

RUTGERS LAW ALUMNI NEWS

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Dear Alumni,

We are excited to write our first letter together as heads of both the Newark and Camden Alumni Associations. Our Alumni are integral in the continued success of the law school and beyond. Our strength lies not only in numbers, but also in our mutual dedication and commitment to Rutgers Law School. As part of this demonstration of collaboration, both the Newark and Camden Alumni Associations will hold their first ever joint meeting at the Princeton Office of Archer & Greiner on Wednesday April 12th. This integral step will lay the foundation for continued joint efforts. We look forward to what the future brings, and hope that you will join us on that journey. If you would like to learn more about how to get involved, please contact ochitou@gatewayhealthplan.com or lfreeman@archerlaw.com.

Sincerely,

Osato Chitou
Lloyd Freeman



Osato Chitou '10
President, Newark Alumni Association
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Chancellor, Camden Alumni Association

5K RUN FOR JUSTICE ON APRIL 1, 2017

Many law students dedicate their summers to public interest legal work, advocating for social justice and civil rights. The Run for Justice raises funds for small stipends for these otherwise unpaid internships.

This year's race on April 1, 2017 will honor Roger S. Clark, lifelong runner and member of an international legal team nominated for a 2016 Nobel Peace Prize for representing the Republic of the Marshall Islands in its effort to hold countries accountable for nuclear weapons. Professor Clark will contribute \$10 to the APIL fund for each student who finishes in front of him, and we will celebrate Professor Clark at the post-race awards ceremony. The race will start at 9am, and registration will begin at 8am at the Rutgers University Athletics Center, 301 Linden Street, Camden, NJ.

Race fees: \$20 (student) \$25 (general) \$30 (race day)

Register online at <https://runsignup.com/runforjustice>

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RUTGERS LAW APPELLATE TEAM EARNS PLACE AT NATIONAL COMPETITION

The Rutgers Law Moot Court Board's National Appellate Team of Laura Garcia '17, Stephen Marietta '17 and Peter Urmston '17 competed against 29 other teams in a regional competition in Brooklyn in mid-February and were one of four teams chosen for the National Competition in Chicago in April.

Garcia and Marietta performed superbly as oral advocates – with Marietta being recognized as one of the three best advocates at the American Bar Association National Appellate Advocacy Competition – and Urmston excelled on the brief.

The three students took part in five rounds of competition – arguing before a panel of judges about a case that asked whether universities should be liable for an off-campus sexual assault under Title IX. Garcia and Marietta were required to argue each side of the case during different rounds against other schools. Urmston wrote the brief that was submitted to the judges prior to the arguments, earning the team a good starting score.



The Rutgers Law Moot Court Board's National Appellate Team includes, left to right, Peter Urmston '17, Stephen Marietta '17, and Laura Garcia '17.

The judges for the competition that was held in Brooklyn included practicing attorneys and prosecutors and took place from Feb. 16-18. The team was coached by Wan Cha '15.

Marietta said in the first three preliminary rounds, the Rutgers team won two rounds and lost one, which made them one of the last teams to be chosen for the semi-finals. They competed against teams that included Vanderbilt University, Northwestern University and the University of Miami.

"We kind of went into it thinking, let's just do the best we can," said Marietta. "We didn't expect to win. After the preliminary rounds we weren't sure we were going to advance."

The team found time to prepare while they were engaged with their classes, journals and other academic activities at the school. "Most of the preparation involved very late nights in the days leading up to and during the competition during which Stephen and I worked out our best arguments," Garcia said.

However, when the Rutgers team competed in the final rounds, Marietta said they benefitted from hearing some of the teams' arguments in the preliminary rounds. "We thought – we can take them down and we did," he said. When the team learned they were one of four to advance to the nationals, Marietta said, "We couldn't believe it. We were stunned."

Urmston wrote the brief and served as the team's bailiff on the last day. James Miller '17 and John Park '18 also served as team bailiffs.

"I think what made them stand out was the ability to bring passion and dedication to their preparation while juggling time intensive obligations such as Law Review and achieving stellar academic records," said Cha. "Both of them demonstrated an advanced ability for researching the underlying law. They both were thoroughly prepared on the substance before even meeting with me, which was very impressive."

