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ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT 2019-2020

THE RAPPAPORT CENTER FOR LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY





A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

The 2019-2020 academic year marks the Rappaport Center for Law and Public Policy's fifth year at Boston College Law School. Owing to the talents and efforts of the Center's Advisory Board members, its vast network of Fellows, alumni, government agency partners, and the support of Boston College community members, the Center has much to be proud of and much more to look forward to.

The Center began the academic year by launching the Senior Fellows in Residence initiative. The inaugural Senior Fellows were: Lance Freeman, Professor in the Urban Planning program at the Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation; Brittny Saunders, Deputy Commissioner for Strategic Initiatives at the New York City Human Rights Commission; and Zephyr Teachout, Associate Professor at Fordham University School of Law, author, activist, and a former candidate for New York Attorney General and Governor. The Senior Fellows spent a week on campus sharing experiences and research in a variety of disciplines, including government, academia, and the nonprofit sector.

Senior Fellows also gave community addresses as part of the Center's public policy series. For the 2019-2020 academic year, the Center's programs addressed issues of equality and inequality/equity and inequity. The Center engaged law students, members of the Boston College community, and the public in robust dialogues on myriad issues relating to race, gentrification, gender politics and social media, and criminal justice reforms. Scholars and practitioners from near and far imparted their wisdom on how state and local governments can address inequality/inequity issues.

We were also enriched by the passion and commitment to public service of our Jerome Lyle Rappaport Distinguished Visiting Professor Jane Swift in the 2020 Spring term. Swift, former Massachusetts Governor and currently the president and executive director of an education nonprofit, LearnLaunch, Inc., shared her wealth of knowledge on education and the impact of social media on gender equity and government in the era of privacy, propaganda, and social media, and public good.

Just a little more than two months into the Spring semester, BC Law School joined universities and colleges across the nation to migrating all classes and programs online in light of the coronavirus outbreak. Despite the unprecedented circumstances, the Rappaport Center has and will continue to afford opportunities for law students and the community to engage and find innovative ways to bring together state, local, and national thought leaders and policymakers to address significant issues of law and public policy. In response to COVID-19, the Center launched a new webinar series that focuses on public policy responses during and post-pandemic.



Daniel Kanstroom



Elisabeth J. Medvedow



Cindy Nguyen

This year, we were again tremendously impressed by the talent of the Rappaport Center cohort of Fellows. The 2019 Rappaport Fellows are an outstanding group, who are passionate, dedicated to public service, and committed to bettering communities in diverse areas, including education, access to justice, racial equality, housing, and public safety. Ensuring that Rappaport Center Fellows are provided with opportunities to learn from policy makers across all walks of government remains an essential component of our mission.

I want to express my appreciation for the leadership of Faculty Director Daniel Kanstroom, Elisabeth J. Medvedow, Executive Director, and Cindy Nguyen, Administrative Assistant. The Rappaport Center continues to attract the best and brightest public-interest minded law students to Boston College Law School. We remain deeply grateful to Phyllis and Jerry Rappaport for their vision and prescience in advancing public service and public policy at Boston College Law School.

Sincerely,

Vincent D. Rougeau

Dean, Boston College Law School

THE RAPPAPORT CENTER FOR LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY



Phyllis and Jerry Rappaport

Established through a gift from the Phyllis & Jerome Lyle Rappaport Foundation, the Rappaport Center at BC Law convenes local, state, and national policy makers and thought leaders to engage in dynamic discussions on critical public policy issues. Through forums, conferences, and symposia, experts from government, business, academia, and the non-profit sector address challenging and complex societal problems. To inspire future public leaders, the Rappaport Center offers a Fellows Program for exceptional law students providing education, mentorship, and funding for summer internships in state and local government.

RAPPAPORT DISTINGUISHED VISITING PROFESSOR SPRING 2020

JANE SWIFT

Former Massachusetts Governor



Jane Swift, the only woman to serve as Governor in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, was the Jerome Lyle Rappaport Distinguished Visiting Professor at Boston College Law School in Spring 2020. A lifetime education advocate, Swift brought a wealth of knowledge in education, public service, and education technology to the Boston College Law (BC Law) community.

