



AALS PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY SECTION NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Chair

Russell G. Pearce



[In our Spring Section Newsletter, Section Chair Russ Pearce published a column entitled *The End of Legal Ethics*

as We Know It? In that column, Professor Pearce proposed pessimistically “that the energy behind the expansion of legal ethics is fading.” Professor Pearce, however, did so in the spirit of “beginning a conversation regarding the current state of our field,” and invited readers to respond to his column. Below is a response we received from Lucian Pera, a Tennessee lawyer and a very popular source for ethics CLE credits in that state. Professor Pearce’s own response to Mr. Pera’s remarks then follow.]

Dear Prof. Pearce:

As a non-member and a non-academic, but a regular reader of the Section’s ethics newsletter, I was surprised to read your (perhaps intentionally) provocative chair’s message about the decline of legal ethics. Disturbed might be a better word.

I should say that I can’t completely tell if you are predicting or observing the decline of legal ethics as a field generally, or merely the part of the ethics world that lives in the academy. Though I am not a member of

the legal ethics academy, I know a bunch of its members and its luminaries, and I deeply

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value their work. I value their (your) work because I am a practicing lawyer with a deep interest in legal ethics, and almost half of my actual, real-life, bill-paying, client-driven law practice is devoted to legal ethics. So the health of the field generally and the health of the legal academy in this area matters a good bit to me. Whether most practitioners know it or not, we do actually rely on the academy for some of the advances in this area.

With that prologue, my verdict on the field as a whole is wildly different: To paraphrase Samuel Clemens, Reports of the decline and fall of legal ethics are greatly exaggerated. Or put in my own words, all of us are privileged to live in the golden age of legal ethics and its future prospects are bright.

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Let me offer a few indicators of which you may not be aware.

First, ethics and lawyering as an actual area of law practice is growing, not declining. I started being paid for this work about 15–17 years ago, with billings in the \$25,000 a year range. Today, with my rates doubled, and with retainers demanded up front in many instances to weed out the deadbeats and slow-payers, my billed work in the area occupies fully half my time and keeps at least one-half of another lawyer's time (probably more) occupied. Twenty years ago, no one in my region was being paid any material amounts on an ongoing basis for this work.

Second, professional organizations reflect the growth of this practice area. When the Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers (APRL) was formed in 1990, we had 100 charter, paying members; today we have more than 400. We regularly draw 80–100 members at our meetings, and almost all of them actually get paid to do the work. The growing numbers and the availability of the internet now means that we have a national community of legal ethics lawyers. None existed before 1990.

Third, the ethics function in law firms and law departments is in slow-explosion mode. The New York Times and others have reported on the tip of the iceberg – firms over 250 lawyers have almost all designated or hired in-house general counsel. And the ABA Business Law Section's ethics committee's Firm Counsel Project has seen a remarkable response among lawyers doing these functions inside firms, confirming demonstrably that the

below-the-water portion of the iceberg is enormous and growing. Firms large and small know they need this function and are responding.

That's the report from the field for you. I don't know what's up in the academy in this area, but I do know that there are some exciting things going on that others should emulate. There continues to be good scholarship generated in the field that is of use to us in practice (the Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics includes some of the most outstanding stuff), and people like Elizabeth Chambliss, Kim Kirkland, and David Wilkins are doing some very exciting empirical work within law firms in the field. More should follow.

One closing piece of advice: If you guys have your eyes on the prize, you'll focus on starting to support not only better, interactive (NOT only Socratic-ly), practice-oriented ethics education for all lawyers. But you'll also think about training up lawyers to work for me and other lawyers who do this work.

Sorry for the length, but I guess you hit a nerve. Legal ethics isn't dead or dying; it's thriving. Keep hope alive.

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Is the Legal Academy's Commitment to Legal Ethics Declining?

Dear Mr. Pera –

Thanks for your reply. I could not agree more with your point about making teaching interactive. I am also very much in favor of dialogue between the academy and the bar, and hope that our exchange could begin a larger conversation. But you have not persuaded me regarding the decline of legal ethics.

My central argument is that our colleagues in the legal academy do not consider legal ethics a serious academic field. While this has long been a problem, we had some momentum in the past generation, which led to at least token support for legal ethics. I believe that momentum either is gone or is dissipating.

