

Faculty News and Activities

December 2005 – January 2006

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- [Hughes](#) and Child Advocacy Clinic receive \$300,000 federal grant
- [Baynes](#) and Brown Center enter partnership with Legal Outreach and receive \$60,000 grant for Summer Prep Program from New York Community Trust
- [Tamanaha](#) to deliver Keynote Address to 7th Congress of the European Association of Legislation in The Hague
- [Barrett](#) featured on PBS's American Experience
- [Borgen](#)'s blog receives its 100,000th visitor
- Continued accolades for [Joseph](#)'s books of poetry
- Article accepted by *Villanova Environmental Law Review* ([Weinberg](#)) and *Syllabus* ([Baynes](#))
- Articles published in *American Bankruptcy Institute Law Review* ([Hennigan](#) and [Warner](#)), *Cardozo Women's Law Journal* ([Boyle](#)), *Monthly Digest of Tax Articles* ([Todres](#)), *Historical Society of the Courts of the State of New York Newsletter* ([Barrett](#)), *The Catalyst* ([Gregory](#)), and *New York Real Property Law Journal* ([Zinman](#))
- New edition *ERISA Litigation* published by BNA ([Stabile](#)) and book chapter published by Columbia University Press ([Gregory](#))
- St. John's at the AALS Annual Meeting: [Baynes](#), [Boyle](#), [Skirde](#), and [Wade](#)

Vincent C. Alexander, Charles M. Sparacio Professor of Law



Professor Alexander's 2006 Supplementary Practice Commentaries on the New York Civil Practice Law and Rules in *McKinney's Consolidated Laws of New York Annotated* were published in December. Professor Alexander also participated in the 2005 New Judges Seminar for the [New York State Judicial Institute](#) by leading the judges in a discussion of evidence problems in civil cases.

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John Q. Barrett, Professor of Law



Professor Barrett's commissioned article [Robert H. Jackson's Oral Arguments before the New York Court of Appeals](#) was published in 3 [Historical Society of the Courts of the State of New York Newsletter](#) 3-5. He also moderated a panel on [The History of the Rehnquist Court](#) at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

The frequent invocations of Justice Jackson's name during the Samuel Alito confirmation hearings left Professor Barrett in high demand. On January 11, his essay [Samuel Alito Misunderstands Justice Jackson's Famous Opinion in the Steel Seizure Case](#) appeared on History News Network. That same day, he was interviewed on BBC Radio's [The World](#) regarding the *Steel Seizure Cases*, Justice Jackson, and presidential power. He was also quoted in the *New York Times Week in Review*, and *The Washington Post*. At St. John's, he was the commentator, following a speech by Roger Pilon of the Cato Institute, at a Federalist Society chapter forum on the Alito confirmation hearings.

Professor Barrett also continued his work on Justice Jackson at Nuremberg. On January 30 (and in later rebroadcasts), he appeared, filmed in the Belson Moot Court Room, in [The Nuremberg Trials](#), a new PBS/WGBH American Experience documentary,. In connection with that documentary, Professor Barrett was quoted in *Bloomberg News* and profiled on the [CrimProf Blog](#). On January 31, he spoke on [Nuremberg @ 60: The Ongoing Project of Justice Robert H. Jackson](#), as part of Columbia Law School's [Center on Global Legal Problems](#) lecture series.

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Leonard M. Baynes, *Professor of Law; Director, Ronald H. Brown Center for Civil Rights and Economic Development*



In the last two months, Professor Baynes has solidified St. John's position as a leader in "pipeline" programs designed to increase the diversity of the legal profession. First, he secured a \$60,000 grant from the New York Community Trust for the Ronald H. Brown Center's Summer Law School Prep Program. The grant will help fund the three-week summer program for college sophomores, and will also fund an LSAT Prep course for the students in their junior year. For more information about the Summer Prep Program, see this [press release](#). Second, he formed a new partnership [Legal Outreach](#), a non-profit organization that runs summer legal education programs for eighth graders residing in underserved communities. In the St. John's program this summer, twenty-four eighth graders from Queens will attend five weeks of classes taught by current St. John's students. The program will also feature daily presentations from professors and prominent alumni. For more information about this exciting new program, see this [press release](#).

