



# RUTGERS LAW ALUMNI NEWARK

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni and Friends,

As we wind up Summer, and begin the journey into Fall, I am reminded of the cycle of things. The small comfort in knowing that when things around us may seem chaotic there are things that always remain constant such as the change in seasons. It is with that thought that on behalf of the Rutgers School of Law Newark Alumni Association, I would like to express our condolences to the family of Christina Cassidy, class of 2018. Christina passed away on September 3, 2016. Christina left an indelible mark on the lives of many, and will be deeply missed by the Rutgers Law family.

In the coming months, the Alumni Association will be hosting events to build on the theme of home and family. This year, our Annual Alumni Recognition Gala will be held on November 9th in the Great Hall of 15 Washington Street, the site of the “old” Law School, which has become new again. For additional information about registration and sponsorship opportunities, please visit [this link](#).

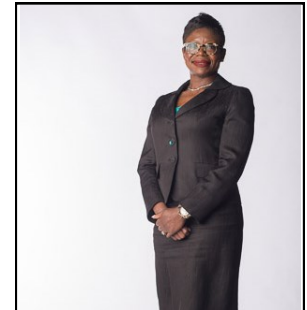
You may also reach out to Barbara Schweiger at: [bschweiger@skoloffwolfe.com](mailto:bschweiger@skoloffwolfe.com).

Additionally, the Law School will be hosting Alumni Receptions throughout the Fall. The Receptions will be held in locations including New York, Princeton, Boston, and Delaware. Law School Alumni will have the ability to meet and mingle with Rutgers Law School Co-Deans Ronald K. Chen and Michael T. Cahill, as well as with other members of the Rutgers Law Family.

If you would like to become more involved with the Alumni Association, you may reach me at [ochitou@gatewayhealthplan.com](mailto:ochitou@gatewayhealthplan.com). It is a great way to come back home, especially if you have been away for a while.

Sincerely,

Osato F. Chitou



**Osato Chitou '10**  
President  
Alumni Association

### Board Meeting Dates 2016-2017

*Board meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.  
Law School, Room 292*

Tuesday, October 18th  
Wednesday, November 9th  
Wednesday, January 11th  
Thursday, February 16th  
Monday, March 20th  
Wednesday, April 12th  
Monday, June 19th

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SHEPARD GOLDFEIN RC '70, NLAW '75

## ANTI-TRUST EXPERT SPEAKS TO CLASS

In September, Professor Andrew Bondarowicz's class was treated to a talk by Shepard Goldfein '75, a partner at Skadden and an expert in antitrust and trade regulation. Goldfein, who has worked on collective bargaining agreements for professional sports franchises, including the National Football League, discussed the role unions play in professional sports, collective bargaining agreements and scandals in the NFL including "Deflategate."

"It's not easy to be a union leader in professional sports; they represent stars and players," he said.

He predicted that money would be a big issues in the next collective bargaining agreement between the NFL Player's Association and the league.

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## RECENT ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Ana Montero '94** has been named as regional chief executive officer of the American Red Cross's New Jersey Region.

**LaTonya Bland-Tull '98, Robyn M. Hill '76, Elizabeth Litten '90, Diana Manning '93, Ruth Anne Robbins '91, and Heather Suarez '81** were named the New Jersey Law Journal's 2016 Top Women in Law.

**Georgette Castner '06** has been appointed by the New Jersey Supreme Court to serve on the Supreme Court Committee on Model Civil Jury Charges for its 2016-2018 term.

**Stuart Alderoty '85** has been appointed as Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary at CIT Group, Inc. He is also a member of the Advisory Board of the Rutgers Center for Corporate Law and Governance.

**The Honorable Myriam R. Irizarry '80** was appointed as a County Court Judge for Pinellas County, FL, and has been elected to retain her seat.

**John H. Skarbnik '79** has joined McCusker, Anselmi, Rosen & Carvelli in Florham Park as Of Counsel .

**The Honorable Barbara Byrd Wecker '74** has been elected to membership as a Fellow of the College of Commercial Arbitrators.

**Frank J. Petrino '72** was selected to be included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2017*, and has also been named *Best Lawyers 2017's* Real Estate Law "Lawyer of the Year" in Princeton.

To submit an update, please email [alumni@kinoy.rutgers.edu](mailto:alumni@kinoy.rutgers.edu)

## CENTER FOR CORPORATE LAW AND GOVERNANCE HOSTS OPENING SESSION

The changing role and composition of corporate boards of directors was the subject of a talk given by Douglas K. Chia, Executive Director of The Conference Board Governance Center.

Chia was the keynote speaker for the Opening Session of the Rutgers Law School Center for Corporate Law and Governance on September 14.

