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CLE (2 Ethics Credits) Hot Topics: Ethical Issues in Public Interest Lawyering (March 30)

HOT TOPICS

The Stein Scholars Program and the Stein Center are hosting Hot Topics: Ethical Issues in Public Interest Lawyering on Monday, March 30, 2015 from 6:30-8:30 pm at Fordham Law School. This CLE (2 ethics credits) program will be a roundtable discussion on ethical issues confronting public interest practitioners, with a focus on the following areas:

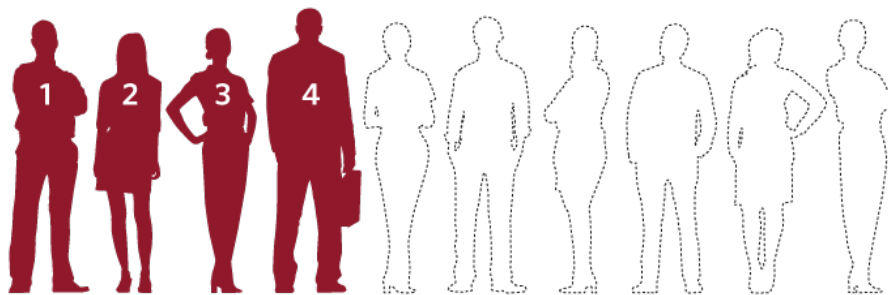
1. Labor with Amelia Tuminaro '03, Partner, Gladstein, Reif & Meginniss, LLP
2. Workplace Justice with Elizabeth Joynes '10, Supervising Attorney, Make the Road New York
3. Housing and Tenants' Rights with Joseph Krummel '00, of Counsel, Ween & Kozek, LLP
4. Mental Health with Alejandro Forte '99, Mental Hygiene Legal Service

The event will be moderated by Bruce Green, Louis Stein Chair & Director of the Stein Center for Law and Ethics.

The panel of experienced public interest practitioners, all graduates of the Stein Scholars Program, will lead a discussion of legal ethics questions that commonly arise in their practices in housing court, employment litigation, mental health proceedings, and union representation. The discussion, designed to offer practical advice, will be based on real-world problems and attendees will be invited to participate. Subjects to be addressed include conflicts and confidentiality in representing individuals in groups, representing incapacitated clients, client counseling and allocation of decision making, and ascertaining and communicating about who is (and is not) the client and the scope of the representation.

[Register](#) to receive your 2 CLE ethics credits free of charge. Email slevine17@law.fordham.edu with questions.

[Contribute to the 2015 Stein Bar Grant Fund](#)



Number of Stein Scholars Funded So Far

Each year, contributions from Stein Scholars graduates allow us to provide 3L Steins committed to pursuing public interest careers with grants to help defray the cost of bar preparation.

We have raised \$4,000 of our \$10,000 goal so we can provide ten \$1,000 grants to graduating Stein Scholars. Please consider [making a gift online](#) now by selecting "I would like to split my gift and/or select another designation" and choosing Stein Scholars Program.

Here are a few quotes from 3L Steins who could benefit from the Stein Bar Grant Fund:

My commitment to public service brought me to law school and the Stein Scholars Program helped sustain that commitment. I am privileged to have enjoyed the support of Stein alumni and faculty throughout my time in law school. As I prepare to graduate from Fordham, I am most excited about employing the skills and training that I have received thus far—skills that I will actively use to benefit the public good. Although I am ready to begin my legal career, I am also nervous about all that is needed to successfully become part of the profession. The ability to count on the continued support of the Stein community, through the Bar Grant Fund for example, alleviates some of that stress. Thanks to all who have contributed to the Fund in the past, and to those who will consider supporting this year's graduating class.
Alexander Cárdenas '15