In 1990, at the age of 25, Swift was the youngest woman ever to be elected to the Massachusetts Senate. She was an active advocate for education reform and was instrumental in the passage of the Education Reform Act of 1993. Swift was elected Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts in 1998 and filled the vacant position of Governor after Governor Paul Cellucci was appointed U.S. Ambassador to Canada.

During her time as Governor, among many accolades, Swift improved public education through strong accountability, high standards, and standardized curriculum while concurrently implementing remediation programs for struggling students. Her leadership led Massachusetts public schools to become ranked among the best in America. Swift also focused on economic reforms. She reduced the state income tax to help low-income families and advocated for a better family and work balance. Notably, Swift was at the epicenter following the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001. Her hands-on reform to improve security at Boston Logan Airport was met with widespread acclaim. She was also known for being the first governor in the United States to give birth (to twins) while in office.

After her public sector work, Swift continued to be an active voice for education, particularly education technology in the private sector. Currently, she is the president and executive director of an education nonprofit, LearnLaunch, Inc., and a senior advisor at Whiteboard Advisors in Washington, DC. She also served as CEO of the education company Middlebury Interactive Languages from 2011-2017. She frequently speaks about the role of women in public service and education improvement. She is also a contributor to Working Mother magazine and was a lecturer at Williams College. She received six honorary doctorates and has served as a Fellow at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

At BC Law, Swift gave a community address on the impact of social media on equity in the US political system and taught a seminar entitled "Governing in the Facebook Era: Privacy, Propaganda, and Public Good." However, after teaching just two months at BC Law, classes migrated to online learning as a result of the coronavirus outbreak. Despite the rapid adjustments to teaching online, Swift rose to the challenge.

In her Impact blog for BC Law School, Swift wrote, "[h]umor and human connection matter in a crisis and they matter in teaching. It is what I love about getting the opportunity to teach, and frankly, why I was so sad when the announcement that BC was 'going online' was first made. But, so far, with extra effort both in my Rappaport teaching assignment and my day job, and with focus and teamwork, I am finding ways with the support of students and colleagues to make those connections." Read more on her impact blog: bit.ly/janeswift-blog.

The Rappaport Distinguished Visiting Professors in Law and Public Policy are a diverse group of public sector luminaries who spend a semester at Boston College Law School teaching a seminar on public policy, delivering a community address, and meeting with students, faculty, and members of the BC and Rappaport Center communities. They are chosen for their breadth of experience in the public sector.

RAPPAPORT SENIOR FELLOWS IN RESIDENCE 2019

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Brittny Saunders



Zephyr Teachout

The Rappaport Center for Law and Public Policy welcomed three Senior Fellows in Residence, Lance Freeman, Brittny Saunders, and Zephyr Teachout, in the 2019 Fall semester. The Rappaport Senior Fellowships were a new initiative to connect students and faculty with mid-career professionals.

Each Senior Fellow spent a week on campus sharing experiences and research in a variety of disciplines, including government, academia, and the nonprofit sector. During their time at Boston College Law School (BC Law), they each gave a community address, co-taught a seminar with Professor Daniel Kanstroom, Faculty Director of the Rappaport Center, guest lectured in classes, and participated in a variety of activities with students, faculty, and staff across campus.

"Our main goal for this new Senior Fellows program was to enhance and complement our existing Rappaport Center programs with a diverse cohort of prominent thinkers and 'doers' who are engaged (in unique ways) with cutting-edge issues of law and public policy," said Kanstroom. "I was struck by how incredibly thoughtful, engaging, and generous they all were. Our students, faculty, and broader community clearly learned a great deal from each of them and from the program as a whole.

Saunders, Deputy Commissioner for Strategic Initiatives at the New York City Human Rights Commission and former interim counsel for Mayor Bill de Blasio, was the first Senior Fellow in Residence the week of September 23. She presented a lecture, "Building Infrastructure for Equity: Challenging Racism through Work in City Government," in which she spoke about managing inter-agency partnerships and special projects related to data-driven discrimination and racial justice.

