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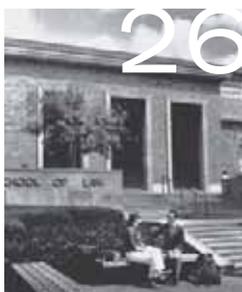


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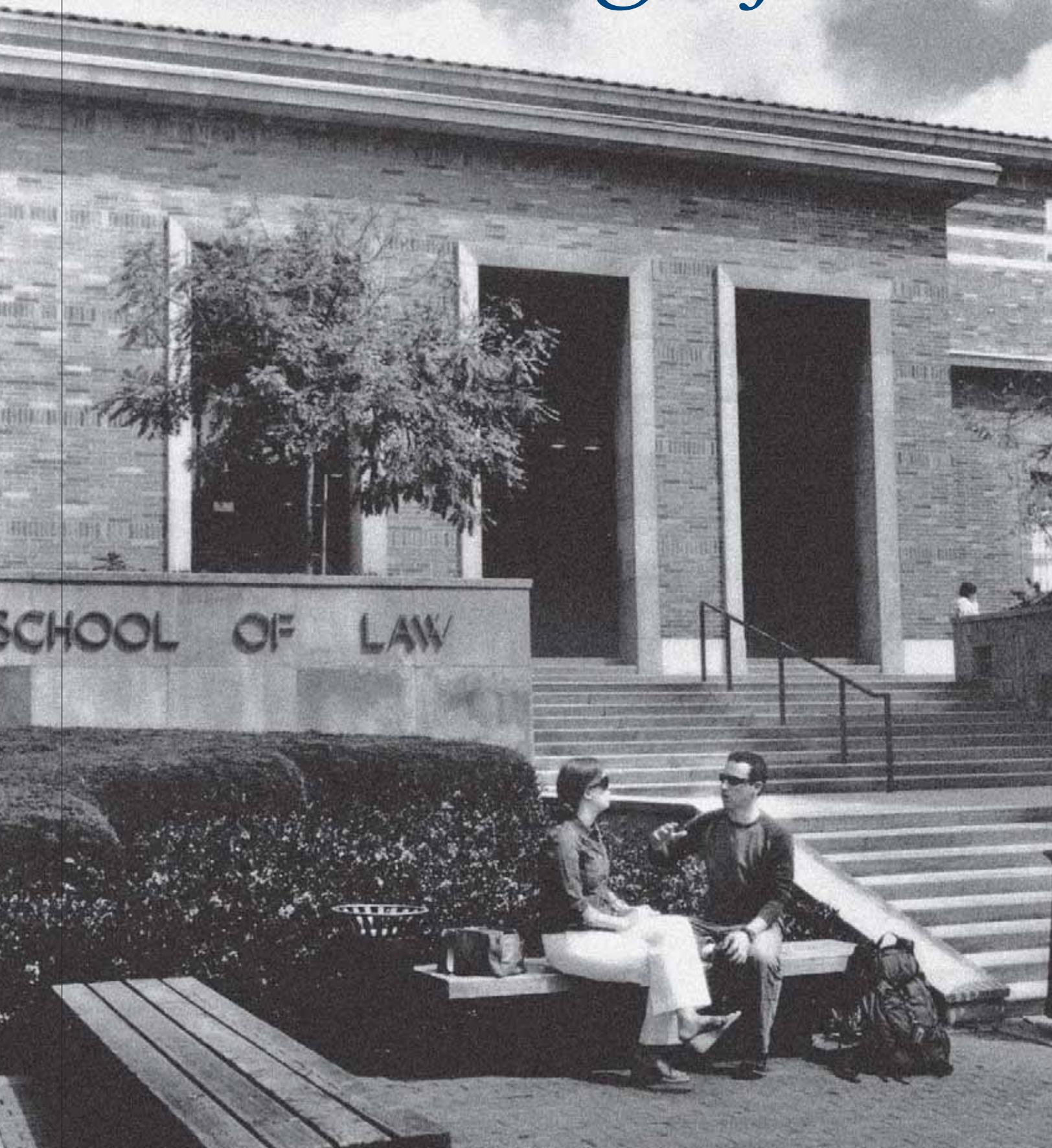
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# *Message from*



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With this issue of our magazine, we wanted to celebrate the people who, with our faculty, ultimately define UCLA School of Law—our students and alumni. It is the accomplishments of our students—before they arrive, while they are here, and once they depart—that leave an indelible imprint on the character of UCLA Law and increase our school's worth within our community, nation and indeed the world.

At a time when state and federal support for education is shrinking, and the cost to attend great schools is rising, it has never been more important to remember why we are here. We train the people who become the leaders of our community, our great state and our country. We have alumni working in the White House, Congress, in the federal courts, at the most prominent law firms in the country and in a variety of business enterprise and nonprofit organizations. They all serve to enhance our country's social, political and economic stature.

As I have had the pleasure to meet with more and more of our students and alumni, I am incredibly proud of their accomplishments and their desire to be active, engaged members of our society. We profile only a few of them in this magazine, and there are so many doing great things. I know that as you read this particular issue, you will also be impressed by our students, our alumni—your colleagues and friends—and their achievements.

As you read stories and briefs about the myriad of distinguished guests who visit UCLA Law, I know you will marvel at how active a community we have become. With speakers like U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Afghanistan Foreign Minister Dr. Abdullah Abdullah, U.S. Senator Russ Feingold, and many more, I hope you will be inspired to become more engaged with your alma mater, help sustain its momentum and become an active part in its growth.



Michael H. Schill  
Dean and Professor of Law  
UCLA School of Law





**“** I graduated in 1959 and had good grades. There was not a firm in New York City that would employ me. **”**

# SUPREME COURT JUSTICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG VISITS UCLA LAW

Times have changed for Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg who visited UCLA School of Law on Friday, January 27, 2005. Justice Ginsburg, of course, has been an integral part of those changes, leading the charge with her decade-long involvement with the ACLU and concomitant work on the faculties of Columbia and Rutgers law schools.

Invited to UCLA Law by longtime friend Professor Ken Karst and Dean Michael H. Schill, Justice Ginsburg met with both Karst and Schill in the early part of the day. Later, she lunched with UCLA Law faculty and then participated in a Q&A session with more than 300 students. On Friday evening, she attended a reception at Dean Schill's home celebrating UCLA Law alumni and former law clerks.

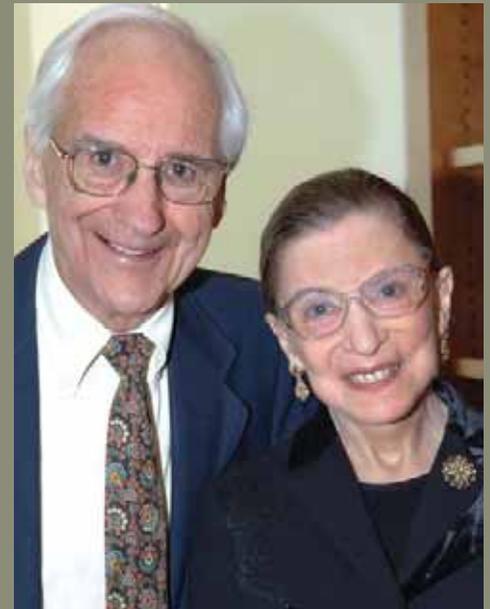
More than 60 faculty members attended lunch with Justice Ginsburg, held at the Hugh & Hazel Darling Law Library. Though not originally planned, Justice Ginsburg answered questions from the faculty after the meal. The questions ranged from the partisanship of today's judiciary confirmation hearings to issues on specific cases recently ruled on by the nation's highest court.

Regarding judiciary confirmation hearings, Justice Ginsburg spoke somewhat wistfully about her own hearing, having been "the beneficiary of the bipartisan spirit of Congress" when she was nominated and confirmed. She reminded us of the time President Bill Clinton called Senate majority leader Orrin Hatch to ask his opinion of possible nominees. She noted, "that sort of congeniality doesn't exist today."

Professor Seana Shiffrin brought the discussion back to law schools, asking Justice Ginsburg in what direction the academy should be headed as they teach new lawyers. Justice Ginsburg responded that she was "impressed with the diversity of both students and faculty" today. But she did remind the faculty that oftentimes law review articles were so far out in the theoretical ether that it was difficult to "bring them home." She also remarked that these days there is a great deal of discussion about judicial independence, commenting that, "I would ask you to remember the court when you're writing, because right now we need your help."

The highlight of the day was the 90-minute Q&A session Justice Ginsburg had with students. More than 500 students participated in a lottery to capture one of the 300 seats available in the Dodd Hall lecture auditorium. The remaining students along with faculty, staff and other invited guests, watched the session via a closed-circuit TV feed into a large lecture hall in the UCLA Law building.

In his introduction of Justice Ginsburg, Professor Ken Karst said, "Of the 108 men and two women who have served as Supreme Court Justices, three would deserve



professor ken karst and justice ruth bader ginsburg

a place in the pantheon of American law even if they had never been appointed to the bench because of their contributions as advocates to the growth of the law. The three are Louis Brandeis, Thurgood Marshall and Ruth Bader Ginsburg."

Ginsburg opened by talking about the recent changes on the Supreme Court and the accomplishments of her beloved colleagues, late Chief Justice William Hobbs Rehnquist and recently retired Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. In talking about O'Connor's personal influence as a mentor and fellow woman on the Court, Ginsburg remembered O'Connor's incredible energy and advice to the younger, newer Justice: "Waste no time on anger, regret, or resentment, just get the job done."

After listening to Ginsburg's short address, a diverse set of students lined up at two microphones asking uncensored questions on a host of topics, including judicial confirmation hearings, affirmative action, balancing home and work life, diversity and international law. Throughout the conversation, Justice Ginsburg was measured and thoughtful, but not without sharp wit and open honesty.

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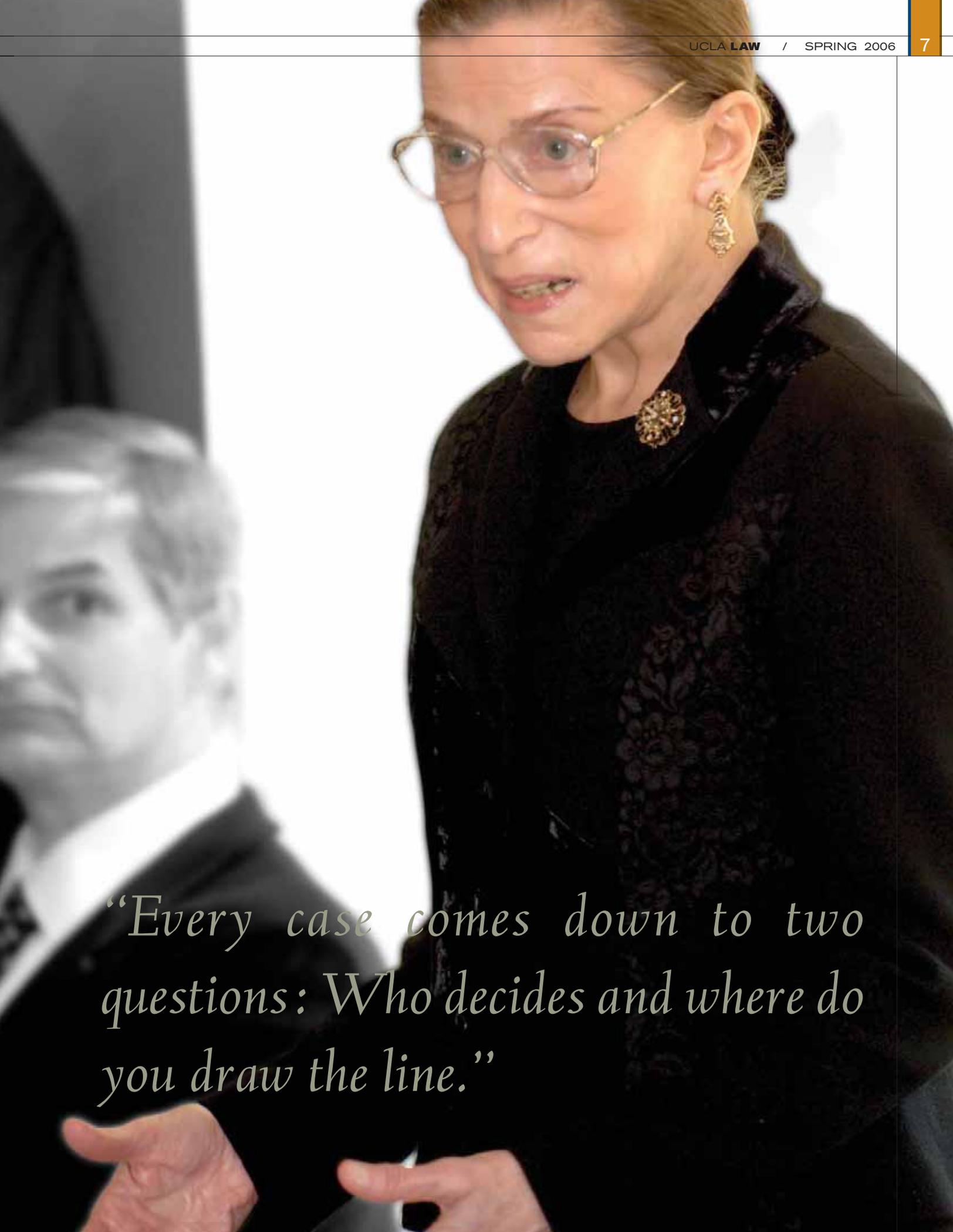
On the subject of judicial confirmation hearings, Ginsburg remembered when Chief Justice Warren Burger came to congratulate her on her Supreme Court nomination. He noted that she would face four days of Senate hearings, when his own hearing had only lasted one hour. Justice Ginsburg said that there was one word that explained the difference, “Television.”

In answering student questions, Ginsburg reminded them that no matter the injustices that had occurred, or the issues at hand, it was imperative to always bring the topic back to the rule of law. “Every case comes down to two questions: Who decides and where do you draw the line.”

Time and time again, whether discussing Iraqi detainees, the victims of Hurricane Katrina, or sovereign tribal nations, Justice Ginsburg came back to the role of individuals in affecting change. “The courts are a reactive institution. We don't make the cases that come to us. And if there isn't a public and if there isn't a bar that is going to bring these cases to us, we would never have them...But as long as there are people who care and lawyers ready to represent the people who are the victims of unconstitutional behavior, we will get those cases eventually...If you really care, don't start with the courts, start with getting others, your fellow citizens, to appreciate what our nation's highest values are.”

That evening at Dean Schill's home, Justice Ginsburg was welcomed by faculty, alumni and friends of UCLA Law, including many of her former clerks, UCLA Chancellor Albert Carnesale, actress Diane Keaton, businessman and philanthropist Stewart Resnick '62, and Judge Kim McLane Wardlaw '79. At the end of the evening, Justice Ginsburg spoke of her former law clerks as “family” and as individuals to whom she would always stay close.





