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**Anthony W. Crowell** was named New York Law School's 16th Dean and President in May 2012. Dean Crowell also teaches state and local government law courses.

Since joining NYLS, Dean Crowell has worked closely with faculty, trustees, administrators, alumni, and students to make bold and innovative changes. His initiatives include implementing a comprehensive Strategic Plan and an Institutional Diversity and Inclusion Plan; adopting a new curriculum that targets areas of employment and growth; vastly expanding clinical and experiential learning programs; launching the nation's first Two-Year J.D. Honors Program; establishing two new academic centers focused on public interest law and intellectual property; and enhancing career planning and placement, student and alumni engagement, and fundraising programs.

Prior to his appointment, Dean Crowell served as Counselor to New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg. Dean Crowell is an active member of New York City's legal and civic communities. He sits on the city's ethics board, known as the Conflicts of Interest Board, is Chair Emeritus of the Brooklyn Public Library Board, is on the Executive Committee of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, and is on the Board of the good government advocacy organization Citizens Union.

He received a B.A. *magna cum laude* from the University of Pennsylvania and a J.D. *cum laude* from American University.

## Dean's Message

For more than 125 years, New York Law School (NYLS) has been a leader in providing an innovative legal education, delivered by a world-class faculty, in the most important city in the world. As Dean and President, I have the honor of introducing you to the Law School: who we are and what we stand for.

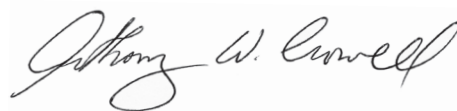
We believe that a law degree is the most valuable professional degree. As the financial world becomes more regulated, as technology alters the legal landscape, and as government undergoes profound changes, law school must prepare graduates to thrive in the new economy. We anticipated these needs and launched our **Think BIG** curriculum, which targets the most in-demand job growth sectors: **B**usiness and financial services, **I**ntellectual property, and **G**overnment and public interest law.

We believe in learning by doing. Our nationally recognized clinical and experiential learning programs give students the real-world training and professional contacts they need to be competitive in the new job market.

We believe that New York City is the best training ground for tomorrow's leaders. What happens in New York influences the world. We take full advantage of our prime location in lower Manhattan.

We believe that students who feel supported and are engaged do their best work. Our faculty of renowned scholars and practitioners cares deeply about student learning inside and outside the classroom. And while our students are ambitious, they are equally passionate about their classmates' success.

We believe in intellectual curiosity, hard work, and grit. That's why we call ourselves **New York's law school**. Come visit us and see what makes this place so extraordinary.



Anthony W. Crowell  
Dean and President, Professor of Law



Choose the path that fits your  
career trajectory. We'll support  
you along the way.

J.D. PROGRAMS

**FULL-TIME  
DAY DIVISION**

The Day Division is a **three-year, full-time** course of study. In addition to core foundational courses and more than 250 upper-level electives, NYLS's distinctive skills-based curriculum allows students to specialize with our six academic centers and to gain hands-on experience through our clinics, externships, and project-based learning courses.

**PART-TIME  
EVENING DIVISION**

The Evening Division is a **four year, part-time** course of study that enables full-time working professionals or others with daytime obligations to pursue a legal education. Evening Division students study with the same faculty as Day Division students, and they engage in many of the same activities, including law review, moot court, and clinics.

**TWO-YEAR  
J.D. HONORS PROGRAM**

Students admitted to this competitive **24-month** program receive at least a \$50,000 merit scholarship, reducing the cost of a traditional J.D. by a third. Despite the accelerated pace, they can fully participate in law review, moot court, and clinics. In addition, program participants are guaranteed a postgraduate fellowship opportunity.



**SUPPORTING YOUR TRANSITION TO LAW SCHOOL**

NYLS's **Summer Advantage Institute**, offered the summer before the first year, and **Academic Success Program**, offered throughout the first year, help entering students thrive as they begin law school. Both programs target the skills most crucial to success in law school: critical reading, case briefing, time management, legal analysis, outlining, and exam preparation.





## Stephanie Torres 3L

Full-Time Day Division

**Education:** B.A. in Political Science, minor in Peace and Justice Studies, Marian University

**School Activities:** Black Law Students Association (Academic Chair) and Dispute Resolution Team (Intramural Competition Chair)

**Career Plans:** Corporate transactional work at an international law firm. *2017 Summer Associate at Linklaters, LLP*

**Personal Fact:** A former competitive cyclist and an assistant coach at Star Track, a youth track cycling program in New York City

My goal was always to come back home to New York for law school and find ways to serve my community. NYLS was the perfect fit. Here, there are so many opportunities to get involved in issues affecting the city.

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## Danny Oquendo 4L

Part-Time Evening Division

**Education:** B.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland-College Park

**Day Job:** Business Development Executive, Modern Office Systems

**School Activities:** *New York Law School Law Review* Executive Board and Racial Justice Fellow

**Career Plans:** Advocate for children with disabilities. 2017 Summer Associate at *Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP*

**Personal Fact:** Played Division I football at the University of Maryland-College Park

My reason for attending law school was based on my desire to create positive change and spark the wheels of social justice. The NYLS Evening Division has given me the tools, platform, and legal knowledge needed to change the world for the better, and I do not believe any other school would have impacted me as positively and quickly as NYLS has.



For his commitment to advocacy work, Danny was named a 2017 "Law Student of the Year" by *The National Jurist*, an honor given to only 25 law students in the nation.



