annual meeting in Budapest, Hungary, in June. Prof. Powell also spoke at the U.N. World Conference Against Racism in Durban, South Africa, in August, where the Human Rights Institute held a world premiere screening of “Books not Bars,” a 21-minute documentary on the juvenile justice system in the United States. The video project is part of the institute’s Rights Now initiative, which is geared toward bringing international human rights protections home to the United States.

Professor Carol Sanger spoke on a plenary panel at the National Association of Women Judges in October on the topic of Feminist Insights for Ordinary Cases. Her remarks focused on contract doctrine.

Professor Barbara Schatz, director of clinical programs, spent several days in Slovakia in March consulting with professors at Comenius University and Trnav University about establishing clinical programs. In cooperation with Columbia’s Public Interest Law Initiative in Transitional Societies (PILI), she also offered a two-day workshop on clinical methodologies to professors from the four law faculties in Slovakia. In April, she conducted a workshop in Budapest, Hungary, for law professors and directors of non-governmental organizations throughout Eastern Europe, the Baltic States, and Russia. The workshop was part of PILI’s project on NGO clinics and was designed to help law professors and NGO professionals think through the issues involved in establishing and teaching clinics whose clients are non-governmental organizations. In June, Prof. Schatz and Prof. Carol Liebman spent a week at Wuhan University and Zhongnan University of Economics and Law, both in Wuhan, China, observing clinical programs and consulting with law faculty members on clinical methodology. They were assisted by Peter Reisman ’01 LL.M., a bilingual graduate of the law faculty at Beijing University who is currently enrolled in Columbia’s J.D. program.

Professor David Schizer presented “Frictions as a Constraint on Tax Planning” at the NYU Colloquium on Tax Policy and Public Finance, as well as at the IB Research Forum on Global Risk Management at Temple University and the Infostar21 seminar on hedge funds and taxes. He gave lectures on international tax in London and Paris and lectured on financial derivatives at Columbia’s program at the University of Amsterdam. As co-chair of the New York State Bar Association Tax Section, he issued a report on the taxation of prepaid forwards and options. He is scheduled to present a paper co-authored with Professor Ronald Gilson, “Understanding Venture Capital Structure: A Tax Explanation for Convertible Preferred Stock,” at various workshops during the 2001-02 academic year.

Jane M. Spinak, Edward Ross Arnow Clinical Professor of Law, is currently serving as the expert witness on Family Court for New York County Lawyers’ Association v. New York, challenging the constitutionality of New York State’s current system of reimbursement to attorneys who are assigned counsel for indigent litigants in criminal and family matters. In that capacity, Prof. Spinak completed an extensive affidavit this summer, analyzing the effectiveness of the current assigned counsel system in Family Court. The affidavit formed part of the basis for a preliminary injunction motion in the lawsuit. During the past year, Prof. Spinak served on the planning committee for a conference held in April at Fordham University and co-sponsored by the Law School called Achieving Justice: Parents and the Child Welfare System. She is also currently working with the Columbia Institute for Child and Family Policy and the Fred Friendly Seminars to develop a new television series of seminars on American Children and Families. Prof. Spinak has also served as the chair of the American Association of Law School’s (AALS) Committee on Bar Admissions and Lawyer Performance. In that capacity, she shepherded to completion a committee survey and report, “On Programs and Courses Designed to Enhance Bar Examination Performance.”
that will soon be released by the AALS. In March, she traveled to Budapest under the auspices of the Public Interest Law Initiative to assist in the development of the clinical legal education program at ELTE University Law School through meetings and discussions with faculty and students. In June, she participated in a working group conference called Lawyering for a New Democracy at Wisconsin Law School, along with Professors Brad Karkkainen, Susan Sturm, and Charles Sabel. She presented a paper called “Doing Reform: Considering New York Family Court.” In July, Jerry Mashaw of Yale, and Robert Litan of the Brookings Institution on a mission to China, under the sponsorship of the Asia Development Bank and the Yale Center on Chinese Law, to consult with officials of the State Legislative Council and others about draft legislation to regulate the practice of licensing in that country. On November 3, he delivered the annual Daniel Meador Lecture at the Law School of the University of Alabama; he presented that lecture as a work-in-progress to a faculty workshop at the Rutgers-Camden Law School on October 22.

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Prof. Spinak again co-chaired the PLI annual Children’s Law Institute. This year’s sessions focused on the special needs of girls and adolescents who are in the juvenile justice and foster care systems or who are homeless or runaways. The institute drew experts from around the country to address these issues.

**Peter L. Strauss,** Betts Professor of Law, accepted Dean David Leebron’s invitation to serve as vice dean during the academic year 2001-02, while Professor Richard Briffault is on leave. During July, he joined Justice Stephen Breyer, Professor

**Jerry J. Waldron,** Maurice and Hilda Friedman Professor of Law and director of the Center for Law and Philosophy, was a member of the faculty committee set up by Columbia’s provost last spring to search for a new university librarian and vice president for information systems. That committee finished its business successfully with the appointment of James Neal, formerly of the Johns Hopkins University. During the summer, Prof. Waldron presented a number of papers at various meetings: “Public Reason and Official Justification” was presented at a symposium called Religion and the Idea of Public Reason at Columbus Law School; Catholic University of America, in Washington, D.C., in May; “Repairing Historical Injustice” was presented as a keynote lecture at a conference called

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Historische Gerechtigkeit, in Potsdam, Germany, in July; and “The Logic of Cultural Accommodation” was presented at the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association in San Francisco in August. During the summer, Prof. Waldron also taught for two weeks at his old law school at the University of Otago in New Zealand, and he lectured in Oxford as the Vaughan Memorial Lecturer at Balliol College. This fall, Prof. Waldron has given a number of presentations: “Groups, Individuals, and Justice” at a workshop at the University of North Carolina; “Kant’s Cosmopolitanism” at Queen’s University, Ontario; “The Primacy of Justice” at a Stanford Law School colloquium; and the Tucker Lecture at Washington and Lee Law School called “One Law for All? –The Logic of Cultural Accommodation.”