Justice Virginia Long, Class of ’66, to Speak at Commencement

The Honorable Virginia Long ’66, Associate Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court, will deliver the convocation address at the law school commencement on May 28. Some 240 graduates, their families, friends, and members of the law school community will attend the ceremony at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center.

Justice Long has served on the Supreme Court since 1999. Prior to that she was a presiding judge of the Appellate Division of the Superior Court. She also has been a deputy attorney general; a litigation associate at Pitney, Hardin, Kipp and Szuch; Director of the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs; and Commissioner of the former state Department of Banking. In 1978, she was appointed to the Superior Court, where she presided over civil, criminal, and family law cases. From 1983 to 1984, she was the General Equity judge for the Mercer, Somerset and Hunterdon vicinage. Elevated to the Appellate Division in 1984, Justice Long became a presiding judge in 1995.

Other commencement speakers will include Professor Tanya Hernandez, Justice Frederick W. Hall Scholar and a Shuchman Fellow, and graduating student Terry Johnson, a Pashman Scholar who has been selected as the first intern for Judge Michael Chertoff of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and will clerk for Justice James R. Zazzali of the New Jersey Supreme Court.

Brown Commemoration Takes Many Forms

The law school marked the 50th anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education in numerous ways during the spring semester. The Education Law and Policy Seminar – taught by Distinguished Service Professor Paul Tractenberg; Brenda Liss, Executive Director of the Rutgers-Newark Institute on Education Law and Policy; and Alan Sadovnik, Professor of Education and Sociology at Rutgers-Newark – devoted all of its classes to Brown and school integration. Guest speakers included Jack Greenberg, co-counsel for the Brown plaintiffs, and Professors Roslyn Arlin Mickelson and Amy Stuart Wells, experts on the effect of Brown on the first generation of students after the decision and on the resegregation of schools.

One unique student response to Brown was a quilt created by 2L Melissa Gertz that incorporates images of some of the best-known figures in Brown and the civil rights movement, including long-time Rutgers law professor Arthur Kinoy, who died last year. The quilt has been framed and will be prominently displayed in the Center for Law and Justice. The law school commissioned an artist to design posters of the quilt so others could appreciate the work. The 27-inch x 39-inch poster shows the multicolored quilt
against a dramatic black background and is captioned: “Created for Rutgers School of Law-Newark by Melissa Gertz, Class of 2005, to honor the Brown attorneys and plaintiffs and those who continue the struggle for equal opportunity – March 2004.”

Sales of the poster will benefit the law school’s scholarship fund. The posters are priced at $100.00 each plus shipping charges or free with a gift of $250.00 or more to the law school. To purchase a poster, contact the Office of the Dean, 973-353-5551.

**State Bar Association Honors Minority Student Program**

The Minority Student Program is the recipient of the 2004 Mel Narol Excellence in Diversity Award presented by the Diversity Committee of the New Jersey State Bar Association. The award is named for the organization’s late president-elect and commemorates his commitment to and enthusiastic support for the NJSBA’s diversity initiatives. Dean Stuart L. Deutsch and Kenneth Padilla, Assistant Dean for the MSP and Externships, accepted the award on May 20 at the state bar association annual meeting.

“For nearly 40 years, the Minority Student Program has stood as a shining example and model for other law schools to emulate,” said Karol Corbin Walker, Esq., NJSBA president.

“Through the MSP’s efforts, countless law students of color and disadvantaged students of all races have been given the opportunity to attain their goals, to thrive in their professional lives and to participate in working towards that highest goal – the delivery of equal justice to all.”

More than 1,900 students have participated in the MSP and have graduated from the law school since the program began in 1968. MSP alums can be found on the bench, in the U.S. Congress, in private practice, government agencies, major corporations, legislative bodies, public interest organizations, and academic institutions across the country.

**Former Colleagues, Students and Friends at Ruth Blumrosen Memorial**

More than 100 former colleagues, students, friends, and family of Ruth Gerber Blumrosen attended an April 8 memorial service at the law school for the long-time adjunct professor who died in January. They celebrated her teaching, scholarship, mentoring, public service, and groundbreaking research, as well as her close relationship, both personally and professionally, with her husband and fellow Rutgers law professor Alfred W. Blumrosen. Among the speakers was Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, former head of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, which Blumrosen helped to establish. Ruth Blumrosen worked in the field of employment discrimination law for almost 50 years, helping to secure equal workplace opportunities for countless Americans.