## Melissa Toback 2L

Two-Year J.D. Honors Program

**Education:** B.S.M. in Legal Studies and Management, Tulane University

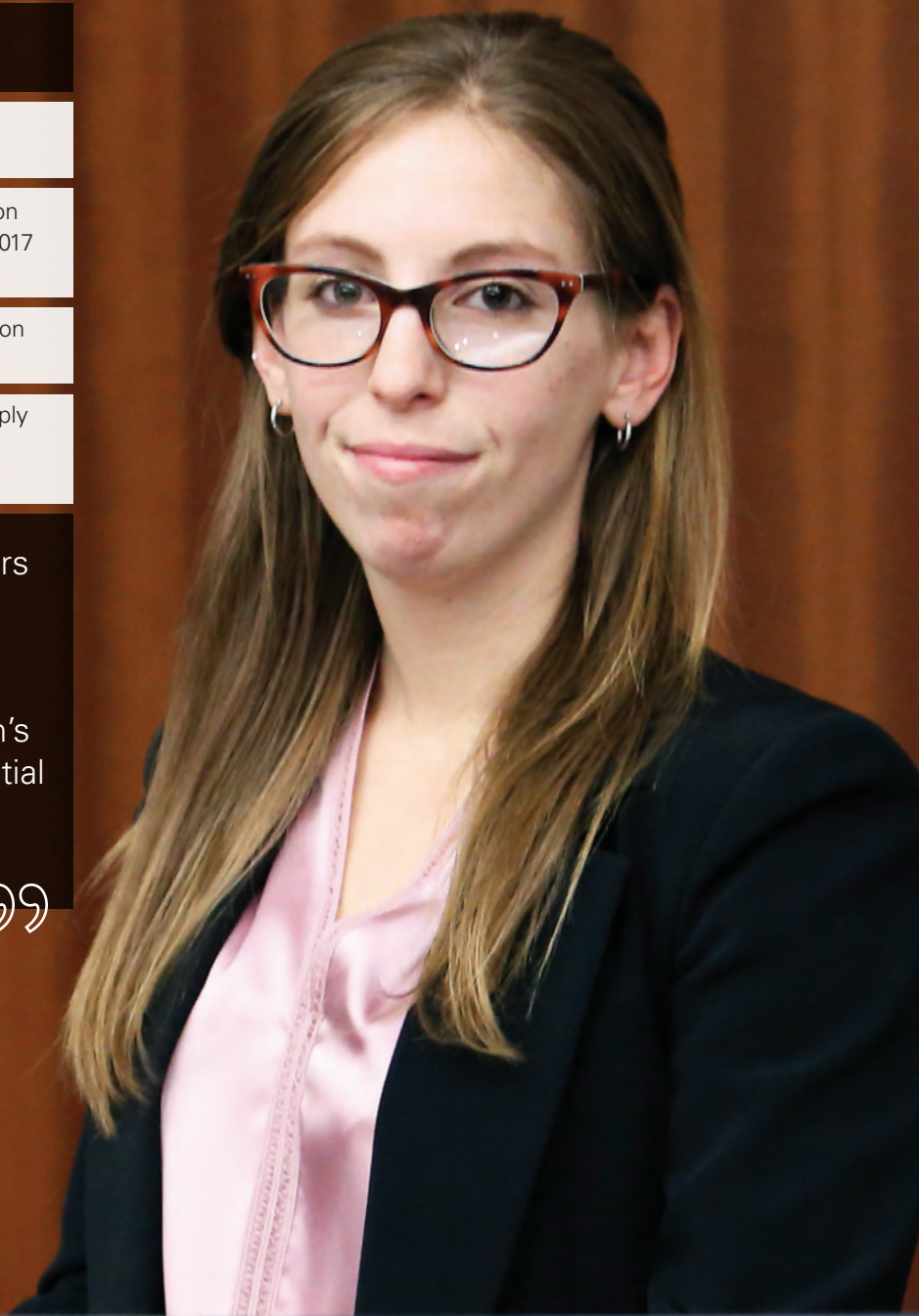
**School Activities:** Advocacy of Criminal Cases Simulation Course, Impact Center for Public Interest Law, and fall 2017 teaching assistant for Professor David Chang (Torts)

**Career Plans:** Prosecutor focusing on municipal corruption to help restore people's faith in government

**Personal Fact:** Tutored children and helped residents apply for federal aid programs in New Orleans neighborhoods impacted by Hurricane Katrina

The Two-Year J.D. Honors Program offers an intimate classroom environment where I can work closely with my professors to cultivate and refine my legal interests. In addition, the Program's early and substantial focus on experiential learning provides an unparalleled advantage as I hone my legal skills.

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Specialize in a fast-growing field.  
Be practice-ready for *any* field.

# CURRICULUM



# THINK BIG AT NYLS

## **B** BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

### **Take courses like these:**

Business Planning: Start-Up Business and Venture Capital  
 Federal Income Tax: Corporate  
 Securities Arbitration Clinic

### **Join an academic center:**

Center for Business and Financial Law  
 Center for Real Estate Studies  
 Innovation Center for Law and Technology  
 Center for International Law

## **I** NTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, MEDIA, TECHNOLOGY, AND APPLIED SCIENCES

### **Take courses like these:**

Cyberharassment Clinic  
 Entertainment Law  
 Information Privacy Law

### **Join an academic center:**

Innovation Center for Law and Technology  
 Impact Center for Public Interest Law  
 Center for Business and Financial Law

## **G** OVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INTEREST LAW

### **Take courses like these:**

Law, Public Policy, and Social Change  
 Municipal Litigation Defense Clinic  
 Racial Justice Advocacy

### **Join an academic center:**

Impact Center for Public Interest Law  
 Center for New York City Law  
 Center for International Law

## Specialize in a Fast-Growing Field

NYLS's **Think BIG** curriculum lets you target your legal training to a growing sector of the economy. Choose the specialty path that matches your interests and ambitions.

### Find a career you love:

- Business immigration
- Corporate transactions and governance
- Financial services and compliance
- Health care management and compliance
- International business
- Real estate
- Tax
- Tech
- Trusts and estates

### Find a career you love:

- Fashion law
- Intellectual property/copyright and trademark
- Media and entertainment law
- Patent law
- Privacy
- Sports law
- Tech

### Find a career you love:

- Civil rights
- Criminal defense
- Criminal prosecution
- Family law
- Government/public sector
- Immigration law
- International law/human rights
- Labor and employment



### SKILLS-BASED LEARNING FROM DAY ONE

All first-year students must take the two-semester Legal Practice course. The course—which won accolades for its innovative approach—teaches essential legal skills: legal reasoning and analysis, predictive legal writing, legal research and problem solving, fact analysis, and client interviewing. Legal Practice also includes client simulations, similar to medical school teaching methods.



# THINK BIG

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### FIND YOUR FOCUS

#### CENTER FOR BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL LAW

Collaborate on projects related to deal-making, financial services law and regulation, startups and technology financing, and compliance.

##### Sample Activities

- **Deal School Lunches:** Small group discussions with students and leaders in management and transactional law.
- **Events:** Major conferences that draw industry experts on topics such as Financial Technology (fintech) and Bitcoin law.
- **Research:** Published student work, such as the *New York City Startup Report*, *Financial Law Updates*, and the *Foreign Corrupt Practices Act Enforcement Report*.