I entered law school determined to become a public interest attorney and the Stein Scholars Program has been invaluable in helping me further my goal. With the financial and emotional support of the Stein community, I have been able to pursue internships at some of the best nonprofit legal services agencies in the City (The Door, Center for Court Innovation and Sanctuary for Families) and establish important connections. The Stein Bar Grant will minimize the stress of funding my bar preparation and allow me to focus on my future as a public interest attorney. I look forward to maintaining my connection to the Stein community after graduation and helping future Steins pursue public interest careers. Elizabeth Ling '15

Fordham Law Student Town Hall on Race and the Criminal Justice System



Stein Scholars were instrumental in helping to organize a student town hall on Thursday, February

4. The Town Hall was designed to provide students with an opportunity to voice concerns and opinions on the criminal justice system, policing, and racial justice, as well as to brainstorm an action plan for Fordham Law School students in response to police killing of civilians in Ferguson, Missouri and Staten Island and the protests that followed. The Town Hall was jointly organized by the Black Law Student Association, Stein Scholars Program, National Lawyers Guild, Prisoners' Rights Advocates, Latin American Student Association, Youth Law, and Advocates for Sexual Health and Rights.

More than 60 students, administrators, and members of the faculty attended the discussion, which was divided into five sections:

1. grand juries and special prosecutors
2. broken windows theory of policing
3. accountability and the use of police body cameras
4. local and national reform efforts
5. next steps at Fordham Law School

The conversation was framed and moderated by a panel of five students, including Stein Scholar LEEANNE CUNNINGHAM '16. Not only were Stein Scholars, including Hailey Flynn '16, instrumental in organizing the event, but several (Razeen Zaman '16, Rodrigo Bacus '16, and LEEANNE CUNNINGHAM) subsequently worked to develop proposals for change to the 1L curriculum, orientation, and the admissions process.



Stein Scholar Launches New Student Group to Support Aspiring Public Defenders

On February 12, Prescott Loveland '15 launched Fordham Law Defenders, a new PIRC student group formed to support Fordham Law students who aspire to be public defenders after graduation. The working mission statement explains that FLD is

a community of Fordham Law students committed to pursuing careers in public defense. FLD organizes discussions, collaborates with practitioners, and shares resources. FLD supports students seeking to excel as zealous and careful defenders of indigent people facing accusations, court-involvement, and loss of liberty.

After holding two informational sessions, FLD was able to secure commitments of engagement from more than 15 students.



At its first meeting, students brainstormed next steps and discussed the format and focus of the first public event, which will take place this spring. If you are interested in finding out more about FLD or if you are a Stein alumni who works as a public defender and would like to learn how you can provide support to this new group, email Prescott.

Ethical Issues in Corporate Representation



Fordham's Stein Center for Law and Ethics and Corporate Law Center teamed up with Cardozo Law's Samuel & Ronnie Heyman Center on Corporate Governance to present the second annual Current Ethical Issues in Corporate Representation on Tuesday, February 10. The program, moderated by Michael H. Stone, Senior Fellow at the Heyman Center on Corporate Governance, included the following panelists:

- Stephen M. Cutler, General Counsel & Member of Operating Committee, JPMorgan Chase
- Bruce A. Green, Louis Stein Chair & Director of Stein Center for Law and Ethics, Fordham Law School
- Nicole Hyland, Partner in the Litigation and Professional Responsibility Groups, Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz PC
- Harry J. Weiss, Partner and Chair of Securities Litigation and Enforcement Practice Group, WilmerHale

With more than 150 members of New York's legal community in attendance, the speakers engaged in a dynamic conversation and debate about the real life application of the rules of professional responsibility to matters involving corporate representation. Topics ranged from solicitation of corporate employees to conflicts that arise when in-house or outside counsel seek to sue a former client and from confidentiality of internal investigations to a lawyer's responsibility when she

inadvertently receives improperly produced or disclosed documents.



Stein Alumni Give Back to Current Students



On January 28, many Stein Scholars graduates returned to Fordham Law to help students prepare for the Public Interest Legal Career Fair, which took place at NYU Law School on February 5 and 6. The Stein graduates conducted mock interviews with students so that they would be better acquainted with the more formal interviews they expected to encounter during the PILC Fair.