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**CLINIC NEWS**

The law school’s clinical program was ranked number 17 – in a tie with Harvard, George Washington, and the University of Nevada at Las Vegas – in *U.S. News & World Report’s* “America’s Best Graduate Schools 2005.”

Clinical Professor Penny Venetis and her **Constitutional Litigation Clinic** students submitted an *amicus curiae* brief to the U.S. Supreme Court in *Sosa v. Alvarez-Machain* and attended the oral argument at the high court on March 30. The case deals with the issue of whether the 1789 Alien Tort Claims Act can be used to sue violators of human rights, using non-treaty-based customary international law. The statute has never been interpreted by the U.S. Supreme Court. It has, however, been successfully invoked in lawsuits brought in federal courts around the
country. The Alien Tort Claims Act has been used to sue human rights abusers such as Radovan Karadžić, who was responsible for acts of torture in Bosnia, and Ferdinand Marcos, who committed gross human rights abuses in the Philippines. The Constitutional Litigation Clinic, through Professor Venetis, is currently litigating *Jama v. U.S.* under the Alien Tort Claims Act. The *Jama* case was brought on behalf of political asylum seekers who were detained while their asylum claims were pending. While detained, they were severely abused by U.S. officials and employees of a private prison company. The *National Law Journal* (March 29) and the *Legal Intelligencer* (March 31) reported on the clinic’s amicus brief.

The **Special Education Clinic**, under the direction of Associate Clinical Professor Esther Canty-Barnes, clinic director, and Jennifer Rosen Valverde, conducted statewide training in Trenton on April 28 for Family Court judges and their staff concerning the impact of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act in child welfare cases. The training, sponsored by the NJ Court Improvement Committee, provided judges with information and strategies to assist them in making decisions concerning permanency planning, visitation and placement of disabled children in foster care. Canty-Barnes is a member of the NJ Court Improvement Committee.

On May 4 **Urban Legal Clinic** students, under the supervision of Clinical Professor Laura Cohen, participated in a Law Day Mock Trial Competition at Newark’s Barringer High School. Sponsored by the New Jersey Superior Court, Essex Vicinage, the event commemorated the 50th anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education* with a case involving a gifted urban high school student who wanted to be able to enroll in an academically superior, suburban school. The law school students coached the high school teams and judged the trial. In addition, Urban Legal Clinic and **Child Advocacy Clinic** students, under the supervision of Cohen and Clinical Professor Randi Mandelbaum, respectively, presented two “know your rights” workshops at the Essex County Juvenile Detention Center.

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**FACULTY NOTES**

The recently published *Encyclopedia of New Jersey* includes entries by four law school professors: **Frank Askin**, who wrote about the New Jersey Coalition Against War in the Middle East v. JMB Realty, and free speech; **Gregory Mark** – Holding Company Act of 1889; **John Payne** – eminent domain, land use, Mount Laurel cases, Mount Laurel Township, open space, and zoning; **Alfred Slocum** – discrimination, and Division against Discrimination.

“Voting Rights for Parolees and Probationers” was the title of a May 3 *New Jersey Lawyer* op-ed by **Professor Frank Askin, Director of the Constitutional Litigation Clinic**. In January, the clinic filed a lawsuit charging that the denial of voting rights to parolees and probationers violates the state constitution’s guarantee of equal protection under the law. On May 7 the Associated Press reported on a request by the state to dismiss the suit (*New Jersey State Conference/NAACP v. Harvey*). Askin spoke about the lawsuit at two sessions of this month’s annual meeting of the New Jersey State Bar Association (NJSBA). On May 17 he participated in a panel on Jewish involvement in the civil rights movement, part of the Jewish Historical Society’s observance of the 50th anniversary of *Brown*.

**Adjunct Professor Marilyn Askin** was honored at the May 6 “Salute to Policy Makers” awards dinner of Executive Women of New Jersey, held in New Brunswick. She was a panelist at the
May 20 NJSBA’s session on “Prescription for Pain? What the New Medicare Bill Really Means for Patients and Providers.”

The Record invited Assistant Professor Karima Bennoune to write a response to the question “What Next for Iraq?” for its April 25 issue. Others contributing a response included U.S. Senators Frank Lautenberg and Jon Corzine and Congressman Robert Menendez ’79. In April, Bennoune participated in an interdisciplinary panel discussion on the scholarship on women and gender at Rutgers-Newark and was a panelist at the annual meeting of Global Action to Prevent War, hosted by the law school. On May 15 she addressed the founding meeting of the European Society of International Law, held in Florence, on the subject of international humanitarian law. In June she will represent Amnesty International at the international meeting “Stop Violence Against Women” in Australia.