Personally, I take the field of legal ethics very seriously. This is how I spend much of my life. And, like you, I think that many members of our section are doing marvelous work. But I believe that so long as we embrace the disdain of the lawyer's moral obligations found in the academy's dominant culture, we will not be able to arrest the decline.

Frankly, I do not know where APRL stands on this issue. My understanding has been that APRL's approach to legal ethics has been squarely within the dominant culture of the legal academy – to focus on law and not values, and to oppose efforts to require moral accountability of lawyers. The fact that APRL is growing and more lawyers are making money from legal ethics practice is

beside the point I was making. No matter how many lawyers are practicing ethics law, it will never be an area of practice rivaling the “important” fields. The only way it will become central to legal education is if the lawyer's moral obligation becomes central.

But maybe I am wrong about the legal academy. I'd love to hear from others and I would love to be wrong. Has your school begun to devote greater resources to making legal ethics one of the most important courses in the curriculum? Have colleagues instead suggested abolishing the legal ethics requirement or reducing the number of credits of the required legal ethics course? Does your school make hiring legal ethics scholars one of its top curricular priorities? During the past few years, has commitment to legal ethics decreased, stayed the same, or increased?

[Please send your contributions to this discussion to Newsletter Editor Randy Lee at glee@widener.edu by October 15 for consideration for inclusion in the fall newsletter. We appreciate your understanding and reserve the right to edit all contributions in consideration of space limitations.]

SECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Meeting Programs

We are hoping for another great turnout of Section members at this year's AALS Annual Meeting in New York January 2–6,

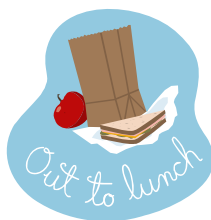
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2008. This year our primary Section program is an extended program from 2–5:00 pm on Thursday, January 3, 2008, entitled *The Legacy of Brown v. Board of Education and the Future of Race and the American Legal Profession* (this program is [4240] when you fill out your registration). The Section's annual business meeting will follow at the conclusion of this program, and an exciting Section social event will follow on the heels of the business meeting (see *Lunch Bunch* below). The Section is also co-sponsoring, with the Section on ADR, *Troubling Ethics Issues in ADR: Time to Modify the Rules to Catch up with Reality?* [6560] on Saturday, January 5, from 3:30–5:15.

The last day for the reduced rate registration is November 12, 2007. More details on the conference will follow in the fall newsletter. We look forward to seeing everyone in New York City!

New Vision For The Out To Lunch Bunch

Sometimes great ideas evolve into even greater events, and so it is with the Out to Lunch Bunch. Last year after our Section's business meeting at the AALS Annual Meeting, Executive Committee members led (rather than *hosted*) small groups of interested Section members out to lunch. We had a great turnout of Section members, and all who attended last year's event seemed to have a great time.



This year's out to lunch event will again follow the Section's business meeting,

which will be immediately after our program on Thursday, January 3, 2008, entitled *The Legacy of Brown v. Board of Education and the Future of Race and the American Legal Profession*. Since that program and meeting are scheduled to end around 5:00, this year's out to lunch event will actually be an out to dinner event, and it is being graciously and generously hosted by Fordham Law School!

In addition to being an informal opportunity to share dinner with fellow Section members, this year's event will also offer opportunities to exchange ideas about interests and scholarship. This year, reservations will be required because Fordham is hosting the event so look for more details on the event and reserving your place for dinner in the fall newsletter due out in November. Thanks go out here both to the planning committee, this year led by Irma Russell and Carol Needham, and to Russ Pearce and Fordham for hosting this event.

Call For Mentors

The AALS Professional Responsibility Section is creating a mentoring system to assist law faculty who are interested in Professional Responsibility with their teaching and/or scholarship.

Mentors are available for law faculty who would like assistance from more experienced teachers in curricular development or the teaching of Professional Responsibility. Mentors are also available

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to faculty who are interested in producing scholarship in the areas of Professional Responsibility or the Legal Profession.

If you would like a mentor, or if you would be willing to serve as a mentor, please contact Leslie Levin (leslie.levin@law.uconn.edu) or Antoinette Sedillo Lopez (lopez@law.unm.edu). Leslie can also be reached at (860) 570-5207, and Antoinette can be reached at (505) 277-5265.