The following Stein Scholars alumni joined other Fordham Law alumni to participate in the afternoon of mock interviews:

Elizabeth Bender '11 (Legal Aid Society, Criminal Defense Practice)

Brian Cahill '04 (TeleVest, Inc.)

Lameke Cannon '07 (Venable LLP)

Stacy Charland '04 (Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem)

Jeannie Gallego '08 (NYC Department of Education)

Yvette Garcia '95 (Rockefeller Financial)

Caroline Hsu '09 (Legal Aid Society, Prisoners Rights Project)

Dan Kadish '13 (Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP)

Leena Khandwala '04 (Claudia Slovinsky & Associates)

Sharon Mack '12 (Partnership for Children's Rights)

Michelle Movahed '06 (NY Legal Assistance Group)

Kelsey Ripper '13 (Lawyers Alliance for NY)

Alana Roth '12 (Legal Aid Society, Criminal Defense Practice)



Kevin Carroll '01 (Quinn Emanuel), Tina Matusoka '01 (National Asian Pacific Bar Association), and Amisha Sharma '10 (U.S. Customs and Immigration Services) participated by phone.

A big thanks to all of them, and to the team at PIRC—Hillary Exter, Andrew Chapin, and Tom Schoenherr—for organizing such a valuable event!



Stein Scholar Josh Kingsley '15 Making His Mark in World of Criminal Justice Reform

For the past eight months, Josh Kingsley, Stein Council President, has been volunteering his time with [JustLeadershipUSA](#), a groundbreaking criminal justice reform organization that seeks to cut the U.S. prison population in half by 2030 by empowering formerly incarcerated individuals to advocate for criminal justice reform.

Q: What is JustLeadershipUSA and how did you get involved with it?

JustLeadershipUSA is a membership-based leadership development and advocacy organization that is built on the idea that those closest to the problem are closest to the solution. Founder Glenn E. Martin served as Vice President of Development and Public Affairs at the Fortune Society, an organization that provides reentry services and alternatives to incarceration for those involved with the criminal justice system. Prior to law school, I volunteered with Fortune Society where I met Glenn. Glenn had previously spent six years incarcerated in New York State prisons, but through a set of fortunate opportunities, including his position at Fortune Society, he became a vocal advocate for criminal justice reform that empowers and elevates the voices of formerly incarcerated individuals as equal stakeholders in realizing our goal of a decarcerated America.



Q: What is an example of a JustLeadershipUSA program?

A major focus of the organization is the Leading with Conviction Training—a competitive leadership development program that selects a nationwide cohort of formerly incarcerated leaders who are already actively involved in criminal justice reform work. We launched our first leadership training this year by bringing 20 formerly incarcerated leaders from 13 different states to New York to begin a yearlong leadership training program. For the remainder of the year, the leaders will participate remotely and periodically reconvene in New York City. The curriculum is designed to provide the tools, networking, and professional development to enable the leaders to effectively use their lived experience with the criminal justice system to help inform criminal justice policies and reform in their respective regions.

Q: What do you do with JustLeadership?

In addition to supporting the development of a national cohort of formerly incarcerated leaders, JustLeadershipUSA is also engaged in advocacy on the local, state, and federal levels. For the past eight months, I have been working primarily on developing the organization's advocacy efforts. Because JustLeadership is such a new and small organization—our work is mostly driven by volunteers who are passionate about social justice and criminal justice reform—I have had an amazing opportunity to make a significant impact. Thus far, I have helped draft op-eds on the need for an invigorated clemency process ([New York Times](#) and [Albany Times Union](#)) and developed policy statements illustrating the imperative of including directly impacted communities as equal stakeholders in the growing nationwide movement for criminal justice reform. I have also helped coordinate partnerships with a wide variety of organizations and entities, including criminal justice service providers, law enforcement officials, victims organizations, politicians, and academics.

