

FACULTY NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER 2006

Highlights

- [Tamanaha](#)'s Law as a Means to an End published
- [Borgen](#) receives Moldova's highest civilian award
- [Zinman](#) honored with scholarship in his name
- Articles accepted by Georgetown Law Journal ([Nelson](#)), Florida Law Review ([Zick](#)), Georgetown Journal of International Law ([Daly](#)), St. John's Law Review ([Kirgis](#))
- Article published in Nevada Law Journal ([Hughes](#))
- Faculty presentations at Washington University School of Law ([Barrett](#)), Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars ([Borgen](#)), Canadian Law and Economics Association ([Di Lorenzo](#)), Villanova University ([Gregory](#)), DePaul University ([Gregory](#)), Lewis & Clark Law School ([Stabile](#)), Seattle University School of Law (Wade), Francqui Foundation ([Tamanaha](#))
- [Sovern](#) launches consumer protection blog
- [Calabrese](#) organizes mock trial program for local grade school students

John Q. Barrett, *Professor of Law*



Professor Barrett gave a principal lecture, "The Crucial Role of Justice Robert H. Jackson," at a 60th anniversary symposium, [Judgment at Nuremberg](#), at Washington University School of Law in St. Louis. He also continued his Nuremberg-related media appearances, including being quoted in Jeffrey Rosen's *New York Times* Week in Review article, "A Terror Trial, With or Without Due Process," and appearing in a Dutch public television documentary, *Het proces van Neurenberg*, which can be viewed online [here](#). (Professor Barrett's comments were broadcast in English with Dutch subtitles).

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



Professor Baynes' op-ed piece [*The FCC and the Media One Year After Katrina*](#) appeared on [Jurist](#), the popular legal news and information web site.

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Christopher J. Borgen, *Associate Professor of Law*



Professor Borgen was awarded the Moldovan Medal of Civic Merit ("Meritul Civic"), [Moldova's](#) highest civilian award, by President Vladimir Voronin. The medal was also awarded to Adjunct Professor Mark A. Meyer, '71L, a member of the New York City firm of Herzfeld & Rubin. The decoration acknowledges Professors Borgen and Meyer for their work in producing [*Thawing a Frozen Conflict: Legal Aspects of the Separatist Crisis in Moldova: A Report from the Association of the Bar of the City of New York*](#), a report about the international law aspects of Moldova's separatist conflict in Transnistria. The report resulted from a Mission of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York that visited Moldova in 2005.

Professor Borgen was formally decorated by the Moldovan Foreign Minister Andrei Stratan on September 25 at a joint meeting of the City Bar's European Affairs Committee, which Professor Meyer chairs, and the United Nations Committee, which Professor Borgen chairs. In addition to Minister Stratan, attendees at the ceremony included Moldova's new Ambassador to the United States, Moldova's new Ambassador to the United Nations, and present and former high-level officials of the Romanian government. More information about this honor is available [here](#).

Professors Borgen and Meyer also recently spoke on the Moldovan conflict at the [Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars](#) in Washington, D.C. A video of the program, entitled "Separatism in Moldova: Political and Legal Aspects of a 'Frozen Conflict,'" may be viewed on the Wilson Center's [video archive website](#).

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Robin A. Boyle, *Professor of Legal Writing*



Professor Boyle's book chapter *A Blueprint for a Truly Innovative Law School* was accepted for publication in *What If . . . : A Guide to Improving Education* (Rowman & Littlefield, Rita Dunn & Shirley A. Griggs, eds.)

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Gina M. Calabrese, Assistant Professor of Clinical Education



As part of St. John's University's annual [Service Day](#), Professor Calabrese coordinated a mock trial program for local fourth grade children from Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary School in Jamaica, Queens. Professor Calabrese, who is also a Fellow with the Vincentian Center for Church and Society, organized law students from the SBA's Community Outreach Committee and the Polestino Trial Advocacy Institute, who visited Presentation School to coach the fourth graders. The culmination of the program was a mock trial performed by the fourth graders in the Belson Moot Court Room, where they played the roles of prosecutors, defense counsel, witnesses, judge, and jury. After a full trial, the defendant in *Village of Sheepfold v. Joey Wolfcryer* was convicted of "crying wolf" and sentenced to a month of cleaning blackboards. More information about this event is available [here](#).