The following month, the Rappaport Center hosted Teachout, an author, Associate Professor at Fordham University School of Law, and former candidate for New York Attorney General and Governor. In addition to her BC Law classroom presentations and seminars, she gave a community address entitled, "The Local Antitrust Moment: How State and Local Governments Can Lead the Charge on Renewing Democracy by Breaking Up Corporate Monopolies." Teachout specializes in the intersection of business law and public law, market structure and democracy, and prosecuting public corruption. She has written on corruption and been cited by the Supreme Court. She spent the week with BC Law students discussing state and local governments' roles in the antitrust era.

During his residency in November, Freeman, Professor in the Urban Planning program at the Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation, presented a speech titled "From Gilding the Ghetto to Gentrification: African Americans and Dispersal of the Ghetto." Freeman's scholarship addresses affordable housing, gentrification, and ethnic and racial stratification in housing markets. He was previously a researcher at Mathematica Policy Research and is a published author on topics such as neighborhood change and housing policy.

SEPT. 11 RACE AND PUBLIC POLICY

A conversation with:

Tanisha M. Sullivan, BCLS'02, Associate General Counsel, Sanofi Genzyme; President, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Boston; Rappaport Center Advisory Board Member

Rahsaan D. Hall, Director, Racial Justice Program, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Massachusetts

Brandon Terry, Assistant Professor of African and African American Studies and Social Studies, Harvard University



From the left: Brandon Terry, Tanisha M. Sullivan, and Rahsaan D. Hall

SEPT. 23 BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR EQUITY: CHALLENGING RACISM THROUGH WORK IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Brittny Saunders, Deputy Commissioner for Strategic Initiatives, NYC Human Rights Commission; 2019 Senior Fellow in Residence

OCT. 16 DISPARATE IMPACT AND URBAN PLANNING: DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Program was recorded live

Moderator:

Sean Fontes, Executive Counsel, Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training; Rappaport Center Advisory Board Member

Panelists:

Harley Etienne, Associate Professor of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Michigan

Angie Liou, Executive Director, Asian Community Development Corporation Kathleen MacNeil, Principal, MP Boston, local office of Millennium Partners Ted Landsmark, Professor, Director of the Kitty and Michael Dukakis Center for Urban and Regional Policy, Northeastern University; Member, Boston Planning and Development Agency Board



From the left: Harley Etienne and Ted Landsmark

OCT. 28 THE LOCAL ANTITRUST MOMENT: HOW STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS CAN LEAD THE CHARGE ON RENEWING DEMOCRACY BY BREAKING UP CORPORATE MONOPOLIES

Zephyr Teachout, Associate Professor of Law at Fordham University, author, and former candidate for New York Attorney General and Governor; 2019 Senior Fellow in Residence

NOV. 1 POT AND PARITY

Moderator:

Naomi Martin, Reporter, Boston Globe

Panelists:

Jamie Eldridge, BCLS '00, State Senator, Massachusetts Kobie Evans, Pure Oasis, First Boston Licensee, Dorchester Shaleen Title, Commissioner, Cannabis Control Commission



From the left: Jamie Eldridge, Kobie Evans, and Shaleen Title

NOV. 11 FROM GILDING THE GHETTO TO GENTRIFICATION: AFRICAN AMERICANS AND DISPERSAL OF THE GHETTO

Lance Freeman, Professor in Urban Planning at the Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation; 2019 Senior Fellow in Residence

JAN. 15 THE IMPACT OF SOCIAL MEDIA ON EQUITY IN THE U.S. POLITICAL SYSTEM

Jane Swift, Former Massachusetts Governor; Jerome Lyle Rappaport Distinguished Visiting Professor

FEB. 3 DEFENDING PARTISANSHIP

A conversation with:

Jane Swift, Former Massachusetts Governor; Jerome Lyle Rappaport Distinguished Visiting Professor

