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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni and Friends,

As the summer winds down, so begins an exciting academic year. I would like to welcome the classes of 2019 and 2020 to the Law School. The Alumni Association looks forward to you joining the fold. I wish you the greatest success as you embark on this challenging, yet rewarding endeavor.

The Alumni Association has been busy this summer preparing for our Annual Awards Gala, scheduled for November 9th 2016. This year, we will be honoring Mark A. Angelson, '75, with the first ever Rutgers Law School Alumni Leadership Award. Mr. Angelson is Chairman of the Institute of International Education Scholar Rescue Fund in addition to serving as a member of the Rutgers University Board of Governors. We will also honor Lucinda Long, '84 with the Distinguished Alumna Award. Ms. Long serves as Vice President and General Counsel of Valley National Bank. Additionally, Jane Hanson '84, who currently serves as Executive Director of Partners for Women & Justice, will be presented with the Fannie Bear Besser Award for Public Service.

The event will be held at the Great Hall located at 15 Washington Street. The Great Hall was the home of the Law School from 1979 to 2000 and is the site of the iconic, neo-classical, American Insurance Company building. The Alumni Association is so excited to bring the Awards Gala to Newark and hold the event at a venue where many Alumni received their legal education.

We have also revised the format of the gala from a formal sit-down dinner to a cocktail style reception. This will allow more time for networking with your fellow classmates and with our distinguished honorees. We look forward to you coming home and joining us on November 9.

Best Regards,
Osato F. Chitou '10



Osato Chitou '10
President
Alumni Association

Board Meeting Dates 2016-2017

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

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

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
Tuesday, October 11
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

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ALUMNI MENTORS NEEDED FOR LAW STUDENTS

The Rutgers School of Law-Newark Alumni Association and the Women's Law Forum have partnered for the past twelve years to provide mentors to interested first-year students in Newark. The program is also open to second- and third-year students who may not have been aware of it during first year.

To make this school year's program successful, the Alumni Association needs additional alumni mentors. To be a mentor you do not have to live or work close to the law school or even



in New Jersey. Many of the mentor/mentee relationships have thrived through e-mail exchanges and telephone calls.

You do, however, have to commit to the mentoring relationship, meaning that you will establish and maintain contact with your mentee

during the year and will try, if possible, to attend the Mentoring Program Fall Dinner Social in October.

To sign up as a mentor, the mentor survey form is available [here](#). Additional information about the program is available [here](#), or you can contact the Mentoring Program co-chairs, [Barbara Schweiger](#), or [Maxiel Gomez](#)

CHECK OUT RUTGERS LAW SCHOOL'S NEW WEBSITE AT:

www.law.rutgers.edu

and be sure to submit any alumni achievements we can showcase to the Law School community to alumni@kinoy.rutgers.edu



The Class of 2019 started their law school careers on Monday, August 22. Seen here, Dean Weisbord is addressing them on school procedural matters during orientation.

RECENT ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Michael P. Collins '91 was selected to be included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2017*.

Harry Atlas '91 has joined the board of directors of the Metropolitan YMCA of the Oranges.

Edward Sponzilli '75 was appointed chair of the NJSBA's Higher Education Committee.

Steven Zelkowitz '89 was recognized for his excellence in the Real Estate category in *Chambers USA 2016*.

WENDY REILLY '00 PRO BONO LAWYER OF THE YEAR

Wendy Reilly '00, counsel at Debevoise & Plimpton in New York City, has been named the "Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year" by *Chambers & Partners* as part of the 2016 *Chambers Diversity Awards*.

The awards ceremony, held over the summer, recognized Reilly for leading Debevoise's efforts in a class action involving back pay claims for black and Hispanic sheet metal workers in litigation against their union, Local 28 of the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association, the trade union for sheet metal workers in New York City.

On July 21, 2015, the Court approved an estimated \$12 million settlement in the case, for nearly 400 class members who were harmed by disparities in work opportunities between Local 28's white and nonwhite members from 1991 to 2006.

This settlement followed a \$6.2 million back pay settlement from 2008 that addressed underemployment during the years 1984 to 1991. Wendy and the Debevoise team, along with the Firm's co-counsel at the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, intervened in the case in 2003 on behalf of the aggrieved members and moved for the case to be certified as a class action.



Reaching a settlement in the case was rewarding, Reilly said, especially because it positively affects those employees who were treated unfairly, "People are getting paid based on work hours they lost. . . . The class members felt frustrated and worried about whether they'd ever see any payments. I am glad people will get money that will help improve their lives."

In addition, the settlement requires the union to work to eliminate the work hours disparity between employees. The news of the settlement was picked up by the New York Law Journal, which named Reilly one of its "Lawyers Who Lead By Example" in the pro bono category. In addition to working on the Local 28 case, Reilly also volunteers in the New York Family Court system, providing services for low-income people.

Reilly's practice focuses on complex commercial litigation, including contract and employment disputes, in addition to white collar criminal defense and SEC investigations and enforcements. At Rutgers Law, she was a Marsha Wenk Fellow, a Managing Editor of *Rutgers Law Review* and received the Alumni Senior Prize. She received her undergraduate degree *magna cum laude* from Douglass College in 1997.

She said there is no doubt her training and experiences at Rutgers helped her achieve the professional success she has today, "I really loved my law school experience. I identify strongly as a Rutgers alumna and often talk about how great Rutgers is."