At the AALS annual meeting in January, Professor Baynes moderated a panel entitled [Surviving and Thriving Tenure: Concrete Steps for People of Color and their Law Schools to Take to Make Tenure Successful](#). The panel was organized by the AALS Standing Committee on the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Faculty, which Professor Baynes chaired in 2005. Professor Baynes spoke at two other events in January. On January 20, he spoke at a Ford Foundation program entitled *Media Communications at a Crossroads: The Role of Scholarship for Media Reform and Justice*. On January 28, he presented at a program at John Jay College of Criminal Justice entitled [Access to Law School: Building Greater Diversity, A Work in Progress](#). The program was co-sponsored by John Jay and the Metropolitan Black Bar Association.

Finally, Professor Baynes' article *Creative Solutions to Increase Law Student Diversity* was accepted for publication in *Syllabus*, the quarterly newsletter of the ABA Section on Legal Education.

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Charles E. Biblowit, Professor of Law



At the New York State Bar Association annual meeting, Professor Biblowit was elected to two positions with the International Law & Practice Section: member of the Executive Committee and co-chair of the Committee on Public International & Comparative Law.

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Christopher J. Borgen, Assistant Professor of Law



Professor Borgen's blog [Opinio Juris](#) received its [100,000th visitor](#) in December and celebrated its one-year anniversary in January. Founded by Professor Borgen and two other international law professors, *Opinio Juris* is a weblog dedicated to reports, commentary, and debate on current developments and scholarship in the fields of international law and politics.

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Robin A. Boyle, Assistant Professor of Legal Writing



Professor Boyle's co-authored article *In Response to the Remarks by Lawrence H. Summers, Presenting Empirical Data on the Differences in Learning Styles Between Males and Females* was published in 11 *Cardozo Women's Law Journal* 505.

In early December, Professor Boyle hosted thirty-three high-school students from the Bronx School for Law, Government, and Justice for a series of programs at the law school. The event was funded by a grant from the Law School Admission Council.

At the AALS Annual Meeting, Professor Boyle presented the results of her empirical research into student learning styles. Her presentation was part of a program entitled [The How Tos and Whys: Exploring the Consequences of Our Pedagogical Choices](#), which was sponsored by the Section on Teaching Methods. Professor Boyle was also selected to Chair the 2007 AALS Annual Meeting Program Committee for the Section on Academic Support Programs.

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Gina M. Calabrese, Assistant Professor of Clinical Education



Professor Calabrese and Professor Ann Goldweber were selected to run a concurrent session at the spring 2006 Clinical Legal Education Association Conference in New York City. Their session will explore the ways in which the Elder Law Clinic has successfully collaborated with other legal service providers and community organizations in representing and advocating for victims of predatory lending in the Queens community.

In addition, as part of St. John's University's [Founder's Week](#) celebration, Professor Calabrese spoke at the Founder's Week Faculty Research Luncheon. Her talk, which was part of a program entitled [The Place of Courage in the Academic Virtues](#), focused

on Professor Calabrese's work in the Elder Law Clinic. Professor Calabrese is currently a fellow with the University's [Vincentine Center for Church and Society](#).

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



Dean Daly was appointed Chair of the New York State Bar Association Program on Ethics and Professionalism and Chair of the AALS Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure. In addition, she spoke at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York as part of a program entitled [Ethics, Discipline and Real World Obligations in Law Firm Practice](#).

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Vincent Di Lorenzo, *Professor of Law*



Professor Di Lorenzo served as a panelist at a program at the Annual Meeting of the New York State Bar Association. His presentation, *Condominiums and Unreasonable Restraints on Alienation*, was part of a panel on Advanced Topics in Condominium and Cooperative Law that was organized by the Real Property Section.

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Ann L. Goldweber, *Assistant Professor of Clinical Education; Director of Clinical Education*



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David L. Gregory, *Professor of Law*

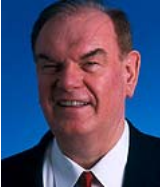


Professor Gregory was a frequent media commentator during the December New York City transit strike, including in the *New York Times*, the *Daily News*, and the *New York Post*, and on WNBC-TV, WABC-TV, PBS-TV, CNBC-TV, AP Radio, Bloomberg News Radio, PBS-TV, and CNN Radio.