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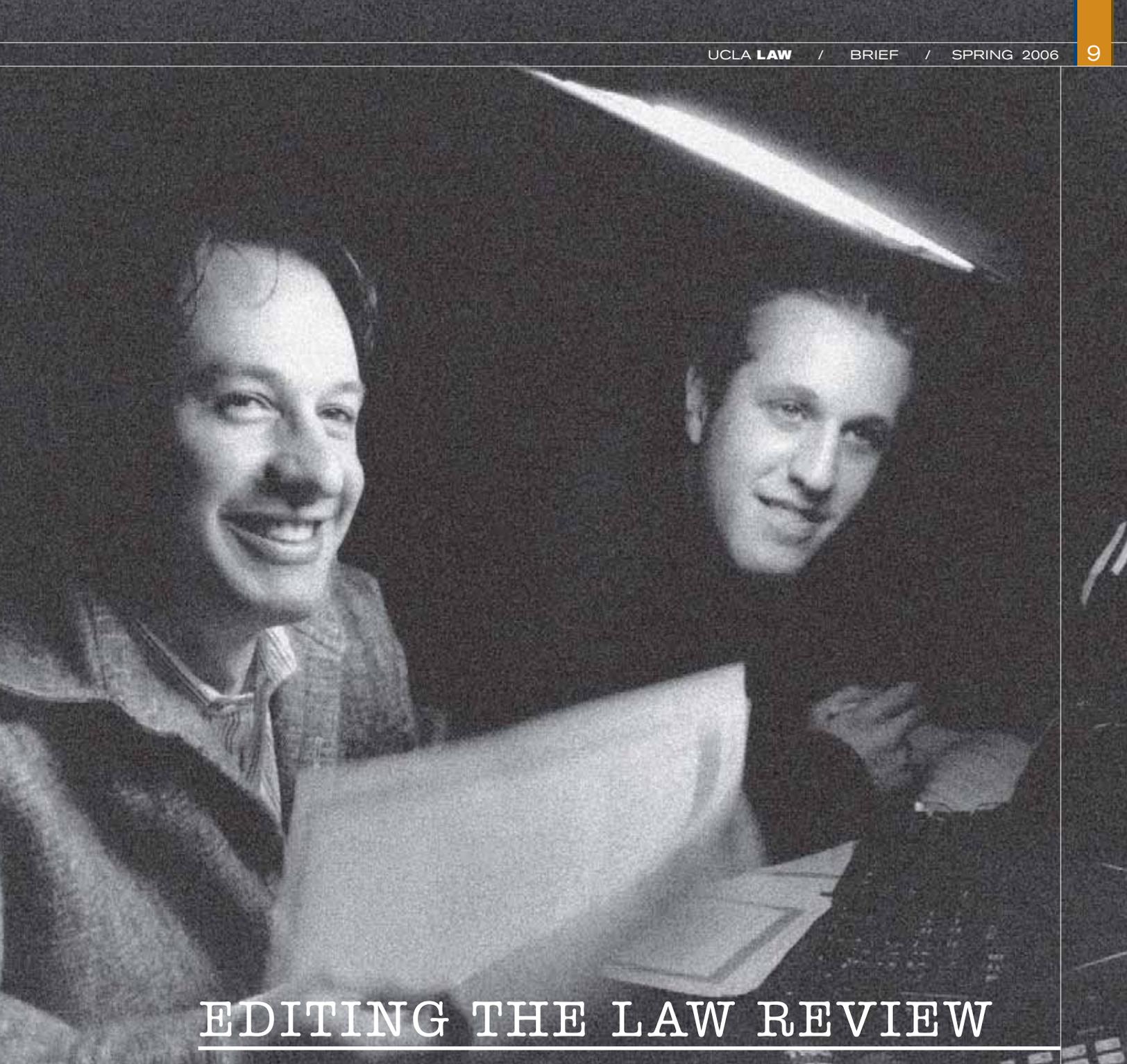
# THE INDIVIDUALS IN YOUR CLASS

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Each year, UCLA Law graduates an incredibly diverse body of students, each dedicated to impacting their chosen field in myriad ways. Whether going into business law, serving in the public interest, or transforming the international community, every student leaves our halls with a broader array of experiences and a richer understanding of our community than when they entered.

Here we highlight a select few of our alumni and students, in varied fields, to remind you of the many ways law school prepared you for your future.





## EDITING THE LAW REVIEW

Working as Editor-in-Chief of the UCLA Law Review is much more than an impressive line item on your resumé. The Law Review, which has been in print since 1953, publishes six times per year with four to six articles per issue. The work required of the Editor-in-Chief is often more work than a full-time job, taking between 40 and 70 hours each week—on top of regular classes. It is an opportunity to interface with some of the most accomplished professors here and across the country in an intimate and scholarly way and it is a chance to delve deeply into numerous areas of the law, uniquely preparing the student for a career in virtually any legal specialty.

## *“It is a self-selecting process to some degree. I don’t think most*

As 3L Adam Goldberg, outgoing editor-in-chief, and 2L Ryan White, the incoming editor-in-chief can attest, this is no easy job. The relief on Adam’s face when he talks about his stint being over is directly proportionate to the excitement and yes, the tension, on Ryan’s when he talks about the year to come.

This isn’t the first time Ryan has faced enormous challenges. Before attending law school, he taught for two years in Los Angeles’ Lynwood neighborhood with the Teach For America program. In his first year he taught 17 second graders and in his second, 32 sixth graders. He did experience success at the challenging job: his second grade students, most of which were learning English as a Second Language, finished second highest on the school’s English language test, despite being far behind at the beginning of the year.

And, the experience prepared him in a unique way for law school, and the Law Review.

“The preconceived notion about law school is that it will be the hardest thing you’ll ever do,” he commented. “It was definitely difficult, but it was not anything compared to my teaching experience.”

The inner city teaching experience also inspired him to enroll in UCLA Law’s critical race studies concentration.

“After seeing the essentially de facto racial segregation that exists, and the disparity of educational and economical opportunities...that really solidified my commitment to this issue,” he explained.

And Ryan already has interesting real-world experiences under his belt. He spent last summer working for Judge Dean Pregerson at the Central District Court of California, an experience which exposed him to many different areas of the law and helped prepare him for his role at the Law Review. Though he freely admits that he doesn’t yet know what he wants to do after he graduates, there are areas, such as litigation, land use, and race and discrimination, in which he maintains a definite interest. This summer he will be working at Latham & Watkins LLP.

Ryan has approached the Law Review with the same enthusiasm that he seems to approach most things. He’s already orchestrated the revamping of the Law Review website, giving it a more professional look and better access to information, and he has several other ideas for improving the organization. He wants to more actively engage alumni through a newsletter, establish a board-staff mentor program to demystify the Law Review process for 1Ls, and generally create a more collegial environment. Though he comes up with lots of ideas, he is quick to point out that he won’t be successful without the assistance and hard work of his 70 plus board and staff members.

Ryan also freely admits that he has a lot to learn as he starts down

the path of the Law Review and is grateful to Adam for the guidance and assistance he has provided.

As Adam explains about taking on this new task, “The pressure is tremendous, particularly early on when there is so much to learn. It really took me about three issues to feel as though I had some semblance of control.”

Adam’s path to law school was different than most of his peers. He attended Brown as an undergraduate, and during that stint he took a year off to backpack through China. After he graduated in 1999, he spent a few years trying his hand at a variety of jobs and industries, including working for a private investigation company and writing food and entertainment reviews for an Internet-based content provider. Eventually, he landed a job as a paralegal at a law firm, where he really enjoyed the work, solidifying his desire to go to law school—something he wasn’t necessarily convinced was in his future upon college graduation.

At law school, Adam found that he really loved learning about the law, something he and Ryan have in common, and something that he admits is a prerequisite for the Law Review.

“It is a self-selecting process to some degree. I don’t think most people would work this hard if they didn’t truly enjoy the work.”

And in working on the Law Review, especially as editor-in-chief, there are definitely a multitude of obstacles and challenges that arise. For example, as one of the few institutions where professionals are edited by amateurs—versus peers—the Law Review has always been a bit controversial. Though Adam never really found the editing process intimidating, per se, he did recognize his place in the process.

“Understanding my role in the process freed me to make aggressive suggestions over the course of my editorial work. If

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adam goldberg and ryan white

professors did not like my suggestions, that was fine. They had the final say."

"In the times that I had good relationships with the authors, which was almost all the time...they tended to be appreciative of both our diligence and our deference," he went on to explain.

Adam's student comment will be published in the next issue of the UCLA Law Review. It is on the subject of the National Stolen Property Act and how U.S. courts apply this law domestically to antiquities looted from the ground in other countries.

Working for the Law Review was a huge challenge, but one Adam greatly enjoyed, despite the heavy load, and one he feels has prepared him for what he will do next. Upon graduating, Adam will clerk for The Honorable Richard R. Clifton of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Adam is very interested in the experience this will provide, as well as an opportunity to further hone his writing and analytical skills.

# Susan Westerberg Prager '71

Arjay and Frances Fearing Miller Professor of Law Susan Westerberg Prager, who served as dean of the law school from 1982 until 1998, has been selected by the Occidental College Board of Trustees as Occidental College's 13th president. She will take office at Occidental on July 1.

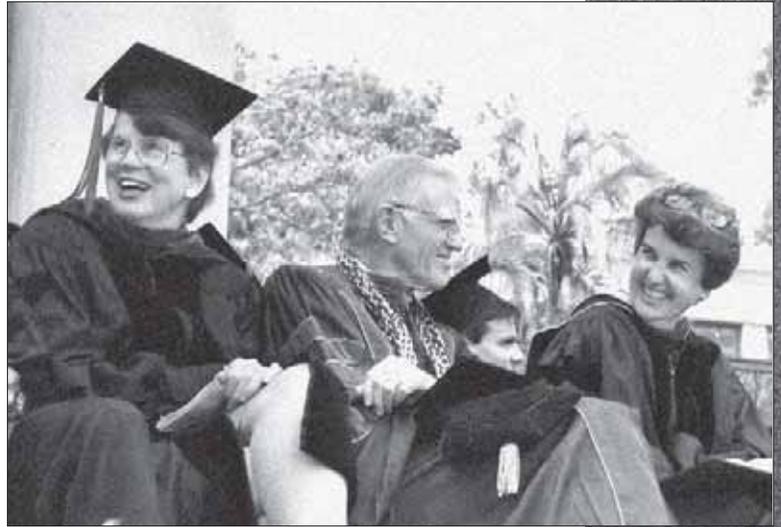
Prager, a 1964 graduate of Stanford University who received her law degree at UCLA in 1971, served as dean for longer than any other individual at UCLA Law and indeed is one of the country's longest-serving law school deans. During her tenure, Prager expanded the size of the faculty considerably, adding 29 professors in all areas of the law, including Islamic Law, Critical Race Theory, International Law, and Philosophy and the Law. She also developed new academic programs, including the Business Law Concentration, the Public Interest Program and the Environmental Clinic.

Prager was responsible for building the law school's first major gifts program, which made possible the dramatic new Hugh and Hazel Darling Law Library—an architecturally stunning building with a great deal of natural light and a beautiful place for students to commiserate during long study hours. Under the leadership of Associate Dean Myra Saunders, the library has become renowned for its highly trained staff that is proactive in aiding the research efforts of its users—from the judges who regularly seek assistance and the lawyers who use the facility's services, to the school's students and faculty.

Prager has received numerous awards for her work as dean, including the Legal Services Award from the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund; the Madrina Award from the UCLA Latino Alumni Association; the Maynard Toll Award for Distinguished Public Service from the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles; and the highest honor bestowed by the UCLA Alumni Association, the Edward A. Dickson Alumnus of the Year Award.

Prager has also served in numerous organizations, making an impact in all areas of academia, the law and teaching. In 1985 she became the second woman to serve as president of the Association of American Law Schools, the leading professional organization in her field. She also served as provost (chief academic officer) at Dartmouth College from 1999 - 2001.

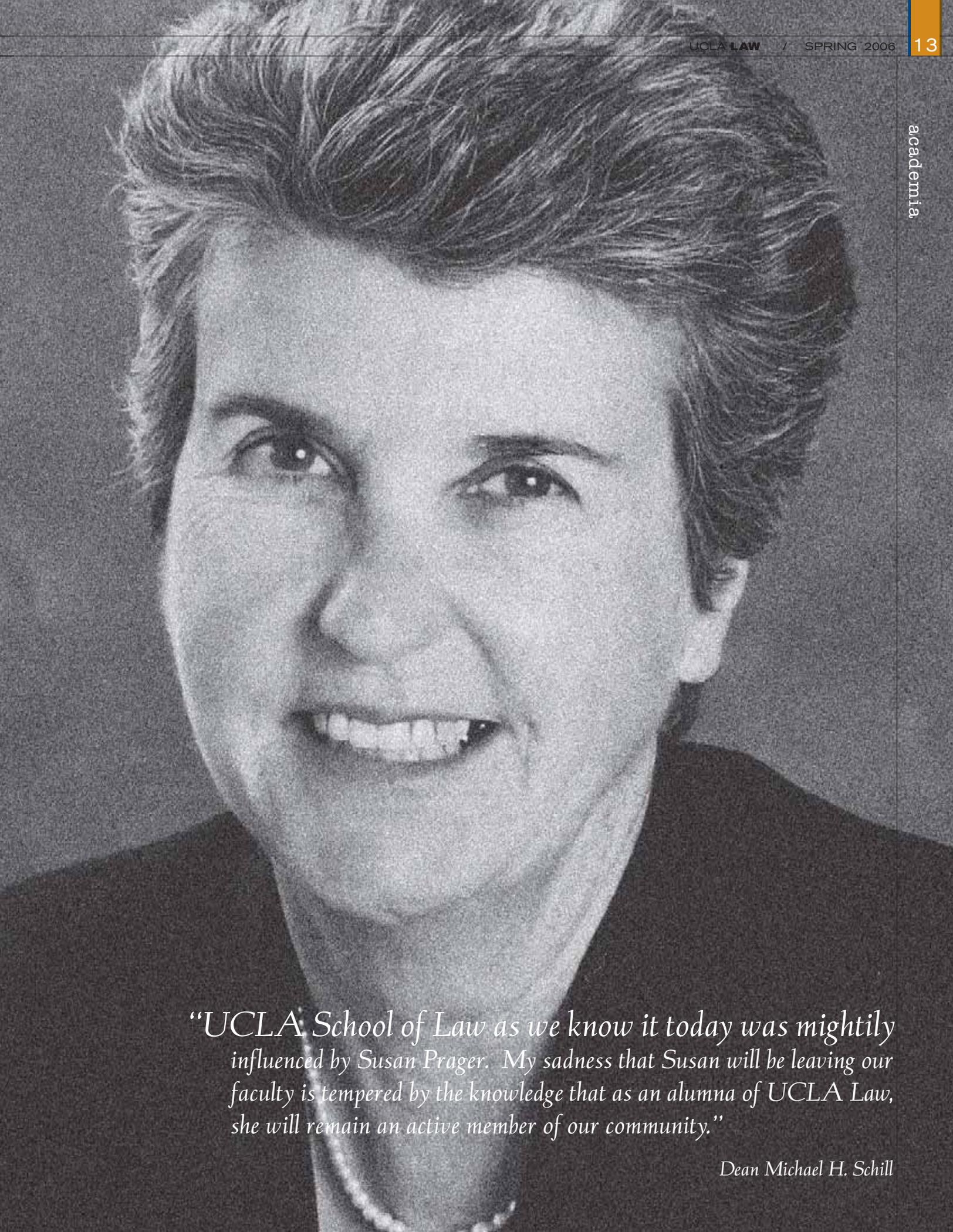
Prager served on the Stanford Board of Trustees from 1976-1980 and 1987-1997, including four years as board vice president. As a Stanford trustee, she



chaired the board's Academic Policy Committee and was a member of the Presidential Search Committee that recommended the appointment of Gerhard Casper.