U.S. Congressman Doug Collins (R-GA)

MAR. 9 CRIMINAL JUSTICE: LOOKING AHEAD

Moderator:

Will Brownsberger, State Senator

Panelists:

Peter Koutoujian, Middlesex County Sheriff Ed Markey, BCLS'72, U.S. Senator Rachael Rollins, Suffolk County District Attorney Marian Ryan, Middlesex County District Attorney



From the left: Rachael Rollins, Peter Koutoujian, Marian Ryan, Ed Markey, Will Brownsberger, and Vincent Rougeau

"We incarcerated two million, mostly African American men, in the 1990s. We owe an apology to an entire generation of young African American men. The system failed them."

—U.S. Senator Ed Markey

APR. 24 RAPPAPORT FELLOWS: CAREERS AND COVID-19

Rappaport Center Webinar Series

Panelists:

James Bor-Zale, Associate, WilmerHale, 2015 Rappaport Center Law and Public Policy Fellow

Lauren Koster, Law Clerk, U.S. District Court for the District of New Hampshire, 2018 Rappaport Center Law and Public Policy Fellow

Rodline Louijeune, Assistant District Attorney, Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, 2016 Rappaport Center Law and Public Policy Fellow

Mario Paredes, Staff Attorney, Prisoner's Legal Services and Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, 2017 Rappaport Center Law and Public Policy Fellow

MAY. 19 HELPING FAMILIES AND CHILDREN COPE WITH COVID-19

Rappaport Center Webinar Series

Panelists:

Eugene V. Beresin, **M.D.**, Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School **Anne K. Fishel**, **Ph.D**, Associate Professor of Psychology, Harvard Medical School **Michael Jellinek**, **M.D.**, Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry and Pediatrics, Harvard Medical School; and Rappaport Center Advisory Board Member

You can watch any of our recorded programs at bit.ly/rappaportvideos.

2019-2020 RAPPAPORT DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC POLICY SERIES



30

speakers



11

programs



945 +

participants

The Rappaport Fellows Program in Law and Public Policy provides gifted law students committed to public policy careers with opportunities to experience the complexities and rewards of public policy and public service within the highest levels of state and municipal governments. Each summer, the Center supports 12 students with generous stipends to work in a state or local government agency, during which students work with top policymakers, participate in weekly experiential programming, and are mentored by members of the Rappaport Center Advisory Board, former Fellows, or on occasion, legal practitioners from the community.

The Rappaport Fellowships offer a first-hand look at the life of public policy lawyers and the influence these legal professionals have on the quality of life in our local communities, state, and nation. The Rappaport Fellows Program aims to inspire future civic leaders and policymakers to make a difference in society.



2018–2019 Rappaport Fellows with Phyllis and Jerry Rappaport, Professor and Faculty Director Daniel Kanstroom, and Executive Director Lissy Medvedow



VICTORIA AREND CARBONE

Law School: Western New England University, 2020 J.D. Summer Placement: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Victoria, a former teacher and active member of her teachers' union, began her studies at Western New England University School of Law (WNE Law) with a passion for education and labor issues. Prior to law school, Victoria taught French for four years at a public high school in Worcester County. She graduated from Bennington College in 2010 with a BA in French Literature, and, in 2014, earned an MA in French and Francophone Studies from UMass Amherst. Victoria is the first Rappaport Fellow from WNE Law.



MITCHELL CARNEY

Law School: Boston College, Rising 3L

Summer Placement: Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination

Mitchell is a 2015 graduate of Smith College, where he earned his BA in Psychology and a dual minor in Economics and Religion. Prior to law school, Mitchell served as a Victims' Advocate for the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, where he worked with survivors of child abuse, sexual assault, and domestic violence to elevate their voices and achieve justice.



