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
 - o Deadline end of December, \$3,800 of \$5K raised to date
 - Jacquie will send link for donations

- o Reach out to anyone who might be interested, including former Board Members
- o 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

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

• Pro Bono/Community Service

Liz Cuccinello

- o Working with SBA on Holiday event possibly tied to Toy Drive (potentially a "Wrap Party"), spoke with Dante, will collaborate
- o Committee meeting next week
- o 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
- o Action Items for Board Members: please share opportunities, look out for event announcements
- o Clinic with Social Justice Collaborative set for winter break
- o Fall Festival (working on details)
- DJ Henry Event (working on details)

Social/ Reunion

Delonie Plummer

- o 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)
- o Requests To Board:
 - Location/Event Ideas
 - Firm Sponsorship of events
 - Volunteers for CLE programs/panel discussions

Diversity

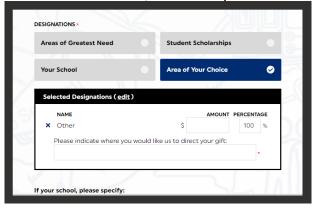
Rafael Corbalan o/b/o George Haddad

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

• Treasury/Fundraising/Budget

Gail Mulligan

- o Board Fund Balance: \$19,191 as of 3 weeks ago
- o 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!



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.