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CARDOZO LAW EXPANDS DATA LAW PROGRAM

September 21, 2015

Cardozo Law Expands The Cardozo Data Law Initiative (CDLI) in Second Year

New Courses, a Data Law Concentration, Increased Business Ties for Student Externships and an Expanded Board of Industry Leaders

NEW YORK, September 21, 2015: Cardozo School of Law, the law school that created the Innocence Project, is continuing its tradition of legal innovation by expanding the Cardozo Data Law Initiative (CDLI), a groundbreaking program that prepares law students for the 21st Century practice of law in the digital world while expanding Cardozo's contribution to legal thought leadership.

At the CDLI Board of Advisors meeting on September 10 in Manhattan, Dean Melanie Leslie announced a new data law concentration at the law school, new courses and expanded business opportunities for student externships. The dean also announced that Ariana J. Tadler, a Partner at Milberg LLP, and one of the leading authorities in the area of electronic discovery, has agreed to serve as Executive Director of the CDLI Board of Advisors for the 2015-16 academic year. She praised Founding Directors Patrick Burke and Denise Backhouse, who will continue to play an active role in the future of the CDLI Board. Additionally, the board named thirteen new members from leading national businesses and law firms, as well as a retired Magistrate Judge.

“Working with this distinguished board of advisors, our goal is to build the most comprehensive data law program of any law school in the country,” said Cardozo Dean Melanie Leslie. “In the year ahead, we

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New Concentration in Data Law, Additional Course Offerings, Expanded Board

will graduate students with data law concentrations who are uniquely qualified for careers in all expanding fields of technology law.”

Dean Leslie thanked the board for their strong leadership during CDLI’s inaugural year and said she looks forward to working with Ms. Tadler, who has 23 years of experience as a lawyer and 15 years in the field of e-discovery. She is listed by Super Lawyers as among the top 50 women in law in the New York area. The CDLI Board of Advisors praised the law school’s decision to create a new data law concentration for JD students. Dean Leslie also announced new industry partnerships, as well as a public events schedule for the academic year at Cardozo, featuring leaders in the field of data law.

“As technology continues to produce sweeping changes in society at large, the legal and business challenges have become more complex and urgent,” said Patrick Burke, Founding Director of CDLI. “Cardozo lawyers will have the tools and expertise to be leaders in these fields.”

Mr. Burke, Senior Counsel at Seyfarth Shaw LLP, served as Executive Director of the CDLI and provided key leadership along with Denise Backhouse, Shareholder at Littler Mendelson, PC, also a founding director.

Launched in 2014, The Cardozo Data Law Initiative provides students at the law school with the theoretical coursework, practical training and real-world exposure necessary for success in the rapidly growing field of data law. In its first year, the CDLI added courses and professors that cover the data law spectrum from privacy to information governance to e-discovery to cybersecurity. The program placed 18 students in externships or permanent post-graduation employment. CDLI partnered with ALM’s Legaltech for the kickoff of Legaltech Week NY to host the daylong “Big Data and the Law” event at Cardozo Law. Other first-year CDLI events included speakers such as U.S. District Judge Shira A. Scheindlin, U.S. Magistrate Judge James Francis IV, Jason R. Baron of Drinker, Biddle & Reath LLP, and Kenneth Withers of the Sedona Conference. Over 50 Cardozo students currently participate in CDLI classes and programs.

A key feature of CDLI is real-world data law experience for students, which takes the form of externships at major corporations and law firms, including Swiss Re, Merkle, Havas Health, Select Media, and Reed Smith. Students also gain technical skills working at

consultancies, including CDS, KMPG, Ernst & Young, Knowledge Strategy Solutions, Tritura, EDT, and Vialumina.

In a big year of expansions for CDLI, Dean Leslie said she is confident this program is going to change students' lives and expand career opportunities, especially with graduates being awarded the Data Law Concentration.

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