MEG GREEN

Law School: Boston College, Rising 3L

Summer Placement: Suffolk County District Attorney's Office

Prior to law school, Meg served in Connecticut Governor Dannel P. Malloy's administration for five years. Starting in Governor Malloy's policy office, she worked on a variety of issue areas including economic development, child welfare, public safety, education, and labor. In this role, she drafted and championed progressive legislation and authored a report on pay equity. Additionally, she served as Governor Malloy's press secretary and as a senior policy and communications advisor. Before working in Connecticut state government, Meg served in the AmeriCorps program Public Allies. A native Texan, Meg graduated with High Honors from the University of Texas at Austin in 2012 with a BA in History.



QAINAT KHAN

Law School: Northeastern University, Rising 3L

Summer Placement: Office of Boston City Councilor Lydia Edwards

qainat worked at WBUR, an NPR radio station in Boston, producing newscasts before entering law school. During her time covering local news, she worked on stories highlighting the Commonwealth's most vulnerable residents, focusing on issues including housing, racial justice, and economic development. qainat earned a Master's degree from Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism, and studied music and gender studies as an undergraduate at Colby College, graduating *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa.



DYLAN LANG

Law School: New England Law | Boston

Summer Placement: Office of State Senator Joan Lovely

Dylan graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Scranton with a BS in Counseling and Human Services and subsequently earned his Master of Social Work degree at Boston College. Dylan is a Licensed Certified Social Worker and a Licensed School Adjustment Counselor. During his time in Boston, Dylan interned with the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, Greater Boston Legal Services, Boston Arts Academy, and Youth on Fire.



MARY BRIGH LAVERY

Law School: University of Massachusetts

Summer Placement: Caucus of Women Legislators

Mary Brigh graduated *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, from Saint Joseph's University, where she majored in Political Science and minored in Philosophy, History, and Justice and Ethics in the Law. Mary Brigh's passion for tackling women's issues began in college when she became an active board member of the Women's Leadership Initiative on campus and continued throughout her study abroad in Brussels, Belgium where she researched women and children in the migrant and refugee crisis while interning at the European Parliament of the European Union. Mary Brigh previously worked at the Pennsylvania State House of Representatives and Pennsylvania Governor's Office of General Counsel.



KAITLIN "KADIE" MARTIN

Law School: Boston College, Rising 3L

Summer Placement: City of Boston Law Department

Kadie graduated from Boston College in 2014 with a BA in Political Science, *cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa. Prior to law school, Kadie worked in the Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General's Division of Open Government. Her team educated public bodies in transparency practices and enforced the Open Meeting Law. Before that, Kadie worked in the Massachusetts State Senate. Kadie is passionate about civic engagement and interested in implementing municipal policies that reflect constituents' diverse values and community visions.



DYLAN O'SULLIVAN

Law School: Northeastern University, Rising 3L Summer Placement: Office of Senate Counsel

Dylan is a 2013 graduate of Northeastern University, where he earned a BS in Political Science, *summa cum laude*. Experience as a community and student organizer inspired his career in public service and a commitment to better connecting communities with their government. After graduating, Dylan worked as a Legal Assistant in Governor Deval Patrick's Office of Legal Counsel, an experience that solidified his decision to pursue a legal education. Dylan later joined Congressman Seth Moulton's staff where he filled a number of roles establishing the freshman Congressman's office, ultimately serving as Director of Constituent Services. Dylan is particularly passionate about housing, education policy, and the state budget process.



TIFFANY RODRIGUEZ

Law School: Harvard Law School, Rising 3L Summer Placement: Massachusetts Attorney General's Office

Tiffany graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 2017, majoring in Sociology with a minor in Bioethics, *cum laude*. While there, she cultivated her passion for the interplay between law, health, and policy, specifically within immigrant communities. Prior to law school, Tiffany worked as a Senior Research Assistant at NAXION, a healthcare-focused consulting group in Philadelphia.



BRENDAN SMITH

Law School: Northeastern University, Rising 3L

Summer Placement: Executive Office of Public Safety and Security

Brendan earned a BA in criminal justice, *magna cum laude*, from the University of Massachusetts, Boston, in 2014, and an MA in criminal justice, *magna cum laude*, from Curry College in 2016. In the pursuit of his master's degree, he researched the impact of the opioid crisis on communities in the Greater Boston area. A proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps, Brendan worked as a police officer prior to law school and is currently a supervisor for a Boston-area police department.