Marietta said one of the reasons he thinks they did so well is because they enjoy thinking on their feet, "We kind of like doing this. We like getting peppered with questions." In fact, he was recognized as the third best advocate in the tournament, a recognition awarded to only ten of the roughly 60 students who competed.

Garcia said, "This will help our careers because we were able to develop effective arguments and receive a substantial amount of feedback on our analytical ability and presentation. We learned how to think on our feet and respond effectively."

"This win is an extraordinary achievement for the team. Their dedication to preparation, their enthusiasm and the extraordinary analytic and oral advocacy skills they brought to the team was a winning combination," said Andrew Rossner, Associate Dean and faculty advisor to the Moot Court Board. The team members earned a place on the National Appellate Team by winning the Moot Court Board's Cohn Moot Court Competition last spring.

The team heads to Chicago for the nationals, which take place April 6-8. ■

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: HERB HINKLE '74



Fresh out of Rutgers Law School in 1974, a summer job in the New Jersey Public Defender's Office in Camden led Herb Hinkle to a more than 40-year career fighting for the rights of people with disabilities. When the Public Defender's Office expanded to become the Department of the Public Advocate in the mid-1970s, Hinkle was initially hired to represent people with mental illness. Two years later, he helped to create a new unit that represented people with developmental disabilities such as autism and mental retardation.

"I had an interest in learning more about the mental health system from the public defender's point of view, so that led to investigating how the system works and who was involved with it," said Hinkle, RLAW'74, and an adjunct professor at Rutgers Law teaching courses in elder law and estates and trusts.

After leading the public advocate's developmental disabilities office for nearly a decade, he went into private practice. He is the founding partner of Hinkle, Fingles, Prior & Fischer in Lawrenceville. The firm represents people with disabilities, as well as clients who have a family member with a disability. The firm, which grew to

include six offices in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, helps clients obtain services from school districts and adult programs, as well as with estate planning.

Since 2010, Hinkle has been teaching a course at Rutgers Law School in Camden. This semester, he's teaching a course on elder law, covering issues such as the ethical dilemmas of representing multiple generations within a family, surrogate decision-making, guardianship, power of attorney, living wills, Medicare, and Medicaid.

Retired since 2015, Hinkle now lives in Florida and comes to campus every week to teach a three-hour-long class. "I get excited on Sunday when it is time to drive to the airport and to come here to teach," said Hinkle. "I find it both stimulating and fun. I love the people at Rutgers. I love all the students. I love that there's a lot of student participation, and I think the students seem to enjoy and get something out of what they are learning."

In his classes, students have the opportunity to work on some legal projects based on issues in popular culture, such as the issue of inheritance rights from the historical period drama television series, "Downton Abbey." Students have written about inheritance rights in England from the early 20th century based on the show, in which a member of the aristocracy had three daughters, so his title and the money that belonged to his American wife would all go to his closest male heirs, which were several degrees removed from his daughters.

Sometimes, Hinkle has asked his students to summarize their papers in a Haiku poem's 5-7-5 syllable structure. "We had good times with trying to convey ideas in a few words," said Hinkle. "It's a good talent if you're a lawyer trying a case and you have a tag line."

In every class, Hinkle has a special treat for the students halfway through the three-hour class. He offers sweets such as Snickers candy bars and Blow Pops, a lollipop that has bubblegum in the center. "After the break I always give them candy," said Hinkle. "I want them to get a sugar high in the middle of the class." Students enjoy his classes so much that they selected him as the "Adjunct Professor of the Year" in 2013 and 2016. "I'm easy-going just as long as they are doing the work," said Hinkle.

Hinkle's influence at Rutgers Law School extends beyond the classroom. In 2015, he and his wife Patricia, a 1978 Douglass College alum, pledged \$2 million to Rutgers Law School to create an endowment that provides scholarships for law students and offers stipends for students working in public interest endeavors. A Camden native, Hinkle was very young when his father died. He and his mother struggled financially, but he graduated from Drexel University and then enrolled at Rutgers Law School. "The cost of Rutgers law school was very affordable, and made it possible for me to go to law school," said Hinkle. "I think I received a good education and everything worked out well."