#### CENTER FOR REAL ESTATE STUDIES

Engage in seminars, projects, and externships on topics such as real estate finance and the capital markets, land use and development, sustainability, affordable housing, and commercial leasing and asset management.

##### Sample Activities

- **Breakfast Forum Series:** Expert panels on timely topics that draw hundreds of public- and private-sector industry professionals.
- **Master Classes:** Practical, career-focused seminars taught by industry leaders, many of whom are NYLS alumni.
- **Symposia:** High-profile, cross-industry events on topics such as taxation, finance, social justice, zoning, and land use.

At NYLS, cutting-edge course offerings are complemented by incredible access to Wall Street; the New York Stock Exchange; the Federal Reserve Bank of New York; the headquarters of several major banks, corporations, and brokerage firms; and many of the world's leading law and accounting firms. Whether your focus is Bitcoin, advising fast-growing tech startups, or closing major real estate deals, you'll study in the epicenter of the global financial market.



#### BUSINESS LUMINARIES

Prominent NYLS alumni who are business leaders include Maurice Greenberg '50, Former Chairman and CEO of American International Group and Chairman and CEO of C.V. Starr & Company, Inc.; Marc Lasry '84, Co-Founder and CEO of Avenue Capital Group and the Co-Owner of the Milwaukee Bucks basketball team; Jennifer McCool '97, Chief Legal Officer of Related Companies; Charles E. Phillips Jr. '93, CEO of Infor and Former President of Oracle; Norman J. Radow '81, CEO of the RADCO Companies; and Cindy Rose '90, Microsoft UK CEO and Area Vice President.



#### WHERE ALUMNI WORK

American Express Company • Bank of America Corporation • Barclays • Bloomberg LP • BNP Paribas • Cantor Fitzgerald • Citigroup, Inc. • Credit Suisse Group AG • Cushman & Wakefield • Deloitte • Ernst & Young LLP • Federal Reserve Bank of New York • FINRA • Goldman Sachs • JPMorgan Chase & Co. • MetLife, Inc. • Morgan Stanley • OppenheimerFunds • PricewaterhouseCoopers • U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission • Whole Foods

## Dwayne Latimore 4L

Part-Time Evening Division

**Education:** B.A. in Business Accounting, University of Phoenix

**Day Job:** Senior Paralegal at Emmet, Marvin & Martin, LLP

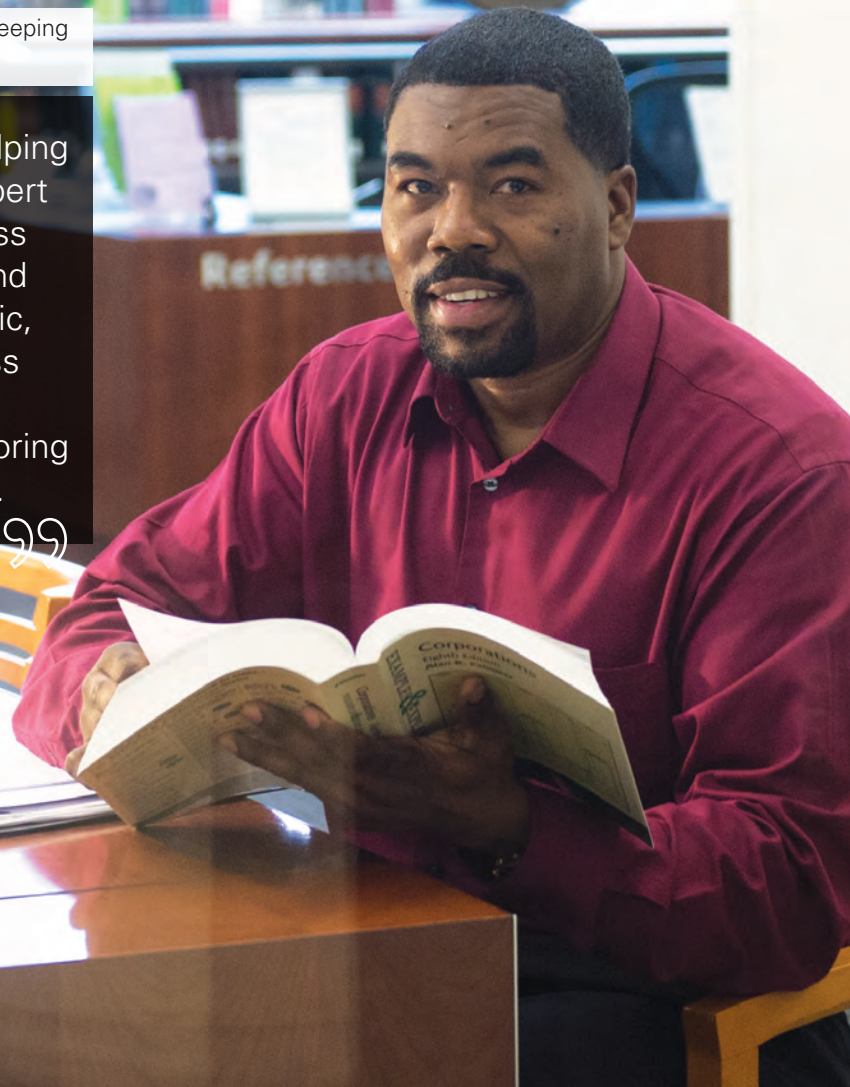
**School Activities:** Center for Business and Financial Law and Securities and Arbitration Clinic

**Career Plans:** Corporate transaction, real estate, banking and finance, and securities law. *Has accepted an Associate position at his firm following graduation*

**Personal Fact:** Runs a small business providing bookkeeping and tax preparation services

My passions are business law and helping others. At NYLS, I've worked with expert faculty through the Center for Business and Financial Law and my courses. And through the Securities Arbitration Clinic, I've helped families and small business owners recover money lost by their negligent brokers. That feeling of restoring someone's life savings never gets old.

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**B**USINESS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES  
**I**NTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, MEDIA, TECHNOLOGY, AND APPLIED SCIENCES  
**G**OVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INTEREST LAW



## FIND YOUR FOCUS

### INNOVATION CENTER FOR LAW AND TECHNOLOGY

Engage in shaping the laws that govern new ideas, new platforms, and new digital spaces in the innovation economy.