She has served as a member of the California Commission on Campaign Financing, the California Community Colleges Commission on Innovation, and has testified before the U.S. Senate, the California state senate and other governmental bodies on a wide range of issues. She is a longtime director of the Newport Beach-based Pacific Mutual Holding Company, which owns Pacific Life. A staunch preservationist, she and her husband have restored two historic Victorian houses in the Angelino Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles and have played an active role in historic preservation.

Prager grew up on a farm in Sloughhouse, a small farming community southeast of Sacramento. She graduated with honors from Stanford with a degree in history, where she also earned her master's degree in the same field. Before attending UCLA School of Law, where she was editor of the UCLA Law Review, she worked in the U.S. Senate, the House of Representatives, and the California Assembly. She joined the UCLA faculty in 1972, becoming a professor of law five years later. She and her husband of 32 years, James Prager '71, a lawyer, have two adult daughters.



*“UCLA School of Law as we know it today was mightily influenced by Susan Prager. My sadness that Susan will be leaving our faculty is tempered by the knowledge that as an alumna of UCLA Law, she will remain an active member of our community.”*

Dean Michael H. Schill

# A. Barry Cappello '65

## Inspires Students with Success in Complex Business Litigation Cases

A. Barry Cappello '65 was the guest speaker at the 8th Annual Irving H. Green Memorial Lecture on Wednesday, February 8, 2006. He spoke to UCLA Law students about the ways in which small firms can successfully prosecute massive toxic tort and complex business litigation cases.

"I want law students to know that working for a small firm doesn't mean you'll only handle small cases. The opportunities for attorneys to do groundbreaking work are often much more available at a smaller firm," said Cappello.

In January, 2006, Cappello's small, Santa Barbara-based law firm settled an 8 1/2-year dispute against Boeing regarding toxic waste contamination in neighborhoods adjacent to Boeing facilities near Simi Valley and in the San Fernando Valley.

This is merely a single, recent example of many victories that Cappello has earned in his 40-year career. Over that time, he has successfully argued jury trials with total verdicts in excess of \$250 million and has negotiated nearly \$1 billion in settlements and workouts for his clients. Cappello is recognized as one of the nation's leading trial lawyers and authorities on complex commercial litigation, including lender liability, class actions and environmental litigation. He earned his A.B. from UCLA in 1962 and his J.D. from UCLA Law in 1965. He credits law school with honing his competitive edge.

Cappello explains, "UCLA Law demonstrated to me that I really wasn't the smartest person I ever met. In fact, I quickly learned that there were many smarter people, and they also worked a lot harder than me. This was a life-changing experience. I no longer could coast. I then worked and worked, and learned an important lesson: there are smarter lawyers, you just need to work harder, combine it with your will to win and you will prevail."

Cappello is the author of *Lender Liability* (Juris Publishers), the first and leading treatise on the subject. He also has contributed numerous articles on complex business litigation, lender liability, and advanced trial techniques to business, legal, accounting and trade publications.

Before entering private practice, Cappello served a seven-year tenure as City Attorney of Santa Barbara. During that period, he was the chief litigator against Union Oil, Mobil, Gulf and Texaco for the massive 1969 Santa Barbara Channel oil spill. The disaster and the ensuing litigation awakened the nation's consciousness to the dangers to our environment and the tragic consequences if it is not protected. The case was settled in 1974 shortly before trial for \$9.45 million.

Earlier in his career, Cappello prosecuted murder, business crime and major felony cases. He was assistant district attorney and chief trial deputy in the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office and served as a deputy attorney general for the State of California assigned to the Special Trials and Investigations Division.





## Rainmaker at the San Francisco Office of Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal

Paul B. E. Glad '77 is, without question, one of the leading insurance attorneys in the country. Generating between \$10 and \$20 million annually over the last ten years, he has certainly achieved rainmaker status. He has been the managing partner of Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP's San Francisco office for more than 18 years. In fact, he opened the first West Coast office for Sonnenschein nearly two decades ago, and today the San Francisco office has more than 130 employees, a testament to his leadership and lawyering skills.

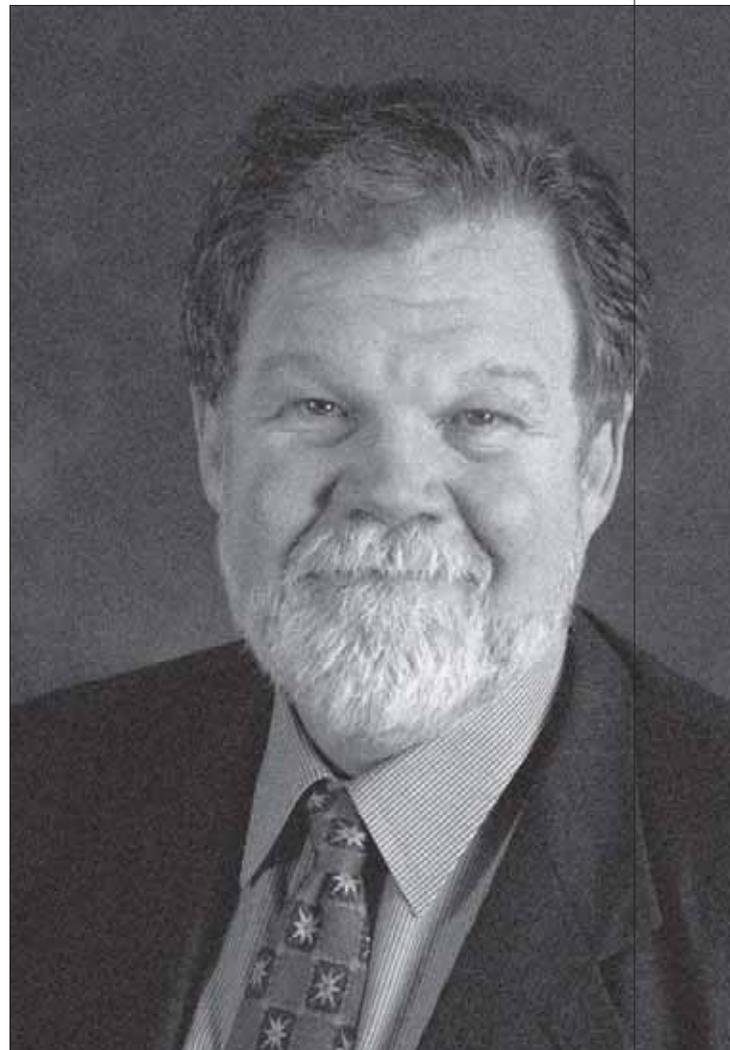
Glad also serves as the national chair of Sonnenschein's Insurance Practice, which comprises a core of more than 130 lawyers representing such industry leaders as ACE Insurance Company, Allstate Insurance Company, American International Group, Inc., Fireman's Fund Insurance Companies, Hanover Insurance, Prudential Insurance Company of America, Royal and SunAlliance, St. Paul Travelers, and Swiss Reinsurance America Corporation.

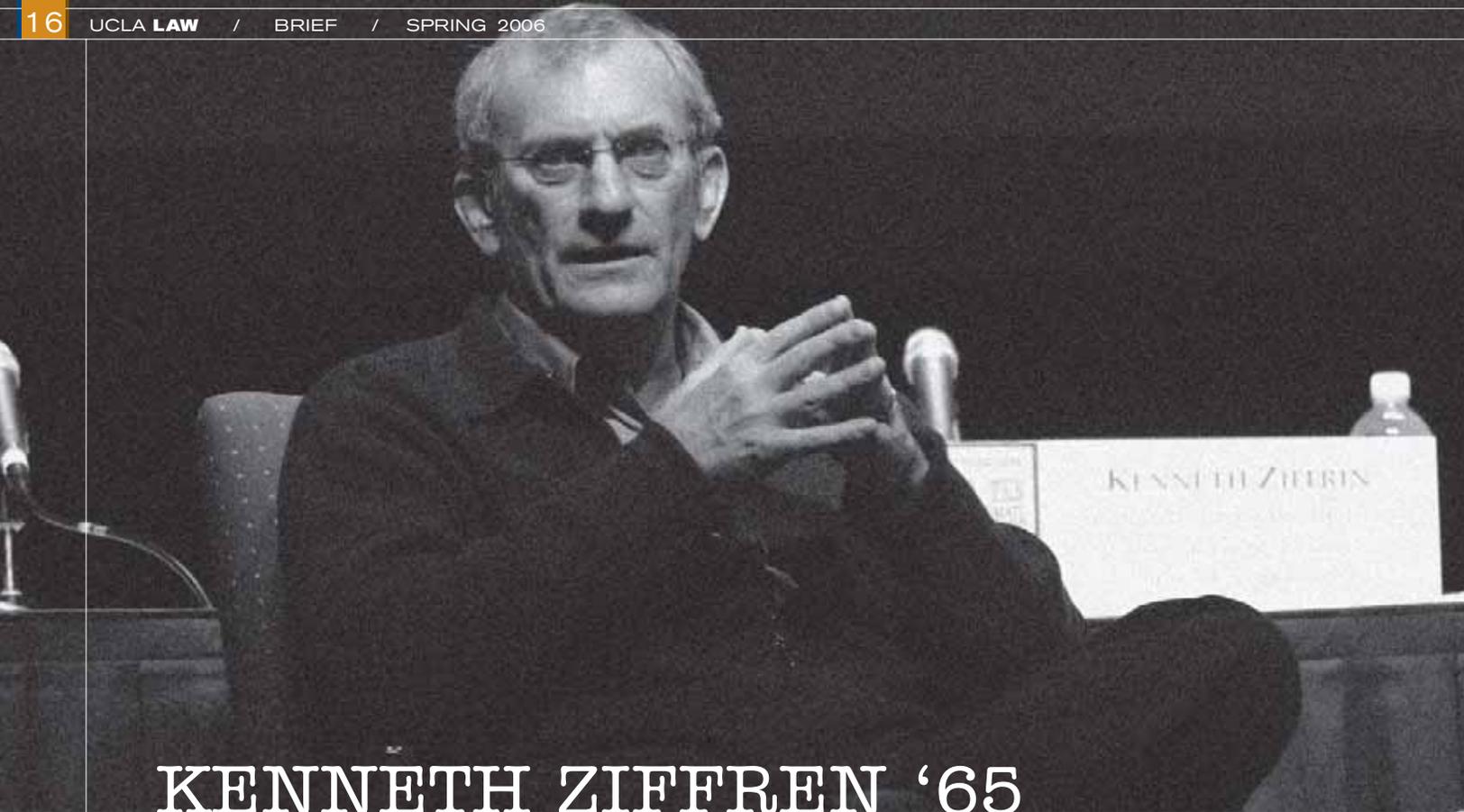
Glad is the author of two important legal works: the *California Insurance Law Handbook* and *DiMugno's and Glad's California Insurance Laws Annotated*. His professional influence and rainmaker status have been recognized by numerous publications, including the *Daily Journal*, *Lawdragon* magazine, and *Chambers USA—America's Leading Lawyers for Business Client Guide*.

Though his career accomplishments certainly stand alone, it is Glad's community involvement that makes him stand out.

Glad was recently honored at the 2005 Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF) Annual Gala as one of three outstanding volunteers making meaningful contributions to the BASF's charitable programs in 2005. He was selected for his founding and shepherding role in the Head Start Holiday Gift Program, a program that recruits law firms and other organizations to provide holiday gifts for children aged three to five in San Francisco's Head Start classes. Sonnenschein joined the program in 1993 and the company's employees, along with those of over 30 other law firms, have provided presents to more than 18,000 underprivileged children in San Francisco. The legal community, the general public and the former Mayor Frank Jordan have recognized the incredible contributions of this program.

## Paul Glad '77





## KENNETH ZIFFREN '65

Alumnus Ken Ziffren '65 launched his own firm with partner and fellow alum Skip Brittenham '70 in 1979. In the ensuing 27 years, the firm, now called Ziffren, Brittenham, Branca, Fischer, Gilbert-Lurie, Stiffelman, Cook, Johnson, Lande & Wolf, has become the premiere entertainment law firm in Los Angeles and is often cited as the most powerful entertainment law firm in the world. Its roster of clients includes heavyweights from the motion picture, television, music and new technology areas.

Ziffren himself is known for his deal-making skills and innovative approach. He has spearheaded key landmark deals in the last 30 years that have shaped the entertainment industry. He served as neutral mediator in helping to resolve the WGA-AMPTP strike (1988); as outside counsel to independent television production companies and guilds in FINSYN matters (1990-1993) and FCC proceedings (2002-2004); and counsel to the NFL in network contracts (1993, 1998). He also negotiated on behalf of Microsoft in forming MSNBC and the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences in negotiating a long-term deal with four networks to televise the Emmys.

Ziffren also speaks to entertainment professionals about his experiences in the business. As the core businesses in the entertainment industry have experienced tough times over the last several years, Ziffren has often talked about the need to create new business models in order to stay viable and competitive.

"The major media companies must adjust their approach to respond to changing technology," explains Ziffren. "The way consumers enjoy entertainment has changed considerably over the last few years, and this is only the beginning. The media and entertainment industries must adapt to this ongoing transformation if they expect to attract the capital necessary for growth."

