Stein Scholars Symposium

Law & The #MeToo Movement

Friday, April 5, 2019
10 a.m. – 5 p.m
Reception to follow
Costantino Room
(Second Floor)

This event is presented in conjunction with 100 Years of Women at Fordham Law, Fordham Law Women, National Lawyers Guild, Advocates for Sexual Health and Rights, and American Constitution Society for Law and Policy at Fordham Law.
9:30 – 10 a.m.
Check-in

10 – 10:15 a.m.
Introductory Remarks

10:15 – 11:30 a.m.
Panel 1 - Intersectionality & The #MeToo Movement
(1.5 professional practice; 1.5 diversity, inclusion and elimination of bias for experienced attorneys)

Suzanne Goldberg
Professor, Columbia Law School

Kalpana Kotagal
Partner, Cohen Milstein

Christelle Onwu
Lead Advisor for African Communities, NYC Commission on Human Rights

Meredith Talusan
Executive Editor, them

11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Panel 2 - Access to Justice & The #MeToo Movement
(1.0 professional practice; .5 ethics; 1.0 diversity, inclusion, and elimination of bias for experienced attorneys)

Michelle Anderson
President, Brooklyn College

Paul Bland
Executive Director, Public Justice

Bennett Capers
Professor, Brooklyn Law School

Rachel Ferrari
Chief of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau, Bronx District Attorney's Office

Elizabeth Tang
Equal Justice Works Fellow, National Women’s Law Center

2 – 3:15 p.m.
Panel 3 - The #MeToo Movement in the Digital Age
(1.0 professional practice; .5 ethics; 1.0 diversity, inclusion and elimination of bias for experienced attorneys)

Irin Carmon
Author, Notorious RBG; Senior Correspondent, New York Magazine & CNN Contributor

Sunu Chandy
Legal Director, National Women’s Law Center

Sophie Ellman-Golan
Communications Director, Women’s March

Carrie Goldberg
Founding Partner, C.A. Goldberg, PLLC

3:30 – 4:45 p.m.
Panel 4 - The Future of The #MeToo Movement: What are the Next Steps? (1.0 professional practice; .5 ethics; 1.0 diversity, inclusion and elimination of bias for experienced attorneys)

Alex Baptiste
Policy Counsel, National Partnership for Women & Families

Julie Fink
Managing Partner, Kaplan Hecker & Fink LLP

Nadia Hewka
Supervising Attorney of the Employment Unit, Community Legal Services

Emily Martin
Vice President for Education & Workplace Justice, National Women’s Law Center

5 – 7 p.m.
Reception
Michelle Anderson
Michelle J. Anderson is the 10th President of Brooklyn College. She is a leading scholar on the law of rape and sexual assault, an adviser to the American Law Institute’s project to reform the Model Penal Code on sexual offenses, and a consultant to its project on campus sexual misconduct.

Ms. Anderson is a graduate of the University of California, Santa Cruz and Yale Law School, where she was Notes Editor of the Yale Law Journal. Following law school, she clerked on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit for Judge William A. Norris. Her scholarly research on rape and sexual assault has been published in the Yale Law Journal, Boston University Law Review, George Washington Law Review, Rutgers Law Review, and Southern California Law Review, among others. Prior to becoming President of Brooklyn College, Anderson was the Dean at CUNY School of Law for a decade. She previously served as a Professor of Law at Villanova University School of Law, as well as a Visiting Professor at Yale Law School, the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, and Georgetown University Law Center.

Alex Baptiste
Ms. Baptiste is policy counsel for workplace programs at the National Partnership for Women & Families, where she focuses on state and local paid sick days campaigns, sexual harassment, and pregnancy discrimination and accommodations.