#### Sample Activities

- **Data Privacy Project:** A hub for award-winning research and regulatory and legislative advocacy on online privacy rights, “big data” analytics, robots and artificial intelligence, and more. Through this program, you can become a certified privacy professional and gain a leg up in an industry experiencing rapid growth.
- **Fashion Law Initiative:** An interdisciplinary program focused on the technology that is changing the roles of retailers, designers, and fashion law attorneys.
- **Institute for CyberSafety:** A first-of-its-kind anti-cyberharassment research institute that includes the only pro bono law school clinic representing victims of cyberharassment.

New York City is the creative capital of the world. Fields like fashion, tech, science, and media demand savvy, cross-functional lawyers. NYLS’s courses and programs tackle intellectual property (patents, copyrights, trademarks); privacy; cybersecurity; biotech; fashion law; sports law; entertainment law; and more.



### TECHNOLOGY MEETS SOCIAL JUSTICE

New technologies—including drones, smartphones, police body cameras, artificial intelligence, and robots—are changing how we interact with each other and with the government. These technologies can also be used to entrench current hierarchies and inequalities, burden traditionally marginalized groups, and create new forms of discrimination. NYLS’s new TechJustice initiative positions students at the intersection of law, technology, and social justice. The program includes interdisciplinary courses, direct services to victims of discrimination and invasions of privacy, and a technology study group to give the next generation of lawyers the tools to solve the next generation of social justice problems.



### WHERE ALUMNI WORK

ABC News • Abercrombie & Fitch • A&E Television Networks, LLC • Alloy Entertainment • Audible, Inc. • H&M • IBM Corporation • J.Crew Group, Inc. • Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts • MakerBot Industries, LLC • Michael Kors • Milk Studios • Pfizer Inc. • Refinery29 • Samuel French, Inc. • Sony Music Entertainment • SoundCloud Limited • Spotify • StubHub • Time Inc. • T-Mobile US, Inc. • Uber Technologies, Inc. • Verizon Communications, Inc. • Viacom Inc. • Vodafone Group Plc



### BIOTECH’S HOT DEBATE

Who owns the technology behind CRISPR, a powerful gene-editing tool that could treat genetic diseases and generate enormous profit? Ask Professor Jacob S. Sherkow, an expert in biotech patent law. Seen and heard at speaking engagements around the world, Professor Sherkow is recognized as a leading voice in academia and national media on the legal issues raised by CRISPR.



## Shamila Ahmed 3L

Full-Time Day Division

**Education:** H.B.A. in Political Science and Ethics, Society, and Law, University of Toronto

**Career Plans:** Practice intellectual property (IP) law and business law. *2017 Summer Associate at Romano Law PLLC*

**School Activities:** Academic Success Program Teaching Fellow, Dean's Leadership Council, Dispute Resolution Team, and PTO Trademark Clinic

**Personal Fact:** Moved to New York from Canada to pursue a legal career

My coursework and externships through the Fashion Law Initiative have shown me how business law, IP law, and fashion are interconnected. And while volunteering at NYLS's Fashion Law Symposium, I had the privilege of networking with many notable designers, IP lawyers, and attorneys who work in-house for some of the largest global fashion brands.





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**G**OVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INTEREST LAW



## FIND YOUR FOCUS

### IMPACT CENTER FOR PUBLIC INTEREST LAW

Do meaningful public interest and social justice work.

#### Sample Activities

- **Diane Abbey Law Institute for Children and Families:** Works on policy matters that affect children and families.
- **Racial Justice Project:** Joins impact litigation and other advocacy to promote racial equity and raise awareness of racial injustice.
- **Safe Passage Project:** Represents vulnerable young people in immigration court.

### CENTER FOR NEW YORK CITY LAW

Learn the intricacies of city governance, craft policy solutions, and work with city attorneys.

#### Sample Activities

- **Publications:** Original reporting on the city's laws, rules, and procedures (*CityLaw*, *CityLand*, and *CityRegs*).
- **CityLaw Breakfast Series:** Popular public events with government leaders.

### CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW

Work on projects related to a broad range of international and comparative law topics.

#### Sample Activities

- **Conferences:** Events featuring international icons, such as the United Nations Secretary-General and prominent officials from the International Criminal Court.
- **Study Abroad:** A popular London summer program with coursework on international business and corporate law and a possible externship.

No other law school is as plugged into New York City government as NYLS. Alumni include New York City mayors and countless other public officials at all levels of government. And when it comes to immigration law, civil rights, and other public-interest fields, NYLS leads the pack.



### A VOICE IN THE U.S. SUPREME COURT

NYLS's Racial Justice Project has filed seven amicus briefs in U.S. Supreme Court cases, including a challenge to the constitutionality of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Students have worked directly on each brief.



### BREAKFAST WITH NEWSMAKERS

CityLaw speakers have included former U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York Preet Bharara, former NYPD Commissioner William J. Bratton, and Eva Moskowitz, Founder and CEO of Success Academy Charter Schools and a former New York City Council Member.



### WHERE ALUMNI WORK

Administration for Children's Services • Amnesty International • Bergen County Prosecutor's Office • The Bronx Defenders • District Attorney's Offices for the Bronx, Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island, and Nassau County • Federal Bureau of Investigation • Legal Aid Society • Miami-Dade County State Attorney's Office • National Labor Relations Board • New York City Council • New York City Law Department • New York City Police Department • New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission • New York State Attorney General • New York State Unified Court System • United Nations • U.S. Department of Homeland Security • U.S. Department of Justice • U.S. State Department