Ziffren also has taught at UCLA School of Law since 1998. This year, he is teaching two courses: Network Television, which provides an intensive analysis of the prime time network business today, and Motion

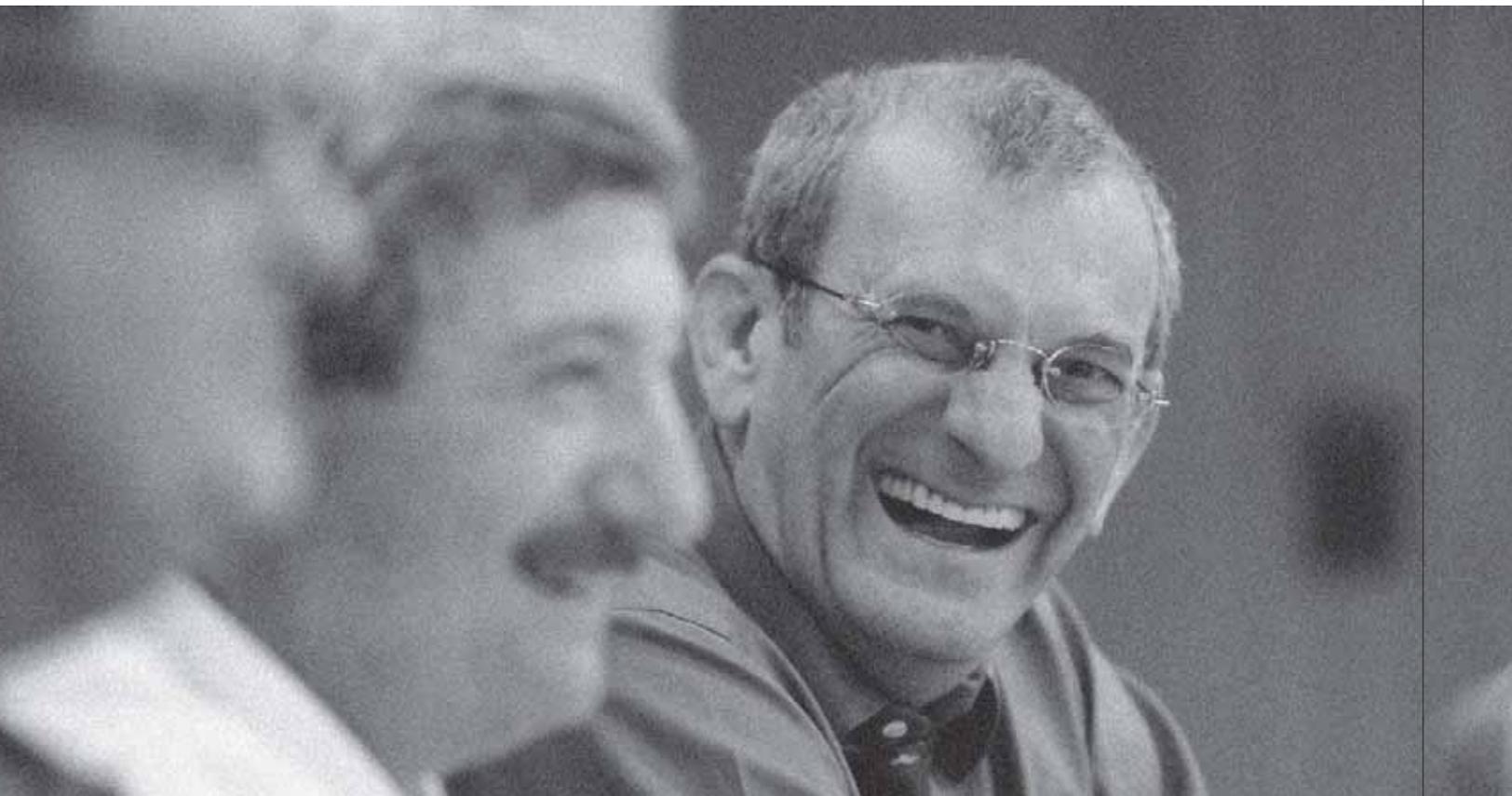
“The major studios must adjust their approach to respond to changing technology. The way consumers enjoy entertainment has changed considerably over the last five years, and this is only the beginning.”

Picture Distribution, an introduction to the sequential distribution of theatrical motion pictures, both domestically and internationally.

"Working with the active and accomplished students at UCLA Law gives me the opportunity to refuel and recalibrate my own views of the industry," says Ziffren. "It is incredibly fulfilling to hear students' thoughts and ideas, while also giving them some of the advice and tools they need to help them accomplish their career goals."

A talented student clearly poised for greatness even when he attended UCLA Law, Ziffren served as editor-in-chief of UCLA Law Review and clerked for Chief Justice of the United States Earl Warren upon graduation.

This spring, Ken Ziffren was honored by the Beverly Hills Bar Association as the 2006 Entertainment Lawyer of the Year and recognized for his contributions to the industry and the community. He has also been honored by UCLA Law as its Alumnus of the year and serves as Co-Chair of UCLA Law School Board of Advisors.



Francis James '90 has spent the last 15 years since graduating from UCLA School of Law accumulating professional skills and life experiences that have prepared him for his current post today as the justice and security sector reform advisor at the Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery (BCPR). BCPR is part of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), which assists countries emerging from conflict as they try to rebuild institutions and civil society in an effort to stimulate economic growth and opportunity. With offices in 166 countries worldwide, the reach of the UNDP is substantial and the problems they face can be enormous and multifaceted.

Based at the UN's New York headquarters, James advises people in countries as diverse as the Darfur region in western Sudan, South Sudan, Burundi, Sierra Leone, Indonesia, and Colombia on issues ranging from the development of the rule of law, access to justice, human rights, and democratic policing.

For example, a country emerging from violent conflict, be it ethnic divisions, civil war, or natural disasters such as an earthquake or tsunamis, may experience untold pressures on state institutions and political leadership. As such, the UN, through a Security Council mandate, might deploy peacekeepers and a civilian police force to help keep the peace. The UNDP office on the ground might contact James and ask him what they should do in order to improve safety and security for internally displaced persons, vulnerable groups, women and children. James would have to respond with a practical answer, keeping any number of issues and problems in mind while guiding his colleagues on the ground.

"Though that may sound incredibly daunting, some of the solutions can be relatively simple," he comments. "Coming up with creative solutions to complex problems is a great challenge and certainly keeps one on their toes. I won't say that we don't make mistakes, but we do learn from every new experience and use those lessons as we are asked to solve similar problems in other contexts."

The knowledge to offer practical solutions to such a wide variety of challenges, while dealing with cultural differences,

lack of resources, and unstable environs, is not something that James learned in any one job or any one setting. Indeed, James' road to the UN was a collection of diverse experiences, each one equipping him with a set of skills upon which he draws heavily today.

Just out of law school, James landed a job doing international corporate finance at a large law firm. It was a situation he wouldn't have anticipated when he started law school as an

## FRANCIS JAMES '90



francis james on an abandoned tank in guinea-bissau

idealistic, young liberal, interested in human rights, but mentors advised him that gaining practical experience in this area was essential. And, he appreciated the opportunity, though he knew it wasn't what he wanted to do long term. "I give today's law school students who are

“Though that may sound incredibly daunting, some of the solutions are actually very simple,” he comments. “I won’t say that we don’t make mistakes, but we do learn from every new experience and use those lessons as we are asked to solve similar problems in other areas.”



interested in going into international law the same advice," he admits. "Working at the biggest and best law firms will train you very well."

After a two-year stint at the law firm, James craved a more practical, relevant role and he became a federal public defender in Los Angeles. The time he spent defending indigent clients, gaining advocacy experience in the courtroom and battling through the judicial system, gave him the background and expertise needed when he responded to a request to train criminal lawyers in Cambodia.

Cambodia had suffered through the genocidal reign of tyranny under the Khmer Rouge regime. When James arrived in 1994, there were only a handful of lawyers left in a country of 10 million people. James' work training the first group of lawyers under the new government and establishing a national legal aid and public defender agency was instrumental in that country's efforts to rebuild the justice system. Another UCLA Law graduate, **Karen Tse '90**, worked on the program at the same time.

After four years working in Cambodia, Vietnam and China, gaining invaluable hands-on, international experience, James returned to the United States where he secured a one-year Presidential appointment as a White House Fellow. In this role, he had an unprecedented opportunity to do high-level, international legal work with the most senior officers of the Federal Government. After his appointment concluded, James landed a job with the Vera Institute of Justice, a New York-based nongovernmental organization that works closely with leaders in government and civil society on innovations in the criminal justice system.

This last job most closely mirrors what James does today, but each job he's had has been a stepping stone to his work at the United Nations, where he actively assists some of the most challenged countries of our time in their efforts to rebuild their communities, develop sustainable economies and create viable judicial systems.

"All these experiences—as a corporate lawyer, a public defender, in the field, overseas, in government and the nongovernmental sector—were all fundamental in allowing me to do what I do today," says James. "I've been very fortunate to have had such a varied path with a chance to give back a bit and hopefully make a difference on the local, national and international scene." And it all started at UCLA Law.



## HAROON AZAR '08

Though his parents are natives of Kabul, Afghanistan, Haroon Azar '08 was born in the decidedly interracial Los Angeles, a product of L.A. public schools. As a result, he is certainly no stranger to issues of race and discrimination. Yet, even he was surprised at the backlash against Muslim Americans caused by 9/11. A sophomore at Cal State Dominguez Hills at the time, the changes he saw were immediate and unforgettable. Citing increases in hate crimes against Muslims, and subtle shifts in how faculty and administrators treated Muslims and people of Middle Eastern descent, and perceiving a pervasive lack of understanding of the Muslim religion by students, administrators and faculty alike, Haroon quickly decided to address these issues head on.

An early graduate of high school, Haroon majored in business administration during college, with a concentration in computer information systems. After 9/11, he added a second major in political science with an eye towards working on these issues after graduation. He attributes his motivation to attend law school as "...the inequalities I saw, discriminations and infringements on our [Muslim Americans'] constitutional rights."

Since coming to UCLA Law, Haroon has already made quite an impact. He first met with Dean Michael Schill the summer before school to discuss the desires and goals he hoped to achieve while at law school. Ideally, he would like to work with administrators and faculty to create a center or program that can ultimately help Afghanistan as it builds a new infrastructure.

"I want to establish something at UCLA to provide a service within the academic realm and maybe even the legal realm, for Afghanistan."

His first step towards building this program was forming the Muslim Law Students Association. He had been the president and vice president of the Muslim Students Association during his undergraduate years. So, banking on that experience, he met with Professor Khaled Abou El Fadl, the school's oft-quoted Islamic Law expert, and worked with two other students, **Rabea Chaudry '08** and **Nadia Aziz '07**, to form the association and have it sanctioned by the UCLA system.

"I admire Haroon for starting up a Muslim student organization at UCLA Law," said Professor Abou El Fadl. "Considering the large number of Muslim students in this law school, such an organization will play a critical role in providing moral companionship and support and in improving the quality of life of our studious Muslim students. As importantly, the Muslim student organization can play an equally compelling role in educating the law school community about Islam and Muslims—subjects that for better or worse are in the news every single day. What impresses me the most is that Haroon had the stamina and endurance to provide such an invaluable service to our law school community while he struggled with the challenges of being a first-year student; this makes him a hero in my eyes."

Haroon took a year off between college and law school, during which time he worked on various development projects helping Afghanistan while fostering ties with the Afghan Government along the way. Through those contacts, Haroon was instrumental in bringing Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Foreign Minister Dr. Abdullah Abdullah to the UCLA Law Campus, for one of our showcase events.

The Muslim Law Students Association has also sponsored other timely events, including one on the legalities of wiretapping, the impact of the recent, controversial, Danish Cartoons and Muslim disenfranchisement in the United States.

Though Haroon tries to stay on top of the issues that are plaguing the Muslim community, the first year workload is overwhelming at times and extremely intense. That said, Haroon really enjoyed many of his first-year classes, including Criminal Law and Constitutional Law.

"There is a lot going on with constitutional law right now...so that's very relevant. We studied some of the cases from the Japanese internment period and...it's scary to see some of the similarities to what some Muslims have gone through. It keeps

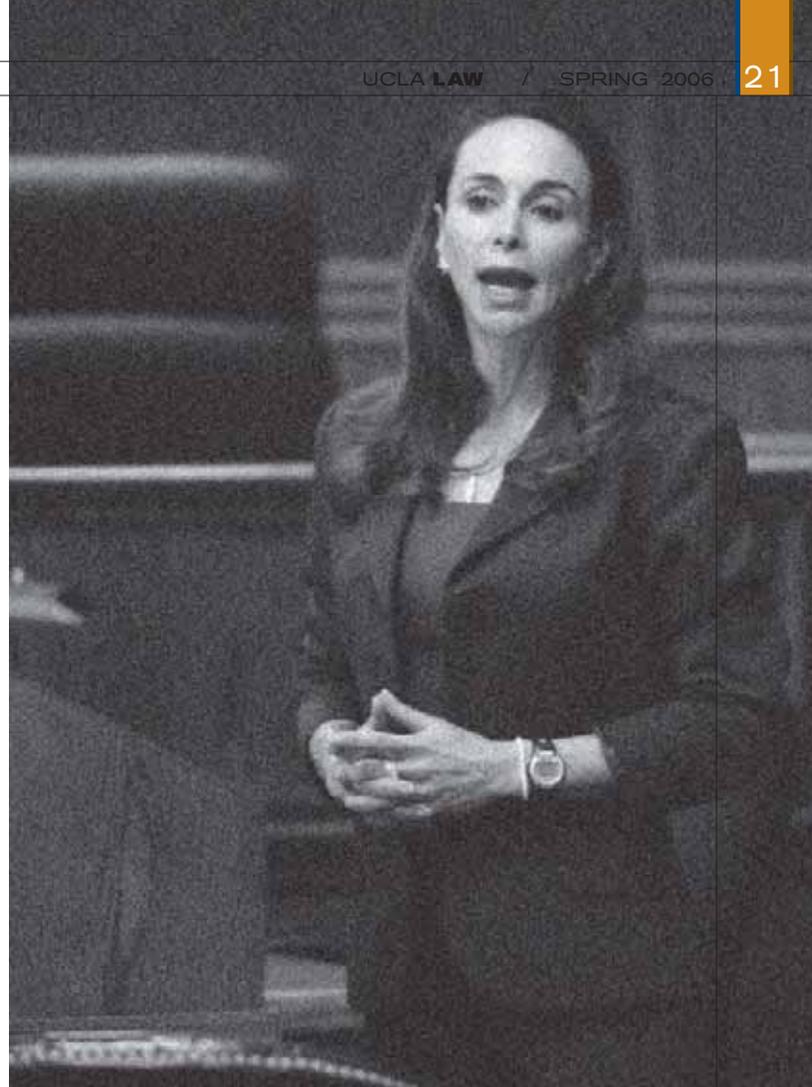


haroon azar '08 and foreign minister of afghanistan dr. abdullah abdullah

Luz Estella Nagle's ('91) journey from Medellín, Colombia to the United States is one of emotional duress, fortitude, and above all, self-discovery. In the mid 1980s, when Colombia was still a miasma of bitter conflict between government forces, guerrilla insurgents, and violent drug cartels, Nagle was a judge presiding over a civil and criminal docket, with the majority of cases involving the illicit drug trade.

Nagle's growing frustration with a broken justice system soon transformed into fear as she endured evidence and witness tampering and her court rulings overturned by corrupt judicial officials. Then, in what seems like a series of unthinkable events, she survived two assassination attempts on her life, the first when a passing motorcyclist opened fire on her car while she drove to work, and the second when she exchanged fire with a gunman who tried to assassinate her in her own chambers. At about the same time a guerilla group seized Colombia's Supreme Court, and in the bungled rescue by government forces, 100 officials were killed, including 11 of the 25 justices. Several of the victims were Nagle's close friends and former law professors. Continuing threats of violence against Nagle and her family forced her to resign her judgeship and flee the country. If the events leading up to her departure from Colombia devastated her faith in the rule of law, then the opportunities and support she received in America revived it.

Since her Colombian law degree would not suffice to practice or teach law in the U.S., Nagle literally had to begin a second law education from scratch. She began with intensive English classes and supported herself through various jobs, including housepainter and private investigator. After three years in the U.S., Nagle was admitted to her dream school: UCLA. At UCLA, she earned an M.A in Latin American studies and an LL.M. from UCLA Law.



