

PACE UNIVERSITY

Elisabeth Haub School of Law

Alumni Association Board of Directors

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 26, 2024

5:00 p.m. Meeting

In at Jackson Lewis PC, White Plains 14th Floor, and via Microsoft Teams

Present: Amanda Brody, Esq. '19; Victoria Coleman, Esq. '07; Kayla Conti, '22; Rafael Corbalan, Esq., '15; Elizabeth Cuccinello, Esq. '99; James Garvey III, Esq. '80 (Dir. Em.); Rebecca Gigliotti, Esq. '18; Lisa Gladwell, Esq. '10; Shari Hochberg, Esq., '10; James Lenihan, Esq. '91; Benjamin Lowenthal, Esq. '14; Joseph Martin, Esq. '91 (Dir. Em.) Joseph Mazel, Esq. '97; Gail Mulligan, Esq. '09; Jacqueline Parker, Esq. '95; Thomas Persico, Esq. '18; Delonie Plummer, Esq. '18; Christopher Psihoules, Esq. '12; Cassia Schaeffer, Esq. '15; Leanne Shofi, Esq. '94; Andrew Teodorescu, Esq. '13; Nicole Varisco, Esq. '10; Daniel Von Staats, Esq., '24

Excused: Patricia Bisesto, Esq. '92; George Burns, Esq. '12; Danielle Federico, Esq. '13; Stephen Forte, Esq. '08; Michael Frankel, Esq. '03; George Haddad, Esq. '15; Ashley Kersting, Esq. '16; Michael Kremen, Esq., '08; Hon. Carole Levy '83 (Dir. Em.); Andrea Madrid, Esq. '12; Mark Meeker, Esq. '09 (Dir. Em.); Raymond Perez, Esq. '00

Unexcused: Diana Neeves, Esq. '16

Added attendees: Dean Horace Anderson; Kim Burg, Women in Law Society; Susan Galvao, Women in Law Society; Samantha Gordon, Executive Director, Alumni Relations and Association; Kapila Juthani, Assistant Dean Center for Career and Professional Development; Lori Kanner, Director of Community Relations & Special Programs; Brian Kearney, Senior Director of Development; Linda Markowitz, Women in Law Society; Cheryl Sanford, Women in Law Society; Abigail Sprague, Senior Development Officer

OPEN MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 5:30 p.m.

MEETING QUORUM: Quorum met with 16 Directors at 5:30 p.m.

I. Welcome

Jacqueline Parker

II. President's Update

Jacqueline Parker

- Executive Committee positions need filling for next year, and VP position needs to be filled now, please reach out, VP is a great opportunity to learn the ropes to potentially becoming President of the Board
- Class Reps – Board Members all elected to be class reps, liaisons to help with the reunion, etc.
- Scholarship for Adele Janow
 - Deadline end of December, \$3,800 of \$5K raised to date
 - Jacque will send link for donations

- Reach out to anyone who might be interested, including former Board Members
- If reach \$10K there could be 2 scholarships

III. **Women in Law Society**

- Members attending introduced: Susan Galvao, Cheryl Sanford, Linda Markowitz, Kim Burg
- Group was the brainchild of Kathleen Donelli
- Culture of giving, focus on issues of particular interest to women, but all are welcome
- Contact Lori Kanner if you would like invitations to future meetings and events
- Meets 4x a year by Zoom, 8:00 a.m.–8:30 a.m.
- Linda Markowitz has been raising money for law school scholarships in honor of Adele Janow and Judge Sandra Forster; Cheryl Sanford is chair of work-life balance group; Kim Burg focuses on mentoring and networking
- Hope to partner with the Board in the future, could use space and sponsorship
- Holiday party being planned at the law school to wrap gifts for charity

IV. **Alumni Survey**

Samantha Gordon

- All-alumni surveys are out, please complete them; in 2019 Law School was top responder
- Surveys have been sent in three emails, they are focused on attitudes about University
- Survey results will help University focus on 5-year Strategic Plan

V. **Alumni Board Committee Updates**

● **Judicial, Career/CLE & Support Services**

Victoria Coleman

- Meeting tomorrow
- Interested in creating a “How to Prepare for Interviews” guide for students, will reach out for input

● **Pro Bono/Community Service**

Liz Cuccinello

- Working with SBA on Holiday event possibly tied to Toy Drive (potentially a “Wrap Party”), spoke with Dante, will collaborate
- Committee meeting next week
- Goals:
 - Work more with the SBA on joint projects
 - Continue work from last year related to SJC
 - Add at least 2 additional events and work with other committees
- Action Items for Board Members: please share opportunities, look out for event announcements
- Clinic with Social Justice Collaborative set for winter break
- Fall Festival (working on details)
- DJ Henry Event (working on details)

● **Social/ Reunion**

Delonie Plummer

- Goals for the Year:
 - Collaborate with SBA and other committees for events
 - Seek additional firm sponsorship opportunities
 - Host at least two CLE events (Spring and Summer)
- Upcoming/Potential Events
 - Winter - Holiday Toy Drive collaboration with SBA and Pro Bono committee
 - Spring - CLE Panel Discussion (TBD)

- Lubin/Law joint event
- Summer - Annual summer social/Brunch (TBD)
- Requests To Board:
 - Location/Event Ideas
 - Firm Sponsorship of events
 - Volunteers for CLE programs/panel discussions

- **Diversity** **Rafael Corbalan o/b/o George Haddad**
 - Environmental justice CLE November 12, 2025
 - CSG event coming up in the fall semester
 - Still planning on having DEI event in the fall or Spring in memory of Judge Forster
 - Next DEI meeting is October 3 at 4:00 p.m.

- **Treasury/Fundraising/Budget** **Gail Mulligan**
 - Board Fund Balance: \$19,191 as of 3 weeks ago
 - [Make your annual Law Alumni Contribution](#)
 - Select "Area of Your Choice," then "other," then "Selected Designations," then Law School Alumni Fund (see below)
 - Suggested annual contribution amount for Alumni Board members is \$100
 - After make contribution, email receipt to Gail Mulligan - Thank you!

DESIGNATIONS -

Areas of Greatest Need Student Scholarships

Your School **Area of Your Choice**

Selected Designations (edit)

NAME	AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Other	\$ 100	100 %

Please indicate where you would like us to direct your gift:

If your school, please specify:

- **Nominating** **Leanne Shofi o/b/o Mike Frankel**
 - Nominating committee will discuss succession planning with executive committee at next meeting
 - More details to come, please contact Executive Committee or Mike Frankel if interested in running for President, VP, Treasurer, or Secretary

VI. Adjournment

Alumni Board

- Motion: Jacqueline Parker
- Second: Lisa Gladwell
- Time: 6:03 p.m.