The Buffalo Criminal Law Review has accepted Assistant Professor Vera Bergelson’s paper “Victims and Perpetrators: An Argument for Comparative Liability in Criminal Law” as the forum piece for its spring 2005 issue.


On April 15 Assistant Professor Neil H. Buchanan presented “What Is Fiscal Responsibility? Long-term Deficits, Generational Accounting, and Capital Budgeting” at the NYU Law School Tax Colloquium. He will chair two sessions at the late May annual meeting of the Law & Society Association – “Class and Labor: Barriers to Work and Upward Mobility” and “Privatization, Accountability, and Public Welfare.”

The April 2-4 Critical Tax Conference, organized and hosted by Buchanan along with his tax colleagues Professors Cynthia Blum and Charles Davenport, brought 35 scholars from 21 law schools to Rutgers. Keynote speeches were delivered by David Cay Johnston of the New York Times and Lee Sheppard of Tax Analysts.

Professor Norman Cantor’s article “On Judicial Obstruction of Sound Surrogate Decisionmaking: A Comment on California’s Wendland Case” has been published in the spring 2004 issue of the Journal of Clinical Ethics.

Esther Canty-Barnes, Associate Clinical Professor and Director of the Special Education Clinic, received the Shanara Gilbert Emerging Clinician Award from the Association of American Law Schools’ Section on Clinical Legal Education on May 3 in San Diego. The award is given annually to a person who exemplifies excellence in teaching and whose work contributes to the advancement of social justice.

At the March and April Fostering Healthy Children Training Conferences, held in Trenton, Canty-Barnes presented “Making a Difference: The Power of a Foster Parent for Children with Disabilities.” Canty-Barnes coordinated the program on “Trailblazing Women of Color in the New Jersey Legal Profession,” held on April 29 at the NJ Bar headquarters in New Brunswick. Canty-Barnes is a member of the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Women in the
Courts and chair of the Subcommittee on Women of Color. The Committee was one of the sponsors of the April program.

**Clinical Professor Laura Cohen** served as a consultant to the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation’s Network on Adolescent Development and Juvenile Justice, an interdisciplinary, multi-year initiative focused on the complex relationship between child and adolescent psychology and psychiatry and the juvenile justice system. Among other efforts, the Network is developing a new protocol for assessing juvenile competency to stand trial.

**Dean Stuart L. Deutsch** served as moderator for the May 22 panel on “Government Secrecy in the Age of Terrorism” at the annual conference of the National Freedom of Information Coalition. The law school and the New Jersey Foundation for Open Government were conference co-hosts. On June 4 Deutsch will introduce the session on “What Are the Legal Consequences of Heightened Security” at the conference entitled The Economic, Social and Legal Consequences of Heightened Security. The conference is sponsored by the Center for the Study of Public Security, a multi-disciplinary venture of three units at Rutgers-Newark: the law school, the School of Criminal Justice, and the Center for Global Change and Governance. Deutsch also is chair of the planning committee for the AALS Conference on Environmental Law: Teaching Environmental Law in a Global Context,” to be held in Portland, OR from June 15-18.

**Associate Professor Suzanne Goldberg** presented “Blended Identities” at the 20th anniversary celebration of the Feminism and Legal Theory Project, American University Washington College of Law and participated in “Gay Marriage: A Debate” at Rutgers Law School, both in March. Her April presentations included “Defining the Contours of Sex Through the Lens of Employment Discrimination” at a symposium sponsored by the *Women’s Rights Law Reporter* at Rutgers Law School, and “Brown, Lawrence, and the Meaning of Equality” at Equality Through the Courts: *Brown v. Board of Education* at 50, which was held at Fordham Law School. On May 2 she presented “Lawrence v. Texas as a Legacy of Brown” at Comemorating *Brown/Celebrating Grutter and Lawrence*, a plenary session of the AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education.

April presentations by **Professor Tanya Hernandez** included “Racial Identity and Civil Rights Enforcement” at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill’s Institute of African American Research International Scholars Conference, the theme of which was From Hispaniola to Brooklyn: Exploring the Caribbean and Antillean Diaspora; “Latino Racism and the Future of Civil Rights” at Fordham Law School; and a roundtable discussion at the City College Center for Worker Education on “Latinos and the New Culture Wars,” sponsored by the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund.