ABA Standing Committee Liaison

Thanks so much for your participation in this program, and thanks to Leslie and Antoinette for setting it up! **Theodore J. Schneyer**, Milton O. Riepe Professor for the University of Arizona School of Law, was recently named our Section's liaison to the ABA Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility. The Committee meets four times a year and has a number of teleconferences as well. Ted hopes from time to time to provide the newsletter with items on what the Committee is doing. Ted also invites Section members to let him know if they have topics in mind that might usefully be addressed in a Committee Opinion or an amendment to the Model Rules. Ted has no vote on Committee action but has been welcomed and does have the privilege of the floor.

Recent Cases Columnist Needed

After four years of valuable and much appreciated service to the Section Newsletter, **Susan Carle** is stepping down at the end of 2007 as our *Recent Cases* columnist. Susan is a Professor and Associate Dean of Scholarship at the Washington College of Law at the American University, as well as a past winner of the AALS Best Scholarly Paper Award (2001) and her law school's Teacher of the Year Award (2004). Our deep thanks go out to Susan for all her work on the Newsletter. She will be missed.

Section Chair Russ Pearce has asked that anyone interested in taking over the *Recent Cases* column send a resume and statement of interest to Randy Lee, Section Newsletter Editor, at Widener Law School, P.O. Box 68382, Harrisburg, PA 17106-9382 or a glee@widener.edu by October 29, 2007.

MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Programs



LAWYERING AT THE EDGE

Hofstra will hold its 2007 legal ethics conference on October 14-16. The conference is entitled *Lawyering at the Edge: Unpopular Clients, Difficult Cases, Zealous Advocates*. Section newsletter columnist **Roy Simon** is the conference director, and **Michael Tigar** will give the

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keynote address. In addition to the keynote address by Professor Tigar, there will also be banquet addresses by **Gerald B. Lefcourt; Stuart Rabinowitz**, *President and Andrew M. Boas and Mark L. Claster Distinguished Professor of Law, Hofstra University*; **Nora V. Demleitner**, *Interim Dean and Professor of Law, Hofstra Law School*; and **Roy D. Simon**, *Howard Lichtenstein Distinguished Professor of Legal Ethics, Hofstra Law School*. The rest of the conference speakers include **Professor Lonnie T. Brown, Jr.**; **Raymond Brown**, Attorney, Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis, Woodbridge, NJ; **Professor Alafair S. Burke**; **James Farragher Campbell**, attorney, Campbell, DeMetrick & Jacobo, San Francisco, CA; **Professor I. Bennett Capers**; **Professor Angela J. Davis**; **Professor Eric M. Freedman**; **Professor Monroe H. Freedman**; **Professor Leon Friedman**; **Professor Stephen Gillers**; **Professor Glenda Grace**; **Jeanne P. Gray**, Director, Center for Professional Responsibility, American Bar Association; **Professor Bruce Green**; **Joel Hirschhorn**, Attorney, Hirschhorn & Bieber P.A., Coral Gables, Florida; **Ronald Kuby**, Law Offices of Ronald Kuby, New York, NY; **Professor Lisa Lerman**; **Adam Liptak**, National Legal Correspondent, *The New York Times*; **Richard P. Mauro**, Salt Lake City, Utah; **Professor Kevin McMunigal**; **Maj. Daniel Mori**, United States Marine Corps; **Professor Andrew Perlman**; **Professor Burnele V. Powell**; **Professor Abbe Smith**; **Clive Stafford-Smith**, Founder and Legal Director Reprieve, London, England; **John Steele**, Fish & Richardson P.C.; **Lynne Stewart**, New York, NY; **Ralph J. Temple**, Ashland, Oregon; **Professor Charles W. Wolfram**; and **Professor Ellen Yaroshefsky**

This conference promises to be both informative and inspirational. For additional information, please contact Dawn Marzella, Director of Special Projects, at either (516) 463-6889 or lawethics@hofstra.edu.