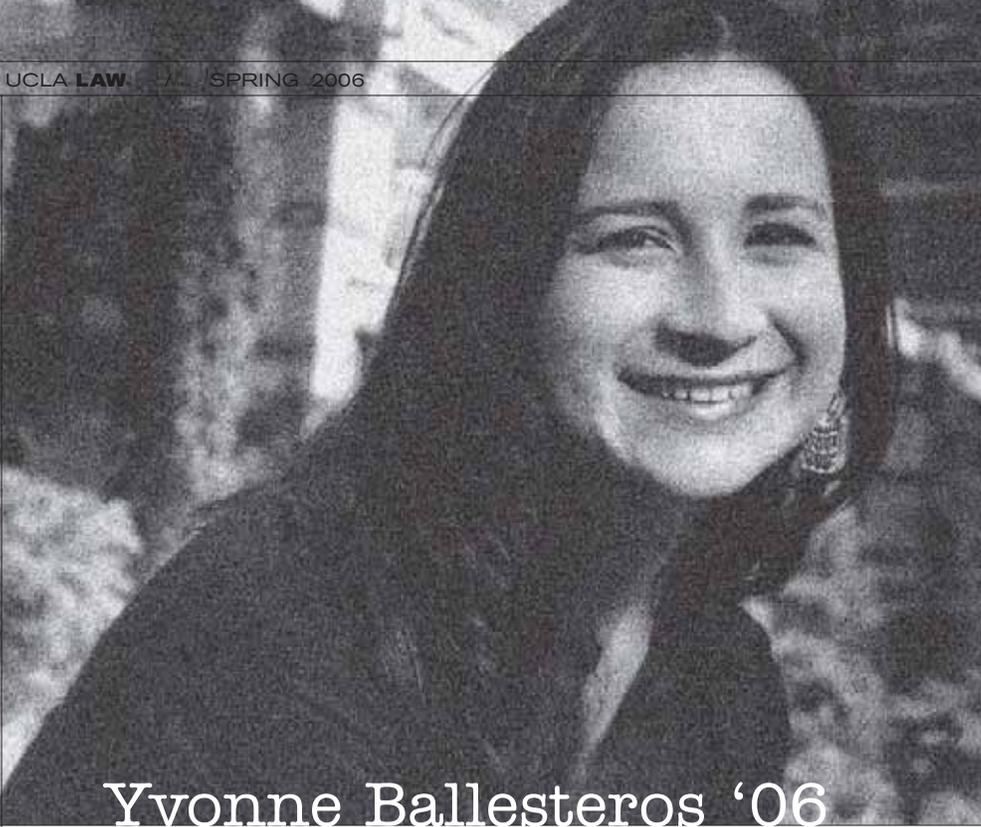
## Luz Nagle '91 (LL.M.)



"UCLA Law rekindled my faith in the law and motivated me to return to the legal profession...the university as a whole--the faculty, the staff, the students--opened its doors to me as an immigrant to this country."

When asked about her experience in the LL.M. program, Nagle responded. "The LL.M. program introduced me to brilliant and compassionate professors who became my friends and mentors and who continue to exert a great influence on my personal and professional life. If I have excelled as a law professor, it is due in large part to the lessons I learned observing the pedagogy and passion for learning and teaching of my professors at UCLA." After three years at UCLA, with nothing in sight to stop her, she went on to complete her J.D. at the College of William and Mary. Nagle then clerked for the Virginia Supreme Court and later joined Microsoft Corporation's Latin America Group, working on software licensing and anti-piracy enforcement. In 1998, she accepted a teaching position at Stetson University College of Law in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Today, Nagle is a professor of international law, an external researcher in the Strategic Studies Institute of the U.S. Army War College, and assists the U.S. Southern Command JAG in training the Colombian military in human rights compliance. Her scholarship concentrates on international criminal law and U.S. foreign policy in Latin America, and assesses the rule of law from a perspective that reflects her experience in both the U.S. and continental law systems. In addition to being the first full professor of Hispanic descent at Stetson, she holds elected memberships in L'Association Internationale de Droit Pénal, in the Academia Mexicana de Derecho Internacional Privado y Comparado, and in the Colegio de Abogados de Colombia.



## Yvonne Ballesteros '06

incredible involvement in public interest work. As an undergraduate student at UCLA, Yvonne participated in the Law Fellows Program, something she credits for "making law school a reality." Today, she is a law fellows mentor, working with young students to help them realize their own dreams.

As a law fellow, she had an opportunity to conduct research with former UCLA Law Professor Laura Gómez, and took a law school course

3L Yvonne Ballesteros' unwavering focus on her personal career goals to be an advocate for immigrants' rights through high school, college and now law school is impressive. Growing up in East L.A. Yvonne's parents insisted that she attend school in Monterey Park, using her grandparents' address for the opportunity to access more educational resources. Although the commute took some time every morning and evening, she took advantage of the opportunity even then, and was oftentimes the only Latina in the A.P. honors program in the school. Though her geographic distance from the school created divides at times, it offered an invaluable perspective and her family's commitment to her education has been instrumental to her success.

The eldest of three children, all of whom have attended UCLA, Yvonne sees education, and specifically her legal education, as a means towards being an advocate for her family and others in similar circumstances. As the first in her family to attend college, Yvonne is a trailblazer and feels a deep responsibility towards making the most of her opportunities.

"Going to law school came out of my own frustrations as a child, assisting my family, wanting to fight for my parents' rights as workers, but not having the tools to do so," she said.

When speaking to Yvonne about her experiences in college, one wonders how she has found the time to study on top of her

"Latinos in the Law," which helped to better prepare her for law school itself.

"Taking a class on critical race theory as an undergraduate gave me a new lens through which to view issues of race and the law more critically. I think it's important to understand law not just in terms of today's reality, but also to understand the historical events that led us to this point today."

As an undergraduate and law student, Yvonne has worked throughout the country with different organizations, including The Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) in Los Angeles, the Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington D.C., and the Farm Worker Division of Georgia Legal Services in Atlanta, Georgia. She even spent a semester studying abroad in Alcala de Henares, Spain, doing comparative legal work between Spain and the United States.

Here at UCLA, Yvonne spent nearly two years working at the School of Public Policy with the Advanced Policy Institute doing community development projects for South Central Los Angeles. She also took a year off before enrolling in law school to work at UCLA's Institute for Democracy Education & Access (IDEA) doing work on school accountability issues. Once in law school, she has continued this work in the legal realm with UCLA Law Professor Gary Blasi in his Public Policy Advocacy Class.

As a law student, Yvonne has remained incredibly involved with various student organizations. She is a member of the Critical Race Concentration and a member of the Program in Public Interest in Law and Policy. She has served as the co-editor in chief of the Chicano/Latino Law Review,



as vice chair of the national Latino Law Students Association and as co-chair of the La Raza Students Association.

Last summer, Yvonne externed for Judge Robert Takasugi of the U.S. District Court, Central District of California. And, never one to take a break, this last winter break, she volunteered in New Orleans, Louisiana with a contingent of other students who were helping victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Yvonne will most likely accept a job after law school working for Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid in Laredo, Texas. She will work there on a multitude of issues, including immigration, border control, employment, farm worker housing and colonias - structures that are built, without the support of a typical development, for example roads, water and sewage.

“Yvonne Ballesteros’ significant participation in a variety of student organizations and school-sponsored public service efforts is reflective of the level of involvement we strive to encourage among all of our students,” said Catherine Mayorkas, director of the Program in Public Interest Law and Policy. “In addition to classroom education, the opportunities to gain real world experience and grapple with the social justice challenges confronting the communities in which we live and work are essential to our students’ growth as ‘lawyers in the making.’”



## Jennifer Lai '03

Jennifer Lai '03, is a legal researcher and a volunteer organizer with the Louisiana Research Institute for Community Empowerment (LaRICE) and the New Orleans Campaign for Quality Education as a Civil Right (QECR). Initiated this year by the Algebra Project, QECR is a national organizing effort to establish a federal constitutional guarantee to quality public education for all. Prior to her work with LaRICE and QECR, Jennifer was an associate with Morrison & Foerster in San Diego. She also worked as a union organizer in New York and San Francisco for four years before attending law school.

In January 2005, Jennifer moved to New Orleans to help shape a major initiative “Campaign for Quality Education as a Civil Right.” During the months before Hurricane Katrina, Jennifer was a key partner to civil rights lawyers, organizers and community residents to mount a sustained effort to preserve public investment in education and to campaign for policy changes that elevated the quality of a public education to a civil right. The community alliance had made great progress in building an organized voice of parents and students to improve the quality of specific schools and increase accountability from officials to maintain the quality of the schools over time. As Katrina neared the city, Jennifer was participating in a retreat with high school students hours away from New Orleans and returned as it became apparent that the city needed to be evacuated. From the moment she began shuttling students home, Jennifer has worked tirelessly in response to Katrina. She is a member of the Legal Committee for the People’s Hurricane Fund and of the Grassroots Legal Network, which have been on the front lines of legal efforts to defend the human rights of New Orleans poorest residents, particularly African Americans in the 9th Ward.

In between legal efforts to stop the eviction of evacuees, the bulldozing of homes in the Ninth Ward without notice and violations of labor laws against workers in the Reconstruction, she coordinated much of the volunteer activity of law students volunteering in the Gulf Coast since December. She is currently working on producing a report on the conditions facing workers in New Orleans on behalf of the Advancement Project, a civil rights organization in Washington DC. Jennifer is working closely with the CRS program to involve UCLA students in legal research, policy development and academic projects that provide a framework for the community-driven efforts for a democratic reconstruction of the Gulf Coast. Most recently, she has been central to negotiations between contractors and workers living in tents as they engage in reconstruction efforts in New Orleans.



# UCLA Law Students Provide Legal Assistance in New Orleans

Fourteen UCLA Law students traveled to New Orleans in January as part of the UCLA Law Critical Race Studies (CRS) Program's ongoing efforts to respond to the urgent legal needs of communities affected by Hurricane Katrina. UCLA Law students enrolled in the CRS concentration and the Program in Public Interest Law & Policy (PILP) worked under the coordination of UCLA Law alumna Jennifer Lai '03.

The trip was funded in part by alumni donations and the School of Law. "It's fantastic when our students are able to apply their knowledge and skills to participate in the judicial process," said UCLA School of Law Dean Michael H. Schill. "I am

thousands of homes originally were slated for destruction, the city was proceeding against several hundred homes all concentrated in the predominantly African American Ninth Ward. Gathering specific information about each home was a gargantuan task. Teams of students combed the area, meticulously matching GPS coordinates to properties in order to properly identify which homes were going to be bulldozed.

*"I am proud of being part of a thoughtful and committed group of students who collectively worked to support the civil rights litigation of the People's Hurricane Relief Fund. We worked under a phenomenal and diverse group of regional lawyers and leaders who continuously inspired us, and, although I found this forever humbling, claimed also to be inspired by us."*

Sara Jackson '07

enormously proud of the work our students and alumni have done, and will continue to do, in New Orleans."

During their five-day volunteer trip in New Orleans, UCLA Law students provided legal assistance to civil rights lawyers who successfully filed lawsuits to stop the city of New Orleans from bulldozing homes without notice and to stop evictions of Katrina evacuees from a New Orleans hotel. They also investigated working and living conditions of immigrant workers, many of whom encountered environmental hazards, inadequate accommodations and unpaid wages. African American survivors also were interviewed regarding the many barriers, including lack of housing, schools and jobs, that are impeding their return to their neighborhoods.

One of the most emotionally and physically exhausting, but important tasks the students undertook was to help gather factual information to stop the bulldozing of homes without notice to the property owners. While



As 3L Yvonne Ballesteros explained, "Some homes were found blocks away from the GPS locations and some clearly had memories that could be saved. We found pictures, phone bills, dolls, shoes, toys, records . . . people's lives."

Later, they spent hours combing Hurricane Katrina survivor Web sites to find homeowners and notify them of the city's plans. As one student noted, "We were in effect doing the work that the city should have done before proceeding to demolish people's homes." The students were called to the scene of a site where bulldozing was about to begin, despite the fact that the lawsuit filed by the supervising lawyers had successfully enjoined the city from taking action until further court proceedings. The students, along with

the lawyers, played an instrumental role in preventing a violation of basic due process rights.

Professor Cheryl I. Harris, faculty director of the Critical Race Studies Program noted, "Our students were able to get valuable training as future racial justice advocates. The volunteer work provided a first-hand experience in applying to real life situations the insights of critical race theory relating to the impact of social and economic differences in fully vindicating one's constitutional rights."

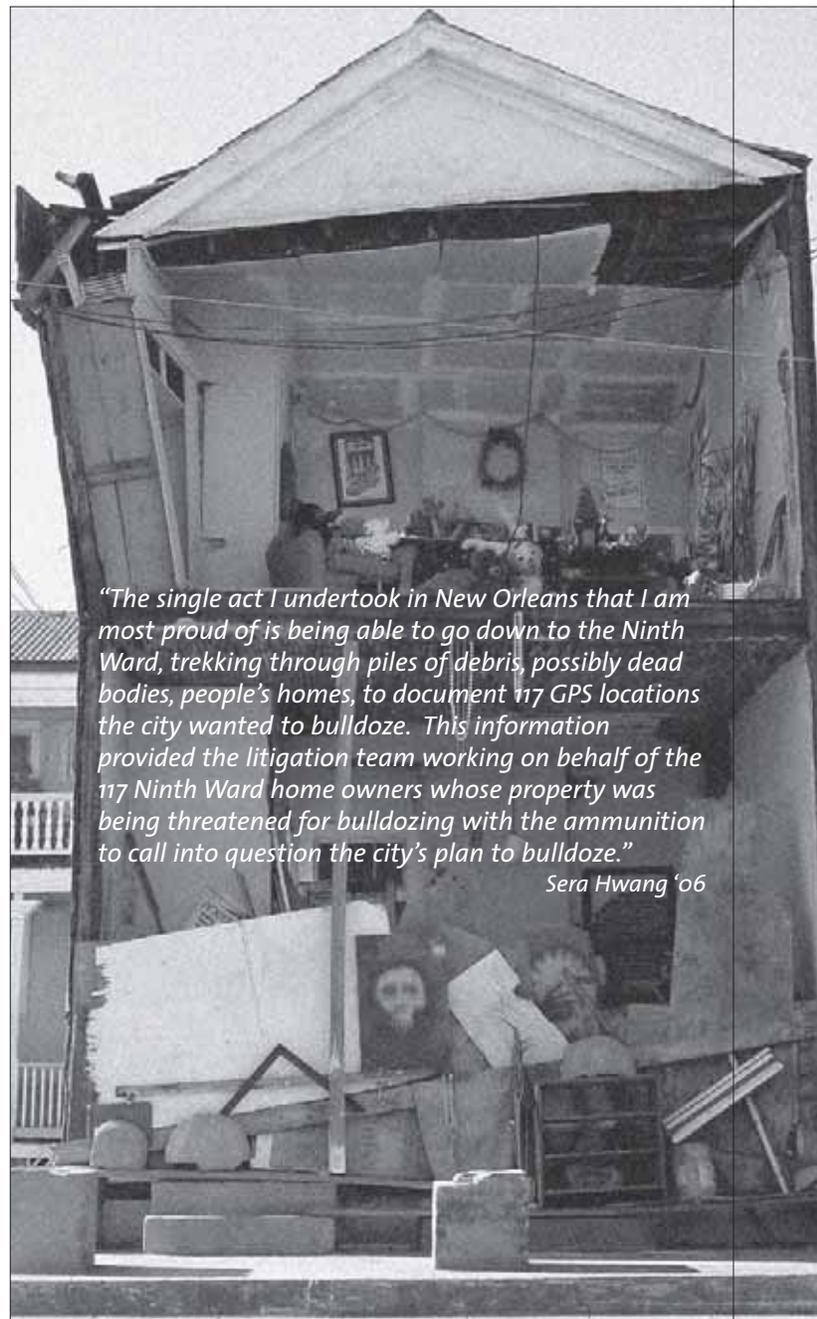
The volunteer trip built on a major conference and public educational forum convened by the CRS program at UCLA in November. "From the Gulf Coast to the West Coast: A Cross Regional Consultation" was designed to facilitate strategic thinking and shared learning among UCLA Law faculty, civil rights lawyers and community practitioners.