In addition, on September 22nd, Professor Calabrese conducted a training program on consumer litigation for the legal staff of the Africa Services Committee, a non-profit organization based in Harlem that provides health, housing, legal and social services to the African community in New York City.

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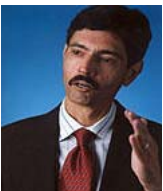
Mary C. Daly, Dean and John V. Brennan Professor of Law and Ethics



Dean Daly's article *Flattening the World of Legal Services? The Ethical and Liability Minefields of Offshoring Legal and Law-Related Services*, co-authored with Carole Silver of Northwestern, was accepted by the [Georgetown Journal of International Law](#) as the lead article in its upcoming symposium issue on offshoring.

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Vincent Di Lorenzo, Professor of Law



Professor Di Lorenzo presented a paper at the Annual Meeting of the [Canadian Law and Economics Association](#) held at the University of Toronto, September 29-30, 2006. His paper [Does the Law Encourage Unethical Conduct in the Securities Industry?](#) explored the results of behavioral studies from the viewpoint of complexity theory.

Professor Di Lorenzo also was asked to join in an [amicus brief](#) filed in *Watters v. Wachovia Bank*, a Supreme Court case examining the power of federal bank regulatory agencies to preempt state consumer protection and fair lending laws. The request came as a result of his [paper](#) on federal regulatory preemption that was distributed on SSRN and was the basis of his presentation at the ABA Spring Meeting.

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David L. Gregory, Dorothy Day Professor of Law



On September 26, Professor Gregory presented his paper, *The Prescient Critique of Technology*, at the Villanova University Symposium Conference [Catholic Social Teaching and Human Work: 25th Anniversary of Laborem Exercens](#). The paper will be published in the *Villanova Journal of Catholic Social Thought*.

On September 28, Professor Gregory presented the annual St. Vincent de Paul Lecture at De Paul University. His lecture, which was hosted by DePaul's [Office of Mission and Values](#), was titled [In Our Times, The Unfinished Work of Frederic Ozanam](#), and addressed the unfinished work of Blessed Frederick Ozanam, a lawyer, law professor, and the founder of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Professor Gregory also presented a version of the lecture at a St. John's faculty workshop on September 11

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Theresa Hughes, Assistant Professor of Clinical Education



Professor Hughes' co-authored article [The Report of the Working Group on the Role of Race, Ethnicity and Class](#) was published at 6 *Nevada Law Journal* 634. The report grew out of the conference [Representing Children and Families](#), which was held at the William S. Boyd School of Law, UNLV in January 2006.

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Paul F. Kirgis, Professor of Law



Professor Kirgis's article *Judicial Review and the Limits of Arbitral Authority: Lessons from the Law of Contract* will be published in an issue of the *St. John's Law Review* dedicated to the July 2006 symposium [Transatlantic Perspectives on ADR](#).

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Dale S. Margolin, Clinical Teaching Fellow



On September 15, Professor Margolin conducted CLE training for the Legal Aid Society, Juvenile Rights Division. Her presentation was titled "Representing Adolescents in Foster Care."

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Mark L. Movsesian, *Visiting Professor of Law*



Professor Movsesian's paper *International Judgments and "Respectful Consideration": Understanding Sanchez-Llamas* was one of five papers selected for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the [American Society of International Law's Interest Group on International Law in Domestic Courts](#). This year's meeting will be held in December at the University of San Diego.

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



Professor Nelson's article *White Challengers, Black Majorities: Reconciling Competition in Majority-Minority Districts with the Promise of the Voting Rights Act* was accepted for publication in the *Georgetown Law Journal* as part of the journal's symposium [The Law of Politics: The Role of Law in Advancing Democracy](#).

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



Professor Salomone was quoted in an [article](#) on FoxNews.com about same-sex schools.