RELIGION, LAW & LAWYER'S WORK

Fordham Law School's Institute on Religion, Law & Lawyer's Work has launched its website, which includes several resources on the intersection of religious values and legal practice:

<http://law.fordham.edu/lawreligion>

In addition, the Institute will be co-sponsoring a program entitled *Jewish Lawyers in the Civil Rights Movement* on Wednesday, September 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at The Center for Jewish History, 15 W. 16th St., New York, NY 10011. Speakers include **Jack Greenberg**, **Professor Alphonse Fletcher, Jr.**; **Rabbi David Saperstein**, and journalist and author **Anne Roiphe**. Ticket information is available at the Center for Jewish History website, www.cjh.org

The Institute's 2007-2008 Interfaith Speakers series, *Religious Controversies: Beyond Polarization?* opens on Tuesday, October 23, 2007, from 6:00 - 7:45 p.m. at Fordham Law School, Room 430 B/C with *The Appreciation of Ambiguity in Jewish*

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Law. The featured speaker will be **Rabbi Tsvi Blanchard**, Director of Organizational Development, the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership with a response by **Dr. Alan Mittleman**, Director, Louis Finkelstein Institute, Jewish Theological Seminary. For more information and to register: email lawreligion@law.fordham.edu or call 212/636-732.8.

CONFERENCE ON PUBLIC OPINION

Thanks to the generous support of the Knight Foundation, Duke University School of Law will host *The Court of Public Opinion: The Practice & Ethics of Trying Cases in the Media* on September 28-29, 2007. The conference will bring together expert lawyers, journalists, and academics from many disciplines to consider "the professional and ethical roles and responsibilities of members of the media,



the bar, and the institutions involved, to ensure a fair hearing for the individuals at the heart" of a case

catapulted "into the media spotlight."

Keynote speakers include **Hodding Carter III** and **Professor Howard Schneider**. CLE credit is available. For further information, please visit the conference web site at www.law.duke.edu/conference/2007/publicopinion/ or call or email Kathryn Bradley, Chair of the Steering Committee, at 919-613-7014 or kbradley@law.duke.edu.

WORKSHOP ON TEACHING ETHICS AND PROFESSIONALISM

The 3rd Annual Workshop of the National Institute for Teaching Ethics and

Professionalism (NIFTEP) will take place November 16-18, 2007 at the same location as the 2006 workshop: the Red Top Mountain Lodge in northwest Georgia. The agenda and invitation to apply for fellowships to participate will be sent out early this fall. As for previous workshops, full-time law teachers, adjunct professors, practicing lawyers and bar association officials are all invited to apply for fellowships. Only fellows selected for this workshop and invited speakers are able to attend this highly participatory event. Selected fellows are reimbursed for their travel expenses; accommodation and food is provided; and there is no registration fee. NIFTEP is a consortium of ethics centers at Fordham University, Mercer University, the University of South Carolina, Stanford University and Georgia State University. Webcasts of the 2005 and 2006 workshops are available on the NIFTEP web site, which also contains instructions for getting on an email mailing list for announcements, including notification of when the application period begins:

<http://law.gsu.edu/ccunningham/Professionalism/NIFTEP/>

CONFERENCE ON THE CARNEGIE REPORT AND THE FUTURE OF LEGAL EDUCATION

From February 20 - 24, 2008 the Georgia State University College of Law will be hosting an international Conference on the Future of Legal Education, which is expected to be the first major academic conference to address the widely-discussed report, *Educating Lawyers*, issued earlier this year by the Carnegie Foundation for the

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Advancement of Teaching. The Carnegie Report criticizes legal education which produces only "smart problem solvers" when the need is for responsible professionals who have learned through realistic and real-life experience what it means to be committed to the needs of both clients and the larger society. Speakers already scheduled include the lead author of the Carnegie Report, **Dr. William Sullivan**, and a very distinguished group of innovative legal educators from other countries, including **Dean Martin Bohmer** (Argentina), **Dean Gary Davis** (Australia), **Dean Jeff Giddings** (Australia), **Dr. N.R. Madhava Menon** (founding dean of the National Law School of India), **Professor Paul Maharg** (Scotland), **Professor David McQuoid-Mason** (South Africa), **Professor Mariela Puga** (Argentina) and **David Weisbrot**, President of the Australian Law Reform Commission (and former Dean, University of Sydney Law School). The conference is sponsored by the Global Alliance for Justice Education, the Council of Australian Law Deans, the National Institute for Teaching Ethics and Professionalism (USA), the Consortium of Professionalism Initiatives, and the W. Lee Burge Endowment for Law & Ethics at Georgia State University. The winners of the 4th Annual Award for Innovation and Excellence in Teaching Professionalism, conferred by the ABA Standing Commission on Professionalism and the Conference of Chief Justices, will also present their professionalism programs during the conference. A call for papers and registration information will be available later this year; the conference web site contains instructions to get on a mailing list to receive this information.