**A Cancer Survivor’s Almanac: Charting Your Journey**, 3rd ed., has just been published by John Wiley and Sons. **Barbara Hoffman, legal research and writing instructor**, has been editor of this book for the past 15 years. The latest edition features an introduction by Sam Donaldson and a dedication by U.S. Senator Joe Lieberman. All royalties benefit the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship, of which Hoffman is the founding chair.
In February Professor Jon Hyman lectured on the Uniform Mediation Act as part of an advanced mediation training session sponsored by the New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators. In March he presented “Swimming in the Deep End: Mediators’ Engagement With Justice” at the Conference on Justice in Mediation held at Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law. He chaired “Is There a Place for Justice in Mediation?” at the ABA/Dispute Resolution Section annual meeting, held in New York on April 16. In addition, with Constitutional Litigation Clinic students, he successfully opposed defendants’ motion to dismiss Lodato v. Ortiz et al., a prisoners’ rights case, in U.S. District Court, the District of New Jersey.

John Kettle, Associate Clinical Professor, will be one of the presenters at the Practising Law Institute’s July 15-16 program on “What Every Litigator Must Know About Intellectual Property.”

“The Transracial Adoption Controversy and the Racial Divide” was the topic of Professor Twila Perry’s presentation at the April 20 Provost’s Annual Research Day at Rutgers-Newark.

Professor Jim Pope will receive his Ph.D. in politics from Princeton on June 1. Parts of his thesis have been/are being published in the Columbia Law Review, Michigan Law Review, Labor History, and the Law and History Review.

Associate Dean Carol Roehrenbeck has been appointed chair of the Intellectual Freedom Committee of the New Jersey Public Library Association. On May 14 the library hosted the annual meeting of the Academic Law Library Directors of Greater New York.

The Institute on Education Law and Policy (IELP) has released its report “Tough Choices: Setting the Stage for Informed, Objective Deliberation on School Choice,” which can be found at http://ielp.rutgers.edu/SchoolChoice.htm. IELP founding director Professor Paul Tractenberg, executive director Brenda Liss, and associate director Alan Sadovnik presented the report at the Public Education Institute meeting at Livingston College on March 17. New Jersey Commissioner of Education William Librera served as reactor and discussant. In late March Tractenberg presented a paper about state education provisions at a conference in Bellagio, Italy, sponsored by the Rutgers-Camden Center for the Study of State Constitutions. On April 15 he was a co-presenter, with Geoff Whitty, director of the Institute of Education at the University of London, and Carol Campbell, also of IOE, of a paper on central intervention in local school districts. The occasion was the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, held in San Diego.

STAFF & STUDENT NEWS

Therese Hilger, development assistant, and Bill Hilger, unit computing specialist, graduated from New Jersey City University on May 18. Terri received a B.A. in biology and Bill, who graduated summa cum laude, a B.S. in computer science. Bill has been accepted in the master’s program in cybersecurity at Stevens Institute of Technology. He also recently became a Certified Novell Administrator for Netware 5.

Adrienne Lockie, director of the Domestic Violence Advocacy Project, was one of the speakers at Columbia Law School’s April 17 training and orientation program for its 2004
summer interns and fellows. She covered client interviewing and counseling for law students working for legal services providers.


Documents/reference librarian Susan Lyons will receive her J.D. from the law school on May 28. Lyons has been elected vice president/president-elect of the New Jersey Law Librarians Association for 2004-2005. She also was a presenter on a program on digital preservation at the annual conference of the New Jersey Library Association.

On April 20, Associate Dean Fran Bouchoux co-facilitated a program on Gender Bias in the Legal Profession before the Mercer County Women Lawyers Caucus in Trenton. Bouchoux has been elected to the 2004-2005 NALP Nominating Committee (National Association for Law Placement).

Associate Dean Marie Melito was the featured speaker at an April 24 dinner in East Hanover honoring her second grade teacher. Melito also will be the graduation speaker at her elementary school, St. Francis Xaxier School in Newark.

Kevin Reiss, head of digital services, will discuss “Document Delivery Formats for the Web and Legal Digital Collections” at the June 17-19 CALI Conference for Law School Computing, to be held in Seattle.

Fourteen Rutgers law students, accompanied by Professor Emeritus Alfred Slocum, Professor Robert Holmes, and Visiting Assistant Clinical Professor Charles Auffant, spent their spring break in Havana, Cuba, where they studied aspects of the country’s legal training and judicial systems.