Co-deans Ronald K. Chen of Newark and Michael T. Cahill of Camden attended the talk. The center's directors, Douglas Eakeley and Arthur Laby, said they were celebrating a year since the launch of the center, which offers, among other things, experiential learning opportunities for students and engages alumni in a steering committee for the center.

"When you ask people what exactly a board member is supposed to be doing in this job, you get a whole range of responses," Chia said.

Some think of a traditional model where directors act as an advisory group or a sounding board for the CEO, but often defer to management. Others see a more involved role where a director might be involved in detailed decisions, including

deciding the number of breadsticks that should be on a table.

"There is an incredible range of views and expectations about the job of people who are not company employees and who meet as a group about six to eight times a year," Chia said.

He also said that while the role of a director may not always be defined, boards are blamed when things go wrong, from security breaches to compliance problems, "When you listen to these people, it's as if the directors are supposed to be cops on the beat being tasked with preventing anything bad from happening."

Chia said it is important for the thought leaders in companies to clearly define the role of their directors and come to a common understanding, perhaps defining the role in a job description. He said a company that is thriving may have different needs for its board of directors than one that is in a turnaround situation or is a start-up company.

"You're never going to get everyone to agree, but it would help if we had a set of principles that structure how we think about this in practice and

analyze different situations," Chia said. It's not just the company governance officers who need this, but also the directors, who need to know what is expected of them.

Chia challenged companies to consider getting their board members together to discuss their roles and responsibilities for the company and see what comes out of the discussion.

He invited law students and alumni in the audience to continue to think about these points and how they influence corporate governance.



DOUGLAS K. CHIA

## “FIRST MONDAY” ON OCTOBER 19 TO FOCUS ON DIVERSITY IN EDUCATION

This summer, the Supreme Court of the United States upheld the University of Texas’s right to consider race as one factor in university admissions, in a 4-3 ruling that allowed the limited use of affirmative action policies by schools.

The case, *Fisher vs. University of Texas*, was a victory for universities and the Court upheld race-conscious affirmative action policies that consider race in admissions as a critical means of achieving diversity. The opinion embraced decades of legal precedent underscoring diversity in higher education as a compelling constitutional interest.

This year’s Eric Neisser First Monday Symposium, where Rutgers Law School recognizes the beginning of the Supreme Court term, the law school will host a roundtable panel discussion on the impact of the SCOTUS decision on race in university admissions and its

implications for the future.

**The title of the talk:** Diversity in Education: Fisher II and Beyond

**The event:** October 19, 2016 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Baker Moot Court Room at the Center for Law and Justice at 123 Washington St., in Newark. It is free and open to the public.

**Panelists include:**

**Elise Boddie**, Professor of Law, Rutgers Law School

**Carlos González**, Professor of Law and Herbert Hanoach Scholar, Rutgers Law School

**Susan Sturm**, George M. Jaffin Professor of Law and Social Responsibility, Columbia Law School

The symposium will address a variety of topics relating to the *Fisher II* decision with a particular focus on law school admissions, including the

following:

The evolution of jurisprudence from *Grutter* to *Fisher II*.

The practical significance of *Fisher II* for law school admissions processes.

The extent to which the decision may unwittingly create a disincentive to address deeper structural issues impacting the achievement of diversity.

Following a panel discussion, the program will feature the presentation of the Annual Eric Neisser Award and a reception.

Though registration is not required, it is strongly encouraged. Please email in your request to attend this year’s First Monday event to Susan Feathers, Director of Pro Bono and Public Interest Programs, at: [sjf151@kinoy.rutgers.edu](mailto:sjf151@kinoy.rutgers.edu) by October 14.

## PROF. GARY FRANCIONE DISCUSSES THE ETHICS OF PET OWNERSHIP

First published in the digital magazine *Aeon*, Professor Gary Francione’s provocative essay “[The Case Against Pets](#)” compares animal ownership to slavery. News media outlets picked up the story, including Fox Chasing News, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and The Daily Targum.



HUMAN RIGHTS PROFESSOR ESZTER KISMÖDI, IS BASED IN GENEVA, SWITZERLAND,

## [SPEAKER ADDRESSES GENDER AND HUMAN RIGHTS AROUND THE WORLD](#)

People around the world who try to express their gender and sexuality encounter several types of restrictions, explained Eszter Kismödi, an international human rights lawyer based in Geneva. Her talk was sponsored by the Rutgers Center for Gender, Sexuality, Law & Policy, in partnership with the Transnational Legal Initiative.



## IN MEMORIAM: JUDGE LEONARD I. GARTH

Judge Leonard I. Garth, who served on both the U.S. District Court for New Jersey and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and, as an adjunct professor at Rutgers Law School, has died at the age of 95.

Judge Garth died on Thursday, September 22, after a brief illness and was surrounded by family.