Further information: Visit <http://law.gsu.edu/FutureOfLegalEducationConference/>

MENTORING CONFERENCE

The Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough Center on Professionalism at the **University of South Carolina School of Law** will host a conference entitled "Mentoring -- the Future of the Legal Profession" in Columbia, SC on March 27-29, 2008. Watch for future newsletters for details.

CITIZEN LAWYER

On February 8-9, 2008 William & Mary School of Law will host a conference critically examining the concept of the *Citizen Lawyer* and considering "what (if anything) legal education should do to form and generate citizen lawyers." Among an all-star list of speakers are Section members **Paul Carrington, Laurence Friedman, Marc Galanter, Robert Gordon, David Luban, Sanford Levinson, James Moliterno, Taylor Reveley, and Deborah Rhode**. Attendees must register, but registration is free. For further information, contact the Institute of Bill of Rights Law at lblrl@wm.edu. or 757-221-3810.

PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

NATIONAL AWARD FOR INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING PROFESSIONALISM

The National Awards for Innovation and Excellence in Teaching Professionalism have been given to full-time law teachers by the ABA Standing Committee on Professionalism and the Conference of Chief Justices since 2004. The first place winner receives \$2000 and honorable mention winners receive \$500. The presentations by the three finalists and the selection of the first place winner of the 2008 Award for Innovation and Excellence in Teaching Professionalism will take place Thursday, February 21 and Friday, February 22 at Georgia State University in Atlanta in conjunction with an international Conference on the Future of Legal Education. Applications are submitted on-line through the Award web site; the application period for the 2008 awards has not yet opened. More information, including all the past applications for the award, and instructions for getting on an email mailing list to be notified when the application period opens, is available on the Award web site:

<http://law.gsu.edu/ccunningham/Professionalism/Award-Home.htm>

JUDGING THE LAWYERS

Copies of the book *Judging the Lawyers* are being made available for free to section members who request one for their law school library. Written by Ted Preston, the book has been described as "one lawyer's

effort to deal with the criticisms of lawyers." Written in a trial format, the book invites readers to serve as a jury to evaluate lawyer practices, including many that have been criticized by the ABA. For a copy of the book or for additional information, contact Ted at tnjprest@bellsouth.net.

QUESTIONS AND REQUESTS

Professor Vincent Johnson from Saint Mary's School of Law asks, "Could any of you point me toward either a comprehensive list of video resources for teaching PR or, better yet, something like a top 10 list (or your personal favorites). I am thinking of the type of problem dramas produced in the past by the ABA, Penn, and Loyola Los Angeles. Generally, the type of video that you play for a bit in class and then stop and discuss. Thanks."

Sara Chandler, College of Law of England and Wales, and **Nigel Duncan**, Inns of Court School of Law, are engaged in research into the extent and nature of the teaching of ethics in law schools in the UK and a number of other jurisdictions. To this end they invite GAJE members to complete a brief on-line questionnaire regarding ethics teaching at their own law school. It should take less than ten minutes. Anonymity about the information shall be maintained and no individual and institution shall be identified when disseminating the findings. They are asking for an early response and also ask that this information be forwarded to other law teachers who may have this information.

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To complete the questionnaire, please click on the link below and follow the instructions:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=IrDLdIBJI4SVpEsTOZU_2f_2fA_3d_3d

For any further queries, please contact Sara Chandler sara.chandler@lawcol.co.uk or Nigel Duncan n.j.duncan@city.ac.uk

CAREER AND PERSONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Debra Bassett is now at the University of Alabama as Professor of Law and Judge Frank M. Johnson, Jr., Scholar, and her new e-mail is: dbassett@law.ua.edu.

Professor William J. Bridge of SMU's Dedman School of Law was selected by the graduating class of 2007 to receive this year's Dr. Don M. Smart Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Dean Don Burnett of the University of Idaho College of Law is chairing a task force appointed by the Idaho Supreme Court to study, and to make recommendations regarding, the state's appellate court structure with particular attention to resources and procedures for meeting the caseload demands upon the state's Court of Appeals.

