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Dean and Professor of Law

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Dear Alumnae/i and Friends,

This is the end of my ninth year as dean of Rutgers School of Law–Newark, and there have been many wonderful times and successes over that period. We have attracted a group of outstanding new faculty members; have defined the status of our clinical faculty; have educated more than 2,000 marvelous students; have strengthened our commitment to diversity and opportunity; have published nearly a thousand articles, books, and papers; have enhanced relationships with alumni/ae; and have assembled a first-rate staff to support the operation of the law school. We surely have a great deal to celebrate as we enter our Centennial Year.

However, there is a season for everything and a time to begin planning for a new future. Therefore, I have decided to step down as dean at the end of the 2008-2009 academic year. I have enjoyed immensely the opportunity to be the dean, and have developed a strong love for this law school as well as great pride in our devotion to a high-quality faculty, a top-rate education for our students, public service, and diversity and opportunity. I expect to be on leave for 2009-2010 while I retool back to being an environmental law professor, and then to be a full-time faculty member here.

I want to conclude by thanking you for your dedication to this excellent law school. I'm confident that your continued support and involvement will help make the transition to a new dean a smooth one.

Spring 2008 Semester Highlights

FIVE ACCEPT OFFERS TO JOIN FACULTY FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

Our faculty of nationally prominent scholars and teachers will be augmented by five new members – some already celebrated, others rising stars – for the 2008-09 academic year.

Stuart P. Green joins Rutgers from Louisiana State University Law Center, where he has been Louis B. Porterie Professor of Law. Green has published widely on corporate and white collar crime, criminal law codification, comparative criminal law, victims' rights, strict liability, justified homicide, plagiarism, and the criminal law's Special Part. **Carlos A. Ball** has been Weiss Family Distinguished Faculty Scholar and Professor of Law at Dickinson School of Law, Penn State University. He teaches property, land use, theory of property rights, and sexual orientation and the law and writes in the areas of gay rights, disability law, and property law. **Joshua D. Blank** has been Acting Assistant Professor at New York University School of Law, teaching corporate tax, tax policy, survey of tax procedure, and timing issues and the income tax. **Adil Ahmad Haque** had been a litigation associate at Debevoise & Plimpton LLP. His teaching and research interests are criminal law, criminal procedure, international criminal law, sentencing law and policy, torts, First Amendment, federal jurisdiction, and Islamic legal theory. The teaching interests of **Brandon L. Paradise**, an associate at Sidley Austin LLP, are civil procedure, contracts, business associations, and professional responsibility. His research focus includes the relationship between legal and personal ethics, legal education, law and religion, and race and the law.

THREE FACULTY PROMOTED TO FULL PROFESSOR AND GRANTED TENURE

Associate Professors **Karima Bennoune**, **Donna Dennis**, and **Sabrina Safrin** have been promoted to full professor and granted tenure, effective July 1. **Anna Gelpert** has been reappointed Associate Professor. All are outstanding scholars and teachers whose recognized accomplishments contribute to the school's reputation for its exceptional younger faculty. Their primary teaching and research interests are: Bennoune, international law and international human rights; Dennis, American legal history and law, gender, and sexuality; Safrin, patent law and international law and science; and Gelpert, international law and the legal and policy implications of international capital flows.

RISHA FOULKES '08 WINS PRESTIGIOUS SKADDEN FELLOWSHIP

Risha Foulkes is one of only 35 law students from across the country – and the only one from a New Jersey law school – selected as a Class of 2008 Skadden Fellow. She will work with the ACLU Women's Rights Project to improve workplace health and safety protections for low-income immigrant women in agricultural and nail salon jobs in New York and New Jersey. Foulkes was an editor of the *Rutgers Race and the Law Review*, president of Law

Students for Choice, and co-founder of the Human Rights Forum. She has a B.A. from the University of Chicago and a master's degree from the University of Cambridge, England.

PROSKAUER ROSE LLP ESTABLISHES PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIPS

The Newark office of Proskauer Rose LLP has created a public interest fellowship program for our students. The firm will support two fellowships this summer and four fellowships the following summer. The students will work full-time at one of the three agencies funded by Essex County Legal Services Foundation and will be invited to participate in the Proskauer in-house training programs offered to the firm's regular summer associates.

