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# Dan Goldstein

Partner

# **Profile**

Dan Goldstein's love of trial work has led to a wide-ranging practice that includes complex commercial matters, high-impact public interest litigation, personal injury, white collar criminal defense, and court appointments to represent defendants charged federally with death-eligible offenses

Dan's business litigation has included defending a truck manufacturer in suits by disgruntled dealers, the defense of numerous officers and directors of failed savings and loans, a recovery for limited partners in a franchise who were misled by a franchisor, defense of libel actions, trade secret litigation on behalf of both plaintiffs and defendants, lease covenant disputes for commercial tenants of shopping centers, and business partnership disputes.

As counsel for the National Federation of the Blind, Dan has initiated a national legal campaign to ensure access to technology. His settlement of a class action against Cardtronics, which provides for tens of thousands of voice-guided ATMs, constituted a major step toward making this ubiquitous convenience accessible to the blind. His suit against Target.com set precedent regarding the application of access laws to websites, and his suit against America Online has made AOL accessible to the blind. In litigation from Maryland to Florida, he has helped ensure the right of the blind to vote independently and in secret. This work has gone beyond litigation to partnerships, including the negotiation of joint technology agreements with technology developers such as Amazon.com



In personal injury cases, Dan has secured large verdicts and settlements for victims of medical and legal malpractice, for persons who were criminally assaulted in an unsafe environment, and for persons who were harmed by unsafe pesticide exposure.

A former federal prosecutor, Dan's criminal practice has included successfully avoiding prosecution for a target of an independent counsel, representing an attorney charged with campaign financing violations, a minister charged with mail fraud, various medical practitioners charged with insurance fraud, as well as persons charged federally with violent

Dan is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, has been listed among Maryland's Top 50 Super Lawyers, and is a 2010 winner of The Daily Record's Leadership in Law Award. In 2011, Dan received the American Bar Association's Paul G. Hearne Award for Disability Rights. This award is presented each year to an individual who has made significant contributions to further the rights, dignity, and access to justice for people with disabilities. Dan's acceptance speech. Also, he has been selected by his peers for inclusion in Best Lawyers in America Civil Rights Law, Commercial Litigation, and White-Collar Criminal Defense categories and in 2012, was selected for Fellowship in the Litigation Counsel of America, a highly selective and by-invitation-only trial lawyer honorary society whose membership is limited to less than one-half of one percent of American lawyers. Dan is a Member of the American Bar Association's Commission on Disability Rights.

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# Practice Areas

Business Disputes, Civil Litigation, Civil Rights, Criminal Defense, Disability Rights, Personal Injury/Wrongful Death, Public Interest Litigation

### Education

- · University of Texas School of Law, J.D. with High Honors, Order of the Coif, 1973
- · Amherst College, A.B. with Honors, 1969

# Clerkship

· Law Clerk to Judge Frank A. Kaufman, United States District Court for the District of Maryland, 1973-74

# **Publications**

Dan's only publications, for the Texas Law Review, were arcane when they were written and are long since obsolete. Of greater interest would be Dan's speeches at the 2008 and 2009 national conventions of The National Federation of the Blind.

# **Speaking Engagements**

- 2008 National Federation of the Blind Convention
- 2009 National Federation of the Blind Convention









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# Laura Abelson

Associate

# **Profile**

Laura Abelson joined Brown, Goldstein & Levy in September 2010. Her litigation experience includes cases in disability law, criminal law, products liability, contract disputes, and employment issues. She also represents clients in administrative proceedings related to special education, denial of public benefits, and defense of professional licenses. Laura has participated in all stages of litigation, from case development through discovery, motions practice, trial, and appeals. Most notably, she secondchaired a federal district court trial in which the firm's client was awarded \$555,000 and was on the team that won an appeal to the Fourth Circuit reversing the denial of attorneys' fees in a First Amendment challenge to regulations that restricted voter registration.

Prior to joining the firm, Laura clerked for the Honorable Frank Maas on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

During law school, Laura represented juvenile clients and served as lead chair on felony and misdemeanor trials at the Legal Aid Society Juvenile Rights Practice in New York, worked to reform foster care systems across the country with the organization Children's Rights, and served as Co-Editor of NYU's Immigration Law Competition as a member of the Moot Court Executive Board.