Professor Kathleen Clark of the School of Law at Washington University in Saint Louis was elected to membership in the American Law Institute and recently completed her

term as the AALS National Security Law Section Chair.

Last February, **Mary Daly**, Dean of the Saint John's Law School and holder of the John V. Brennan Chair of Law and Ethics, delivered this year's Howard Lichtenstein Distinguished Professorship of Legal Ethics Lecture. Dean Daly spoke on "The Impact of the Globalization of the Legal Profession on Legal Education."

Linda Eads, Associate Professor at the Dedman School of Law at SMU, was named recipient of the 2006-07 President's Award, presented by the State Bar of Texas. The award is given each year to someone whom the Texas Bar deems to have rendered outstanding service to the organization.

Hofstra Law **Professor Monroe Freedman** will be a Visiting Professor at Georgetown Univ. Law Center, 2007-08. He will team-teach Lawyers' Ethics with **Abbe Smith**, co-author with him of *Understanding Lawyers' Ethics* (3d ed., 2004).

Professor J. Gordon Hylton of Marquette is visiting at Washington & Lee University during the 2007-08 academic year.

Peter A. Joy, Professor of Law and Director of the Criminal Justice Clinic at the School of Law at Washington University in Saint Louis, traveled to Australia to present a keynote lecture at the Third International Journal of Clinical Legal Education Conference and at the Eighth Australian Clinical Legal Education Conference. The lecture was entitled, "Political Interference in Clinical Programs: Lessons from the U.S. Experience."

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The Washington College of Law at American University included in this year's Faculty Speaker Series a talk by **Professor Katherine Krause** of the UNLV Law School. Professor Krause's talk was entitled "Beyond Cardboard Clients in Legal Ethics." **David Luban**, Frederick J. Haas Professor of Law and Philosophy at the Georgetown Law Center, also spoke as the commentator.

As a member of the ABA Section of Taxation's Task Force on the Patenting of Tax Planning Strategies, **Professor Michael B. Lang** of Chapman University School of Law made a presentation to the ABA Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility at the ABA Annual Meeting in San Francisco on "Ethical Issues under the Model Rules of Professional Conduct Arising out of the Patenting of Tax Planning Strategies."

Robert P. Lawry, Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Professional Ethics at Case Western Reserve University has taken emeritus status as of June 30, 2007; but Professor Lawry still has an office at the law school, and will still be writing and lecturing, at least a little bit, for the foreseeable future. We wish him well in all his endeavors.

This spring, **John Leubsdorf**, Professor of Law and Judge Frederick B. Lacy Scholar at Rutgers School of Law—Newark, will be visiting and teaching Professional Responsibility at NYU Law School.

Professor Samuel Levine of Pepperdine Law School delivered a public lecture at the University of Tulsa College of Law Jewish Law Lecture Series. Sam spoke on "Taking

Law Seriously: A Look at American Codes of Professional Responsibility Through a Perspective of Jewish Law and Ethics."

Professor Jonathan T. Molot has joined the Georgetown Law Faculty from George Washington, but is away temporarily visiting at Harvard Law School (now through December). His e-mail addresses are jmolot@law.harvard.edu (through December) and jmolot@law.georgetown.edu (which is also already working). For non-law school business please e-mail Professor Molot at jmolot@molot.org.

Janai S. Nelson of St. John's University School of Law has changed roles. Professor Nelson has shifted from being a Research Professor of Law and Fellow of the Ronald H. Brown Center for Civil Rights and Economic Development to the following tenure track position: Assistant Professor of Law and Senior Fellow of the Ronald H. Brown Center for Civil Rights and Economic Development. We wish her all the best in this new role.

From June 30 through July 4, **Ronald Rotunda**, University Professor and Professor of Law at George Mason School of Law, was in Latvia as one of the main speakers at the International Judicial Conference hosted by the United States Embassy, the Supreme Court of Latvia, and the Latvian Ministry of Justice. The other main speakers were **Justice Samuel Alito**, the President of Latvia,

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the Prime Minister of Latvia, the Chief Justice of Latvia, the Minister of Justice of Latvia, and **Professors Geoffrey Hazard and Steven Burbank**. Participants were judges from Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Georgia, and Moldova. Professor Rotunda spoke on (1) Judicial Ethics, (2) the Judiciary's Relationship to the Press in Countries without a Tradition of an Open Judiciary, (3) and the Role of the Judiciary in Fighting Corruption. Justice Alito spoke on Building Trust in the Judiciary.