Thirteen students who will be working this summer in unpaid public interest jobs will receive stipends, thanks to the $34,000 raised by the Rutgers Public Interest Law Foundation and a grant from the Alumni Association. The students are Katie Ringer, Karen Cherrington, Hani Khalil, Nathan Betancourt, Kevin Madden, Shana Fried, Alexander Saingchin, Praveena Nallainathan, Melissa Gertz, Michael Wright, Frank Geier, Carrie Seares, and W. Brad Jarman.

The following students have been selected Class of 2006 Public Interest Fellows: Kinoy-Stavis Fellows – Nicole Crifo, W. Brad Jarman, and Alexander Saingchin; Marsha Wenk Fellows – Allison Herron and Carrie Seares.

The Peggy Browning Fund has given summer fellowships to Chris Gant ’05, who will work at the United Mine Workers of America in Fairfax, VA, and Geida Sanlate ’06, who will work at the National Employment Law Project in New York. The Fund, which is dedicated to educating
law students on the rights and needs of workers, received 350 applications from 85 law schools for 28 positions and chose two Rutgers students.

Praveena Nallainathan ’06 has won the South Asian Bar Association of New York’s first public interest fellowship. Nallainathan, a former domestic violence counselor with the Brooklyn District Attorney’s Office, will receive $1,000 to help support her work this summer with an immigration assistance program of Catholic Community Services of Newark. The New York Law Journal (April 30) reported the fellowship.

A profile of Daryl Pennington ’04 and his brothers, including Eric ’92 and Scott ’99, ran in the May 5 Star-Ledger.

The March issue of National Jurist used a full-page photo of four Rutgers law students – Vanessa Brown ’04, Antonio Gonzalez ’06, Melissa Goldsand ’06, and Mohamed Jalloh ’04 – to illustrate the lead article “Which Schools Earn an A+ on Diversity.”

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RUTGERS-NEWARK LAW IN THE NEWS
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The April 5 New Jersey Law Journal ran the full text of the 22nd Annual Chief Joseph Weintraub Lecture delivered on March 25 by Judge Sylvia Pressler ’59, Presiding Judge for Administration of the Appellate Division of Superior Court. A photo of the event appeared in the April 19 Journal. The New Jersey Lawyer covered the event in its April 5 issue.

The May 1 Asbury Park Press reported on a lawsuit filed against the state Department of Environmental Protection by the Environmental Law Clinic on behalf of three environmental groups. The suit charges the DEP with failing to hold a required public comment period before issuing a stream encroachment permit to a developer.

The Record (April 5) reported the $500,000 Foosaner Foundation grant to the law library.

WBGO radio and the New Jersey Jewish News covered U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg’s April 15 discussion at the law school on “Domestic Threats to Our Civil Liberties.” The New Jersey Jewish News also covered the March 31 “Blacks and Jews in Conversation,” whose participants included Professor Twila Perry.

A Star-Ledger article (April 18) on segregation in New Jersey schools 50 years after Brown quoted Professors Frank Askin and Paul Tractenberg. Askin commented for the Asbury Park Press (March 24) and the Home News Tribune (March 25) on the Newdow case before the U.S. Supreme Court; for the Daily News (March 27) on a report by the federal Education Department on a plan for increasing diversity in colleges; for the New Jersey Law Journal (April 5) on a proposed change to the attorney grievances confidentiality rule and on anti-SLAPP legislation pending in the state legislature; for the Asbury Park Press and Daily Record (April 4) on proposals to ban pay-to-play at the local level; for the Record on the use of the Voting Rights Act to increase the number of minority representatives in certain municipalities; and for the Associated Press (May 20) about a lawsuit over assigned seating in a school cafeteria.
**Associate Clinical Professor Tom Borden** was quoted in an *Express-Times* article (April 8) about the developer’s appeal of the judgment in the Windy Acres case.

The *Star-Ledger* (April 29) quoted **Professor Norman Cantor** about the judge presiding over the Charles Cullen case.

**Associate Dean Ronald Chen** was interviewed by the *Asbury Park Press* (March 21) about proposals to prohibit sex offenders from living within a certain distance of a school or park and by the *Star-Ledger* (March 22) about the Newdow case. Chen and Community Law Clinic **Professors Charles Auffant** and **John Kettle** served as Appellate Court judges for the Moot Court competition at East Orange Campus High School, which was covered by the *Star-Ledger* (April 28). Students from the Community Law Clinic served as coaches for the East Orange teams.