Prior to her work at the National Partnership, Ms. Baptiste practiced real estate law in the real estate department of Duane Morris LLP in Philadelphia, PA. While there, she also participated in pro bono work, handling asylum, clemency and domestic violence matters. Previously, Ms. Baptiste worked at an immigration non-profit, coordinating their J-1 visa program, assisting applicants and sponsoring companies navigate the application process. Later she worked as an intern in the Obama White House Counsel’s Office and the Securities and Exchange Commission while in law school. Ms. Baptiste graduated from Georgetown University with a bachelor’s major in English and a minor in political science. She later received her law degree from American University Washington College of Law.

Paul Bland
F. Paul Bland, Jr. is Executive Director of Public Justice, overseeing its advocacy and litigation of consumer, environmental, and civil rights cases, and other operations. He has argued and won more than 40 reported decisions from federal and state courts across the nation, including cases in six of the federal Circuit Courts of Appeal and at least one victory in ten different state high courts. He has been counsel in cases which have obtained injunctive and/or cash relief of more than $1 billion for consumers. He has testified a number of times in both houses of Congress and many state legislatures, has appeared in hundreds of media stories and presented at more than 100 Continuing Legal Education programs throughout the country. He has received a number of honors and awards, including the “Vern Countryman” Award winner in 2006 by the National Consumer Law Center, which “honors the accomplishments of an exceptional consumer attorney who, through the practice of consumer law, has contributed significantly to the well being of vulnerable consumers.” In the late 1980s, he was Chief Nominations Counsel to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee. He graduated from Harvard Law School in 1986, and Georgetown University in 1983.

Bennett Capers

Prior to teaching, he spent nearly ten years as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of New York. His work trying several federal racketeering cases earned him a nomination for the Department of Justice’s Director’s Award in 2004. He also practiced with the firms of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton and Willkie Farr & Gallagher. He clerked for the Hon. John S. Martin, Jr. of the Southern District of New York. He is a graduate of Princeton University, where he graduated cum laude and was awarded the Class of 1983 Prize, and of Columbia University School of Law, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar.

Irin Carmon
Irin Carmon is a senior correspondent at New York magazine, a CNN contributor, and New York Times bestselling co-author of Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg which spent three months on the Times’ bestseller list. In 2017-8, Carmon teamed up with the Washington Post and reporter Amy Brittain to break the news of sexual harassment and assault allegations against Charlie Rose, as well as CBS’s knowledge of his conduct. That work won a 2018 Mirror Award from the Newhouse School at Syracuse University.

Previously, she was a national reporter at MSNBC and NBC News, reporting on gender, politics, and the law, and a staff writer at Salon and at Jezebel. Her reporting and commentary has appeared across print, radio, television, and digital platforms. She speaks frequently across the country on women’s leadership and rights. She graduated from Harvard, magna cum laude with highest honors in literature, in 2005.
**Sunu Chandy**

Sunu P. Chandy is the Legal Director of the National Women's Law Center. She oversees the Center's litigation efforts, providing strategy across the NWLC to create better outcomes for women and girls at school, the workplace, and the healthcare sector. She helped to create the Center's Legal Network for Gender Equity and build the policies and procedures guiding the TIME'S UP Legal Defense Fund. Until August 2017, Ms. Chandy served as the Deputy Director for the Civil Rights Division with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, where she led civil rights enforcement including in the areas of language access, auxiliary aids and services for individuals with disabilities and sex discrimination cases under Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act. Before that, Ms. Chandy was the General Counsel of the DC Office of Human Rights (OHR) and in that role oversaw the agency's legal decisions following civil rights investigations of discrimination in employment, education, housing and public accommodation matters. Previously, Ms. Chandy was a federal attorney with the U.S. Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) for 15 years and litigated cases including based on sexual harassment and other forms of sex discrimination, as well as race, national origin, disability, age and religion based discrimination cases. Ms. Chandy began her legal career as a law firm associate representing unions and individual workers in New York City at Gladstein, Reif and Megginniss, LLP. Ms. Chandy earned her B.A. in Peace and Global Studies/Women's Studies from Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, her law degree from Northeastern University School of Law in Boston and more recently, she completed her MFA in Creative Writing (Poetry) from CUNY/Queens College.