CRS' ongoing commitment to integrating legal assistance, education, and community-driven policy efforts in the Gulf Coast carried into the Spring Semester as well. Students conducted Katrina-related independent projects or research under the auspices of the CRS and PILP faculty and staff and in coordination with non-profit organizations such as the Advancement Project and National Immigration Law Center. For example, CRS 3L T. Linh Ho returned to New Orleans during the Vietnamese Lunar New Year Festival in February as part of an independent project designed to explore ongoing leadership development and policy advocacy efforts in the Vietnamese community. During her time there, Linh was able to participate in the Vietnamese community's unveiling of its own redevelopment plan and successful effort to replace the designation of their neighborhoods as undeveloped land to new developments for affordable senior housing and community centers. Under the auspices of PILP lecturer, Jyoti Nanda, her final project involves designing a training curriculum for Vietnamese youth to further engage in the policy-making process as New Orleans rebuilding efforts continue.

Thanks to a generous gift from the Law Offices of Carol Sobel, a leading civil rights attorney who participated in the CRS forum in November, a group of 15 UCLA students traveled to New Orleans during Spring Break. During their time there, the students conducted a fact-finding investigation on the living and working conditions of workers in New Orleans. They documented the experiences of displaced African American workers, especially their obstacles to employment and housing in post-Katrina New Orleans. They also documented and processed wage and hour claims on behalf of immigrant workers and engaged law enforcement officers regarding alternatives to harassment against day laborers who have no official hiring sites. In this context, they also explored the manufacturing of racial conflict

and tension as a result of these conditions and documented cases of multi-racial organizing and solidarity work, such as the need for housing among survivors and workers. Students also provided support to civil rights lawyers seeking to prevent voting rights violations in the City's municipal elections.

Students have organized public panel presentations about their volunteer work as part of an ongoing monthly workshop. A group of CRS students also participated on a panel on the application of critical race theory to the Hurricane and Reconstruction, as part of the plenary presentation at the 4th Annual Western Law Professors of Color Conference at Cal Western School of Law in San Diego.



*"The single act I undertook in New Orleans that I am most proud of is being able to go down to the Ninth Ward, trekking through piles of debris, possibly dead bodies, people's homes, to document 117 GPS locations the city wanted to bulldoze. This information provided the litigation team working on behalf of the 117 Ninth Ward home owners whose property was being threatened for bulldozing with the ammunition to call into question the city's plan to bulldoze."*

*Sera Hwang '06*



## Professor David Binder Named 2006 Recipient of the William Pincus Award

At the Association of American Law Schools annual meeting held earlier this year in Washington, D.C., Professor Binder received the William Pincus Award, which honors one or more individuals or institutions of clinical legal education for their service, scholarship, program design and implementation, or other activity beneficial to clinical education or to the advancement of justice.

"For more than three decades, David Binder has devoted his academic life to clinical scholarship and pedagogy, during which time he has contributed many of the major foundational concepts that are used today in clinical education programs throughout the country," said Charles D. Weisselberg, professor of law and director of the Center for Clinical Education at UC Berkeley School of Law. "It is not an exaggeration to say that Binder's ideas have reshaped the values and practices of legal professionals as they represent their clients. Of equal significance, David Binder's work has generated a tremendous amount of important research from other clinical scholars who have critiqued, refined, challenged and embraced his ideas."

Professor Binder joined the UCLA Law faculty in 1970. A pioneer in clinical legal education, Binder was instrumental in establishing UCLA's nationally recognized clinical program. He has published important clinical scholarship, including several books with Professors Albert Moore and Paul Bergman that grow out of his focus on fact development and its relation to inferential proof and argument at trial.

## Ziman Center for Real Estate Appoints Professor Jonathan Zasloff

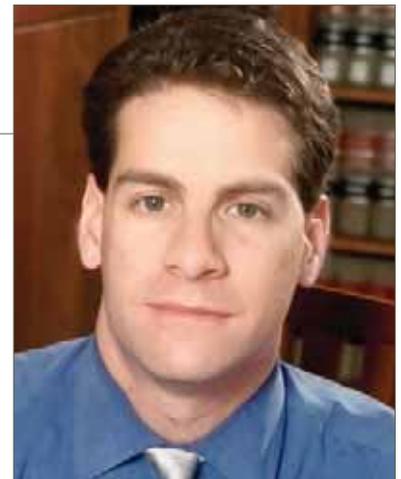
The Richard S. Ziman Center for Real Estate at UCLA, which last year became a joint center between UCLA School of Law and UCLA Anderson School of Management, has appointed Professor Jonathan Zasloff as associate director. In this newly-created position, Professor Zasloff will work closely with UCLA Anderson Professor Eduardo Schwartz, who is director of the Ziman Center.

In his leadership role, Professor Zasloff will work collaboratively with Professor Schwartz in developing some exciting curricular and programmatic initiatives at the Ziman Center in the coming academic year. Their efforts will benefit both law and business students, as well as each school's respective alumni.

An expert in real estate law, Professor Zasloff teaches Torts, Land Use, Environmental Law, Comparative Urban Planning Law and Legal History. He also directs a Public Policy Clinic—Land Use, the Environment and Local Government. Before he entered academia, Professor Zasloff practiced for two years at a leading Los Angeles public interest environmental and land use firm, where he challenged poorly planned development and worked to expand the network of the city's urban park system.

Professor Zasloff serves on the board of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, a state agency charged with purchasing and protecting open space, and he is board president of the Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice, the leading legal service firm for low-income clients in East Los Angeles.

In addition to his real estate expertise, Professor Zasloff has a keen interest in world politics. Besides his law degree, he holds an M.A. in history and Ph.D. in the history of American foreign policy from Harvard and an M.Phil. in international relations from Cambridge University. Some of his recent scholarship focuses on the influence of lawyers and legalism in U.S. external relations and on the response of public institutions to social problems and the role of ideology in framing policy responses.





## UCLA Law Professor Honored with University Distinguished Teaching Award

### Past Law School Honorees of the Distinguished Teaching Award

2003	Kirk Stark
2002	Grant Nelson
2000	David Sklansky
1999	Grace Ganz Blumberg
1994	David Binder
1992	Paul Bergman
1991	Michael Asimow
1990	John Wiley
1989	Eric Zolt
1988	Alison Anderson
1987	Kenneth Graham, Jr.
1985	William Warren
1984	Stanley Siegel
1981	Gerald Lopez
1980	Kenneth Karst
1979	Stephen Yeazell
1977	Richard Maxwell
1976	Jesse Dukeminier

### Past Law School Honorees of the Distinguished Lecturer Award

2000	Thomas Holm
1995	Kristine Knaplund
1994	Steve Derian

UCLA School of Law Professor Albert J. Moore '78 was awarded a 2006 UCLA Distinguished Teaching Award, the highest teaching honor bestowed by the university. He joins a roster of 18 of his law school peers who have also won this award over the last 30 years—more than any other professional school at UCLA.

"Al is among our finest teachers in the academy and we congratulate him heartily on this well-deserved honor," said Dean Michael H. Schill.

The UCLA Distinguished Teaching Award is the most prestigious citation designating excellence in teaching on campus. The goal of the UCLA Academic Senate Teaching Award is to increase awareness of UCLA's leadership in teaching and public service by honoring individuals who bring respect and admiration to the scholarship of teaching. Some of the most important categories for the nominees are their positive impact on students; innovations in teaching; the size, number, and diversity of classes taught; involvement in the community outside the classroom; and student evaluations.

Professor Moore has contributed significantly to the law school's influential clinical program. Over the last decade, he has spent considerable time generating a clinical course and writing a book and on the subject of Depositions and Discovery. Alongside Professor David Binder, Moore began teaching a class on the subject 10 years ago—at a time when no comprehensive text on the subject existed. After five years of working hands on with students and refining approaches to deposition questioning, the two colleagues published a textbook, *Deposition Questioning: Strategies and Techniques*, and teacher's manual on taking, preparing for and defending depositions.

Professor Moore strives to teach his students to "think at a conceptual level." His enthusiasm and dedication in his clinical classes earned him UCLA School of Law's Rutter Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2001. His students praise him for his "engaging" and "polished" style and "obvious mastery of his subject."

Currently, Professor Moore is working on a book "that will provide an explicit conceptual framework for the skills being taught in the first year of law school," enabling students to "understand what is going on in the classroom and how courts rely on both logic and value assessments when reaching decisions."

Professor Moore will be honored this fall at the annual Andrea L. Rich Night to Honor Teaching Ceremony.

# ALL-ALUMNI WEEKEND

Held October 27-29, All-Alumni Weekend 2005 was a resounding success!

Over 500 alumni from all over the country, including many East Coasters, attended three days of festivities and presentations at UCLA last October. Members of all 10 reunion years renewed relationships with their classmates, and enjoyed seeing those celebrating reunions from other class years.

Over 150 alums gathered for The Alumni of the Year Luncheon on Thursday, October 27, honoring Stewart Resnick '62, chairman and owner of Roll International Corporation, a Los Angeles-based holding company, and The Honorable Richard D. Fybel '71, Associate Justice of the Court of Appeals, 4th District.

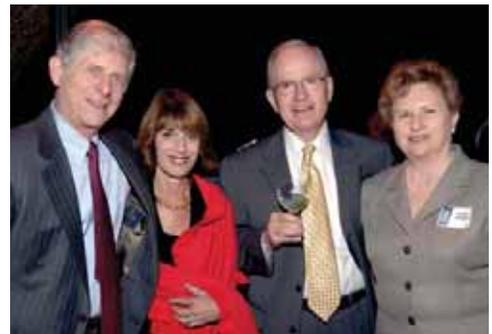
On Friday, alums were treated to a series of excellent panels and speakers. One of the highlights of the day was a lecture given by the inaugural chairholder of the Gary T. Schwartz Endowed Chair in Law, Professor Eugene Volokh. He delivered a talk on his seminal law review article, "The Mechanisms of the Slippery Slope."



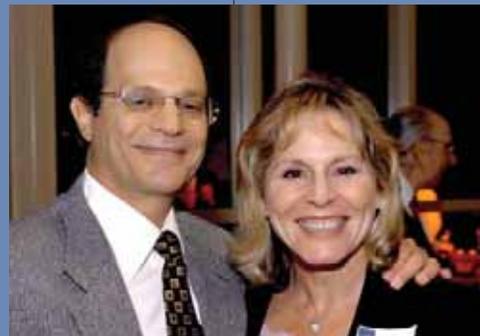
alumni of the year the honorable richard d. fybel '71 and stewart resnick '62

The annual reunion dinners were held on Saturday, October 29, with an initial reception in the Ralph & Shirley Shapiro Courtyard. The evening culminated in a dessert gala in the beautiful Main Reading Room of the Hugh & Hazel Darling Law Library.

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We'd like to thank the following reunion committee members:

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# WHAT DID YOU PAY FOR LAW SCHOOL?

Over the past 50 years, annual in-state tuition and fees to attend UCLA Law have soared from an astonishingly low \$70 in 1949 to an unbelievably high \$25,000 projected for next year. In the last three years alone, tuition has nearly doubled.

You might be surprised to see how the tuition and fees you paid when you attended law school compare to what students have paid over the last several years.

Indeed, upon reflection, you might be more appreciative of the bargain you received for your education. By giving back today, you can give today's students the same opportunities you received. Make attending UCLA's great public law school an affordable reality once again.

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## It's a Horse Race to the Finish!

The Law Firm Challenge now encompasses 56 law firms and we are fast approaching our year-end push for donations. The fiscal year ends June 30th.

To give Law Firm Challenge participants up-to-the-minute statistics on where their firm stands, we have just launched a virtual horse race on our website, available at [www.law.ucla.edu](http://www.law.ucla.edu).

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# Dean's Roundtable

Dean Schill invites some of our most accomplished alumni and other individuals of high achievement to speak to our students at his frequent Dean's Roundtables. In these intimate gatherings, students are able to hear first-hand about the speaker's career path, endeavors and successes, asking questions on myriad topics. The roundtables are designed to help students gain valuable insight into careers in law, business, public policy, government, real estate, entertainment and other fields. Below is a list of this year's speakers.



## JOHN BRANCA

John Branca '75 is a name partner at Ziffren, Brittenham, Branca, Fischer, Gilbert-Lurie, Stiffleman & Cook LLP, the leading transactional entertainment law firm representing clients in music, motion picture, television and multimedia areas. He has represented up to 29 artists in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame including: the Rolling Stones, the Beach Boys, Michael Jackson, the Doors, and Carlos Santana. Branca has also negotiated numerous recording contracts and has worked with clients such as Universal Pictures and Innerscope Records. Branca received his B.A. from Occidental College and his J.D. from UCLA Law.



## MADISON GROSE

Madison Grose '78 is senior managing director and general counsel of Starwood Capital Group. Founded in 1991, Starwood is one of the nation's most active real estate investment firms, having acquired a portfolio of more than \$10 billion in assets. Grose had principal responsibilities for structuring the firm's investments in Starwood Hotels, iStar Financial, Inc. and National Golf Properties, Inc. Grose holds a B.S. from Stanford University and a J.D. from UCLA Law.



## DANIEL JAFFE & BRUCE CLEMENS

Daniel Jaffe '62 and Bruce Clemens '74 head the firm Jaffe & Clemens, which specializes in comprehensive family law, including dissolution of marriage, and legal separation. Their firm has represented celebrities such as Brad Pitt, Nicole Brown Simpson (in her divorce from O.J. Simpson), and the wife of media mogul Rupert Murdoch. Jaffe earned his B.B.A. from the University of Michigan and his J.D. from UCLA Law. Clemens holds a B.A. from Michigan State University, an M.S. from Stanford University, and a J.D. from UCLA Law.



## GEORGE KIEFFER

George Kieffer '73 is a partner with Manatt, Phelps, Phillips, and chairman of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, he has chaired the commission charged with rewriting the Los Angeles City Charter and chaired the Mayor's Los Angeles Economic Impact Task Force. Kieffer recently served as a member of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's Transition Committee and is the author of *The Strategy of Meetings*. Kieffer earned his J.D. at UCLA Law.



