Faculty Chairs: New and Currently Endowed Chairholders 2017

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Introducing Six New Chairholders

Fordham Law professors produce work that sheds light on some of the most complex issues facing the legal profession and society at large. To continue to engage in groundbreaking scholarship, faculty members require intellectual freedom and financial resources. Fortunately, the Fordham Law community has, over the years, established a number of prestigious chairs that have been held by some of our nation’s leading scholars.

The scholarly work of our six newly appointed chairholders displays a depth of rigor and understanding that is urgently needed for today’s legal and judicial systems. Their work bucks conventional wisdom in corporate law, labor law, family law, property law, antidiscrimination law, and contract law. Their books and articles lead to law-reform efforts in the court system, the legislature, and public policy organizations. In other words, theirs is scholarship with impact. Their ideas drive action. Fordham Law professors are a model for what a law faculty can be: outstanding teachers in the classroom and bold agents of change in the public sphere.

Fordham Law is so fortunate to have these six and our 17 other existing chairs as part of our outstanding faculty. Together they form an intellectual storehouse without peer. They are the core of the Law School. We applaud their achievements to date, and we eagerly look forward to their future accomplishments.

Matthew Diller
Dean and Paul Fuller Professor of Law
JAMES J. BRUDNEY

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The Joseph Crowley Chair in Labor and Employment Law
Established in 2017

James J. Brudney, a leading scholar of workplace law and statutory interpretation with broad experience in professional practice, public service, and policymaking, is the inaugural Joseph Crowley chairholder. He investigates the dynamic relationship between labor law and the judicial and legislative branches of government. A recent article examines how international labor law norms have affected the development and implementation of national labor legislation in the past 25 years.

Education
J.D., Yale Law School
M.A. and B.A., Oxford University
B.A., Amherst College

Experience
Newton D. Baker-Baker & Hostetler Chair in Law, The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law
Chief Counsel and Staff Director, United States Senate Subcommittee on Labor Attorney (Labor and Employment Law Practice), Bredhoff & Kaiser
Clerk, Justice Harry A. Blackmun, U.S. Supreme Court
Clerk, Judge Gerhard A. Gesell, U.S. District Court, Washington, D.C.

Honors and Associations
Dean’s Distinguished Research Award, Fordham Law School
Professor of the Year, Fordham Law School
Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching, Ohio State University
Quid Pro Quo Award, Moritz College of Law
Simson Faculty Excellence Award, Moritz College of Law
Fullbright Distinguished Scholar Award, Oxford University
Outstanding Professor, Moritz College of Law

Selected Recent Publications
NESTOR M. DAVIDSON
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The Albert A. Walsh '54 Chair in Real Estate, Land Use, and Property Law
Established in 2005

A prolific scholar of property, land use, and local government law, Nestor Davidson has brought to Fordham Law deep experience as a practicing attorney, devoted public servant, and engaging teacher. Shortly after joining the Law School, he launched the School’s Urban Law Center, for which he serves as faculty director, and he has also served as associate dean for academic affairs.

Education
J.D., Columbia Law School
B.A., Harvard University

Experience
Associate Professor, University of Colorado Law School
Principal Deputy General Counsel, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Visiting Scholar, Columbia Law School
Senior Associate, Finance and Real Estate, Litigation Departments, Latham & Watkins
Special Counsel to the Secretary, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Clerk, Justice David H. Souter, U.S. Supreme Court
Clerk, Judge David S. Tatel, U.S. District Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia

Honors and Associations
Dean’s Medal of Recognition, Fordham Law School
Jules Milstein Faculty Writing Award, Colorado Law School
Board Member, New York State Housing Finance Agency
Treasurer, Association for Law, Property and Society

Selected Recent Publications
TANYA K. HERNÁNDEZ

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The Archibald R. Murray Professorship
Established in 2000

Tanya K. Hernández is an internationally recognized expert on comparative race relations; her scholarship offers a fresh, nuanced perspective on issues related to antidiscrimination and equality law. Her most recent book examines the existence of customary laws of racial regulation in Latin American states. She serves as associate director and head of global and comparative law programs and initiatives for the School’s Center on Race, Law, and Justice.