Q: What have been the most rewarding aspects of working with JustLeadership this past year?

The most rewarding aspect of working with JustLeadership has been the opportunity to help shape a groundbreaking organization that is aiming to facilitate a paradigm shift in the American criminal justice system. Our current criminal justice system is not only inefficient and a tremendous waste of

resources, but it is also morally repugnant. For too long, those who have formulated criminal justice policies have failed to provide sufficient consideration to the consequences such policies have on the lives of those forever stigmatized as “criminals.” I believe that this mentality has led to a criminal justice system that operates in an unfair and punitive manner without taking into account notions of mercy, redemption, and compassion toward directly impacted individuals and their families.

I came to law school with the dream of working on criminal justice reform and I am so appreciative to already have the opportunity to be working with an organization advancing a mission that I strongly support. I am confident that if we empower directly impacted communities as equal stakeholders in criminal justice reform, we'll be able to advance a powerful moral argument for the need to reverse the broad harm caused by mass incarceration and implement constructive reforms that work to our entire society's benefit.

Q. How can Stein Scholars and the Fordham community help?

As JustLeadershipUSA is building a nationwide membership organization, please consider [joining as a member](#) or supporting the membership of an incarcerated individual. Membership costs only \$1 per month and joining helps demonstrate broad support for achieving our goal of #halfby2030. Additionally, any students or alumni who are interested in getting further involved in driving a movement for criminal justice reform, please [reach out to me!](#)

What's New with Stein Alumni?

Roland Acevedo '96 recently argued before the Court of Appeals on behalf of his client in a case (*Matter of Powers v. St. John's University School of Law*) that concerns an ex-offender's eligibility to attend law school. The case was covered in the [New York Law Journal](#).

Sarah Borsody '11 is now an immigration attorney at The Bronx Defenders.

Kimberley Chin '97 recently joined the staff of the Feerick Center for Social Justice as a Senior Visiting Fellow through a generous grant from Atlantic Philanthropies.

Aimee Perez Cordero '03 is now a Child Protective Investigator at Florida Department of Children and Families.

Rachel Graves '13 is initiating wage and hour class action lawsuits in Denver, Colorado with the firm Sawaya & Miller.

Robert Grossman '04, a partner at the firm Edelstein & Grossman, recently helped overturn the murder conviction of a man who spent 21 years in prison. The case was covered by [New York's ABC affiliate](#).

Sarah Leberstein '08, a lawyer with the National Employment Law Project, spoke at Fordham Law School on February 26 about *Laboring in the Home: Challenges & Opportunities for Advancing the Rights of Home Care Workers*, as part of the Feerick Center's Social Justice lunch series.

Afua Atta-Mensah '04 was appointed to the Board of Governors of Healthcare Trustees of New York State (HTNYS), a nonprofit membership organization dedicated to strengthening the governance of New York's nonprofit and public healthcare facilities.

Jeremy Shweder '10 is now Senior Counsel in the Appeals Division of the New York City Law Department.

Tracy Zanco '06 is enjoying her work as an elder law attorney in Florida with the firm Elder Law Center of Kirson & Fuller.

Stein Graduates at Work in the International Arena

Although Zaid Hydari '09, Noushin Ketabi '10 and Olajumoke Adeola Osode '99 are all engaged in international work, they have chosen to do so in three very different ways.

Zaid Hydari '09 is co-founder and Executive Director of the [Refugee Solidarity Network](#), a 501(c)3 nonprofit that supports legal assistance initiatives for asylum-seekers in Turkey.

Why did you decide to pursue the work that you do?



Although there are so many important domestic social justice issues to address, I felt that the skills I possessed as a first-generation American, and the formal education I received, could be well-placed in the international arena. My connection to different parts of the world throughout my childhood and early adult life created an ease in making bonds with people from various cultures. That background created a sense of obligation in me to dedicate my time to work that honored the migration that my family had undertaken for generations and the privilege I enjoyed as a result.