In addition, Professor Gregory's chapter on Dorothy Day appeared in [The Teachings of Modern Christianity: On Law, Politics, and Human Nature](#), which was published by Columbia University Press. His essay *Resolving the Culture War on Religion*, reviewing Kevin Hasson's *The Right to be Wrong: Ending the Culture War over Religion in America*, appeared in [The Catalyst](#), the monthly newsletter of the Catholic League.

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John P. Hennigan, Professor of Law



Professor Hennigan's article [Rousey and the New Retirement Funds Exemption](#) was published in 13 *American Bankruptcy Institute Law Review* 777. In addition, Professor Hennigan conducted two workshops on recent developments in business bankruptcy at the [Eastern District of Pennsylvania Bankruptcy Conference](#) on January.

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Theresa A. Hughes, Assistant Professor of Clinical Education



Under the leadership of Professor Hughes, the [Child Advocacy Clinic](#) was awarded a \$300,000 grant from the federal government. The grant, which Professor Hughes had been working toward for several years, was secured with the assistance of Senator Hillary Clinton, who noted: "This is much more than just an educational initiative; the Child Advocacy Clinic aims to make a real difference in the lives of the most vulnerable members of our society." For more information about the grant, see this [press release](#).

In addition, Professor Hughes participated in an invitation-only working conference at the William S. Boyd School of Law (UNLV) entitled [Representing Children in Families: Exploring the Relationship Between Children's Advocacy and Justice Ten Years After Fordham](#). Finally, during St. John's annual Founder's Week, which celebrates the University's Vincentian Heritage, Professor Hughes received a special recognition for embodying "the courage and generosity" of the Vincentian Mission through her work with the Child Advocacy Clinic.

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Lawrence Joseph, Rev. Joseph T. Tinnelly, C.M., Professor of Law



Professor Joseph's two recent books of poetry – [Into It](#), and [Codes, Precepts, Biases, and Taboos: Poems 1973-1993](#) – continued to receive accolades. Both books were chosen by Joyce Carol Oates as "[TLS Books of the Year](#)" in the December 2, 2005 edition of the *Times Literary Supplement*, and *Into It* was chosen as a January 2006 selection of Doubleday Select's prestigious literary book club [The Reader's Subscription](#). The books were also the subject of laudatory reviews by Tim Kindseth in the [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#) and by Paul Mariani in [America](#).

Several of Professor Joseph's poems have received individual attention: "Unyieldingly Present" and "In a Mood" were published in the inaugural issue of [Subtopics](#), the literary magazine of the University of Florida; "An Awful Lot Was Happening" appeared in [Writing in Ann Arbor: A Literary Anthology](#), published by the University of Michigan Press; and "Some Sort of Chronicler I Am" will be included in the forthcoming third edition of the premier anthology of American poetry, the [Oxford Book of American Poetry](#).

Professor Joseph also conducted several poetry readings, including on the [WBAI](#) radio program *The Next Hour*, on the [WUSB](#) radio program [If This Be Treason](#), and at [Alwan for the Arts](#) in New York City. Finally, the January issue of [New York County Lawyer](#), the monthly newsletter of the New York County Lawyer's Association, featured a profile of Professor Joseph in conjunction with the formal announcement that

Professor Joseph will receive the Association's Law & Literature Award. Past recipients of the Award, which will be given to Professor Joseph in April, have been Louis Auchincloss and Louis Begley.

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Paul F. Kirgis, Professor of Law



At the AALS Annual Meeting, Professor Kirgis was elected to the Executive Board of the AALS Section on Dispute Resolution.

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Michael A. Perino, Professor of Law



Professor Perino presented a paper entitled *Markets and Monitors: The Impact of Competition and Experience on Attorneys' Fees in Securities Class Actions* at the Eugene P. and Delia S. Murphy Conference on Corporate Law at Fordham Law School. He also participated in a panel entitled *Fairness in Class Actions: Class Action Reform and Other Issues Confronting Class Action Litigants* at the Federal Bar Council's 2005 Fall Bench and Bar Retreat.