Education
J.D., Yale University
A.B., Brown University

Experience
Leroy Sorenson Merrifield Research Professor of Law, George Washington University Law School
Professor of Law and Justice Frederick Hall Scholar, Rutgers University School of Law
Professor of Law, St. John’s University School of Law
Staff Attorney, HIV Unit Brooklyn Legal Services, Corp. B
Fellow, Center for Reproductive Law and Policy
Clerk, Judge Jaime P. Pieras, Jr., U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico

Honors and Associations
Dean’s Distinguished Research Award, Fordham Law School
Fulbright Specialist, to consult on racial equality projects at universities in Paris and Trinidad
Bar Admissions: New York; Connecticut; 1st Circuit Court of Appeals; U.S. District Court of Puerto Rico
Member, Board of Directors, National Institute for Latino Policy
Hispanic Business Magazine: 100 Most Influential Hispanics of 2007

Selected Recent Publications
CLARE HUNTINGTON
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The Joseph M. McLaughlin Professorship
Established in 1997

Clare Huntington specializes in family law and poverty law, and her expertise is bolstered by prior experiences with foster care, youth services, and international development agencies. Her recent book offers a theoretical framework for the reform of our family law system so that it can better address the social, psychological, and emotional needs of families. She serves as the School’s associate dean for research.

Education
J.D., Columbia Law School
B.A., Oberlin College

Experience
Associate Professor, University of Colorado Law School
Visiting Scholar, Columbia Law School
Attorney-Advisor, Office of Legal Counsel, U.S. Department of Justice
Clerk, Justice Harry A. Blackmun and Justice Stephen Breyer, U.S. Supreme Court
Clerk, Judge Merrick B. Garland, U.S. Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit
Clerk, Judge Denise Cote, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

Honors and Associations
Associate Reporter, Restatement of the Law, Children and the Law, American Law Institute
Board Member, Women’s Prison Association
Member, Editorial Board, Family Court Review
Honorable Mention, Professional and Scholarly Excellence (PROSE) Award, Law and Legal Studies
Excellence in Teaching
Outstanding New Faculty Member

Selected Recent Publications
Failure to Flourish: How Law Undermines Family Relationships (Oxford University Press, 2014)
ETHAN J. LEIB
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The John D. Calamari Distinguished Professor of Law
Established in 1995

The author and editor of four books, Ethan J. Leib is a noted expert in constitutional law, legislation, and contracts. In his book Friend v. Friend he takes stock of a critically important social institution—friendship, investigates its ongoing transformations, and contends that it could benefit from more sensitive public policies. More recently, he has examined fiduciary principles to determine whether or not they can illuminate relationships in public law.

Education
J.D., Yale Law School
Ph.D. and B.A., Yale University
M.Phil., Cambridge University

Experience
Adjunct Professor of Law, Columbia Law School
Professor of Law, University of California—Hastings College of the Law
Visiting Associate Professor of Law, University of California—Berkeley Law
Scholar-in-Residence, Columbia University
Litigation Associate, Debevoise & Plimpton
Clerk, Judge John M. Walker, Jr., U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

Honors and Associations
1066 Foundation Faculty Award
Roger Traynor Scholarly Publication Award
Member, American Association for Political and Legal Philosophy
Member, New York Bar

Selected Recent Publications
(with Jim Brudney)
(with Zev Eigen)
(with Stephen R. Galoob)
Friend v. Friend: The Transformation of Friendship—and What the Law Has to Do with It (Oxford University Press 2011)
Privilege or Punish? Criminal Justice and the Challenge of Family Ties (Oxford University Press 2009) (with Jennifer Collins & Dan Markel)
The Search for Deliberative Democracy in China (Palgrave Macmillan 2006) (co-edited with Baogang He)
The Alpin J. Cameron Chair in Law
Established in 1957


Education
J.D., Harvard Law School
M.B.A., Harvard Business School
B.A., Bowdoin College

Experience
Joseph F. Cunningham Visiting Professor of Commercial & Insurance Law, Columbia Law School
Florence Rogatz Visiting Professor of Law, Yale Law School
Associate, Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz
Clerk, Judge Robert D. Sack, U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

Honors and Associations
Dean’s Distinguished Research Award, Fordham Law School
Three articles named among the Corporate Practice Commentator’s annual list of “Ten Best Corporate and Securities Articles”
Teacher of the Year, Fordham Law School (two-time recipient)
Allyn Young Teaching Prize, Harvard University Economics Department
Certificate of Excellence for Teaching, Harvard College (five-time recipient)
American Law & Economics Association
American Law Institute
New York State Bar

Selected Recent Publications
Corporate Bankruptcy and Financial Reorganization (Wolters Kluwer 2016)
“Strategic Liability in the Corporate Group,” 78 University of Chicago Law Review 605 (2011)
Existing Faculty Chairs

Susan Block-Lieb
Cooper Chair in Urban Legal Issues
Established in 1999
Professor Block-Lieb writes on a wide range of topics that include sovereign debt, the emergence and evolution of international lawmakers on trade and commerce, and new theories of transnational legal orders.