Jack Sahl, Professor of Law at the University of Akron School of Law, recently was appointed Chair of the Publications Board of the ABA Center for Professional Responsibility, a member of the Coordinating Council for the ABA Center for Professional Responsibility, and a member of the Michael Franck Professional Responsibility Award Selection Committee. Jack also delivered a presentation about professional responsibility for entertainment lawyers in NYC for the PLI Program titled "Counseling Clients in the Entertainment Industry 2007."

Professor Jack L. Sammons was given the Distinguished Professor Award by the Class of 2007 at Mercer Law School.

Students at the University of Florida School of Law named **Professor Mike Siegel** Professor of the Year in 2007. Professor Siegel was also appointed to the Florida Bar Task Force on the Attorney-Client Privilege.

In January **Professor Marjorie Silver** of Touro Law Center was appointed by Chief Judge Judith Kaye to a three year term as a trustee

of the New York State Lawyers Assistance Trust.

Yvonne A. Tamayo was recently appointed a member of the Finance and Legal Affairs Committee of the Law School Admission Council. Her term runs until 2009.

NEW BOOKS AND AUDIO-VISUAL

Catholic University Press just released *Recovering Self-Evident Truths: Catholic Perspectives on American Law* edited by section members **Teresa Stanton Collett** and **Michael Scaperlanda**. Teresa is a professor at the University of Saint Thomas Minneapolis School of Law, and Michael is the Associate Dean and holds the Gene and Elaine Edwards Family Chair at the University of Oklahoma School of Law.

Larry Dubin, Professor of Law at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, has produced a number of video and television programs that have been used by law professors in their Professional Responsibility classes, such as "What Went Wrong? Conversations With Disciplined Lawyers," "I Stand By The Accused," "Lawyer Misconduct: Conversations With Victims," "A Lawyer Made In Heaven: The Virgil Hawkins Story." Professor Dubin also made "Legal Heroes" a number of years ago which was positively reviewed in the Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics. That program profiles three lawyers who represent the best that our profession has to offer. Larry has some extra copies of the program and

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will send them to any professor, free of charge, interested in viewing the program for use in a Professional Responsibility class.

John Dzienkowski and **Ronald Rotunda** have published the fourth edition of *Legal Ethics: The Lawyer's Deskbook on Professional Responsibility* (ABA–Thomson, 2007).

Professors Susan Saab Fortney (Texas Tech University) and **Vincent R. Johnson** (St. Mary's University) have co-authored a legal malpractice text designed for use either in a basic course on Professional Responsibility or in an advanced course devoted to Legal Malpractice. Thomson West will publish and distribute complementary copies of the book this fall in time for use in spring 2008. Entitled *Legal Malpractice Law: Problems and Prevention*, the book is organized around class discussion problems, which can be answered based on the commentary and cases in the book. A detailed teacher's manual accompanies the text and can assist professors who are not legal malpractice experts in branching out into this area of the law. Fortney and Johnson have also co-edited *A Concise Restatement of the Law Governing Lawyers*, that will be published and distributed in the coming months by the American Law

Institute for use in law school Professional Responsibility and Legal Malpractice courses.

Paul T. Hayden, Professor and Jacob J. Becker Fellow at the Law School of Loyola Los Angeles, has published the second edition of his ethics casebook, *Ethical Lawyering: Legal and Professional Responsibilities in the Practice of Law* (Thomson–West 2d Ed. 2007).

William Wesley Patton, Professor and J. Allan Cook and Mary Schalling Cook Children's Law Scholar at Whittier Law School, recently published his new book, *Legal Ethics in Child Custody and Dependency Proceedings: A Guide for Judges and Lawyers* (Cambridge Univ. Press 2006).

Professor Randall Roth of the University of Hawaii School of Law co-authored the book [Broken Trust: Greed, Mismanagement & Political Manipulation at America's Largest Charitable Trust](#), which has been named "Book of the Year" by the Hawaii Book Publishers Association.

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