What has been a big/unexpected challenge of the work so far?

International human rights shares so many of the same challenges that all social justice work does: lack of resources, structural barriers to change, power imbalances. Working abroad requires the additional realization that not everything aligns with the schedule or approach that would be employed in the United States. Each setting is unique and reflects its own features; solutions to problems must be tailored to the local environment.

What is most satisfying?

Finding effective ways to collaborate with local experts and build their capacity in ways that result in a productive experience for everyone: the foreign contributor, the local host office, and the beneficiaries they serve. All three elements are important and not always easy to achieve when you have American lawyers working in foreign settings. RSN is working with its partner to establish a fellowship program that checks all of those boxes.

What best prepared you for this type of work? Any advice for students or graduates who are thinking about doing this type of work?

Educational opportunities like those offered by the Leitner Center at Fordham were influential in providing me with both practical opportunities to engage with international partners but also the intellectual framework to understand the history of human rights law and to question its implementation and enforcement. I would advise students to get as many experiences as possible working with foreign NGOs, with the understanding and knowledge that flexibility is the key to having a fruitful experience.

Noushin Ketabi '10 is co-founder of [Vega Coffee](#), which is located in Nicaragua.

Why did you decide to pursue the work that you do?



My co-founders and I were fed up with coffee's broken supply chain. Here's why - specialty coffee farmers often earn around \$1 per pound of coffee, which is ultimately roasted and sold in the U.S. for upwards of \$20 per pound. That dollar leaves many farmers unable to afford basic needs like education and health care, let alone reinvest in their crop or community. I was tired of spending \$4 for a cup of black coffee at cafes in San Francisco where I lived, knowing how little of that money made it back to the farm. So, along with my co-founders Will DeLuca and Rob Terenzi (my husband and 2010 Fordham Law alumnus), we decided to do something and start Vega Coffee in Nicaragua.

Vega delivers the tools and training to coffee farmers, so that they can roast and package their beans—fully processing them into a final product. We then connect farmers directly with coffee lovers on our [online marketplace](#), where customers can sign up for 'Farmer Roasted Coffee' subscriptions. By streamlining the supply chain and keeping more value in farming communities, coffee farmers earn up to four times more income, which means more children can attend school and families can have greater access to things like medical services. We also have a strong focus on gender inclusion, and actively promote female participation and leadership opportunities in our roasting and training programs. Meanwhile on the customer side, coffee lovers get exclusive access to fresh specialty grade Farmer Roasted Coffee directly from the farmers who grow and roast it. We think it's a win-win.

What has been a big/unexpected challenge of the work so far? What is most satisfying?

Probably one of the largest challenges has been the constant need to push beyond the box in terms of thinking and creativity. I left a pretty structured work environment as an energy regulator to co-found a coffee company that is totally different from any other out there. There's no defined path for us to follow, nor a clear role model to guide the way. Add to that the fact that we're working in a completely foreign professional context. These challenges—which sometime take days, weeks or even months to overcome—are an incredible source of fuel to motivate us to push Vega forward. Tell us something can't be done, and we put it on the to-do list.

The deepest satisfaction in our work undoubtedly comes from our direct collaboration with coffee farmers. We train coffee farmers in quality control and the latest roasting techniques, mixing old world and new world knowledge to create totally unique, fantastic coffee. They teach us so much, and we enjoy those beautiful moments that we're able to share in learning. It's magic, and I wouldn't trade that experience for anything else in the world. Vega is truly a labor of love in terms of coffee and collaboration.

Any advice for students or graduates who are thinking about doing this type of work?

The obvious one: go for it. For me, pivoting from a career in energy regulation and climate change advocacy to starting a coffee company in Nicaragua felt pretty out there. And there will always be a long list of reasons why making a big move isn't practical, financially responsible, and conducive to a 'typical' career path. But I firmly believe that life must honor your dreams and potential to make great change on this planet. It's not always easy - but we are giving it a shot. I knew that I would harbor regrets if I did not take a chance to make Vega a reality.

