CUNY SCHOOL OF LAW

Naming of the Solomon Slatkin Classroom

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York approve the naming of the “Solomon Slatkin Classroom” at CUNY School of Law, located on the first floor at 2 Court Square in Long Island City.

EXPLANATION: The donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, is among the School of Law’s most loyal supporters, having contributed more than $100,000 over the years. A 1991 graduate of CUNY Law, she is on the faculty at Queensborough Community College, where she was recently fêted for her 40 years of dedicated service.

The classroom will be named for the donor’s grandfather, Solomon Slatkin. Mr. Slatkin was born in Russia, circa 1882. In 1904, he and his wife, Fannie, left Russia to escape violent, anti-Jewish pogroms. They arrived at Ellis Island seeking a better life and the American Dream. Mr. Slatkin died in 1950. His family remembers him as a strong, benevolent patriarch, committed to hard work, education, and social justice, and he imparted those ideals to his children and grandchildren. As an immigrant, he was steadfast in his commitment to immigrant rights. As a husband, father and businessman, he believed in women’s economic independence and supported women’s rights in the workplace.