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University's Goodwin College of Professional Studies for more than six years. She has served as the College's senior staff member for all administrative functions including short and long-range planning related to finances, operations, personnel, and program development. Over the past 15 years, Ms. Feng has held primary responsibilities in the areas of business administration, financial analysis, budget planning, position control and fiscal management in various positions within higher education, including the University of California at Los Angeles and the Community College of Philadelphia. Ms. Feng serves as the key financial resource to the College of Law administration and Drexel Law Center executive team, and is liaison with the University's finance, financial aid, and other departments.



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[Steven Freedman](#) - (email: freedman@drexel.edu) - **Associate Director, Law School Admissions** - Mr. Freedman comes to us after having practiced law for several years at a Center City commercial litigation firm. Being a Drexel alumnus (B.S. '95), Mr. Freedman knows first-hand the value of an integrated co-operative education program and is excited to spread Drexel's message to prospective students. Mr. Freedman graduated from the Temple University Beasley School of Law where he served as Managing Editor of the Temple Law

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[Michael Dean Giamo](#) - (email: michael.dean.giamo@drexel.edu) - **Director of Web Communications** - Mr. Giamo has been professionally involved in all facets of the visual arts, including medical education, advertising, and computer graphics and animation for more than 25 years, almost 20 of them with Drexel University. He joined Drexel in 1987 as a programmer/analyst in the Office of Information Resources and Technology (IRT) where his primary responsibilities were programming, digital photography and video production, interactive CD-ROM production, web design, web site management, and information architecture development. Mike then served as the University's Director of Web Communications in the Office of University Relations, overseeing the development and support of the University's web effort; and then was appointed to the Office of the Provost, where he was Director of Academic Communications and Chair of the University's Council of Academic Webmasters. Mike manages the day-to-day operation of all facets of the Law School website, and is a member of the Law School Marketing and Communications Committees.



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Amy Montemarano, J.D. - (email: amymonte@drexel.edu) - **Assistant Dean of Career and Professional Development** - Ms. Montemarano brings to the job her extensive and varied experiences as a lawyer and a legal educator. After graduating from Rutgers-Camden Law School with honors, she worked in Philadelphia as a litigation associate, gaining valuable experiences at both a

small and large firm. For seven years she worked as a law clerk for a federal judge at the magistrate and district court levels. Just as significantly, she was a teacher and mentor to students at Rutgers-Camden, where she taught legal writing for two years before coming to Drexel College of Law to initially teach legal methods. Ms. Montemarano oversees the career services functions at the College of Law, including student counseling, development of summer and post-graduate job opportunities, and offering published and on-line employment resources to students.



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Karen Pearlman, J.D. - (email: kpearlman@drexel.edu) - **Public Interest Law Coordinator** - Karen Pearlman comes to Drexel's College of Law from the University of Pennsylvania, where she earned her B.A. and graduated *cum laude* with distinguished honors. She then attended the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, where she received the School of Law Community Service Award. Ms. Pearlman's background evidences her strong commitment to public service.

While in law school, she was the recipient of a Morgan, Lewis and Bockius Public Interest Grant. Her public sector work experience includes internships with Regional Housing Legal Services and Kids Voice in Pittsburgh, and Community Legal Services in Philadelphia. Before attending law school, Ms. Pearlman worked at the Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program (VIP) and Pepper Hamilton, LLP in the Health Effects Litigation practice group. Ms. Pearlman is directly responsible for the Pro Bono Service Requirement. She will also continue developing and coordinating other public interest programs at Drexel College of Law.



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