What best prepared you for this type of work?

Honestly, I didn't really envision that my law degree would be a critical resource in starting a coffee company. But to my surprise, I've used my knowledge as an attorney so many times to decipher and apply Nicaraguan laws and regulations while setting up our business entity and operations. Although our core business is not rooted in lawyering, Rob and my respective J.D.'s have brought credibility to our investors and other strategic partners. In addition, our M.A.'s in International Political Economy and Development degree that we earned at Fordham in conjunction with our J.D.'s has served us well as we've set out to understand and appreciate the importance of coffee in Nicaragua's social and business contexts.

Olajumoke Adeola Osode '99 is a political analyst who has worked in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Senegal, and Sierra Leone.

When I attended law school, I was very fortunate to have been selected as a Stein Scholar, as it enabled me to choose my own path without feeling pressured to go into traditional law. Before law school, I knew that I was interested in working with the United Nations and in the international arena, especially in Africa. My mother, a former Liberian Ambassador, got her start in the United Nations, so I guess you could say I followed in her footsteps. Growing up as a child in New York, I belonged to a household where discussions about world events and international politics were the norm. I went to law school having a clear vision from the beginning that I wasn't going to work at a law firm or represent clients in court; however, I still found the traditional law school classes to be important to developing my skill set. I felt encouraged as a Stein Scholar and during my first two summers I interned with Human Rights Watch and with the UN office in Liberia, respectively.

After graduating from law school, I travelled to Dakar, Senegal, to work on my French. I knew it would be important to know a second language. In 2001, after applying to be posted anywhere in the world with the UN peacekeeping mission, I was hired to become a political analyst (political affairs officer) and work in the Democratic Republic of Congo with the UN peacekeeping mission known as MONUC. I worked in the capital city of Kinshasa; the west of the country in Lubumbashi; the liaison office in Kigali, Rwanda; and in the east of the country, Goma, where a lot of the fighting took place.



Work was very challenging, because I had to read, write, and speak in two languages, maintain strict deadlines, manage difficult living conditions in some of the postings, and go on some dangerous excursions. Despite the challenges, I felt that they were nothing compared to those of the Congolese people, especially the women and children who suffered so much due to years of conflict and war. It was hard at times to hear about the daily atrocities and not feel helpless. Praying allowed me to keep a clear head during somber times.

I was posted to another UN mission in 2008, but this time it was a political mission based in Dakar, Senegal as political analyst working on the 15 ECOWAS countries in West Africa. That required a

lot of traveling, but the upside was attending my first Security Council briefing with the Special Representative to the Secretary-General and being selected for a UN fellowship on conflict resolution that took place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

In 2010, after a rigorous interview process, I was hired to be the Special Assistant to the Executive Representative of the Secretary-General (ERSG) in Sierra Leone. After years of civil war, Sierra Leone was entering its last phase known as peacebuilding. As a Special Assistant, I was responsible for the day to day running of the ERSG's office and his daily activities. Highlights include being the focal point in planning the itinerary for the Secretary-General's wife when the SG came to Sierra Leone in 2010; accompanying the SG's wife and her Special Assistant on a tour with the First Lady of Sierra Leone to look at the healthcare system at one of the hospitals; and accompanying the ERSG to the Security Council and Peacebuilding Commission briefings when we would travel to New York during the General Assembly. When the peace-building mission transitioned to leave the country in 2013, I decided to take a much needed break from the fast paced UN peacekeeping world. Luckily, our mission ended before the deadly Ebola virus gripped the country. During my hiatus, I started a small start-up company focused on solar.

The most satisfying part of my work was in knowing that it contributed to bringing many issues to the attention of the UN Headquarters and the Security Council. It has also been gratifying to travel and work in places that I would never have had the chance to go to otherwise.