**Sophie Ellman-Golan**

Sophie Ellman-Golan is the Director of Communications and Digital Outreach at Women’s March and the co-creator of the Confront White Womanhood workshop. An activist with a background in racial and gender justice, and anti-police violence organizing, she is a member leader of the Campaign for Police Accountability and Anti-Jewish Oppression Working Group, and a Strategic Messaging Consultant at Jews for Racial & Economic Justice (JFREJ). As one of the National Organizers of the Women’s March on Washington, Sophie was named one of Glamour Magazine’s 2017 Women of the Year. Prior to joining the Women’s March team, Sophie worked at Everytown for Gun Safety, the nation’s largest gun violence prevention organization. She holds a Bachelor’s Degree from Barnard College in Africana Studies and Human Rights.

**Rachel Ferrari**

Rachel Ferrari began in the Bronx District Attorney’s Office as Chief of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau in May 2017. Prior to that, she spent fifteen years at the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office investigating and prosecuting a variety of cases, including assault, narcotics, grand larceny, robbery, weapons possession and burglary. While there, she served in the Domestic Violence Unit and the Sex Crimes Unit. In 2007, Rachel joined the Child Abuse Unit where she investigated and prosecuted felony cases of physical and sexual abuse of children. In 2013, she became Deputy Chief of the Child Abuse Unit. Rachel received her undergraduate degree from Northwestern University and her law degree from Fordham Law School.

**Julie Fink**

Julie Fink is the Managing Partner at Kaplan Hecker & Fink LLP. Before joining the firm, Julie worked as in-house counsel at Pfizer Inc. and as an attorney at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP. Throughout her career, Ms. Fink has successfully represented companies and individuals in a range of litigation matters at both the trial and appellate level across a range of industries, from manufacturing companies to financial institutions.

**Carrie Goldberg**

Carrie Goldberg is a victims’ rights attorney and founder of C.A. Goldberg, PLLC. Her Brooklyn-based law firm fights for victims of online harassment, sexual assault, and stalking—online and offline—and fights against those who think they can get away with it, as well as institutions that facilitate harm. Her work has put her up against the NYC Department of Education for punishing young girls of color for reporting their sexual assault, and she recently obtained a near $1 million settlement. She is also a vocal advocate for holding tech companies accountable for the rampant abuse that occurs on their platforms. Ms. Goldberg’s client’s case Matthew Herrick v. Grindr LLC, currently in the Second Circuit, strongly challenges Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act, a 1995 law that immunizes tech from liability. Prior to opening her firm in 2014, Carrie was the Associate Director of Legal Services at The Vera Institute of Justice, Inc. Guardianship Project and was a case manager for Nazi victims and Holocaust survivors with Selfhelp Community Services in Manhattan. She holds a JD from Brooklyn Law School, an MBA from Bucerius International Business Law Program and a BA from Vassar College.

**Suzanne Goldberg**

Suzanne Goldberg is the Herbert and Doris Wechsler Clinical Professor of Law and the Director of the Center for Gender and Sexuality Law. She also serves as Executive Vice President for University Life at Columbia University. As Columbia University's first executive vice president for university life, she works on sexual assault prevention and response and an array of other issues related to inclusion, belonging and ethical leadership. Professor Goldberg is a frequent commentator and analyst for news media on sexuality and gender law and on discrimination law and litigation issues. Her commentary has been featured on 20/20, CNN, and other national television networks, as well as on radio and news outlets around the world.

