

Alumni Association to Honor Professor Paul Tractenberg and Vice Dean Greg Mark at March 10 PILF Auction

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The Rutgers School of Law–Newark Alumni Association is pleased to announce that it will honor [Professor Paul Tractenberg](#) and [Vice Dean Greg Mark](#) with Distinguished Service Awards. The awards will be given at a ceremony held in conjunction with the [Public Interest Law Foundation \(PILF\) Dinner and Auction](#) on Thursday, March 10, 2011 in the Rotunda at the Rutgers School of Law–Newark. The annual PILF event will start at 6 pm with the opening of the Silent Auction and the beginning of dinner. Presentation of the awards will be held at 6:30 pm, followed by the Live Auction. All alumni, faculty, staff and students are invited to attend.

“We are very pleased to be in a position to reinstitute an award program which had lapsed for many years and even more pleased to honor Paul Tractenberg and Greg Mark who have done so much for the law school over so many years,” said Alumni Board President, Patrick C. English. “They are truly deserving of this award.” Dean John J. Farmer, Jr. commented, “I applaud the decision of the Alumni Association to reinstitute this award, and in doing so to honor Greg and Paul, who share a commitment to this school’s future that is grounded in a profound respect for its past. They have been exemplary scholars, teachers, and citizens of the law school community.”

Paul Tractenberg, Board of Governors Distinguished Service Professor and Alfred C. Clapp Distinguished Public Service Professor, has taught generations of law students. He is a founder of the Education Law Center, has been a leader in the fight for equitable legal funding for school districts, and is co-director of the Institute on Education Law and Policy at Rutgers. He is the author of many books and articles, most recently [A Centennial History of Rutgers Law School in Newark: Opening a Thousand Doors](#) (The History Press, 2010). This year Tractenberg is publishing a book about New Jersey cases that had national implications, many of which had law school-related roots, through the clinics or otherwise. In his more than 40 years on the faculty he was directly involved in the battles to maintain the MSP and to institute and maintain the evening program, and has made a major imprint on the law school and Rutgers–Newark.

Greg Mark is Vice Dean, Professor of Law, and Nathan L. Jacobs Scholar. He has been on the faculty for 14 years after serving as associate counsel for the Office of Independent Counsel in the Iran/Contra matter and after teaching at Chicago–Kent and the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. He is director of the Center for Law, Science and Technology, director of the Center for Institutional Governance, and a fellow of the Prudential Business Ethics Center. From 2006 until recently he was in charge of institutional planning for the law school and also served as director of development. He shouldered an additional burden when now Vice Dean Ronald Chen took a leave of absence to serve as public advocate. Mark coordinated the law school’s Centennial celebration and has chaired numerous law school committees. Sadly, he will leave Rutgers at the end of this semester to become the Dean of DePaul Law School.

There is a charge of \$10 for students and \$15 for all others to attend the PILF Auction which may be paid at the door.

The Distinguished Service Award is to be given to faculty and staff members who have made significant contributions to the law school but who are not graduates of Rutgers and therefore are not eligible for Distinguished Alumni Awards.