My advice for law students seeking out the non-traditional law path or international arena is to go for it, if it is your passion and to use your time at law school wisely. The arena has changed a lot since I started because now everything has to be done online and it is a little harder to get a placement unless you already have previous experience. I would advise internships (though the UN peacekeeping and political missions do not allow internships anymore) with NGO's. There are also now many new specializations in the field of international law beyond the typical human rights/humanitarian field, such as gender and conflict, environmental law and management of natural resources and these are all currently in demand.

My clinic in Social Welfare Justice and the Law helped me, as did my international law classes. I also had very good experiences in all of my writing and ethics classes. I took many demanding writing courses in law school, which helped me tremendously with my political analysis work. Being a Stein Scholar was a big plus because I had a lot of support from the team and had the chance to be a co-chair on the Roundtable series for one year, during which I explored many international law themes. Finally, the financial support during my summer internships was also very beneficial.

If I could do it over again, I would do it all the same except I would have not felt compelled to take classes that were not my passion after my first year simply because I wanted to prove that I could excel in the traditional law arena. I only wish that more could be done to advocate for those of us who enter the international public law and social welfare arena with school loans which are very hefty. I enjoyed my time at Fordham School of Law; it was a positive experience for me.

What's New with Andrew Chapin and Tom Schoenherr?

Andrew Chapin's biggest news is that he and husband David adopted an 8-week old male red wire-haired mini dachshund. Now 5 months old, Kipper is ruling their lives and thankfully has begun puppy kindergarten. Kipper (see Kipper the dog on YouTube) had his first "dachshund meetup" where about 50 dachshunds got together in a Soho space and went wild for each other, thanks to Stein alumna Gowri Krishna '06, who also has a dachshund.



At work, Andrew has updated the Stein brochure, which is online for your viewing pleasure, as we are already accepting applications for the incoming fall 2015 class of 1Ls. As a member of the National Association for Law Placement's Board of Directors, Andrew will attend NALP's Annual Education Conference held this year in Chicago on April 21-26 and present a program/discussion on "Hot Topics in Public Interest." He hopes to be spending some of his vacation time this summer again in Fire Island Pines introducing Kipper to life at the beach.

Tom Schoenherr, and all of the staff and student leaders in PIRC are now well settled into their beautiful and spacious offices in the incredible new law school building, and are still enjoying the stunned expressions of disbelief and awe when greeting alumni who visit for the first time. This month, when the annual NY City-Wide Domestic Violence Conference was once again hosted at Fordham, Tom had this experience with Jennifer White-Reid, '98, Vice President of Domestic Violence Programs at the Urban Resource Institute in Manhattan, when she stopped by during the lunch break in the program to say hello. It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Stein Scholars Alumni Awards Reception last October 21 and at other



programs on-campus last fall and this winter. If you haven't yet had a chance to visit in person, Tom invites you to come at your earliest opportunity to see PIRC and Fordham Law School's impressive new home!

Tom was the co-planner for the American Association of Law School's (AALS) Pro Bono Section's program, "The Bridge to Practice: Law School Incubator and Fellowship/Bridge-to-Practice Programs as Pathways to Public Service," which was presented on January 4, 2015 at the AALS Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. Tom also facilitated the AALS Pro Bono Section's annual Service Project in DC on January 5 at Food and Friends, the only organization in the DC area providing specialized, nutritious meals to people living with HIV/AIDS and cancer. Tom is serving another year on the AALS Pro Bono Section's Executive Committee, and is already busy planning next January's program focusing on the New York State Pro Bono Scholars Program. On February 24th, Tom organized PIRC's annual panel on "Judicial Clerkships as a Pathway to Public Interest Careers," and was happy for the participation and input of Peggy Farber '04, Legislative Counsel at the Citizens Union Foundation, and Sylvia Shweder '05, Assistant U.S. Attorney in the EDNY. Tom and his husband, Don, were glad to spend time with family in Niagara Falls during the winter holidays and hope that 2015 is off to a great start for all of you and your families.

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