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Highlights

- Articles accepted by *Fordham Urban Law Journal* ([Gregory](#)), *Virginia Journal of Social Policy & the Law* ([Margolin](#)), *William & Mary Environmental Law and Policy Review* ([Steiner](#)), and *Pace Law Review* ([Weiskopf](#))
- Articles published in *University of Dayton Law Review* ([Weinberg](#)), and *First Things* ([Movsesian](#))
- Faculty presentations at Willamette ([Movsesian](#)), Nova Southeastern University ([Ruescher](#)), Law & Society Annual Meeting ([Salomone](#)), and ABA Annual Meeting ([Hennigan](#))
- [Chiu](#) organizes Northeast People of Color Conference
- [Gregory](#) and [Warner](#) organize symposium on *The Future of Labor Through the Prism of Bankruptcy*
- [Krishnakumar](#) organizes Constitution Day symposium on election law

John Q. Barrett, *Professor of Law*



Professor Barrett was featured in the report, "[Gonzales Case Echoes FDR's AG Problems](#)," on National Public Radio's *Morning Edition*. The interview, by NPR's legal affairs correspondent Nina Totenberg, was prompted by Professor Barrett's [posting](#) to his *Jackson List* about the departure of Attorney General Robert Jackson from the Department of Justice in 1941. Professor Barrett's *Jackson List* is an e-mail distribution of short articles by Professor Barrett, usually connecting current events to the life and work of Justice Robert Jackson. The postings to the Jackson List, which are distributed to thousands of readers, are collected [here](#).

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Elaine M. Chiu, Associate Professor of Law



Professor Chiu was a primary organizer of the Northeast People of Color Conference, which was held at Southern New England School of Law on September 14-15. The conference, titled [*Moving Forward or Moving Backward?: Criminal Justice and Immigration in the 21st Century*](#), featured a keynote address by Charles Ogletree and dozens of presentations by professors from law schools all around the country. In addition to organizing the conference, Professor Chiu moderated a panel on “Law Enforcement and the Dangers of Discretion.”

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Mary C. Daly, Dean and John V. Brennan Professor of Law and Ethics



Dean Daly conducted a two-hour program on International Legal Ethics for the New York County Lawyers’ Association. She also was a speaker on a program “Ethics for Breakfast: Problems among Attorneys, Fiduciaries, Beneficiaries and Business Owners,” which was sponsored by Calvary Hospital.

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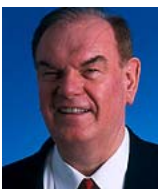
David L. Gregory, Dorothy Day Professor of Law



Professor Gregory’s article, “Labor Organizing by Executive Order—Governor Spitzer and the Unionization of Home-Based Child Day Care Providers” will be published in the *Fordham Urban Law Journal*. The solicited article was written for Fordham’s *Symposium on New Forms of Union Organizing*. Here at St. John’s, Professor Gregory co-chaired the symposium [*The Future of Labor Through the Prism of Bankruptcy*](#). Along with co-chair Professor G. Ray Warner, Professor Gregory wrote the “Introduction to the Symposium,” which will appear in the *American Bankruptcy Institute Law Review*. Professor Gregory was also quoted in several major news articles regarding labor relations issues, including front page articles in the *New York Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, and *Toronto Star*.

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John P. Hennigan, Professor of Law



At the ABA's Annual Meeting, Professor Hennigan was a panelist in a program on the Supreme Court's 2006 term. The program was moderated by David Savage of the *Los Angeles Times*, and also featured Professors Robert Abrams (Florida A&M), Vikram Amar (Hastings) and Pamela Karlan (Stanford).

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Anita S. Krishnakumar, *Assistant Professor of Law*



Professor Krishnakumar organized and moderated the School of Law's official Constitution Day celebration. The symposium, which examined "Election Law and the Constitution," featured law professors Richard Briffault (Columbia), Ellen Katz (Michigan), and Janai Nelson (St. John's), along with prominent civil rights attorney Richard Emery.

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Dale S. Margolin, *Clinical Teaching Fellow*



Professor Margolin's article "[No Chance to Prove Themselves: The Rights of Mentally Disabled Parents Under the Americans with Disabilities Act and State Law](#)" was accepted for publication by the *Virginia Journal of Social Policy & the Law*. Professor Margolin also continued her extensive community service on behalf of children at risk. She was invited to join or appointed to four different organizations: the Board of Directors of In the Spirit of the Children, Inc., a social service agency in New York; the Advisory Board of the Resilience Law and Advocacy Project in New York; the Advisory Council of the Campaign for Youth Justice in Washington, DC; and the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Children and the Law.