As an undergraduate, Laura won the R.W. van de Velde Award for outstanding junior-year independent research and was a Janet M. McCartney Scholar, awarded for academic excellence and commitment to education policy.



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# Education

- · New York University School of Law, J.D., cum laude, 2009
- · Princeton University, A.B., summa cum laude, 2005

#### **Bar Admissions**

Maryland

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# Jessie Weber

Associate

# Profile

Jessie Weber joined Brown, Goldstein & Levy in October 2011. Her practice includes cases involving disability rights, civil rights, housing discrimination, wage and hour violations, and appeals. Jessie served as lead counsel in a successful appeal to the Fourth Circuit in a disability rights case involving accessibility to a public building. She also helped defend a verdict on appeal in favor of a medical malpractice victim in the first Maryland appellate case to interpret the Maryland Health Care Malpractice Act's provision regarding the qualifications of expert witnesses testifying on the standard of care. Jessie was part of the legal team that obtained Braille instruction for a blind student with limited vision and has handled LGBT rights cases involving discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, and/or gender expression.

Prior to joining the firm, Jessie served as the 2010-2011 Francis D. Murnaghan, Jr. Appellate Advocacy Fellow at the Public Justice Center in Baltimore, where she represented clients and authored amicus briefs in federal and Maryland appellate courts on a variety of civil rights and anti-

After law school, Jessie clerked for the Honorable Catherine C. Blake on the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland.



During law school, Jessie served as a Submissions Editor for both the Yale Law & Policy Review and the Yale Journal of Law & Feminism. She worked extensively in the area of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) rights as co-director of Yale's LGBT Rights Litigation Clinic and as a legal intern with the ACLU LGBT and HIV/AIDS Rights Project and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Jessie also volunteered with the D.C. Employment Justice Center's Workers' Rights Clinic and Loyola Law School's Hurricane Katrina Legal Clinic.

As an undergraduate, Jessie won the Spirit of Princeton Award in recognition of her leadership in campus activism.

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#### Education

- · Yale Law School, J.D., 2009
- · Princeton University, A.B., magna cum laude, 2005

# **Bar Admissions**

- Maryland
- New York

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Robert J. Bernstein specializes in copyright and trademark counseling and litigation. He handles trials and appeals in all federal and state courts, including both intellectual property matters and general commercial litigation. Mr. Bernstein has practiced intellectual property law and litigation for over 24 years. He also has served as a mediator and is able to employ alternative dispute resolution techniques to avoid or curtail litigation where possible.

Mr. Bernstein is a graduate of Princeton University, cum laude, and the University of Michigan Law School, cum laude. He has served as the President of The Copyright Society of the U.S.A.; as Chairman of the Copyright Law Committee of the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA); and as Secretary of the AIPLA and a member of its Board of Directors. He is a frequent author and lecturer on copyright law, and has been co-author of the New York Law Journal Copyright Law Column for over 15 years.

Prior to establishing his own firm, Mr. Bernstein was a partner at the New York law firm of Cowan Liebowitz & Latman for over 20 years and a litigation associate at Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson. From 1975 to 1976 he served as law clerk to the Honorable Richard P. Matsch of the United States District Court for the District of Colorado.

Mr. Bernstein has extensive experience representing clients in all aspects of the entertainment and media industries, including music, movies, television, publishing, advertising, sports and trading cards, licensing, software, and toys and games.

Mr. Bernstein is available to counsel clients in connection with the development and protection of copyright and trademark assets and other entertainment properties, their exploitation through licensing and other means, and the design of effective enforcement programs.

Equally important, he assists clients in evaluating infringement issues and avoiding potential litigation both at the development stage and through careful analysis of claims, drawing upon over two decades of experience in handling all aspects of copyright and trademark litigation in the federal courts.



