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AT BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

MAY 14, 2019



9:00-9:30 am **Registration and Check-In** **Student Lounge**
Light Refreshments

9:30-10:00 am **Welcome and Introductions** **Jerome Prince Moot Court Room**

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Opening Remarks

Hon. Janet DiFiore

Chief Judge of the State of New York

10:00-11:15 am **Plenary Session** **Jerome Prince Moot Court Room**

Law School Innovations: Leveraging Technology and Data to Expand Access to Justice

Introduction

Matthew Diller

Dean and Paul Fuller Professor of Law, Fordham University School of Law; Chair, Law School Involvement Working Group, New York State Permanent Commission on Access to Justice

The plenary panelists will explore what law schools can learn from legal services providers, funders, researchers and technologists about how to create effective pipelines for the development of legal technology projects that expand and enhance access to justice. The panelists will discuss how law schools can (a) work with community partners to cultivate partnerships for legal tech projects, (b) plan and evaluate legal tech projects for development, (c) educate and engage students, and (d) consider the concerns and risks involved with legal tech projects.

Plenary Panel Moderator

Jennifer Gundlach

Emily and Stephen Mendel Distinguished Professor of Law & Clinical Professor of Law, Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University

Panel

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11:20-11:50 am	Mid-Morning Briefing Implementing the Permanent Commission’s Strategic Action Plan to Provide Effective Assistance to All New Yorkers in Need: Report on Local Access to Justice Initiatives Helaine M. Barnett Chair, New York State Permanent Commission on Access to Justice Integrating Plain Language in New York’s Law Schools Hon. Fern A. Fisher Special Assistant to the Dean for Social Justice Initiatives, Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University Statewide Law School Access to Justice Council’s Diversity Pipeline Initiative in Collaboration with Law School Admission Council (LSAC), Legal Outreach and New York’s 15 Law Schools James B. O’Neal Co-Founder and Executive Director, Legal Outreach, Inc. Isadora Jaffee J.D. Candidate, CUNY School of Law, Class of 2021; Diversity Pipeline Instructor, Legal Outreach, Inc Miyoshie Lamothe-Aime J.D. Candidate, Fordham University School of Law, Class of 2019; Diversity Pipeline Instructor, Legal Outreach, Inc. Pharoah Sutton-Jackson J.D. Candidate, St. John’s University School of Law, Class of 2021; Diversity Pipeline Instructor, Legal Outreach, Inc.	Jerome Prince Moot Court Room
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12:00-1:30 pm	WORK GROUP SESSIONS: PART I	Concurrent Sessions
Work Group 1	How Law Schools and Community Practitioners are Developing Innovative Technology Solutions that Address the Justice Gap	Room 601
Facilitators	Raymond H. Brescia Hon. Harold R. Tyler Chair in Law and Technology & Professor of Law, Albany Law School	
Panel	Felicity V. Conrad Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Paladin Matthew M. D’Amore Associate Dean, Cornell Tech & Professor of the Practice, Cornell Law School Dan Jackson Executive Director, NuLawLab, Northeastern University School of Law Ignacio Jaureguilorda Director, Jonathan Lippman Access to Justice Fellowship & Legal Hand Aimee Latorre LiveHelp Program Coordinator, LawHelpNY.org, Pro Bono Net Joseph Rosenberg Professor, CUNY School of Law & Supervising Attorney, Main Street Legal Services, Inc.	
	<p>The Work Group panelists are engaged in innovative projects designed to harness advances in legal technology to promote access to justice. The panelists will discuss their experiences using legal technology to further the goal of closing the justice gap. The panelists will explore best practices, challenges, cautions, risks, rewards, the skills law students need to develop and the future of legal tech to expand access to justice, with the Work Group participants.</p>	

Work Group 2	Access-to-Justice Research is Expanding: What's Now, What's Next and How it Matters to Us All	Room 603
Facilitators	David Udell Executive Director, National Center for Access to Justice at Fordham University School of Law	
Panel	Colleen F. Shanahan Associate Clinical Professor of Law, Columbia Law School James J. Sandman President, Legal Services Corporation Neil Steinkamp Consultant, New York State Permanent Commission on Access to Justice; Managing Director, Stout Risius Ross, LLC Victor D. Quintanilla Indiana University Bicentennial Professor; Professor of Law; Co-Director, Center for Law, Society & Culture, Maurer School of Law at Indiana University <p>Research on access to justice is suddenly robust. Methodologies in the field include court observing, administrative data tracking, outcomes tracking, people-centered surveying, geographic information system (GIS) mapping, policy mapping, internet scraping, relying on big data, using automated systems and other new technologies, conducting randomized controlled trials, and integrating perspectives of researchers from across academic disciplines.</p> <p>Projects led by law professors and social science researchers, often involving students, are evaluating unmet needs, studying how legal assistance makes a difference and examining the importance of models for legal education and pro bono service. Legal aid providers are undertaking projects to learn more about clients' circumstances, to consider desirable allocations of resources and to make the case to funders and the public about the importance of civil justice. Courts are considering new methods for tracking and understanding the concerns of people without legal representation. Funders are seeking data to illuminate trends in need, quality of services, and outcomes achieved.</p> <p>The Work Group will address the questions we most want answered: what's missing, what's happening now, what's likely to happen next and how the new research matters.</p>	

Work Group 3 **Innovative Approaches to Housing Justice Advocacy: Collaborating to Fulfill the Promise of New York City’s Right to Counsel in Eviction Proceedings**

Room 602

Facilitator

Andrew Scherer

Policy Director, Impact Center for Public Interest Law & Visiting Associate Professor, New York Law School

As increasing numbers of tenants are represented by counsel and the culture in Housing Court transforms, collaborations among law schools, legal services providers and other advocates are striving to support effective advocacy and make Housing Court a place of fairness and justice.