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Mark L. Movsesian, *Visiting Professor of Law*



Professor Movsesian presented his paper "Judging International Judgments" at a faculty workshop at Willamette University College of Law. His essay, "Innocents Abroad," a review of Robert Kagan's *Dangerous Nation*, appeared in the August-September edition of *First Things*.

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Janai S. Nelson, *Research Professor of Law; Fellow, Ronald H. Brown Center for Civil Rights and Economic Development*



Professor Nelson was a panelist at the School of Law's official Constitution Day celebration, where she discussed "Voter Identification Requirements: Concerns and Consequences." In addition, Professor Nelson's article "[The Audacity of Hope' and the 2008 Elections](#)" appeared on NPR's "Talking Justice" blog as part of the blog's monthly series of articles by faculty affiliates of the Ronald H. Brown Center.

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Robert E. Parella, *George F. Keenan Professor of Real Property Law*



Professor Parella is a member of a Special Task Force of the New York State Bar Association's Real Property Section. The Task Force was organized to seek a veto by Governor Spitzer of an adverse possession bill that was hastily approved by the legislature in response to a New York Court of Appeals' decision of last year. The Governor recently vetoed the measure with a [message](#) that cited the Task Force's [Memorandum](#). The Task Force, led by retired St. John's Professor Robert Zinman, is now working on a promised review of New York's adverse possession statutes and case law, to determine what recommendations should be made by the state bar association.

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Robert A. Ruescher, *Associate Professor of Legal Writing; Coordinator, Legal Writing Program*



Professor Ruescher presented at the [Southeast Legal Writing Conference](#), which was held at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale. The conference's theme was "Teaching the Basics: Practical Ideas for the Legal Research and Writing Classroom." Professor Ruescher's presentation, titled "Using the Multistate Performance Test in the Legal Writing Classroom," discussed how the aims and methods of the MPT, which is part of the bar exams in approximately thirty states, could help improve legal writing instruction in first year and upper level writing courses.

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Rosemary C. Salomone, *Kenneth Wang Professor of Law*



Professor Salamone presented a paper titled "Language, Schooling, and Identity: The Implications of Transnationalism, Globalization, and Mass Migration" at the Law and Society meeting at Humboldt University in Berlin.

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Jeff Sovern, *Professor of Law*



Professor Sovern's co-authored book *Selected Consumer Statutes* was published by Thomson/West. In addition, the Social Science Research Network distributed the first issues of the [Consumer Law Abstracts Journal](#), which Professor Sovern co-edits.

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Julie E. Steiner, *Assistant Professor of Legal Writing*



Professor Steiner's article "[The Illegality of Contingency Fee Arrangements when Prosecuting Public Natural Resource Damage Claims and the Need for Legislative Reform](#)" was accepted for publication by the *William & Mary Environmental Law and Policy Review*. A working draft of the article posted on ssrn has already been cited in a brief filed in the United States District Court for the District of the Virgin Islands.

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G. Ray Warner, *Professor of Law; Director, L.L.M. in Bankruptcy Program*



Along with Professor Gregory, Professor Warner co-organized the symposium [The Future of Labor Through the Prism of Bankruptcy](#) and co-wrote the "Introduction to the Symposium," which will appear in the *American Bankruptcy Institute Law Review*.

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Philip Weinberg, *Professor of Law*



Professor Weinberg's article, "[O Centro Espirita: The Supreme Court Raises the Spirits of the Free Exercise Clause](#)," has been published at 32 *University of Dayton Law Review* 385. The New York State Bar Association's Task Force on Eminent Domain Issues published its final report, to which he significantly contributed. He submitted revisions to [Understanding Environmental Law](#) (LexisNexis), which he co-authored with Adjunct Professor Kevin A. Reilly, for the forthcoming second edition of that work. Over the summer, Professor Weinberg supervised the Law School's overseas Program in Rome, where he also taught International Environmental Law.

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Nicholas R. Weiskopf, *Professor of Law*



Professor Weiskopf's essay "Wood v. Lucy: The Overlap Between Interpretation and Gap-Filling" was accepted for publication in the *Pace Law Review*, as part of a special symposium issue celebrating the 90th anniversary of the famous contracts case.

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