Co-Dean Ronald K. Chen '83, who also bears the title of Judge Leonard I. Garth Scholar and who served as Judge Garth's law clerk during the 1983-1984 court term, said "Judge Garth was my mentor and friend for the past 33 years. He was a role model for what every judge, lawyer, and indeed person should strive to be: principled, courageous, industrious, and compassionate. I will miss him beyond words."

Though not an alumnus, Judge Garth was a well-known figure at Rutgers Law School, where he sponsored an annual lecture series and was poised to launch a yearly moot court competition between teams of law students on both the Camden and Newark campuses.

The inaugural Garth Lecture in 2011 featured Supreme Court Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr., who clerked for Garth from 1976 to 1977 in his first job out of law school.

Judge Garth was born on April 27, 1921 in Brooklyn, New York, graduated with a bachelor's degree from Columbia University in 1942. After graduating from Columbia, he was selected as a Rockefeller Foundation Intern for

post-graduate student with the National Institute of Public Affairs.

He served in World War II as a U.S. Army Lieutenant from 1943-1946 and afterwards, attended Harvard Law School, opening a private practice in Paterson. He practiced law in New Jersey as a member of the law firm of Cole, Berman & Garth (now Cole Schotz P.C.) until he was appointed to U.S. District Court by President Richard M. Nixon.

He served as a district court judge from 1970-1973, when he was elevated to the Third Circuit. Although he stopped sitting on merits panels two years ago, at the time of his death, he was still performing judicial service primarily in deciding motions before the Court.

In 2011, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals dedicated the atrium in the Martin Luther King Jr. Building and U.S. Courthouse in Newark in Judge Garth's name.

During his years of practice, Judge Garth participated in numerous bar association and related activities in New Jersey, Federal, American and Passaic County Bar Associations; served as a member of the New Jersey Board of Bar Examiners; and was an adjunct faculty member at Rutgers and Seton Hall Law Schools. He is a member of the American Law Institute, Fellow of the American Bar, and a former member of the Financial Disclosure Committee of the U.S. Judicial Conference.

Anna Charlton, an adjunct professor at Rutgers Law School,

who clerked for Judge Garth from 1991-1992 said, "His clerks became members of the Garth family, and I will always be grateful for his generosity in teaching us so very much about what it is to be a lawyer, and the responsibility we bear to our clients and the judicial system."

As of 2013 Garth held the distinction of being the only sitting judge for whom a member of the United States Supreme Court has clerked.

Judge' Garth's wife of over 70 years, Sarah K. Garth, predeceased him in 2015. He is survived by his daughter Tobie Garth Meisel 'RLAW 87 and her husband, Michael S. Meisel, Esq., three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. His services will be private.



JUDGE LEONARD I. GARTH, WHO DIED ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2016, LEFT AN ENDURING LEGACY AT RUTGERS LAW SCHOOL

## NEWS FROM DEPARTMENTS AT THE LAW SCHOOL

Frank Askin, who retired in May after spending 50 years at Rutgers Law School, will be honored in January in San Francisco by the Society of American Law Teachers with its Great Teacher Award. In his nomination letter, he was lauded for his work as a law professor, civil rights lawyer and social activist. Askin was the Director of the Constitutional Rights Clinic.

Professor Robert Holmes, founder and Director of the Community and Transactional Lawyering Clinic, who was honored by Rutgers University in the spring with the Clement A. Price Human Dignity Award, is co-hosting a panel on Oct. 7, from 4-6 p.m. in the Robeson Center titled "Reflections Newark 1970-86, The Gibson Years," about the City of Newark's first African-American mayor.

The Center for Corporate Law and Governance published its [fall newsletter](#) highlighting the previous year's accomplishments and showcasing some upcoming events.

[This year's newsletter](#) showcasing highlights of Rutgers Law School's clinic program was sent out in September. Among the highlights are the new clinical wing named after Frank and Marilyn Askin and the addition of Alexis Karteron, who took over as the new Director of the Constitutional Rights Clinic.

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## ALUMNI INVITED TO CO-DEANS' FALL RECEPTIONS

Co-deans Ronald K. Chen and Michael T. Cahill are speaking at a series of receptions this fall, being hosted by major law firms around the Northeast. Alumni from Newark and Camden are invited to attend the reception that is most convenient for them. All of the receptions will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. The schedule is:

**New York City**  
Monday, October 10  
Davis & Gilbert LLP  
1740 Broadway

**Princeton, New Jersey** Tuesday,  
October 18  
Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP  
105 College Road East

**Boston, Massachusetts**  
Wednesday, November 2 Wolf,  
Greenfield & Sacks  
600 Atlantic Ave.

**Wilmington, Delaware**  
Tuesday, November 29  
Potter, Anderson & Corroon, LLP  
11313 North Market Street

Registration is available [here](#).