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Jeff Sovern, *Professor of Law*



Professor Sovern launched the [Consumer Law and Policy Blog](#), a weblog that he conceived and co-coordinates. The blog is sponsored by Public Citizen's [Consumer Justice Project](#), and the regular contributors include a diverse group of lawyers and law professors who practice, teach, or write about consumer law and policy. The blog's web address is www.clpblog.org.

In launching this blog, Professor Sovern joins a growing cadre of St. John's law professors who are active in the blogosphere, including Professors [Borgen](#) ([Opinio Juris](#)), [Stabile](#) ([Mirror of Justice](#)), and [Tamanaha](#) ([Balkanization](#)).

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Susan J. Stabile, *Dean George W. Matheson Professor of Law*



Professor Stabile participated in Lewis & Clark Law School's Twelfth Annual Business Law Forum [The Aging of the Baby Boomers and America's Changing Retirement System](#). Professor Stabile's presentation, which was titled *Is It Time to Admit the Failure of an Employer-Based Pension System?*, will be published in a forthcoming issue of the *Lewis & Clark Law Review*. A podcast of Professor Stabile's presentation is available [here](#).

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



Professor Tamanaha's book [Law as a Means to an End: Threat to the Rule of Law](#) was published by Cambridge University Press. The book, Professor Tamanaha's fourth with a major university press in the past ten years, is already receiving rave reviews. For example, Lawrence Solum, author of the influential [Legal Theory Blog](#), wrote: "This is not just an important book – it is THE important book of legal theory for this decade. *Law as a Means to an End* is superb."

Professor Tamanaha also delivered a paper at an international colloquium on "Response of State Law to the Expression of Cultural Identity." The colloquium was held in Brussels and was sponsored by the [Francqui Foundation](#).

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Nelson Tebbe, *Assistant Professor of Law*



Professor Tebbe moderated the law school's Constitution Day panel, which addressed issues of judicial independence. Panelists included Eleventh Circuit Judge Rosemary Barkett, NYU Law Professor Bert Neuborne, and Barry Kamins, President of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

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



On September 29, Professor Wade participated in a conference at Seattle University School of Law titled [Law & Economics: Toward Social Justice](#). As part of a panel on "Gender, Class & Race: Implications of and Alternatives to the Dominant Economic Paradigm," Professor Wade presented a paper titled *The Impact of Corporate Governance, Culture and Workplace Discrimination on Professional Black Women and the Economic Health of the United States*. The paper will be published in a forthcoming volume of the Elsevier book series *Research in Law & Economics*.

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



Professor Warner organized and hosted “[A Special Evening in Honor of Professor Robert M Zinman](#)”, which was held at the University Club on September 14. Professor Warner also served on the Robert M. Zinman Scholarship Committee, which raised over \$170,000 to establish the Robert M Zinman Scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a deserving student in the law school’s [LL.M. in Bankruptcy Program](#).

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Philip Weinberg, Professor of Law



On September 27, Professor Weinberg spoke at an event sponsored by the law school’s [Federalist Society](#) regarding constitutional issues involving eminent domain. He also agreed, along with his co-author Adjunct Professor Kevin Reilly, to prepare a second edition of their book [Understanding Environmental Law](#) (LexisNexis 1998).

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Timothy Zick, Associate Professor of Law



Professor Zick’s article [Clouds, Cameras, and Computers: The First Amendment and Networked Public Places](#) was accepted for publication by the *Florida Law Review*.

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Robert M. Zinman, Professor of Law



Professor Zinman was the reluctant guest of honor at “[A Special Evening in Honor of Professor Robert M Zinman](#),” which was held at the University Club on September 14. Most of the over 250 attendees were current or former students or colleagues of Professor Zinman, who gathered to pay tribute to Professor Zinman’s many years of service to St. John’s, to the American Bankruptcy Institute, to Metropolitan Life, and to the bankruptcy bar. The event raised over \$170,000 to establish the Robert M. Zinman Scholarship, which will be awarded to a deserving student in the law school’s [LL.M. in Bankruptcy Program](#).

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