Hinkle is humble about his generosity, his teaching and mentoring law students, and leadership in pro bono projects at Rutgers Law. He helped establish the Planning Estates Pro Bono (PEP) program in which he works with students to prepare end of life documents for low-income senior citizens. Hinkle views his contributions to the Law School, as a way to show his appreciation for the opportunities his education and association with the Law School have afforded him. "I wouldn't have had a law career without Rutgers," said Hinkle. ■

RUTGERS LAW SCHOOL RANKED 62ND NATIONWIDE IN ANNUAL US NEWS & WORLD REPORT GRADUATE SCHOOL RANKINGS

In only the second time it has been ranked as a single merged entity, Rutgers Law School has been ranked 62 in U.S. News & World Report's 2018 Best Graduate Schools rankings, which was released Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

This 30-position improvement is by far the largest of any law school this year and among the largest ever.

"We are delighted to see Rutgers Law make such a significant rise in the U.S. News rankings, and I believe we have tremendous potential to continue on that trajectory in the years ahead," said Robert Barchi, president of Rutgers.

In addition, the Rutgers Law Clinical Education Program was ranked 19th in the nation, ahead of both Harvard and Columbia's law schools.

"Our new Rutgers Law School signals to the nation how innovation and creative thinking are required to help law schools keep pace with changes in legal practice and legal education," said Phoebe A. Haddon, chancellor of Rutgers University-Camden. "These rankings, while gratifying for Rutgers Law School, represent the inherent benefits for law schools willing to change and grow, as well as the benefits to the students, alumni, faculties, and communities associated with those law schools. We're proud that Rutgers is an innovative leader in this area."

Nancy Cantor, chancellor of Rutgers University-Newark said, "What I think is most heartening is that this signals wider recognition of Rutgers Law School's excellence the intertwining of legal scholarship, legal education, and taking on the most pressing challenges of our time on the ground, from immigration, civil and human rights to criminal justice reform, spurring prosperity, and navigating the intersection of health, education, and community vitality—and, of course, the recruitment to law school of students who bring unique insights into these pressing challenges."

Rutgers University merged its two law schools in 2015, maintaining distinct locations on the Newark and Camden campuses. Rutgers President Robert Barchi announced the plan for the law schools to merge in 2013 and the idea for reunifying, after the schools' 1967 separation, was first introduced by former law deans John Farmer and Ray Solomon in 2011. Since the merger, two co-deans lead Rutgers Law School. The co-deans maintain their individual lines of authority, reporting to the chancellor of Rutgers University-Newark or Rutgers University-Camden, and also work collaboratively with the university senior vice president for academic affairs and senior vice president for finance.

The rise in rankings is welcome news, but reflects the outstanding law school experience offered by Rutgers Law School which includes:

- **Affordability.** In-state tuition at Rutgers Law is half (or less) of that charged by many private schools in the region, which means everyone who attends gets a strong educational value and, for the many students who receive need-based or merit-based scholarship aid, that aid is not being subsidized by the debt of classmates who are paying \$50,000 per year or more.
- **A diverse and inclusive community within the law school.** For example, the [Rutgers Minority Student Program](#) (a longstanding and essential feature of the Rutgers-Newark location, and recently expanded to the Rutgers-Camden campus) provides opportunities for students of color — as well as anyone, regardless of race or ethnicity, who has faced socioeconomic or educational disadvantage — to succeed in law school.
- **Community Engagement.** Rutgers Law School remains deeply engaged with the communities surrounding its two urban locations. In both Newark and Camden, [Rutgers Law's 21 clinics](#) provide much-needed legal services for juveniles, immigrants, low-income residents, and others while giving our students critical hands-on experience and skills. [Rutgers Law Associates](#), a one-year residency program for recent graduates, provides between 10,000 and 12,000 hours of legal assistance each year, with around 10 percent of those hours provided pro bono for indigent clients.
- **Career Placement.** As the rankings themselves reflect, recent Rutgers Law graduates from both locations have found meaningful legal employment at impressive rates, in private practice, judicial clerkships, and in serving the public interest.

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- Academic Excellence. According to Co-dean Ronald K. Chen, “We are confident that this ranking reflects wider recognition of what Rutgers Law School has always stood for: the integration of legal scholarship, legal education, and addressing the most pressing current social and legal challenges.”
- Alumni. Rutgers Law School graduates are represented at the highest levels of practice, including judicial appointments and service as state and federal legislators. The network of more than 20,000 alumni serves the needs of their clients, defend the rule of law, and strive toward a just society at all times.