**Dean Stuart L. Deutsch** and director of development **David Condliffe** were interviewed by the *New Jersey Lawyer* for the April 26 article about the law school entitled “School Touts Public Interest Law.”

The *Star-Ledger* (April 1) interviewed **Clinical Professor Laura Cohen** about a development in the Charles Cullen case; on April 21 WCBS radio broadcast her comments about the Jayson Williams case; and the *Courier News* (May 10) quoted her about the testimony of Robert and Brenda Matthey in their manslaughter trial.

**Professor Gary Francione** was interviewed by the *News Journal* of Delaware (April 8) about laws intended to protect animals and by the *Washington Post* (May 24) about an animal rights advocate who is a White House speechwriter.

**Associate Professor Suzanne Goldberg** commented for a May 2 Associated Press report on New Jersey’s new domestic partner law. Goldberg was interviewed for the May 13 broadcast of National Public Radio’s *Day to Day* program about an Ohio judge’s order that a “deadbeat dad” stop fathering children.

**Professor Tanya Hernandez** talked about reparations lawsuits for the *Courier-News* (April 26).

**Legal research and writing instructor Barbara Hoffman** was interviewed for a column on “Filing for Disability” posted at cancerandcareers.org.

The *New Jersey Law Journal* (March 29) asked **Professor John Leubsdorf** to comment on the arrangement in which an individual maintains careers as both a police officer and a lawyer.

The *Herald News* (April 1) quoted **Brenda Liss**, Executive Director of the Institute on Education Law and Policy, about the Paterson City Council’s no-confidence vote in its school superintendent.

A March 23 *Bloomberg News* report on alleged trading abuses by former Putnam executives, a March 24 *Daily Targum* article on corporate fraud, an April 4 *Star-Ledger* article on the Tyco mistrial, and a May 14 *Bloomberg News* report on a proposal by the Securities and Exchange
Commission to impose a mandatory redemption fee on quick trades of mutual fund shares all included comments by Professor Gregory Mark. The Star-Ledger (April 23) reported on the new Center for Institutional Governance, of which Mark is the director.

Adjunct Brian Neary, a past president of the Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers of New Jersey, was quoted by the Star-Ledger (May 16) about the Jayson Williams verdict.

Professor John Payne talked to the Star-Ledger (April 4) about a private landlord’s alleged efforts to block occupancy of his building by a women’s health care service facility.

NBC News New York interviewed Professor Peter Simmons for an April 2 report about a land-use controversy.

The Courier-Post (March 18) reported on a decision by the state Board of Public Utilities to hold another public hearing in a case in which Assistant Clinical Professor Carter Strickland Jr. and the Environmental Law Clinic are representing an environmental coalition that has been granted intervenor status.

Star-Ledger (April 16) and Express-Times (May 6) stories about the Jayson Williams trial included comments by Professor George Thomas.

Professor Paul Tractenberg wrote an op-ed for the May 17 Star-Ledger entitled “Heir to Brown vs. Board of Ed: School choice needs more study to see if it advances racial balance and quality education.” Tractenberg was quoted in articles about Brown, school integration, and public education in the April 19 New Jersey Lawyer, May 17 Star-Ledger and other Newhouse papers, the Record and Courier-Post (May 16), and Asbury Park Press (May 16 and 18).

EVENTS

Several national experts on child welfare and juvenile justice are among the speakers at the first New Jersey Summit on Child Advocacy and Juvenile Defense, which will take place at the law school on June 4. Organizers are clinical faculty Laura Cohen, Randi Mandelbaum, Esther Canty-Barnes, and Jennifer Rosen Valverde. The summit is co-sponsored by the ABA-affiliated Northeast Regional Juvenile Defender Center, which Cohen co-directs, and the New Jersey Office of the Public Defender.

The law school is holding a golf outing to benefit the Pashman Scholarship fund on Aug. 30 at Baltusrol Golf Club, site of the 2005 PGA Championship. Former New Jersey Supreme Court Justice Morris Pashman ’35 created the scholarship to support students, primarily in the Minority Student Program, who demonstrate exceptional talent and financial need. For information on registration and sponsorship opportunities, call Rick Stempler, senior associate director of development, at 973-353-3066 or senior alumni relations officer Evie Task at 973-353-1617.