#### STEWART KWOH

Stewart Kwoh '74 is the president and executive director of the Asian Pacific American Legal Center of Southern California (APALC). Under his leadership, APALC has become the largest Asian American legal services and civil rights organization in the United States. He is also vice-chair of the Board of Directors for the Asian American Justice Center (AAJC), which was co-founded by APALC in 1991. In 1998, Kwoh was named a MacArthur Foundation Fellow. He is the first Asian American attorney and human rights activist to receive this recognition. Kwoh earned his B.A. and his J.D. at UCLA Law.



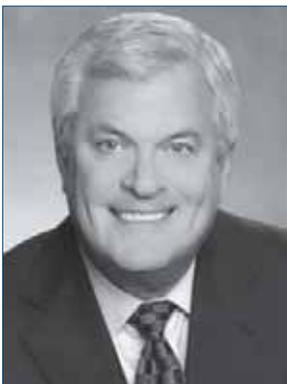
#### BRIAN LEE & BRIAN LIU

Brian Lee '96, president, and Brian Liu '96, chief executive officer, are co-founders of LegalZoom.com, an online legal document service. Prior to founding LegalZoom, Lee was an attorney with Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP and a Manager at Deloitte & Touche, LLP. He received his B.A. and J.D. from UCLA Law. In the past, Liu was a corporate attorney with Sullivan & Cromwell. Liu was also an assistant vice president with Oaktree Capital Management, LLC, a Los Angeles-based investment adviser. Liu received his B.S. from the University of California at Berkeley and his J.D. from UCLA Law.



#### BRUCE SPECTOR

Bruce Spector '67 is a partner at Apollo Management, a merchant banking firm which directs and manages a series of private equity funds and specializes in restructurings and insolvency reorganizations. Prior to Apollo he spent 25 years at Stutman, Treister & Glatt where he was the senior partner and head of the executive committee. Spector earned his BA in Economics from University of Southern California in 1964, graduating Phi Beta Kappa. In 1967, he earned his J.D. from UCLA School of Law, where he graduated Order of the Coif and served as senior editor of The Law Review.



#### RICHARD ZIMAN

Richard S. Ziman is chairman of the board, chief executive officer, and founder of Los Angeles based Arden Realty, Inc. Today, with a market capitalization of almost \$3 billion, Arden is the largest owner of commercial office properties in Southern California. Ziman is also a member of the Board of Governors of the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts and a California Commissioner on Building for the 21st Century Commission. He contributed a major endowment to the University of California Los Angeles that has established the Ziman Center for Real Estate at UCLA. Ziman received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Southern California.

## UCLA LAW LL.M. Program Opens its Doors to Graduates of American Law Schools

UCLA School of Law recently opened the doors of its Master of Laws (LL.M.) program to American J.D. graduates—a first for the program in its more than 20-year history. The nine-month program is designed to provide outstanding juris doctor (J.D.) and bachelor of laws (LL.B.) graduates with the opportunity to gain advanced knowledge in law. According to Lara Stemple, director of graduate studies at UCLA Law, the LL.M. program offers an interdisciplinary approach to legal studies with a dynamic, flexible curriculum that appeals to a wide range of interests.

Through increased marketing efforts, both locally and abroad, the LL.M. Program tripled its applications this year, with an eye towards doubling the size of the class next year. Approximately 15% of the applications were from the United States. Other applications came from more than fifty countries, many European and Asian countries, but also those as far-flung as Argentina, Egypt, India, New Zealand and Zambia.

The LL.M. program's curriculum provides students with an intensive, academic experience designed to supplement their previous legal studies and their professional experience. LL.M. students will be able to pursue optional pre-designed concentrations in the areas of Business Law, Entertainment and Media Law and Policy, and International and Comparative Law. They can also design their own concentrations based on the broad scholarly expertise that UCLA School of Law faculty offer in a number of areas, including Public Interest Law and Policy, Environmental Law, Critical Race Studies, Native Nations (Tribal) Law and Policy, Sexual Orientation Law and Policy and Real Estate Law. Additionally, LL.M. students will have opportunities to pursue interdisciplinary studies with other UCLA academic departments.



Lara Stemple, director LL.M. program

The LL.M. program, which was launched to assist graduates of foreign law schools in becoming knowledgeable about the American jurisprudence system, will continue to target this constituency. In recent years, however, UCLA Law has enjoyed increased interest in the program from among members of the legal profession domestically and internationally. In order to accommodate the growing interest, the LL.M. program recently increased its class size to 50 students, up from about 15 students.

"In order to maintain our school's mission to provide the best legal education, we felt that it was essential to revamp our existing LL.M. program and to open it to American law school graduates," said Dean Michael H. Schill.

For more information on the LL.M. program, visit the Web site at [www.law.ucla.edu/llm](http://www.law.ucla.edu/llm).

*"... the LL.M. program offers an interdisciplinary approach to legal studies with a dynamic, flexible curriculum that appeals to a wide range of interests."*

## Stem Cells and the Law



professors russell korobkin and stephen munzer

FEBRUARY 5 - Stem Cell research has become a topic of increased interest at universities and research institutions. UCLA hosted an interdisciplinary conference which was co-sponsored by UCLA Law, titled "Stem Cells: Promise and Peril in Regenerative Medicine." The conference which featured presentations from scholars at UCLA Institute for Stem Cell Biology and Medicine, Alden March Bioethics Institute, Georgetown University, the David Geffen School of Medicine, Stanford University Institute for Economic Policy Research and the UCLA School of Law, among others.

UCLA Law Professors Russell Korobkin and Stephen Munzer who are senior fellows at the UCLA Center for Society and Genetics, presented their paper, "Stem Cells and the Law" at the conference. During their 45 minute lecture, the professors tag teamed on a host of topics, including the legal issues that arise when dealing with stem cell research, whether patents can be used for stem cell research, the legalities of dealing with human tissues and several of the propositions, bills and funding regulations at the federal and state levels.

As the uses of stem cell research become increasingly prevalent, the legal issues will only continue to mount and UCLA Law is very pleased to have two experts on its faculty looking into these issues. Professor Russell Korobkin also recently published two op-eds in the *Los Angeles Times* and the *San Francisco Chronicle* on Proposition 71, the California Stem Cell Research and Cures Initiative. To the right is a reprint of that article.

## The Stem Cell Initiative, Sabotaged

(reprinted from the *Los Angeles Times*, March 3, 2006)

by Russell Korobkin

Professor of Law at UCLA and a Senior Fellow at the UCLA Center for Society and Genetics.

March 3, 2006

**IN COURT** proceedings, parties sometimes advance novel legal theories in a good-faith effort to change the law. Sometimes, however, they make frivolous arguments in an effort to obscure issues or just to create delay. The former strategy plays an important role in a healthy legal system; without it, the law would never evolve. The latter strategy is just abusive. The lawsuit challenging Proposition 71, the California Stem Cell Research and Cures Initiative, is an example of the latter.

In a trial that took place this week in Alameda County, a group of plaintiffs argued that the 2004 initiative, which permits the state to issue \$3 billion of bonds to support stem cell research, violates the California Constitution. In support, anti-Proposition 71 lawyers are offering a series of legal arguments that have almost no chance of success.

Their primary claim is that the initiative does not provide for sufficient state oversight of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine, the agency that will decide how to disperse the research money. Although the state Constitution requires that the state provide "exclusive management and control" of its agencies, the courts have explained that this does not preclude creative administrative structures. Most of the institute's officers are appointed by elected state officials, and the state controller oversees its finances. According to prior rulings, including a 2003 challenge to Rob Reiner's 1998 Proposition 10 (which created the First 5 California Children and Families Commission), these features place Proposition 71 clearly within the law.

What is most troubling is not that the plaintiffs' arguments lack legal heft but that they no doubt realize this, yet argue anyway. The three groups fighting Proposition 71—two pro-life associations and an anti-tax organization—are not what you would describe as passionate about technical governance issues. But because they know the state cannot issue the bonds to fund research while litigation is pending, they are using weak legal justifications to delay the inevitable.

This stalling tactic not only slows progress in seeking cures for a wide variety of illnesses and injuries, it imperils California's attempt to become the nation's leader in stem cell research. Today, state support is significant because the Bush administration refuses to use federal dollars to fund most stem cell research. But this federal ban is likely to be lifted after the 2008 presidential election, regardless of which party prevails, because most of the likely candidates favor stem cell research. When full federal funding becomes available, state money will become much less important, which means California's research establishment has less than three years to build a competitive advantage.

The Alameda County court should have dismissed the stem cell lawsuit months ago because it clearly lacks legal merit. Instead, the court decided to give the plaintiffs the opportunity to present trial testimony. This overly cautious decision did a disservice to the California voters who approved Proposition 71. Even when the judge rules against them, as is extremely likely, the plaintiffs will no doubt appeal to create additional delay. The Court of Appeals, and if necessary the state Supreme Court, should then dispose of the case expeditiously to halt this abuse of the legal system.

# williams institute profile

## CHUCK WILLIAMS

**W**hen you meet Charles R. (Chuck) Williams, primary benefactor of the Charles R. Williams Institute on Sexual Orientation Law and Public Policy, you're immediately impressed with his youthful appearance, relevant opinions on the near- and far-term opportunities for the Williams Institute, and well-considered political outlook.

An undergraduate and MBA graduate of UCLA, Williams subsequently served as Captain in the United States Air Force, perhaps giving him his first taste of the global travel he would grow to love. Williams then went on to work his way up the ranks from Sales Representative to Vice President of Strategic and Business Planning at Sperry Computer Systems. After leaving Sperry, he helped shepherd the merger of Sperry and Burroughs into Unisys. In addition to his business career, Williams was a professor at Pepperdine's Graziadio School of Business and Management.

Today, Williams runs a consulting company with clients spanning the globe, which helps him enjoy his favorite hobbies as an avid sailor and traveler. Having visited more than 87 countries and every continent, Williams has enjoyed many exotic adventures. He has sailed in a fifty-foot yacht on the Aegean Sea, been carried by hot-air balloon over an animal preserve in Kenya, and ridden elephants in the Royal Chitwan National Park in Nepal in search of royal Bengal tigers.

Williams also holds the impressive distinction as the single largest donor in the history of UCLA Law, having given \$10 million to fund the Williams Institute, a think tank dedicated to the field of sexual orientation law and public policy. The Institute supports legal scholarship, legal research, policy analysis, and education regarding sexual orientation discrimination and other legal issues that affect sexual minorities. It is the only institute of its kind in the United States.

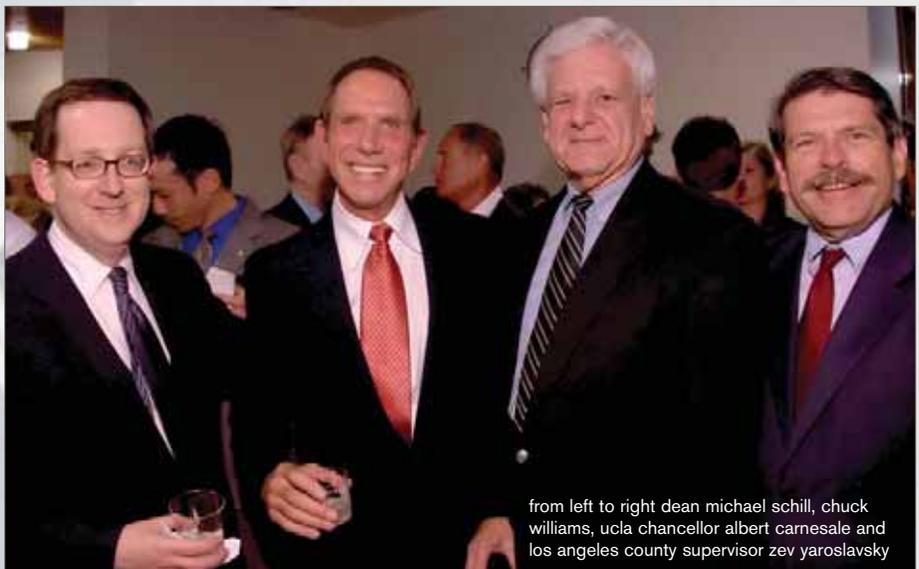
### THE WILLIAMS INSTITUTE: Practical Solutions to Real Problems

**Problem:** There are fewer than 20 law professors in the U.S. in the field of sexual orientation discrimination.

**Solution:** Fund and hire a law teaching fellow each year, support their research in the area and, after two years, help find them an academic appointment.

Founded in 2001, through an initial \$2.5 million donation from Williams, the Williams Institute has been unwavering in its commitment to offer practical solutions to the problem of discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

"I wanted to create a research center that produced rigorous academic scholarship that could be used by judges, legislators, and other decision-makers."



from left to right dean michael schill, chuck williams, ucla chancellor albert carnesale and los angeles county supervisor zev yaroslavsky



Williams is not only the principal donor to the Institute but one of its main fundraising resources. As Brad Sears, executive director of the Institute explains “We work closely together on fundraising efforts to increase the Institute’s current endowment of \$10 million to reach our \$25 million goal. Chuck is a tireless ambassador for the Institute to the philanthropic community.”

In addition, Williams supports the Institute by offering the expertise he has developed as an accomplished business person, professor, and

consultant. “I’ve have found Chuck’s input invaluable in making decisions about our organizational structure and strategic planning,” says Sears.

“When you run a business, the most difficult decisions are what not to do,” says Williams, noting that the success of the Institute can be attributed to the fact that it has maintained its focus on core areas where it can make a practical difference and deliver high quality work in a timely manner.

#### THE WILLIAMS INSTITUTE: Practical Solutions to Real Problems

**Problem:** Lack of awareness at the judicial level of the complex legal issues in sexual orientation law.

**Solution:** The Williams Institute has trained more than 1,000 state and federal judges about current issues in sexual orientation law.

#### THE WILLIAMS INSTITUTE: Practical Solutions to Real Problems

**Problem:** Lack of data to evaluate laws that favor more open definitions of marriage and preserve rights of same-sex couples.

**Solution:** The Williams Institute has delivered more than 25 studies, many of which are based on empirical research, demystifying many of the issues surrounding sexual orientation laws and public policy decisions.

Indeed, in the five years that the Williams Institute has been housed at UCLA, it has exceeded virtually all of the goals highlighted in the original strategic plan and continues to carve out new areas of focus with new resources available and enhanced capabilities. Today, the Institute employs 10 people and has an annual budget of over \$1 million.

### What’s Next for the Institute?

**T**he Institute is currently developing several large research projects, including estimating the national impact of laws that restrict gays and lesbians from adopting and being foster parents; a study of the same-sex couples that have gotten married in Massachusetts; and an analysis of the economic impact that anti-gay rights initiatives have on the states that enact them.

To accomplish its research and scholarship goals, the Institute is focused on increasing its current \$10 million endowment to \$25 million, which will enable it to endow a chair, and fund senior researchers and post-graduate fellowships. The Institute is currently launching a campaign to endow four law and policy fellows. These fellowships will not only support the Institute’s work but also the careers of future law professors and academic researchers focused on sexual orientation law and public policy.