“We do not live or die by rankings, nor do we let them define us. But if news such as this helps us promote our core values, so much the better,” said Chen.

“This ranking shows that Rutgers Law is quickly making strides toward realizing our goal of being recognized as the premier public law school in the Northeast,” said Co-dean Michael Cahill. “But while we appreciate the validation the rankings provide, it is not our ranking but the school itself that makes us proud every day. We take pride in our talented student body; our accomplished alumni; our outstanding faculty; our commitments to access and affordability; and, perhaps most of all, our dedication to creating a diverse and inclusive community within the school that, in turn, serves the many and varied legal needs of our host communities and all of New Jersey. Those are the true metrics of success for Rutgers Law School, and we will continue to work hard to achieve that success.”

For more information, visit law.rutgers.edu. ■

RECENT ALUMNI UPDATES

Robert Bressman '80 has rejoined the firm of Mayer Brown, in New York City, as a partner.

Kevin Benson '04 has joined the Allison MacKenzie Law Firm, in Carson City, NV.

Michael F. Faherty '89 has been elected to serve on the Board of Directors for the Owner's Counsel of America, the national network of leading eminent domain attorneys representing land owners.

Cristina C. Arguedas '79 has been awarded the 2017 White Collar Criminal Defense Award by the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) and Stetson University College of Law. .

Lloyd Freeman '07 has been promoted to partner at Archer & Greiner.

Jason C. Gavejian '04 has been selected to receive the “Hispanic National Bar Association Top Lawyers Under 40” Award.

Melanie A. Leney '07 has been elected to partner at Montgomery McCracken Walker & Rhoads LLP, in Cherry Hill, NJ.

Arthur Peslak '89 has been appointed as an Administrative Patent Judge on the Patent Trial and Appeal Board at the US Patent and Trademark Office.

Harold Burstyn '87 is now Of Counsel to Furgang & Adwar, LLP.

Matthew Fernandez Konigsberg '07 was elected Regional President (Region II - New York) of the Hispanic National Bar Association.

To submit an update, please email alumni@law.rutgers.edu.

RUTGERS LAW REVIEW ALUMNI DINNER HONORS BANKRUPTCY JUDGE



Stephen Marietta '17, left, presents the Distinguished Alumni Award to Judge Rosemary Gambardella.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Rosemary Gambardella was honored with the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award from the Rutgers University Law Review at its annual alumni gala on February 23, in Newark. Gambardella served as an Editor of the Law Review when she was a student. Gambardella chose her twin sister Frances Gambardella '79, to speak on her behalf.

“Rosemary has had a distinguished legal career and a long connection with Rutgers and the city of Newark,” said Frances Gambardella. She talked about Judge Gambardella’s career as the first female bankruptcy judge in New Jersey, and probably the youngest when she was appointed to the bench at age 30, and her service as the Chief Judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in New Jersey from 1998 to 2005. She was the bankruptcy judge representative to the Judicial Conference of the United States.

She was honored with the Rutgers Law School Distinguished Alumni Award in 2012. Last fall, The Turnaround Management Association sponsored a scholarship competition in her name that invited students in Professor Chrystin Ondersma’s bankruptcy class to take part in a reorganization plan study competition before real bankruptcy judges.

The Law Review Alumni gala also recognized Safia Hussain '07, a former articles editor of the Law Review, who works as an associate at the law firm of Ewenstein & Roth and has served as the President of the Muslim Bar Association of New York.

In her remarks, Hussain praised the diversity at Rutgers Law School and called on its graduate to continue serving the public and working for social justice, “Rutgers’ commitment to diversity and lawyering for the public interest feels particularly important right now.” She said it is important for students and others to get to know people different from them to combat nativist attitudes, and having a diverse student body “allows students to know each other as individuals and see past stereotypes.”

Hussain, a former Kinoy/Stavis Fellow, encouraged law students to get clinic experience. “It’s like you have one year of law school and two years as a public interest lawyer.” She said through her clinic experience, she helped incarcerated people register to vote, assisted a client to get welfare benefits, advocated for people denied voting at the polls, and worked on behalf of a client incarcerated as a juvenile.

She urged practicing lawyers to “seek out meaningful pro bono opportunities” and to combat injustice in their careers, “We are uniquely positioned to advocate for individuals whose rights are being violated. There’s a lot of good we can do.”