## Wesley Brandt 2L

Full-Time Day Division

**Education:** B.S. in Economics with Math Emphasis,  
University of Wisconsin–Madison

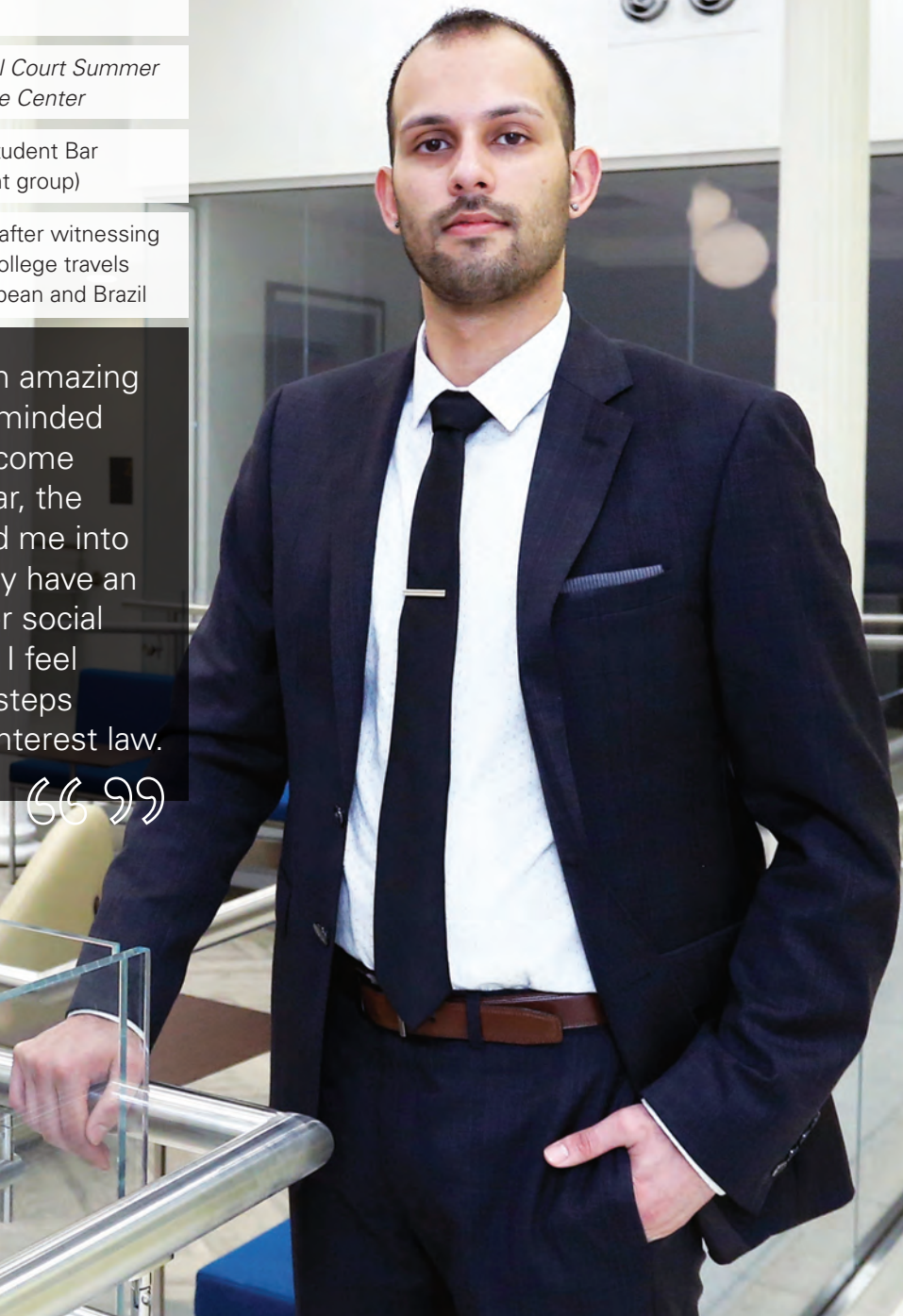
**Career Plans:** Public defender. *2017 Criminal Court Summer Intern with the Red Hook Community Justice Center*

**School Activities:** Executive Board of the Student Bar Association and OutLaws (an LGBTQ student group)

**Personal Fact:** Drawn to public interest law after witnessing poverty and social injustice during his post-college travels around the country and to parts of the Caribbean and Brazil

The Impact Center has been an amazing place for me to work with like-minded individuals while training to become a public advocate. In my 1L year, the faculty and students welcomed me into their meetings and events. They have an inspiring, strong drive to further social justice. By working with them, I feel empowered to take the same steps and dedicate my life to public interest law.

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## Real-World Training That Prepares You for *Any* Field

Employers want law school graduates who are practice-ready—who have already counseled clients, appeared in court, negotiated disputes, and drafted legal documents before their first day on the job. No matter what your legal passion is, at NYLS you'll find opportunities to develop your skills while helping New Yorkers in need of legal assistance.

- **CLINICS:** Represent clients or do other real-world legal work with guidance and supervision from faculty members.
- **EXTERNSHIPS:** Earn academic credit and sharpen practical skills by working for state or federal judges—or with lawyers at small firms, corporations, government agencies, and public interest organizations.
- **PROJECT-BASED LEARNING COURSES:** Cultivate legal research, project planning, collaboration, and reporting skills.
- **SIMULATION COURSES:** Practice handling a variety of legal situations, with actors playing clients and witnesses.



### NYLS'S "LAW FIRM"

The Joe Plumeri Center for Social Justice and Economic Opportunity is NYLS's "law firm" and home to more than 20 clinics and programs. It opened in November 2015 and is an accessible, state-of-the-art space used by NYLS's clinic staff, students, and clients. The Plumeri Center includes a reception area for clients, study and work space for students, and a high-tech simulation center. It was made possible by a generous gift from Joe and Susan Plumeri.

### FEATURED CLINICS

**Cyberharassment Clinic:** NYLS is the only law school with a pro bono clinic exclusively dedicated to helping victims of online harassment obtain justice. The clinic mostly represents LGBTQ individuals, women, and members of other historically marginalized groups who have been victims of cyberbullying, cyberstalking, and other forms of cyberharassment.

**Immigration Law and Litigation Clinic:** Clinic participants represent unaccompanied children and teenagers in immigration court, which does not provide them with free legal counsel. Students work with translators, help assess their young clients' legal options, and draft legal memoranda related to their cases.

**PTO Trademark Clinic:** Clinic students represent entrepreneurs who cannot afford counsel before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO). NYLS just expanded its clinical work with the PTO to include trademark matters in addition to patent application prosecutions. The PTO Patent Clinic began in 2015. Only a handful of law schools offer both the patent and trademark experiences.

**Securities Arbitration Clinic:** Students in this clinic represent investors defrauded by their brokers before FINRA, the Financial Industry Regulatory Agency. During the 2016–17 year, the clinic secured two favorable settlements for clients and filed two major cases.





