersion course held each January, students gain essential skills needed for effective client representation in doing deals. Through a deal simulation, students learn contract drafting, client consultation, matter management and negotiation through interactive workshops, and guided practice sessions designed to give them opportunities to develop their skills.

The course ends with a final deal negotiation. Students are taught by Jillian Gautier and Fabian Eichentopf, along with respected lawyers in transactional practice, who provide feedback throughout the program and critique the final negotiation.



HEYMAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Heyman Scholars Program is for select J.D. and LL.M. students at Cardozo. The program exposes them to special opportunities to learn about corporate and securities law issues and to interact with professional and academic leaders.

This year, 55 students participated in the Heyman Scholars program, whose interests ranged from traditional corporate transactions to cryptocurrencies to art law. In the Heyman Scholars Program, students not only have priority access to all events, including exclusive networking opportunities with members of the Heyman Center Advisory Committee. They can also rely on Heyman Center leadership and alums for mentorship and career advice.

Heyman Scholars, selected based on merit and demonstrated interest in a field of law related to the Heyman Center's work, have always been among the law school's most promising and highest achieving students. As alumni and alumnae, Heyman Scholars demonstrate the same focus and dedication to their careers that they brought to their studies in the law.



LEADERSHIP

Executive Director

Fabian Eichentopf, Executive Director & Adjunct Professor of Law



Fabian Eichentopf is the Executive Director of the Samuel & Ronnie Heyman Center on Corporate Governance.

Originally from Berlin, Germany, Fabian obtained his B.A. in political science from the Free University of Berlin and his J.D. from the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law. In law school, he joined the Arizona Law Review and served as an Associate Justice on the Supreme Court of the Associated Students of the University of Arizona.

After graduation, Fabian began his legal career at a Colorado law firm practicing corporate and real estate law. Later, he focused on public finance, representing holders of municipal bonds. At Cardozo, Fabian teaches Contract Drafting and the Intensive Transactional Lawyering Program. He is focused on helping students achieve their goals by sparking interest in cutting-edge corporate law issues, creating networking opportunities, and fostering a sense of community.



FACULTY

Co-Director

Sam Weinstein, Professor of Law



Sam Weinstein is a Professor of Law. He joined Cardozo from the U.C. Berkeley School of Law, where from 2015–17 he was a fellow at the Berkeley Center for Law, Business, and the Economy. Before that, he was an attorney in the Legal Policy Section of the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice and served as Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Division.

Professor Weinstein began his career as a litigator at Munger, Tolles & Olson in San Francisco, after serving as a law clerk to Judge Edward R. Becker of the Third Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia. He is a graduate of Haverford College and received both his J.D. (Order of the Coif) and Ph.D. in U.S. History from U.C. Berkeley. His research interests include antitrust, competition policy, innovation policy, financial regulation, corporate law, and the history of the regulatory state.

Co-Director

Matthew Wansley, Professor of Law



Matthew Wansley is a Professor of Law. Before joining the faculty at Cardozo, he was the General Counsel of nuTonomy Inc., an automated driving startup. Before that, he was a Climenko Fellow and Lecturer on Law at Harvard Law School. He clerked on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit and the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Professor Wansley's research has been published or is forthcoming in the *Administrative Law Review*, the *Columbia Business Law Review*, the *Journal of Corporation Law*, the *Emory Law Journal*, the *Indiana Law Journal*, the *U.C. Davis Law Review*, and the *Vanderbilt Law Review*. His work has been covered in *Consumer Reports*, *CNBC*, *The New York Times*, *TechCrunch*, and *The Wall Street Journal*. His research interests include law and technology.

Affiliated Faculty

In addition to our Executive Director and Faculty Co-Directors, the Center is supported by Cardozo faculty who teach and practice in Cardozo's business and corporate law programs and courses. Faculty members who have taught courses or participated in Heyman Center events include:

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