Professor Goldberg's scholarship, which focuses on procedural and substantive barriers to equality, has won several national awards. Prior to joining Columbia's Faculty, Professor Goldberg was a faculty member at Rutgers School of Law-Newark. During the 1990s, she served as a staff attorney with Lambda Legal, the national LGBT/HIV legal advocacy group, where she was co-counsel on two cases that became landmark gay rights victories before the U.S. Supreme Court. She graduated with honors from Brown University and went on to serve as a Fulbright Fellow at the National University of Singapore. She earned her J.D. at Harvard Law School.
Emily Martin

Emily Martin is the Vice President for Education & Workplace Justice, at the National Women’s Law Center (NWLC). She oversees the advocacy, policy, and education efforts to ensure fair treatment and equal opportunity for women and girls at work and at school and to forward policy frameworks that allow them to achieve and succeed, with a particular focus on the obstacles that confront women and girls of color and women in low-wage jobs. Prior to joining NWLC, Ms. Martin served as Deputy Director of the Women’s Rights Project at the American Civil Liberties Union, where she spearheaded litigation, policy, and public education initiatives to advance the rights of women and girls, with a particular emphasis on the needs of low-income women and women of color. She also served as a law clerk for Senior Judge Wilfred Feinberg of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and Judge T.S. Ellis, III, of the Eastern District of Virginia; as Vice President and President of the Fair Housing Justice Center in New York City; and previously worked for NWLC as a recipient of the Georgetown Women’s Law and Public Policy Fellowship. Ms. Martin is a graduate of the University of Virginia and Yale Law School.

Christelle Onwu

Christelle Onwu is the Lead Advisor for African Communities and an Equal Employment Opportunity Recruitment Strategist at the New York City Commission on Human Rights. She is a 2017 graduate of the Coro Immigrant Civic Leadership Program (ICLP), and serves as an Adjunct Professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, where she teaches a course on Justice in the Africana World in the Africana Department. She is a Board Member at the Historical Memory Project, CUNY John Jay College.

She is a fierce advocate for under-served populations with a focus on African communities in New York City. Prior to the Commission, Ms. Onwu served as a Social Worker Supervisor at Sauti Yetu Center for African Women and Families. There she provided bilingual (French and English) counseling and case management to survivors of gender-based violence. Ms. Onwu also served as a Policy Analyst at Safe Passage Project, New York Law School. Ms. Onwu earned her Bachelor degree at John Jay College of Criminal Justice and a Master of Science in Social Work Policy at Columbia University School of School Work, where she was published in the Social Work Review. Ms. Onwu is a proud New Yorker, lives in the Bronx with her family, and hails from Cameroon. She is fluent in French, pidgin, and Eton.

Meredith Talusan

Meredith Talusan is the executive editor of them., Condé Nast’s first-ever platform devoted to the queer community. Her memoir, Fairest, is forthcoming from Viking Press. An award-winning journalist and author, Ms. Talusan has written features, essays, and opinion pieces for many publications including The Guardian, The New York Times, The Atlantic, VICE Magazine, WIRED, The Nation, Mic, BuzzFeed News, and The American Prospect. Ms. Talusan is the recipient of the 2017 GLAAD Media Award for Outstanding Digital Journalism, and has contributed to several books, including Nasty Women: Feminism, Resistance, and Revolution in Trump’s America.

Ms. Talusan has written several articles on the #MeToo movement especially in relation to transgender issues, and has contributed to several volumes on intersectional feminism, including Not That Bad: Dispatches from Rape Culture and Nasty Women: Feminism, Resistance, and Revolution in Trump’s America as well as the forthcoming Burn It Down and Amber Tamblyn’s Era of Ignition.” Ms. Talusan graduated from Cornell University with an MA in Comparative Literature and an MFA in Creative Writing; from California College of the Arts with an MFA in Visual Art; and earned a BA in English and American Literature from Harvard University.

Elizabeth Tang

Elizabeth Tang is an Equal Justice Works Fellow at the National Women’s Law Center, where she focuses on combating sexual harassment of girls of color in K-12 schools. Before joining NWLC, she advocated for gender justice at the American Civil Liberties Union, the United States Senate, and Apne Aap Women’s Collective, a nonprofit serving sex workers in Mumbai, India. Ms. Tang received a JD/MBA from the University of Pennsylvania and a B.A. from Harvard College.
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