## FIND YOUR FOCUS

### Clinics

Many NYLS clinics operate in partnership with government agencies or non-profits, a relationship that benefits students, partner organizations, and their clients.

Asylum Clinic (New) • Civil Justice and National Advocacy Clinic\* • Civil Rights Clinic • Clinical Year • Conservation Law and Policy Clinic • Criminal Defense Clinic • Criminal Prosecution Clinic (Brooklyn) • Criminal Prosecution Clinic (Manhattan) • Cyberharassment Clinic\* • Education Law Clinic\* • Elder Law Clinic\* • Immigration Law and Litigation Clinic • Legislative Advocacy Clinic\* • Mediation Clinic • Municipal Litigation Defense Clinic and City Law Seminar • Post-Conviction Innocence Clinic\* • PTO (U.S. Patent and Trademark Office) Patent Clinic\* • PTO (U.S. Patent and Trademark Office) Trademark Clinic\* (New) • Securities Arbitration Clinic\* • Veterans Justice Clinic

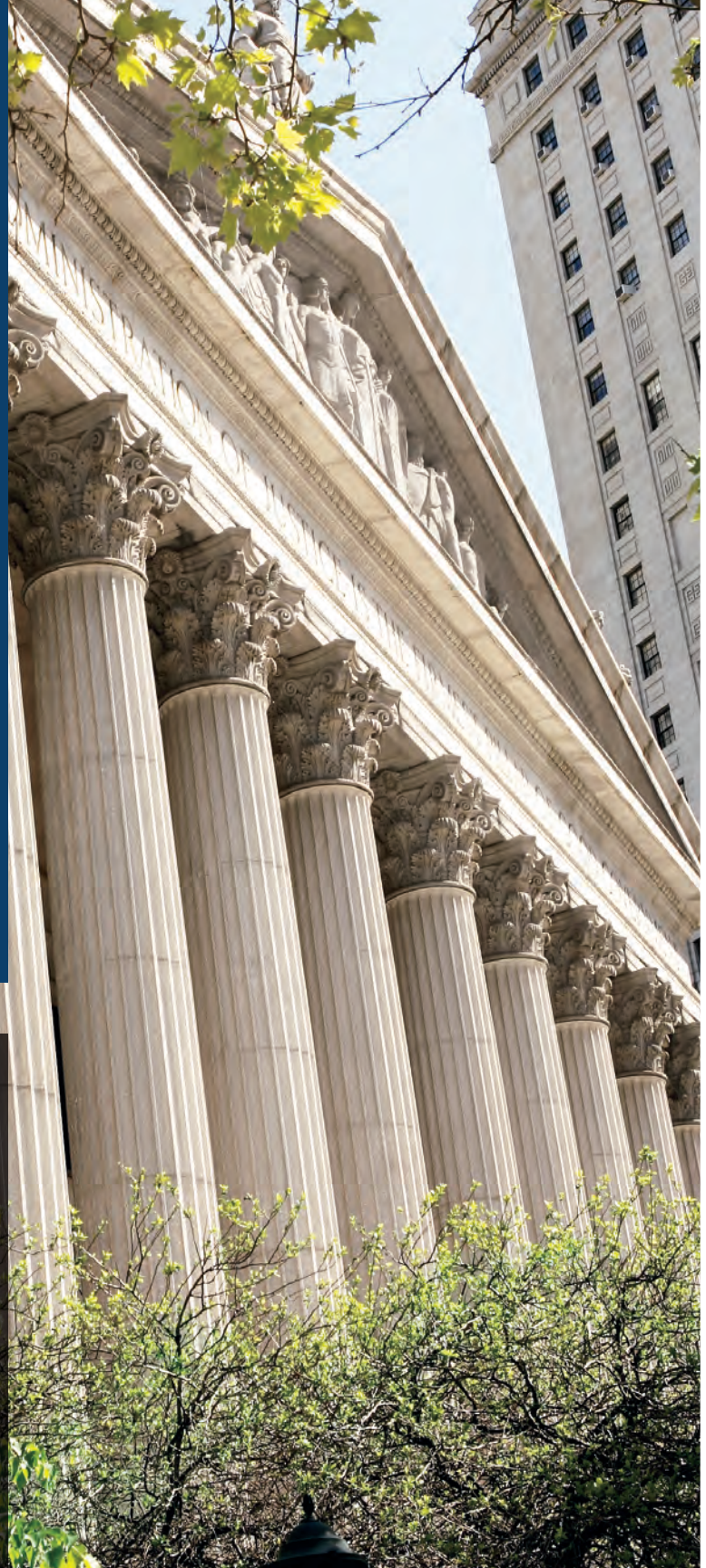
*(Clinic offerings vary each year.)*

\* These clinics often meet after regular work hours and are well-suited for Evening Division students.



I can always go back and reread Rule 803, but nothing prepares you for standing up in a courtroom and making an argument to a judge or cross-examining a witness like actually doing it.

—Samuel Fillman '14  
Deputy Attorney General, New Jersey Office of the Attorney General and former participant in the Criminal Prosecution Clinic