ALUMNI FIGHT RESTRICTIVE NORTH CAROLINA ELECTION LAW

The work of Donita Judge '03, a senior attorney with the Washington D.C.-based Advancement Project, and Professor Irving Joyner '77 of North Carolina Central University School of Law, paid off when on Friday, July 29, the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit in Richmond, Virginia, overturned a lower court ruling and stopped the law's restrictions from going into effect.

The North Carolina law, which was enacted in 2013 immediately after the U.S. Supreme Court decision that struck down a critical section of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, would have required voters to show ID at the polls and changed rules involving same-day registration, out-of-precinct voting, and preregistration.

"North Carolina voters have been held hostage since the enactment of this discriminatory 'monster' voter suppression law almost three years ago to the day," said Judge the day the law was



Donita Judge '03

overturned. "The Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals has vindicated our claims that HB 589 was passed with discriminatory intent by the North Carolina legislature. Today, North Carolina voters can breathe a sigh of relief when they go to the polls in November that the barriers to the ballot imposed by the North Carolina legislature will not frustrate their most fundamental right--the right to vote."

Judge was co-counsel in the case, North Carolina State Conference of the NAACP v. McCrory, filed in 2013 on behalf of North Carolina voters against North Carolina Governor Pat McCrory and the North Carolina State Board of Elections.

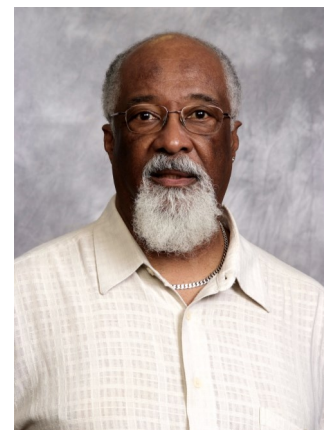
Judge spoke at Rutgers Law School in Newark in October 2015 about the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act, and talked about how the North Carolina law made it difficult for residents living in rural areas to get to polling places, made it onerous for people working long hours to get to voter registration locations, and disproportionately targeted the rights of minority voters.

"The effect you're going to see is increased turnout among African Americans, Latinos, and people with low incomes," said Jason Roberts, a University of North Carolina political science professor, whose interview was

published in an article about the decision on Bloomberg.com. "Those are the people who typically vote for Democrats."

Advocates of the North Carolina elections law argued that IDs were needed to prevent voter fraud, but the court found that its provisions "constitute inapt remedies for the problems assertedly justifying them and, in fact, impose cures for problems that did not exist." The three-judge panel thus found that the law was adopted with "discriminatory intent" and indeed "target African Americans with almost surgical precision."

"This ruling is a stinging rebuke of the state's attempt to undermine African-American voter participation, which had surged over the last decade," said Dale Ho, director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Voting Rights Project, whose office issued a statement on Friday. "It is a major victory for North Carolina voters and for voting rights."



Irving Joyner '77

RUTGERS INSTITUTE FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

UPCOMING CLE COURSES

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

Tuesday, September 13, 2016 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM Newark	Criminal Reentry: Providing a Second Chance Through Expungement and Driver's License Restoration CLE: NJ: 3.2 NY: 3.0 PA: 2.5
Monday, September 19, 2016 5:30 PM - 8:10 PM Newark	Handling Social Security Disability Appeals in Federal Courts CLE: NJ: 3.0 NY: 3.0 PA: 2.5
Tuesday, September 20, 2016 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Camden	Resolving Post-Release Issues for Clients with Criminal Convictions CLE: NJ: 3.4 (incl. 1.2 ethics) NY: 3.0 (incl. 1.0 ethics) PA: 2.5 (incl. 1.0 ethics)
Friday, September 23, 2016 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Camden	The Demise of the Grand Bargain: Compensation for Injured Workers in the 21st Century CLE: NJ: 6.0 NY: 6.0 PA: 5.0
Wednesday, September 28, 2016 5:00 PM - 7:05 PM Newark	The Art of the Appeal: What to Do and What to Avoid CLE: NJ: 2.5 NY: 2.5 PA: 2.0
Friday, September 30, 2016 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Newark	School Discipline: Defending Students and Advocating for Alternatives to Exclusion CLE: NJ: 4.5 NY: 4.5 PA: 3.5
Monday, October 10, 2016 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM Newark	Commercial Leasing: Perspectives on Common Clauses and Issues CLE: NJ: 3.5 NY: 3.5 PA: 2.5
Monday, October 10, 2016 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM Camden	Commercial Leasing: Perspectives on Common Clauses and Issues (Videoconference) CLE: NJ: 3.1 NY: 3.0 PA: 2.5
Thursday, October 13, 2016 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Camden	Fundamentals of New Jersey Residential Real Estate Practice CLE: NJ: 3.3 NY: 3.0 PA: 2.5
Thursday, October 13, 2016 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Newark	Fundamentals of New Jersey Residential Real Estate Practice (Videoconference) CLE: NJ: 3.3 NY: 3.0 PA: 2.5
Tuesday, October 18, 2016 6:00 PM - 8:20 PM Newark	Introduction to Probate and Estate Administration CLE: NJ: 2.6 NY: 2.5 PA: 2.0
Wednesday, October 19, 2016 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Camden	Fundamentals of New Jersey Family Law and Practice CLE: NJ: 4.5 NY: 4.5 PA: 3.5
Wednesday, October 19, 2016 5:30 PM - 8:15 PM Newark	Starting and Managing a Solo or Small Firm Practice CLE: NJ: 3.1 NY: 3.0 PA: 2.5