In addition, Professor Perino's most recent paper, [*Markets and Monitors: The Impact of Competition and Experience on Attorneys' Fees in Securities Class Actions*](#), was selected for presentation at the [American Law & Economics Association Annual Meeting](#), which will be held at Berkeley in May.

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Rosemary C. Salomone, Kenneth Wang Professor of Law



In December, Professor Salomone spoke at NYU Law School on the Evolution/Intelligent Design Debate, in an event sponsored by the school's ACLU chapter.

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Edward G. Skirde, Vice President Emeritus and Director of Development



At the AALS Annual Meeting, Dr. Skirde moderated a panel entitled *Managing Expectations* as part of the Section on Institutional Advancement's day-long program [*Institutional Advancement: It's Not Just Fundraising Anymore*](#).

Susan J. Stabile, Professor of Law



The second edition of Professor Stabile's co-authored treatise *ERISA Litigation* was published by BNA in December. In addition, in a recent [Appellate Division decision](#) addressing the constitutionality of requiring religious employers to provide health coverage for contraception, both the majority and the dissent cited Professor Stabile's [2005 article](#) on the subject from the *Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy*.

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Brian Z. Tamanaha, Chief Judge Benjamin N. Cardozo Professor of Law



Professor Tamanaha has been invited to deliver a keynote address to the [7th Congress of the European Association of Legislation](#), which will be hosted in June 2006 by the [Academy for Legislation](#) in The Hague. The EAL Congress is an annual meeting that brings together hundreds of European national legislators and their staffs. As one of two Keynote Speakers at the Congress, Professor Tamanaha's address will focus on the rule of law, the subject of his 2004 book [On the Rule of Law: History, Politics, Theory](#) from Cambridge University Press.

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Jacob L. Todres, Professor of Law



Professor Todres' *Tax Notes* article, [Investment in a Bad Tax Shelter: Malpractice Recovery from the Tax Advisor is No Slam-Dunk](#), was reprinted in the December 2005 *Monthly Digest of Tax Articles*.

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Cheryl L. Wade, Dean Harold F. McNiece Professor of Law



Professor Wade presented at the AALS Annual Meeting as part of an extended day-long program entitled [Socio-Economics – A Distinct School of Thought](#). The program was jointly sponsored by the Sections on Socio-Economics, Minority Groups, International Human Rights, Jurisprudence, and Women in Legal Education. Professor Wade's panel was entitled *Corporate Governance, Fiduciary Duties and Social Responsibility*.

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



Professor Warner's article *Garnishment Restrictions and the Involuntary Chapter 11: Rethinking Kokoszka in a Means Test World* was published at 13 *American Bankruptcy Institute Law Review* 733.

In addition, Professor Warner was appointed Chair of two different organizations: the AALS Section on Post-Graduate Legal Education and the American Bankruptcy Institute's Pensions and Bankruptcy Committee. He also participated in a conference on *Study and Training in Global Comparative and International Insolvency Law* in London, where he served as section reporter for the Curriculum Development Workshop. And finally, he made a presentation on *Utilities and Priorities under 2005 BAPCPA Amendments* at the [Eastern District of Pennsylvania Bankruptcy Conference](#).

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Philip Weinberg, Professor of Law



Professor Weinberg's article *Endangered Statute? The Current Assault on the Endangered Species Act* was accepted for publication in the [Villanova Environmental Law Journal](#). Professor Weinberg's other writings included updating his chapter entitled *Equal Protection* for the ABA book [Law of Environmental Justice](#) and drafting a portion of a report for the New York State Bar Association's [Task Force on Eminent Domain](#), which recommended changes to New York law in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision in *Kelo v City of New London*. Finally, Professor Weinberg was quoted in a *New York Times* article on the controversy surrounding the development of the Atlantic City Railyards in Brooklyn.

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Robert M. Zinman, Professor of Law



Professor Zinman's article *New Bankruptcy Law Affects Real Estate Investments* appeared in the [New York Real Property Law Journal](#). In addition, at the New York State Bar Association's annual meeting, Professor Zinman spoke at a program sponsored by the Real Estate Financing Committee and the Real Estate Workouts and Bankruptcy Committee. His talk addressed efforts to overcome the Seventh Circuit's 2003 decision in *Precision Industries. v. Qualitech*.

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