In the first segment of the Work Group session, there will be presentations on two recent studies: (1) an update to the 2018 survey on how New York law schools are training housing lawyers that will provide a reference point to evaluate changes and adaptations by the law schools over the past year, and (2) the findings of a Right to Counsel NYC Coalition survey of housing attorneys, with up to five years’ experience in practice at nonprofit legal services providers, on their views of what is needed from law schools and the legal services providers to ensure they can deliver the highest quality representation to tenants.

The presentations will be followed by a roundtable discussion on how to best collaborate and respond to the need for preparation, training and support for advocates; the success of new models and best practices; and the changes in the Housing Court and housing practice already underway and those projected to come

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Roundtable Panelists

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Work Group 4 **Challenges and Opportunities in Today’s Immigration Landscape:
The Role of Law Schools in Ensuring Access to Counsel
for Immigrant Communities**

Room 605

Facilitators

Beth Lyon

Clinical Professor of Law & Director, Farmworker Legal Assistance Clinic, Cornell Law School

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Panel

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The persistent federal attacks on immigrants’ rights ignite chaos and destabilize lives. As there is no right to government-funded representation for immigrants, New York’s law students are filling significant service gaps. This Work Group challenges law schools to expand their special role as research centers and practice laboratories to move the State more quickly toward the goal of universal representation. The session will begin with a panel to set forth issues and challenges, highlight projects and engage the participants in developing the milestones toward a goal of universal representation.

Work Group 5	Law Schools Working in the Community: Addressing Civil Legal Needs Arising from Entanglement with the Criminal Justice System	Room 604
Facilitators	<p>Connie Mayer Associate Dean for Academic Affairs; Raymond & Ella Smith Distinguished Professor of Law; Director, Law Clinic & Justice Center, Albany Law School</p> <p>Lillian M. Moy Executive Director, Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York, Inc.</p>	
Panel	<p>Bernadette Gargano Vice Dean for Student Affairs; Director, Re-Entry Practicum, University of Buffalo Law School</p> <p>Adriene Holder Attorney-in-Charge, Civil Practice, The Legal Aid Society</p> <p>Elena Kilcullen JD & MSW Candidate, Albany Law School, Class of 2019</p> <p>Nicole Smith-Futrell Co-Director, Defenders' Clinic & Associate Professor of Law, CUNY School of Law</p> <p>The Work Group panel will discuss the civil consequences of entanglement with the criminal justice system, such as barriers to employment and housing, health care issues, and immigration issues, among many others, and the lack of civil legal services available to address these issues. The panel will highlight several law school programs that are designed to address these civil legal needs and explore new ideas for expanding the role of law schools, in partnerships with legal services providers, to effect positive change through direct services, advocacy and policy reform proposals.</p>	

1:35-2:15 pm	Lunch Demonstration of Student Tech Projects	Dining Hall
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PROGRAM

2:25-3:55 pm	WORK GROUP SESSIONS: PART II	
Joint Session of Work Groups 1 and 2	Technology and Research	Jerome Prince Moot Court Room
Introduction	Raymond H. Brescia	
Facilitators	Jonathan Askin Founder & Director, Brooklyn Law Incubator & Policy Clinic & Professor of Clinical Law, Brooklyn Law School	
	John Rudikoff Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, Center for Urban Business Entrepreneurship (CUBE), Brooklyn Law School	
	Participants in Work Groups 1 and 2 will convene for a joint session to consider technology-based solutions to challenges selected from the Call for Challenges circulated throughout the legal services community in early spring.	
	The two challenges to be addressed are: (1) how legal services providers can use text messaging and other digital services to stay in touch with and track the outcomes of services provided to clients who receive only brief advice and assistance, and (2) what it might take for New York's legal services providers and law schools to consider the creation of a "Data Commons for Law" that would generate data regarding legal needs and services for low-income and working-poor New Yorkers. Goals of the joint session include considering ways to address these issues and possibly assembling interdisciplinary teams from participants who could pursue development of proposed technology-based solutions to such challenges after the Conference.	
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Work Groups 3, 4 and 5	Participants in Work Groups 3, 4 and 5 return to original rooms to develop recommendations and action steps.	
	Work Group 3: Housing	Room 602
	Work Group 4: Immigration	Room 605
	Work Group 5: Civil Consequences	Room 604
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4:05-4:30 pm	Closing Plenary Session	Jerome Prince Moot Court Room
	Dean Matthew Diller Reports from Facilitators of Work Group Sessions	
Concluding Remarks	Helaine M. Barnett	

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