# FACULTY

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Peter Jaszi teaches domestic and international copyright law, as well as law and literature. He also directs the Glushko-Samuelson Intellectual Property Law Clinic and helped to establish the Program on Intellectual Property and Information Justice. Professor Jaszi is a frequent speaker to professional audiences in the United States and abroad. With Craig Joyce, Marshall Leaffer and Tyler Ochoa, he coauthors a standard copyright textbook, *Copyright Law* (Lexis, 7th ed., 2006). Alone and with Martha Woodmansee, he has written several articles on copyright history and theory; together they edited *The Construction of Authorship*, published by Duke University Press. In 1994, Professor Jaszi was a member of the Librarian of Congress' Advisory Commission on Copyright Registration and Deposit, and in 1995 he was an organizer of the Digital Future Coalition. He is a Trustee of the Copyright Society of the U.S.A., and a member of the editorial board of its journal. In 2007, he received the American Library Association's L. Ray Patterson Copyright Award, and in 2009 the Intellectual Property Section of the District of Columbia Bar honored him as the year's Champion of Intellectual Property. Since 2005, Professor Jaszi has been working with Professor Patricia Aufderheide of the American University's Center for Social Media on projects designed to promote the understanding of fair use by documentary filmmakers and other



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projects designed to promote the understanding of fair use by documentary filmmakers and other creators. In 2006-07, he led an interdisciplinary research team, funded by the Ford Foundation, that investigated the connections between intellectual law and the traditional arts in Indonesia. He currently serves on the board of ITVS, an important funder of documentary film projects. For the years 2009-2010, Professor Jaszi is serving as the Intellectual Property Scholar of the Center for Intellectual Property at the University of Maryland University College.

### **Currently Teaching**

- \_ LAW-623-001 Cpyrght
- \_ LAW-756-007 Intellctl Prop Clin Sem
- \_ LAW-819-001 Law & Literature

# Areas of Specialization

- White Collar Crime

# Degrees & Universities

- \_ J.D., Harvard Law School 1971
- \_ A.B., Harvard University 1968

#### Selected Publications

#### Books

Peter Jaszi, C. Joyce, M. Laeffer, & W. Patry, Copyright Law (Matthew Bender & Co., 3d ed., 1994).

Peter Jaszi, D. Aaronson, B. Hoff, N. Kittrie and D. Saari, *The New Justice: Alternatives to Conventional Criminal Adjudication* (Govt. Printing Off. 1977).

#### Other Publications

Christine Haight Farley, Peter Jaszi, Victoria Phillips, Joshua Sarnoff, & Ann Shalleck, Clinical Legal Education and the Public Interest in Intellectual Property Law, 52 St. Louis U. L.J. 735 (2008).

Peter Jaszi, S. Carle, A. Shalleck, & M. Valdez, Experience As Text: The History of Externship Pedagogy at the Washington College of Law, American University, 5 Clin. L. Rev. 403 (1999).

Peter Jaszi, Is This the End of Copyright as We Know It?, in Nordisk Forum for Bibliotekschefer (NORDIFO 1998).

Peter Jaszi & M. Woodmensee, The Law of Texts: Copyright in the Academy, 57 College English 769 (1995).

Peter Jaszi, Authorship and New Technologies from the Viewpoint of the Common Law Traditions, in WIPO Worldwide Symposium on the Future of Copyright and Neighboring Rights (World Intell. Prop. Org. 1994).

Peter Jaszi & M. Woodmansee, The Author Effect: Contemporary Copyright and Collective Creativity (Editor's Introduction), 10 Cardozo Arts & Ent. L.J. 274 (1992).

Peter Jaszi, Section 505 and All That - The Defendant's Delimma, 55 L. & Contemp. Probs. 107 (1992).

Peter Jaszi, A Garland of Reflections on Three International Copyright Topics, 8 Cardozo Arts & Ent. L. J. 47 (1990).

Peter Jaszi, Virtual Reality, Appropriation, and Property Rights in Art: A Roundtable Discussion, 13 Cardozo Arts & Ent. L. J. 89 (1989).

Peter Jaszi, Victim Interests in Anti-Terroristic Legal and Law Enforcement Policy, in Dimensions of Victimization in the Control of Terroristic Acts (Centre International de Criminologi 1977).

# Selected Works in Progress

Peter Jaszi & M. Woodmansee, The Ethical Reaches of Authorship, \_\_ S. A. Q. \_\_ (forthcoming).

#### Selected Honors & Awards

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Intellectual Property Section of the District of Columbia Bar Champion of Intellectual Property ( 2009). American Library Association's L. Ray Patterson Copyright Award (2007).



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