EMILY SMITH

Law School: Suffolk University Law School, 2020 J.D.

Summer Placement: Massachusetts Attorney General's Office

Emily graduated from Saint Joseph's University, with a major in political science and a minor in Latin American Studies. Prior to law school, Emily worked for three years as an investigator at the Defender Association of Philadelphia in the Mental Health Special Defense Unit and spent a year in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps working at the New Orleans Public Defenders. After her Fellowship, Emily interned at GLBTQ Legal Advocates and Defenders (GLAD).



CHLOE SUGINO

Law School: Boston University, 2020 J.D.

Summer Placement: Massachusetts Attorney General's Office

Chloe graduated from Marquette University in 2015, *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa. Before law school, Chloe served as a Jesuit Volunteer Corps member at the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project in rural Washington State, working with migrant farmworkers and victims of domestic violence. Her family's history and her experience as a Jesuit Volunteer sparked her passion for immigration policy. The summer before her Fellowship, she interned at Kids In Need of Defense, assisting unaccompanied minors to obtain Special Immigrant Juvenile Status.

RAPPAPORT FELLOWS EXPERIENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES

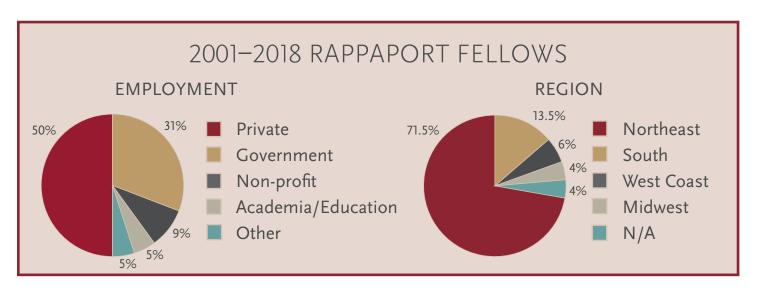
The 2019 Rappaport Center Fellows had a productive and exciting summer. In addition to working at government agencies, the Fellows participated in weekly experiential learning forums to explore the intersection of law and public policy. The Fellows had the chance to speak with elected officials, government representatives, judges, lawyers, and community leaders, where topics ranged from municipal governance, criminal justice, housing, transportation, and racial equity.

The Rappaport Center for Law and Public Policy partners with the Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston at Harvard University, which runs a Fellows program for non-law graduate students interested in public policy. The Rappaport Center and Institute Fellows often participated jointly in the weekly forums.

During the summer, the Rappaport Center Fellows met with the following officials and policy makers:

- U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts, Andrew Lelling
- Massachusetts Inspector General, **Glenn Cunha**, and Director of the Bureau of Program Integrity in the Office of the Inspector General, BC Law alumna **Julie Lavin Flaherty**
- Governor Charlie Baker
- City of Boston Mayor's Office Senior Staff Members, including Celina Barrios-Millner, Director
 of Equity and Inclusion in the Office of Economic Development; Brendan Little, Policy
 Director in the Office of Recovery Services; Chris Osgood, Chief of Streets, Transportation, and
 Sanitation; and Kris Carter, Co-Chair of the Office of New Urban Mechanics
- Suffolk County District Attorney, Rachael Rollins
- Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, Ralph D. Gants
- MBTA General Manager, Steve Poftak; and Todd Johnson, MBTA Chief Operating Officer
- Boston City Councilor, Lydia Edwards

The Fellows also toured the Massachusetts State House; John Adams Courthouse; the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) Control Room; and East Boston on a walking tour with City Councilor Edwards.



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The Rappaport Center and Institute Fellows with Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker



The Rappaport Center Fellows at the Office of the Inspector General with Inspector General Glenn Cunha and BC Law alumna Julie Lavin Flaherty, Director of the Bureau of Program Integrity



The Rappaport Center and Institute Fellows with Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins

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