Stephen Marietta '17, the Newark Editor-in-Chief of the Law Review, talked about the student-led organization’s busy year that included hosting two symposia, choosing articles for the Law Review with editors in Camden from scholars at law schools from across the country.

Since the Rutgers Law School merger in 2015, the Newark-based Rutgers Law Review and Camden-based Rutgers Law Journal combined to form a unified Rutgers University Law Review, which Marietta said is ranked among the top 100 nationwide. ■

RUTGERS LAW SCHOOL REPORT RECOMMENDS IMPROVEMENTS TO STATE HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE PROTECTIONS

When a homeowner suffers a loss and files a claim with his or her insurance company, many times the company responds by raising the homeowner's premium or refusing to renew the policy. A report by the Rutgers Center for Risk and Responsibility at Rutgers Law School in Camden offers recommendations to state lawmakers to ban the practice known as "Use It and Lose It."

"It's wrong, and states need to prohibit it," said Jay Feinman, co-director of the Rutgers center and a distinguished professor at the law school. "Homeowners shouldn't be penalized by their insurance companies because they actually use their insurance."

The report, "State Rankings of Homeowners Insurance Protections: 'Use It and Lose It,'" is part of the Essential Protections for Policyholders project, an initiative of the Rutgers Center for Risk and Responsibility in cooperation with United Policyholders, an advocacy organization and information resource for insurance consumers.

As part of the project, Feinman studied how states address the practice of "Use It and Lose It." The key findings of the report show that 18 states have no explicit protection against "Use It and Lose It." The report ranks each state by the level of protections it provides for policyholders, with one star for offering little protection, up to five stars for strong protections.

Rhode Island and Texas received a five-star ranking for providing the best protection for consumers from improper rate increases and non-renewals for inquiries, claims closed without payment, and a single claim.

New Jersey earned a three-star rating for providing protection against non-renewal because of inquiries and weather-related claims but not for other kinds of claims such as when a pipe bursts, causing water damage. In addition, says Feinman, New Jersey laws don't adequately protect against premium increases.

Pennsylvania and Delaware each received four stars out of five. Both states have strong protections against an insurance company not renewing a policy because of an inquiry or claim, but Feinman says they could do better in preventing premium increases because of claims. New York received a one-star rating for having no statutory prohibition on using an inquiry or a single claim as a basis for premium increase or non-renewal.

The Essential Protections report recommends ways that states can protect consumers. It suggests enacting laws that prohibit insurance companies from imposing a surcharge or a premium increase or not renewing a policy based on a single claim within three years, a claim that results in no payment by the company, an inquiry by a policyholder that does not result in a claim, or a single claim for loss caused by weather or a natural disaster.

"Consumer protection laws need to keep pace with changes in the marketplace," said Amy Bach, executive director of United Policyholders. "Data mining and information sharing by insurance companies has put consumers at a costly disadvantage that needs to be remedied. State regulators and lawmakers don't have to reinvent the wheel to fix this problem. A number of states have it right. Others can easily follow."

The report has been distributed to insurance commissioners in every state and is available at epp.law.rutgers.edu.

Future reports from the Essential Protections project will evaluate states on how much information they provide to consumers shopping for insurance and what remedies are available when insurance companies unreasonably deny claims. ■



Professor Jay Feinman, co-director of the Rutgers Center for Risk and Responsibility.

APPELLATE COURT JUDGES HEAR CASES AT RUTGERS LAW SCHOOL

Students at Rutgers Law School in Newark observed Appellate Court oral arguments with Judges Jose Fuentes, Harry Carroll and Greta Gooden Brown in the Baker Court Room at the Center for Law and Justice on March 1.

The judges, who hear oral arguments in Essex County, heard several cases, but the most noteworthy was the first case of the day – an appeal to examine evidence in the murder trial of Melanie McGuire. McGuire is a Woodbridge woman who was dubbed the “suitcase killer” after her husband’s remains were found in garbage bags inside two suitcases in the Chesapeake Bay in 2004. McGuire was convicted of her husband’s murder in 2007 and is serving a life sentence.

Students and attorneys filled the Baker Court Room to observe the judges and listen to the arguments.