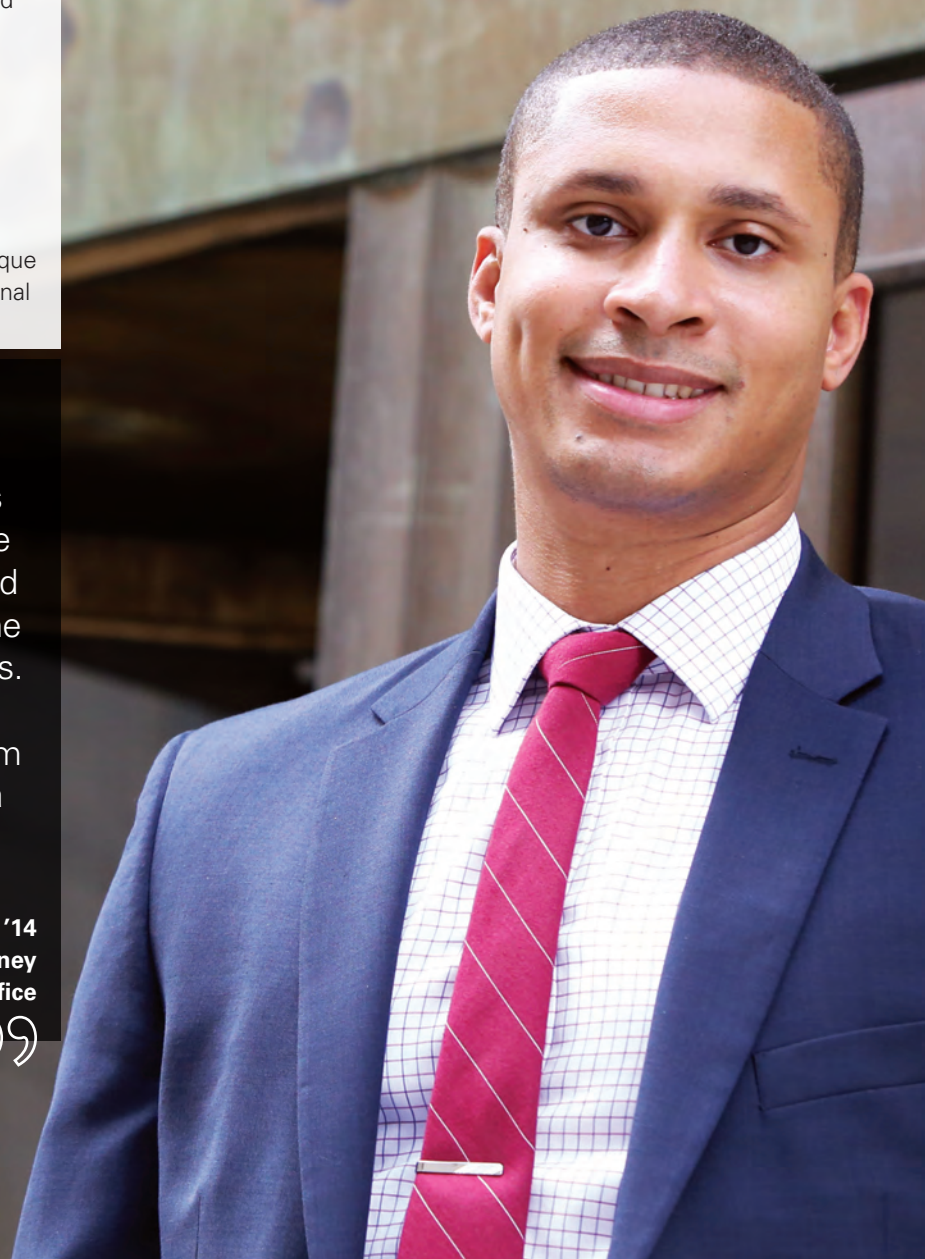
## Criminal Law from Every Angle

- The **Criminal Prosecution Clinic** partners with the Manhattan and Brooklyn District Attorney's Offices. Students work with police officers, victims, and witnesses to prosecute misdemeanor cases from arraignment through trial.
- The **Criminal Defense Clinic** partners with the Legal Aid Society. Students represent low-income defendants in misdemeanor cases from arraignment through trial.
- The **Post-Conviction Innocence Clinic** represents convicted felons who present claims of innocence and seek to reverse their convictions.

Students from the Criminal Prosecution Clinic and the Criminal Defense Clinic participate in a joint seminar—unique to NYLS—to explore broad issues that influence the criminal justice system from a neutral perspective.

The experience I gained through the Criminal Prosecution Clinic with the New York County District Attorney's Office was invaluable. We received much of the same training that first-year prosecutors received and participated in workshops run by some of the Office's most experienced attorneys. The real-world experience of litigating cases in the clinic made the transition from law school to practice easier, since I had a strong foundation of knowledge and the confidence to take on any case.

—Xavier Martinez '14  
Assistant District Attorney  
New York County (Manhattan) District Attorney's Office



# FACULTY

Thought leaders in their fields.  
Champions for their students.



The faculty have made my law school experience very positive and stimulating. From the numerous hours they dedicate to helping us understand the material outside of class time, it is evident that they are deeply committed to ensuring our success in the legal profession.

—Ryan Callinan 2L



DEBORAH ARCHER



Expert in civil rights and racial discrimination. Co-Director of the Impact Center for Public Interest Law and Director of the Racial Justice Project.

DAVID CHANG



Expert in constitutional law including interpretive theory, discrimination, freedom of speech, and hate crimes.

TAMARA BELINFANTI



Co-Director of the Center for Business and Financial Law. Scholarship and teaching focus on corporate governance system design and the relationship between corporations and communities.

STACYANN ELVY



Focuses on commercial law, the Internet of Things, data collection and privacy, consumer protection, and human rights law.

LENNI BENSON



Nationally sought immigration law expert. Founder of the Safe Passage Project, which represents unaccompanied youth in immigration proceedings.

DONI GEWIRTZMAN



Teaches and writes about constitutional law, legislation and regulation, and law and democracy.

Meet more faculty members at  
[www.nyls.edu/faculty](http://www.nyls.edu/faculty)

GERALD KORNGOLD



Director of the Center for Real Estate Studies. Teaches the Conservation Law and Policy Clinic and courses on property, land use, and real estate law.

RICHARD MARSICO



Co-Director of the Impact Center for Public Interest Law with a longstanding focus on antipoverty efforts and civil rights.

NADINE STROSSEN



Expert in constitutional law, civil liberties, and international human rights. First female president of the American Civil Liberties Union (1991–2008).

WILLIAM P. LAPIANA



Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Student Life and a prominent authority in tax, wills, trusts, and estates.

ROSS SANDLER



Founder and Director of the Center for New York City Law. Former New York City Department of Transportation Commissioner and Special Advisor to New York City Mayor Edward Koch.

ANN THOMAS



Taxation expert who teaches a range of tax-related courses and emphasizes the importance of tax literacy among all lawyers.

ARTHUR S. LEONARD



Pioneering scholar and activist on sexual orientation law. Creator of *LGBT Law Notes*, the only nationally circulated newsletter on lesbian and gay legal developments.

HOUMAN SHADAB



Co-Director of the Center for Business and Financial Law. Influential expert on financial technology, smart contracts, hedge funds, derivatives, commercial transactions, Bitcoin, and blockchains.

ARI EZRA WALDMAN



Director of the Innovation Center for Law and Technology and Founder and Director of the Institute for CyberSafety. Noted authority on privacy, technology, and society.



# LIFE AT NYLS

A buzzing downtown campus that feels like a small, friendly village.