Daniel J. Capra
Philip D. Reed Chair
Established in 2009
An established expert and author in the areas of evidence, criminal procedure, and electronic discovery, Professor Capra co-authored the first casebook on e-discovery and digital evidence and wrote Rule 502 of the Federal Rules of Evidence.

Deborah W. Denno
Arthur A. McGivney Chair in Law
Established in 1982
The founding director of the Neuroscience and Law Center, Professor Denno is one of the foremost voices in criminal law, criminal procedure, social sciences and the law, and the death penalty.

Matthew Diller
Dean and Paul Fuller Professor of Law
Established in 2007
As a prominent scholar of social welfare law and policy, Dean Diller has lectured and written extensively on the legal dimensions of social welfare policy, including public assistance, Social Security, and disability programs, as well as on disability law and policy.

John D. Feerick
Sidney C. Norris Chair of Law in Public Service
Established in 1983
An alumnus and former dean of Fordham Law, Professor Feerick played a pivotal role in the enactment of the 25th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. He serves as the founder and senior counsel of the School’s Feerick Center for Social Justice.

Martin S. Flaherty
Leitner Family Chair in International Human Rights
Established in 2005
Professor Flaherty is the founding co-director of the Leitner Center for International Law and Justice. His publications focus on constitutional law and history, foreign affairs, and international human rights.
Bruce A. Green
Louis Stein Chair
Established in 2010
Professor Green directs the Louis Stein Center for Law and Ethics. A nationally recognized expert in professionalism and legal ethics, as well as criminal law, he is a past chair of the the ABA Criminal Justice Section and serves on the Multistate Professional Bar Examination drafting committee.

Abner S. Greene
Leonard F. Manning Distinguished Professorship
Established in 1997
An expert on the First Amendment, Professor Greene is a prominent constitutional law scholar whose most recent book dismantles the standard arguments for political obligation.

Sean J. Griffith
T.J. Maloney Chair in Business Law
Established in 2005
Professor Griffith serves as the director for the Corporate Law Center. His scholarship sheds light on the corporate compliance programs and shareholder lawsuits that are shaping modern-day corporate governance.

James Kainen
Brendan Moore Chair in Advocacy Law
Established in 2005
Professor Kainen teaches and publishes in the areas of evidence, trial advocacy and trial procedure, and property. He served as director of the Brendan Moore Trial Advocacy Center for more than 20 years.

Constantine N. Katsoris
Agnes and Ignatius M. Wilkinson Chair of Law
Established in 1961
Professor Katsoris, former chairman of the Securities Industry Conference on Arbitration, publishes in the areas of arbitration and mediation and has served as arbitrator and mediator in disputes at the NYSE, the NASD, and FINRA.

Thomas H. Lee
Leitner Family Chair in International Law
Established in 2005
Professor Lee’s fields of expertise are international law, international arbitration, comparative and U.S. constitutional law, civil procedure, and the U.S. federal courts. He serves as the School’s director of graduate and international studies.
Michael M. Martin
**Fordham University Distinguished Professorship in Law**
*Established in 1997*

A former dean of Fordham Law, Professor Martin is a co-author of the five-volume *Federal Rules of Evidence Manual* and of the *New York Evidence Handbook*. His principal subjects are torts, civil procedure, evidence, and conflicts of law.

Russell G. Pearce
**Edward and Marilyn Bellet Chair in Legal Ethics, Morality, and Religion**
*Established in 2005*

Professor Pearce teaches, writes, and lectures in the field of professional responsibility. He serves as faculty director of the Institute on Religion, Law & Lawyer’s Work.

Joel R. Reidenberg
**Stanley D. Waxberg and Nikki Waxberg Chair**
*Established in 2010*

Professor Joel Reidenberg is the founding academic director of CLIP, the Center on Law and Information Policy. He has served as an expert adviser to the U.S. Congress, Federal Trade Commission, European Commission, and World Intellectual Property Organization.

Steve Thel
**Maurice I. Wormser Professorship**
*Established in 2002*

Professor Thel focuses on the areas of contracts, corporate law, investment management, and securities regulation. He is the co-author of *Contract Enforcement: Specific Enforcement and Injunctions* and of *Investment Management Law and Regulation*.

Benjamin C. Zipursky
**James H. Quinn ’49 Chair in Legal Ethics**
*Established in 1997*

Professor Zipursky is a leading scholar in torts, jurisprudence, and legal ethics. He formulated with John Goldberg the idea of civil recourse theory, a novel, overarching theory of tort law.