Michael Priarone, an attorney for McGuire, argued that her attorneys should be able to examine evidence that is in the state’s custody in an application for post-conviction relief. He contended McGuire’s trial attorneys provided ineffective representation at her trial and argued that prior to being accused of her husband’s murder, McGuire was “a solid citizen, devoted mother and nurse” who was “well thought of in the community.”

He alleged that her previous trial attorneys should have conducted DNA testing and additional tests on evidence that included plastic garbage bags, but may not have done so because the cost to hire experts would have exceeded their retainer. McGuire has maintained her innocence. “The state’s case was largely circumstantial,” he said. “This woman is in prison. She’s effectively buried alive.”

McGuire previously sought post-conviction relief in 2014 arguing then that she was denied effective representation by her former attorney, Joseph Tacopina. Her request was denied by former Middlesex County Superior Court Judge Bradley Ferencz.

Deputy Attorney General Daniel Bornstein argued against Piarone’s request, saying that McGuire was represented by “one of the most prominent and well-regarded” counsel in the United States. He alleged the reason the tests were not done were because they may not have come out in McGuire’s favor.

“Can we fault the defendant’s attorneys now for not taking that risk?” Bornstein asked, adding that there was overwhelming evidence against McGuire during the trial. “Were those decisions reasonable at the time? They were reasonable.”

Judge Fuentes reminded Priarone to keep his arguments centered on whether or not McGuire had received effective counsel and not to rehash evidence in the case. “Your client had a trial, she had a conviction, she had all of the due process she was entitled to,” he said.

Priarone asked the court to allow McGuire’s attorneys to examine clippings from a comb and evidence stored on a hard-drive computer, both in the state’s custody. “What is the harm,” he asked the judges. “This is a young woman who will die in prison if she doesn’t get relief.”

However, Bornstein countered that case law shows there is not a right to general discovery for post-conviction relief.

The judges heard additional cases before adjourning for the day. ■



The Appellate Panel, from left to right, included Judge Harry Carroll, Judge Jose Fuentes and Judge Greta Gooden Brown.

RUTGERS LAW STUDENTS HELP HUNDREDS FILE TAXES FOR FREE IN CAMDEN

For those whose every day is a financial struggle, Tax Day can be especially daunting. Affording accounting services may not be feasible at all and some commercial preparers prey on filers with low-to-moderate incomes.

Through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) project, students at Rutgers Law School in Camden are working to address this issue for hundreds of New Jersey residents this tax season by preparing and filing tax returns, including costs that relate to new Affordable Care Act claims, at no charge. Sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service, the project provides volunteers with comprehensive training to deliver this highly valuable service, which is now underway at Rutgers University–Camden and available through April 8.

The Rutgers Law project is in its second year of partnership with the Campaign for Working Families (CWF), a Philadelphia-based non-profit agency specializing in free financial literacy and tax preparation services. The CWF provides expert training and supervision to student volunteers.

Rutgers Law volunteers help clients complete their income tax returns on time, or early, and work to identify as many deductions, exemptions, and credits as possible. According to Jill Friedman, associate dean for pro bono and public interest programs at Rutgers Law School, the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Child Tax Credit (CTC) bring critical refunds back to Camden families living in poverty.

“Recent studies show that the EITC and CTC promote child health and nutrition; result in better educational outcomes for kids whose families receive them; and nationally have lowered the child poverty rate by fully 6.3 percentage points,” notes Friedman. “In 2016, our pro bono volunteers helped recover over \$450,000 for nearly 350 New Jersey families.”

The project also provides law students with ample opportunities to sharpen their interviewing, counseling, and conflict resolution skills.

The Rutgers Law School’s VITA project will be offered at the Nilsa I. Cruz-Perez branch of Camden County Library on the Rutgers–Camden campus on Wednesdays (from 4 to 7 p.m.), Fridays (from 1 to 5 p.m.), and Saturdays (from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.). The site operates on a first-come/first-served basis and offers in-person and drop-off services.

Additional information is posted at camden.rutgers.edu/pdf/TaxPrep.pdf.

For more information about the VITA program at the Rutgers Law School in Camden, contact Director for Pro Bono and Public Interest Programs Pam Mertsock-Wolfe at pmertsoc@camden.rutgers.edu or 856-225-6406. ■

WESTERN ALUMNI: CAN YOU HELP A STUDENT?