NEW BOOK BY GARY FRANCIONE ARGUES FOR ENDING PROPERTY STATUS OF ANIMALS

To Professor Gary L. Francione, advocates for stronger animal welfare laws are at best wrong-headed and at worst complicit in perpetuating the exploitation of animals. True rights for animals, he argues in "*Animals as Persons: Essays on the Abolition of Animal Exploitation*," new this month from Columbia University Press, can only be realized by ending the property status of all sentient non-humans. Further, veganism is the only logical and moral choice for individuals who support the abolitionist approach to animal rights. Francione was the first academic to teach animal rights theory in an American classroom.

TOP CLEA AWARD TO CONSTITUTIONAL LITIGATION CLINIC FOR LANDMARK JAMA CASE

The Clinical Legal Education Association presented its Award for Excellence in a Public Interest Case or Project to the Constitutional Litigation Clinic for *Jama, et al. v. Correctional Services Corp., et al.* The case, guided for 12 years by Clinical Professor Penny Venetis, established new precedent in the area of international human rights law, secured significant monetary damages for the plaintiffs, and trained hundreds of Rutgers students to be skilled litigators.

THIRTY-SEVEN ALUMS RECEIVE LRAP LOANS IN 10TH YEAR OF MODEL PROGRAM

In awarding more than \$135,000 to 37 recipients next year, the Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) is closing in on a total of \$1 million that it has provided to graduates in its 10-year history. The program continues to have strong support among students, who voted overwhelmingly this spring to raise the student fee that helps fund the program. LRAP loans, which are forgiven upon completion of the specified term of service, help offset the debt of graduates who choose to work in traditionally low-paying public service sector jobs.

NJSBA YOUNG LAWYER OF THE YEAR AWARD TO SUPERVISING ATTORNEY OF STREET LAW PROGRAM

Alycia M. Guichard, Supervising Attorney and New Jersey Bar Fellow for the Street Law Program, has been selected by the New Jersey State Bar Association as the 2008 Young Lawyer of the Year. She also serves as interim director of the Minority Student Program & Externships. Guichard holds a J.D. from Fordham Law School and a Master of Laws in Advocacy from Georgetown University Law Center.

PILF GRANTS SUPPORT 10 STUDENTS IN SUMMER WORK AROUND THE WORLD

Money raised at the Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF) annual auction, and donations by faculty, students, alums, and law firms has enabled 10 students to work this summer in unpaid public interest/public service jobs. Eight of the students will perform legal work at domestic public interest organizations and in government offices; two will travel overseas – one to Ecuador and one to Cambodia – for their summer jobs.

CONSTITUTIONAL LITIGATION CLINIC CHALLENGES LEGALITY OF IRAQ WAR

The Constitutional Litigation Clinic filed suit in Federal District Court in Newark against President Bush over the war in Iraq. The complaint seeks a declaratory judgment that the decision to begin a preemptive war violated Article I, Section 8 of the U. S. Constitution, which assigns the power to declare war to Congress. Six students worked with Professor Frank Askin, founding director of the clinic and attorney for the plaintiffs in *New Jersey Peace Action v. George W. Bush*, during the past academic year to prepare the lawsuit. The complaint relies heavily on research by Professor Emeritus Alfred Blumrosen into the annals of the 1787 Constitutional Convention.

ALUMNAE/I EVENTS

In April the law school held a reception in honor of **Ann Berger Lesk '77**, partner and head of the trusts and estates department at Fried, Frank, Harris & Jacobson LLP, and **Barry Kamins '68**, partner in Flamhaft Levy Kamins Hirsch & Rendeiro LLP. This month Lesk becomes president of the New York County Lawyers Association while Kamins steps down as president of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. The reception took place at the New York office of Debevoise & Plimpton LLP and was hosted by litigation partner **Mary Beth Hogan '90**. A **Wine & Cheese Networking Reception for New York Alumni/ae**, hosted by Davis & Gilbert LLP, will be held on Thursday, June 12, 6 - 8 pm. RSVP by June 2 to mmoore@kinoy.rutgers.edu or 973-353-3043.

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