## Diversity and Inclusion

Diverse academic settings make for good lawyers. As “New York’s law school,” reflecting the city’s diversity is critical to our mission. Guided by our Institutional Diversity Plan, we continually refine our policies and practices to ensure that students from every background find their voices and thrive on campus. Our Office of Diversity and Inclusion works closely with our Faculty Committee on Diversity and Inclusion and with administration and staff, student representatives, alumni, and outside diversity experts to offer trainings, roundtable discussions, opportunities for networking and recognition, and other activities throughout the academic year.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- In 2017, for the second year in a row, the NYLS Black Law Students Association Chapter was selected as Northeast Regional Chapter of the Year by the National Black Law Students Association. The President of NYLS’s Chapter was also recognized as Northeast Board Member of the Year.
- *Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education* magazine has repeatedly recognized NYLS for Hispanic representation.
- In the 2018 *U.S. News and World Report* Diversity Index, NYLS was ranked in the top 25 percent of law schools for diversity.





## Student Organizations

American Constitution Society

Anti-Trafficking Law Students Association

Asian American Law Students Association

Black Law Students Association

Criminal Law Society

Domestic Violence Project

Federalist Society

First Generation Professionals

Hellenic Law Students Association

Immigration Law Students Association

International Law Society

Italian Law Students Association

Jewish Law Students Association

Latin American Law Students Association

Law Students for Reproductive Justice

Legal Association for Women

Media, Entertainment, and Fashion Law Association

Military Justice and Veterans Association

Muslim Law Students Association

National Association for Elder Law

OutLaws

Phi Alpha Delta

Russian American Law Students Association

Sports Law Society

Student Bar Association

## Student Life

An engaged student body is a happy student body. Cultivating a warm, supportive, and collegial learning environment is one of NYLS's top priorities. The Office of Student Life works to ensure that each student's experience is as productive and meaningful as possible.

## Dean's Leadership Council

Initiated in 2013, the Dean's Leadership Council invites first-year students who perform in the top 25 percent of their class to be part of a series of dialogues on leadership with the Dean, faculty, alumni, and legal professionals. These discussions tackle legal and policy issues that affect New York City, the nation, and the world to help students learn about leadership and influence by spending time with prominent New Yorkers and each other. Students on the Council also advise NYLS leadership on strategic planning issues.

## Co-Curricular Teams

Three award-winning teams offer students opportunities to travel and compete for NYLS while sharpening in-demand courtroom skills. The *New York Law School Law Review* is a prestigious journal of original scholarship.

- Dispute Resolution Team
- Moot Court Association
- *New York Law School Law Review*
- Trial Competition Team

NYLS embodies the definition of 'home.' The faculty, staff, and students are dedicated to ensuring that within these walls is a place of safety and inclusion where you are free to be vulnerable, conquer your fears, and reach your fullest potential regardless of your background. The care and support we receive here motivates us to work hard and aim to become society's most successful leaders.

—Kevon Weekes 2L Evening







## A Campus in Tribeca

For more than 125 years, NYLS has been a lower Manhattan icon. These days, its neighborhood of Tribeca, which stands for the “Triangle Below Canal Street,” is one of the most sought-after ZIP codes in the country. In 2009, NYLS opened its 235,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility, the first institutional building project completed in lower Manhattan after 9/11.



### THE ST. GEORGE RESIDENCE HALL

NYLS's residence hall is one subway stop from lower Manhattan and 15 minutes from campus in Brooklyn Heights, a historic neighborhood with pristine town homes and quiet streets. Single rooms are available in two sizes, and amenities include a gourmet communal kitchen, 24-hour on-site security, study lounges, laundry, and a gym membership. Visit [www.nyls.edu/housing](http://www.nyls.edu/housing) for more.



NYLS is a short walk from the legal center of lower Manhattan. During the school year, it was easy for me to observe New York City Criminal Court proceedings between classes. Having that access allowed me to network with court attorneys, which eventually led me to a judicial internship with the Criminal Court.

—Ethan Binder 2L

## Academic Planning and Career Development

Law students begin their professional lives the first day of law school. At NYLS, your academic planning and your professional development are seamlessly integrated. Guided by the Office of Academic Planning and Career Development, you'll make progress toward your legal career from day one.

- **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** Beginning your first year, professional development skills—from conducting legal research to writing persuasive and effective cover letters and resumes to developing a strong network—are thoroughly integrated into your coursework.
- **ONE-ON-ONE COUNSELING:** As a first-year student, you'll be paired with a counselor to help shape your academic journey and hone your budding career plans. You'll meet regularly to discuss initial career ideas, to review resumes and cover letters, and to prepare a job search strategy for summer employment. Counselors continue to work with upper-level students one-on-one throughout the transition from law student to lawyer.
- **NETWORKING:** Networking forums throughout the year bring together students and professionals from various practice areas. Many of NYLS's talented and accomplished alumni are eager to mentor students and answer questions.
- **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:** The Office of Academic Planning and Career Development hosts large-scale fall and spring recruitment programs and helps students arrange to attend specialty off-campus job fairs. The Office also communicates with hundreds of employers every month about their internship and full-time employment needs. The result: timely and plentiful job postings.



### WHERE NYLS ALUMNI WORK: LAW FIRMS

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**See also:** Pages 12, 14, and 16 for other employers.



The Career Development team was an integral part of my success. My counselors thoroughly reviewed my resume, coached me in interviewing skills, and introduced me to alumni who shared my professional interests. With their help, I connected with law firms that specialize in my practice area and eventually secured a position at one of the top firms in the world as a patent attorney, totally exceeding my expectations!

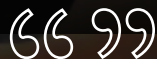
—Stephanie Chichetti '13  
Associate at DLA Piper LLP





Here I stand—immigrant, mother, wife, business owner, daughter, and law school graduate. My story is the story of the American Dream. My story is the story of every immigrant that comes to the United States, of every evening student who works full-time to support a family, of every parent who somehow manages to have children and attend law school classes at night.

—From Diana Ruiz's Class of 2017  
Commencement speech at Lincoln Center



Diana Ruiz '17 graduated from the Evening Division and earned an Advocacy Program Certificate and a Public Service Certificate.



## Visiting Campus

Experience New York Law School in Tribeca for yourself. Get in touch today to set up a visit and information session. Or, if you're in the neighborhood, just stop by. We'd love to show you around.



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