“I am a 2L (evening) interested in connecting with alumni in California, Colorado, Montana, Nevada, Oregon and Washington. My legal interests include (but are not limited to) commercial construction, real estate, land use and general practice. I can be reached at jfm186@scarletmail.rutgers.edu” - James Malizia

ALUMNI REUNIONS

Mark your calendars! Based on the success of this past year’s 50th and 25th reunions, the law school will be holding a reunion on April 28, 2017 for the classes of 10 (1957, 1962, 1967, 1977, 1987, 1997, 2007). The schedule for the day will include: 2 CLE courses (including 1 Ethics, and will be made fun so that non-lawyer guests can enjoy them as well), lunch, a panel discussion with current students, a tour of the new law school, and a cocktail reception in the Great Hall at the "old law school" at 15 Washington. After the cocktail reception, everyone will split into their individual classes for dinner. Registration for the Class of 2007 can be found [here](#). Registration for all of the other classes can be found [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

<p>Wednesday, 03/22 4:00pm to 6:30pm Newark</p>	<p>“Celebrating the Career of Professor Emeritus Paul Tractenberg” Rutgers Law School will celebrate the career of Professor Emeritus Paul Tractenberg with a panel discussion and reception on Wednesday, March 22 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. in the Baker Moot Court Room at the Center for Law and Justice in Newark. Tractenberg, who retired in May 2016, is a leader in New Jersey public education. He established the Institute on Education Law and Policy and was instrumental in the New Jersey Supreme Court’s landmark Abbott v. Burke ruling.</p>
<p>Thursday, 03/23 4:00pm to 6:00pm Newark, Simulcast in Camden room E112</p>	<p>Ninth Annual Lecture in Law and Ethics Dr. Frances Kamm will deliver this lecture sponsored by the Institute for Law and Philosophy.</p>
<p>Tuesday, 03/28 2:00pm to 3:00pm Baker Trial Courtroom, Newark</p>	<p>Lecture by Jenny Yang: “Gender Equality in the Workplace, Where are We Today?” This lecture is sponsored by the Rutgers Center for Gender, Sexuality, Law and Policy (CGSLP). Register here.</p>
<p>Thursday, 03/30 12:00pm to 2:00pm Newark</p>	<p>Allan Axelrod Lecture: “A Place to Call Home: Giving Voice to Tenants Left Behind” This year’s Axelrod Lecture will feature a talk by Paula Franzese, a professor at Seton Hall University Law School, and an expert in property law and government ethics. Franzese will speak about tenant’s rights, eviction issues and the implied warranty of habitability in her talk titled “A Place to Call Home: Giving Voice to Tenants Left Behind” starting at 12 p.m. in the Baker Court Room at the Center for Law and Justice at 123 Washington St. in Newark. Register here.</p>
<p>Thursday, 03/30 4:30pm to 5:30pm Camden</p>	<p>Rutgers Law School Ninth Annual Donald C. Clark, Jr. RLAW ’79 Endowed Law and Religion Lecture Panelists Heather Kimmel, the General Counsel for the United Church of Christ, Michael Brody, Professor of Law at Emory University, and Edward Correia, Professor of Law at American University, will speak about the upcoming Supreme Court case Trinity Lutheran Church v. Pauley.</p>
<p>Friday, 03/31 9:00am to 3:30pm Newark</p>	<p>“Protecting Consumers in a New Era” Presented by the Rutgers Center for Corporate Law and Governance and the Rutgers Institute for Professional Education, this conference which will feature a panel of academics and professionals who will discuss issues of consumer financial protection including policing banks, debt collections and justice, and mandatory arbitration and justice. Registration and CLE credit information is forthcoming.</p>
<p>Friday, 03/31 4:30pm to 6:30pm Camden</p>	<p>“Who Controls the Story? Alt-Facts, Social Action, and Archiving in the Digital Age” Political and legal activism is increasingly carried out on social media and the internet, yet digital data can easily be lost or erased. This panel addresses the challenges of preserving and documenting this unfolding history. Register here.</p>
<p>Saturday, 04/01 Registration : 8am Race start: 9am Rutgers University-Camden Athletics Center 301 Linden Street Camden, NJ</p>	<p>5K Run for Justice Many law students dedicate their summers to public interest legal work, advocating for social justice and civil rights. The Run for Justice raises funds for small stipends for these otherwise unpaid internships. This year’s race on April 1, 2017 will honor Roger S. Clark, lifelong runner and member of an international legal team nominated for a 2016 Nobel Peace Prize for representing the Republic of the Marshall Islands in its effort to hold countries accountable for nuclear weapons. Professor Clark will contribute \$10 to the APIL fund for each student who finishes in front of him, and we will celebrate Professor Clark at the post-race awards ceremony. Register here.</p>
<p>Thursday, 04/06 6:30pm to 10:30pm Nanina’s in the Park, 540 Mill St., Belleville, NJ</p>	<p>Minority Student Program 49th Annual Banquet On Thursday, April 6, 2017, the Rutgers Law School Minority Student Program will host its 49th annual Anniversary Banquet to celebrate the program’s achievements and honor the graduating Class of 2017. Register here.</p>
<p>Wednesday, 04/19 6:00pm to 8:00pm Reed Smith LLP, 1301 K St NW # 1100E, Washington, D.C.</p>	<p>Co-Deans Reception: Washington D.C. Co-deans Ronald K. Chen and Michael T. Cahill will host an alumni reception with Rutgers Law School alumni who live in and around the Washington D.C. area on April 19, 2017 from 6 to 8 p.m.</p>
<p>Friday, 04/28 12:00pm to 8:30pm Newark</p>	<p>Rutgers Law Reunions 2017 (Newark) For classes of 1957, 1962, 1967, 1977, 1987, 1997, 2007 The day’s activities will include a State of the Law School address from Co-Dean Ron Chen, a tour of the new building, CLE courses, luncheon, cocktails, and evening dinner receptions.</p>

