

Martha Rayner, Clinical Associate Professor of Law at Fordham University School of Law represents, with students, clients challenging parole denials and harsh and unjust sentences. Martha, in collaboration with Fordham Law's library and the Parole Preparation Project, a grassroots organization assisting parole-eligible people to prepare for upcoming parole reviews, created the Parole Information Project (a database of NY parole documents) and launched a pro bono initiative to increase access to counsel for parole-applicants facing life in prison.

Steve Zeidman teaches the Criminal Defense Clinic at the City University of New York (CUNY) School of Law. Steve has extensive criminal defense experience and regularly authors op-eds on decarceration. Steve's clinical practice includes parole denial appeals and clemency petitions. Despite New York's notoriously low rate of clemency grants, Steve and his students have successfully represented numerous clients who were granted clemency. In representing people in matters that some would see as hopeless, Steve teaches students that sustained legal advocacy can and does lead to meaningful outcomes.

Kate Mogulescu teaches the Criminal Defense and Advocacy Clinic at Brooklyn Law School. Kate's work is largely focused on gender, sentencing and reentry issues in the criminal legal system. Kate plays an instrumental role in the data collection efforts around implementation of the Domestic Violence Survivors Justice Act (DVSJA), a New York statute passed in 2019 which gives victims of domestic violence who have been convicted of certain felonies the right to have their sentence reviewed. In addition to supervising clinic students on DVSJA matters, Kate created and manages the statewide database tracking DVSJA litigation.