Questions? If you need any additional assistance, please contact Michael Starrett, [mstarrett@kinoy.rutgers.edu](mailto:mstarrett@kinoy.rutgers.edu) or 973.353.3085 or Scott Owens [sowens@winants.rutgers.edu](mailto:sowens@winants.rutgers.edu) or 856.225.6028.

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## ANNUAL ALUMNI RECOGNITION GALA

The Rutgers School of Law-Newark Alumni Association invites you to join them in the Great Hall at the former law school, 15 Washington Street, Newark, NJ, on Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. for the Annual Alumni Recognition Gala. We will be honoring three of our alumni: Mark A. Angelson '75, who will receive the first Rutgers Law School Alumni Leadership Award, Lucinda P. Long '84, who will receive the Distinguished Alumna Award, and Jane M. Hanson '84, who will receive the Fannie Bear Besser Award for Public Service. Barbara A. Schweiger, Esq. '98 and Mark Makhail '13 are the dinner co-chairs. You may register and pay online [here](#), and can view the invitation [here](#).

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# RUTGERS INSTITUTE FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

## UPCOMING CLE COURSES

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For a full schedule of courses, visit: <https://ipe.rutgers.edu>

<b>Wednesday, September 28, 2016</b> 5:00 PM - 7:05 PM Newark	<a href="#"><u>The Art of the Appeal: What to Do and What to Avoid</u></a> CLE: NJ: 2.5   NY: 2.5   PA: 2.0
<b>Friday, September 30, 2016</b> 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Newark	<a href="#"><u>School Discipline: Defending Students and Advocating for Alternatives to Exclusion</u></a> CLE: NJ: 4.5   NY: 4.5   PA: 3.5
<b>Monday, October 10, 2016</b> 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM Newark	<a href="#"><u>Commercial Leasing: Perspectives on Common Clauses and Issues</u></a> CLE: NJ: 3.5   NY: 3.5   PA: 2.5
<b>Monday, October 10, 2016</b> 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM Camden	<a href="#"><u>Commercial Leasing: Perspectives on Common Clauses and Issues (Videoconference)</u></a> CLE: NJ: 3.1   NY: 3.0   PA: 2.5
<b>Thursday, October 13, 2016</b> 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Camden	<a href="#"><u>Fundamentals of New Jersey Residential Real Estate Practice</u></a> CLE: NJ: 3.3   NY: 3.0   PA: 2.5
<b>Thursday, October 13, 2016</b> 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Newark	<a href="#"><u>Fundamentals of New Jersey Residential Real Estate Practice (Videoconference)</u></a> CLE: NJ: 3.3   NY: 3.0   PA: 2.5
<b>Tuesday, October 18, 2016</b> 6:00 PM - 8:20 PM Newark	<a href="#"><u>Introduction to Probate and Estate Administration</u></a> CLE: NJ: 2.6   NY: 2.5   PA: 2.0
<b>Wednesday, October 19, 2016</b> 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Camden	<a href="#"><u>Fundamentals of New Jersey Family Law and Practice</u></a> CLE: NJ: 4.5   NY: 4.5   PA: 3.5
<b>Wednesday, October 19, 2016</b> 5:30 PM - 8:15 PM Newark	<a href="#"><u>Starting and Managing a Solo or Small Firm Practice</u></a> CLE: NJ: 3.1   NY: 3.0   PA: 2.5
<b>Monday, October 24, 2016</b> 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM Camden	<a href="#"><u>Criminal Expungement Law in New Jersey</u></a> CLE: NJ: 2.4 (incl. 1.2 ethics)   NY: 2.0 (incl. 1.0 ethics)   PA: 2.0 (incl. 1.0 ethics)
<b>Wednesday, October 26, 2016</b> 5:30 PM - 8:15 PM Newark	<a href="#"><u>Family Law Cases Involving Domestic Violence and Guidelines for Attorney Professionalism</u></a> CLE: NJ: 3.1 (incl. 1.2 ethics)   NY: 3.0 (incl. 1.0 ethics)   PA: 2.5 (incl. 1.0 ethics)
<b>Tuesday, November 1, 2016</b> 6:00 PM - 8:20 PM Newark	<a href="#"><u>Probate and Estate Administration: Preparing Applicable US and NJ Tax Returns</u></a> CLE: NJ: 2.6   NY: 2.5   PA: 2.0
<b>Wednesday, November 2, 2016</b> 6:00 PM - 8:05 PM Camden	<a href="#"><u>Maintaining Attorney Trust and Business Accounts</u></a> CLE: NJ: 2.5 (incl. 1.2 ethics)   NY: 2.5 (incl. 1.0 ethics)   PA: 2.0 (incl. 1.0 ethics)

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