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Insider Trading After Salman

Tuesday, March 28, 2017 | 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM | Camden

CLE: NJ: 1.8 | NY: 1.5 | PA: 1.5

Protecting Consumers in a New Era

Friday, March 31, 2017 | 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM | Newark

CLE: NJ: 5.7 | NY: 5.5 | PA: 4.5

The People Side of Running a Law Practice

Tuesday, April 4, 2017 | 5:30 PM - 8:10 PM | Newark

CLE: NJ: 3.0 | NY: 3.0 | PA: 2.5

Resolving the Arbitration Dispute in Today's Legal Landscape

Friday, April 7, 2017 | 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM | Newark

CLE: NJ: 7.2 | NY: 7.0 | PA: 6.0

2nd Annual Corporate Compliance Institute

Friday, April 7, 2017 | 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM | Camden

CLE: NJ: 6.9 | NY: 6.5 | PA: 5.5

Maintaining Attorney Trust and Business Accounts

Wednesday, April 26, 2017 | 6:00 PM - 8:15 PM | Camden

CLE: NJ: 2.5 (incl. 1.2 ethics) | NY: 2.5 (incl. 1.0 ethics) | PA: 2.0 (incl. 1.0 ethics)

Maintaining Attorney Trust and Business Accounts (videoconference)

Wednesday, April 26, 2017 | 6:00 PM - 8:15 PM | Newark

CLE: NJ: 2.5 (incl. 1.2 ethics) | NY: 2.5 (incl. 1.0 ethics) | PA: 2.0 (incl. 1.0 ethics)

Municipal Court Practice in New Jersey

Saturday, April 29, 2017 | 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM | Camden

CLE: NJ: 4.6 | NY: 4.5 | PA: 3.5

Intellectual Property Law: An Introduction for Non-IP Lawyers

Tuesday, May 2, 2017 | 6:00 PM - 8:10 PM | Newark

CLE: NJ: 2.5 | NY: 2.5 | PA: 2.0

The Essentials of Representing Children in Special Education Matters

Friday, May 12, 2017 | 9:00 AM - 4:45 PM | Newark

CLE: NJ: 7.2 | NY: 7.0 | PA: 6.0

Estate Planning and Will Drafting Fundamentals

Tuesday, May 23, 2017 | 5:30 PM - 8:25 PM | Newark

CLE: NJ: 3.3 | NY: 3.0 | PA: 2.5

In the Beginning: The Art of Crafting Preliminary Statements

Wednesday, May 24, 2017 | 6:00 PM - 8:05 PM | Newark

CLE: NJ: 2.5 | NY: 2.5 | PA: 2.0