## A FORUM WITH SENATOR RUSS FEINGOLD

Last Fall, UCLA School of Law's Program in Public Interest Law and Policy welcomed Senator Russ Feingold (D-Wis.), a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, to speak to students and professors about the war in Iraq, the vacancy then existing on the Supreme Court of the United States and the upcoming Senate confirmation process.

Senator Feingold's stance on the war in Iraq was clear—having recently introduced a resolution calling for the President to clarify the military mission in Iraq, lay out a plan and timeframe for accomplishing that mission, and publicly articulate a plan for subsequent troop withdrawal. He spoke about his perspective on the war, having visited Iraq earlier that year, and described the reasons for demanding a more detailed plan from President Bush.

Senator Feingold's perspective on the judicial nomination and confirmation process was enlightening and instructive. He spoke about the need for a candidate who would bring the two political parties together, and the options available to the Senate to ensure that the best possible individual was appointed to the Supreme Court. Following Senator Feingold's comments, students asked questions on topics ranging from national security and the war in Iraq, to the judicial confirmation process.



## PROFESSOR KIMBERLÉ CRENSHAW HONORED WITH FULBRIGHT DISTINGUISHED CHAIR

UCLA School of Law Professor **Kimberlé Crenshaw** is the recipient of a Fulbright Distinguished Chair, which is among the most prestigious appointments in the Fulbright Scholar Program. Professor Crenshaw will spend next year lecturing and researching at PUC Law School in Brazil.

"We are elated that one of our own faculty members has received such a prestigious honor," said Dean Michael H. Schill. "Kim is not only a leading scholar in the field of critical race theory, but she is truly a pioneer."

Individuals selected for the Fulbright Distinguished Chair are senior scholars who have significant publication and teaching records—both of which are among Professor Crenshaw's repertoire. She is one of the intellectual architects of Critical Race Theory and one of its most powerful scholars. Her work on the complex, intersectional effects of race and

gender in employment and in domestic violence has been highly influential both in the United States and in the international arena. Professor Crenshaw, who also teaches at Columbia Law School, was one of the editors of "Crossroads, Directions and a New Critical Race Theory," an early history of the Critical Race Theory movement. For this book, she provided a personal narrative and historical account of the formation of Critical Race Theory, coupled with provocative comments on where the movement is today and the ways in which the legal community and media have responded.

Elected Professor of the Year by the 1991 and 1994 graduating classes, Professor Crenshaw teaches courses in civil rights, constitutional law, critical race theory, intersectionality, feminism and law, and race, representation and the law. Professor Crenshaw is also an inaugural Ira Glaser Racial Justice Fellow at the ACLU, a position she will hold until 2007.

# Whither the Court



from left to right: professor gia lee, professor gary rowe, professor cheryl harris and professor sean hecht

AUGUST 29 - At the annual review of the Supreme Court term and its implications, Professors **Cheryl Harris**, **Sean Hecht**, **Gia Lee** and **Gary Rowe** presented on key decisions in the past year.

Professor Sean Hecht discussed two decisions that affect the environment and land use: *Cooper Industries, Inc. v. Aviall Services, Inc.*, where the court ruled that new landowners could no longer sue former land owners for property contamination, removing a key purpose of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) and simultaneously removing the impetus which motivated voluntary clean-up of land; and *Kelos v. New London* - a widely discussed decision which ruled that the government could take and compensate owners

for property that would ultimately go into private ownership—as long as it was for a very broadly defined “public use.”

Professor Cheryl Harris talked about the implications of a key death penalty decision in *Roper v. Simmons*, which ultimately ruled that the death penalty was “cruel and unusual punishment” if applied to someone who committed the crime as a minor.

Professor Gia Lee gave an informative talk about another decision that was discussed widely in the press: *McCreary County v. American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky*, which involved public displays of religious materials on public lands.

Professor Gary Rowe gave a frank, yet humorous, talk on the recent decision involving Medical Marijuana, which ruled that the Federal Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970 trumps the California Compassionate Use Act of 1996, which held that in the State of California, it was legal for seriously ill individuals to obtain and use marijuana for medicinal purposes—within the state of California. In Rowe's opinion the Supreme Court got it wrong—the federal law was designed to regulate interstate commerce, and should not be applicable to the Compassionate Use Act of 1996, which is by its very nature, an intrastate law.

The annual event was kicked off by **Dean Michael Schill** and moderated by **R. Bradley Sears**, director of the Williams Institute. The event was sponsored by the Business Law and Policy Program, the Critical Race Studies Program, the Evan Frankel Environmental Law and Policy Program, the Program in Public Interest Law and Policy, and the Williams Institute.

## 1L Mentor Reception

SEPTEMBER 21 - Each year, the Office of Career Services holds a reception to introduce 1L Mentees to their alumni Mentors. This year every student who requested a mentor received one and there were 210 pairs of matched mentors and students—420 participants in all.

The mentors came from 33 class years and live throughout the United States and even internationally. The alumni participants boast a wide range of experiences, as Federal and State Court Judges, solo practitioners, partners and associates in all types of law firms, public interest employees and as government agency workers. We also have many alumni that have followed a variety of diverse career paths outside working directly with the law.

If you are interested in becoming an alumni mentor, please call the Office of Career Services at 310.206.1117.



donna cox wells '92 and 1l yanna li



ucla law professor neil netanel speaks with wipo conference panelist john hornickel, intellectual property counsel for polyone corporation

## THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT SYSTEM: WIPO COMES TO UCLA

SEPTEMBER 16 - With presentations by World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) officials and panel discussions with the academic and practicing IP community, the International Patent System Conference gave practicing attorneys an opportunity to meet WIPO officials and a forum to discuss strategies and trends in the international patent arena.

The day-long conference held six panels, the first of which looked at the pros and cons of having a single, international system for patent filings and asked how the system could be improved. Later panels looked at the issue from multiple perspectives including the needs of small and large businesses, when it is appropriate to use litigation, and the needs of different world communities.

Panelists at the international conference included Jay Erstling, director of the Office of the PCT, WIPO; John Hornickel, intellectual property counsel, PolyOne Corporation; The Honorable Alice Sullivan, chair of the Board, Scripps Research Institute; **Professor Neil Netanel**, UCLA School of Law; Shigeyuki Nagaoka, Japan Patent Attorneys Association; Charles Pearson, USPTO director, Office of PCT Legal Administration; The Honorable James E. Rogan, Venable, LLP, former director USPTO; and Leonora Hoicka, IP Law Counsel, IBM Canada Ltd., among others.

This conference was sponsored by the UCLA School of Law and the Intellectual Property Section of the State Bar of California, with the participation of the Office of the PCT of the World Intellectual Property Organization, and the cooperation of the Orange County Bar Association. It was facilitated by the UCLA Office of Intellectual Property.



from left to right:  
kentucky college of law professor alvin goldman, ucla law professor emeritus benjamin aaron, ucla law professor katherine stone and university of paris professor emeritus xavier blanc-jouvan

## Comparative Labor Law Conference

The Conference on the Past and Future of Comparative Labor Law was held at UCLA School of Law on October 7-9, 2005. The conference built upon the pioneering work in the field of comparative labor law that was initiated by the Comparative Labor Law Group in the 1960s and 1970s. It included participants in the initial Comparative Labor Law Group, as well as a number of scholars currently engaged in comparative labor work. The conference looked both backward and forward, asking what were the salient questions in the past, what did we learn from the studies that were done, and what do we need to study in the future?

The specific topics for discussion were: Reflections on the Comparative Labor Law Group; Convergences and/or Divergences in Labor Law Systems; Redefining Labor Law for the Workplace of Today; and Future Directions for Labor Law Scholarship and International Collaboration. The panelists included UCLA Law Professors **Benjamin Aaron** and **Katherine Stone**.

This conference was co-sponsored by the UCLA School of Law, the Project on Globalization and Labor Standards, and the UCLA Institute of Industrial Relations. It was organized by Professors Benjamin Aaron and Katherine Stone of UCLA Law.

# DRUGS AND RELIGION



## A U.S. SUPREME COURT MOOT HEARING

OCTOBER 19 - Moot Court events are some of the most popular that the law school holds and this particular one on drugs and religion was no different, with approximately 250 students, faculty, and community members filling up three rooms. This Moot Court event gave attorney Nancy Hollander an opportunity to have a prestigious group of panelists hear arguments in preparation for her upcoming argument before the U.S. Supreme Court. The case argued concerned whether Congress can ban hallucinogens used for religious rituals.

The event boasted an all-star panel including Kenneth Starr, dean of Pepperdine Law School, **Professor Eugene Volokh**, Peter Eliasberg, the managing director of the ACLU of Southern California, and David Codell and Barry Fisher, two attorneys who have argued numerous times before appellate courts, including the Supreme Court of the United States. The event was moderated by **Professor Gia Lee**. Nancy Hollander, the attorney arguing the case, brought her client, Jeffrey Bronfman, who is the head of the United States chapter of the church that she is representing (O Centro Espirita Beneficiente Uniao do Vegetal (Portuguese for the United Beneficent Spiritual Center of the Vegetable)), in addition to four members of the church.

The event began with **Ryan White '07** announcing, "Oyez Oyez, please rise for the United States Supreme Court" at which time all of the panelists came in, robed.

Professor Lee gave a brief introduction. Then, Nancy Hollander began her argument and was immediately interrupted by Eugene Volokh. The panelists argued back and forth with Nancy for about half an hour, after which they gave her constructive criticism for about another 30 minutes. While the proceedings were serious at times, the panelists and audience also enjoyed many lighthearted exchanges. For example, when discussing possible safe and dangerous uses for poppy, Eugene Volokh reminded us that we would not have strudel without it, which drew quite a bit of laughter from the audience.

Afterward, Nancy said that the panelists were extremely helpful in presenting issues in a novel way, and in helping her craft effective responses to those arguments. After the event, all panelists attended a very elegant reception in the law school foyer, mingling with students and faculty.



## IRS CHIEF COUNSEL DONALD KORB

On October 25, 2005, the IRS Chief Counsel Donald Korb spoke to students at the law school about opportunities with the IRS. After an overflow crowd got settled, **Professor Steven Bank** offered a very personal introduction and warm welcome for the esteemed practitioner.

Donald Korb gave a short, interesting talk about the myriad options available to students by going into the IRS. He focused on the incredible breadth of opportunities students will be given at the IRS, especially compared to the more controlled environments at big law firms. He gave examples from his earliest years at the IRS, when he cut his teeth at 25 working on the Watergate scandal. "I can't think of a better place for a young tax lawyer to start their career," he said. "You get to be a part of history."

donald korb, chief counsel, internal revenue service

## The UCLA Law Center for the Study of Mergers and Acquisitions

The UCLA Law Center for the Study of Mergers and Acquisitions held its Second Annual Institute on Corporate, Securities, and Related Aspects of Mergers and Acquisitions in New York on October 26, 27 and 28, 2005. Attendees explored such topics as the Ten Building Blocks of M&A, International Acquisitions, The Role of Hedge Funds and Private Equity, The Deconstruction of the MCI Transaction, and Mock Negotiations of Public Company and Private Company Acquisitions. Outstanding speakers from the world of M&A were in attendance, as were M&A regulators from, among other countries, Canada, China, France, Germany, the United Kingdom and the United States.

An impressive group of corporate tax specialists spoke at the UCLA Law Second Annual Institute on Tax Aspects of Mergers and Acquisitions held in New York on May 4, 5 and 6, 2005. Topics discussed included Basic M&A Tax Rules, Tax-Free Acquisitions, Spin-offs, Consolidated Returns, State Tax Planning, Negotiating a Corporate Acquisition, International Transactions and Joint Ventures and Pass-Through Entities.

The 2005 Tax Institute was offered in the Weil, Gotshal & Manges Conference Center on the 25th floor of the General Motors Building, a fantastic space with a beautiful view of New York.

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ALSO, COMING UP IN FALL 2006:

**UCLA Law Third Annual Institute on Corporate, Securities and Related Aspects of Mergers and Acquisitions**

Monday and Tuesday, October 23 and 24, 2006  
New York, New York

Co-chairs: H. Rodgin Cohen, Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, and Samuel C. Thompson, Jr., UCLA School of Law

**UCLA Law Second Annual Institute on US and EU Antitrust Aspects of Mergers and Acquisitions**

Wednesday, October 25, 2006,  
New York, New York

Co-chairs: Ilene Knable Gotts, Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, and Samuel C. Thompson, Jr., UCLA School of Law

The Corporate and Antitrust Institutes will be held in the New York Bar Center's facility at 42 West 44th St., New York, New York, with Video Replays offered in Los Angeles.

### upcoming events

**UCLA Law Third Annual Institute on Tax Aspects of Mergers and Acquisitions**

May 31, June 1 and 2, 2006

New York City Bar, 42 West 44th St, New York, NY 10036

Video Replay in Los Angeles on June 27 and 28, 2006

From basic principles to in-depth analysis of the latest issues arising in M&A, including:

Basic M&A Tax Rules

Spin-offs

Tax Accounting Issues

Negotiating a Corporate Acquisition

Ethical Issues in Daily Tax Practice

Tax-Free Acquisitions

State Tax Planning

International Transactions

Private Equity, Venture Capital and LBOs

Continuing Legal Education and Ethics Credit available. Leading corporate tax specialists will be on hand, as well as the following government speakers: Eric Solomon, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary (Tax Policy), U.S. Department of the Treasury; Hal Hicks, International Tax Counsel, U.S. Department of the Treasury; William D. Alexander, Associate Chief Counsel (Corporate), Internal Revenue Service; and Edward S. Cohen, Deputy Associate Chief Counsel (Income Tax and Accounting), Internal Revenue Service.

Co-chaired by Michael L. Schler, Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, and Samuel C. Thompson, Jr., UCLA School of Law.

Co-sponsored by The UCLA Law Center for the Study of Mergers and Acquisitions and The City Bar Center for CLE, New York City Bar

For more information on all upcoming events call 310-206-5736 or go to [www.law.ucla.edu/centerma](http://www.law.ucla.edu/centerma).

# 6TH INTERNATIONAL CLINICAL CONFERENCE



ucla law faculty, from left to right: steve derian, al moore, ann carlson, sue gillig, and paul bergman

OCTOBER 27 - 30, 2005 - Held in the serene setting of UCLA's Lake Arrowhead, California Conference Center, the Sixth Annual International Clinical Conference brought together clinical scholars from across the globe. The three-day conference covered a range of issues such as the globalization of clinical legal education, ethical issues, client-centered counseling and interviewing techniques.

More than 100 clinical legal educators traveled from such far-reaching destinations as Australia, China, Israel, Japan, and many parts of Europe as well as virtually every major law school in the United States to attend the conference.

Since its inception in 1970, the UCLA clinical program has developed the most fundamental learning concepts that have been used in law school clinical programs across the country. Many of our esteemed clinical professors, including **Paul Bergman, David Binder, Gary Blasi, Ann Carlson, Scott Cummings, Steven Derian, Patrick Goodman, Timothy Malloy, Albert Moore, Stefano Moscato** and **Pat Sekaquptewa** participated in the conference. The conference was directed by the Assistant Dean of Clinical Programs, Director of Externship Program and Lecturer in Law **Susan Gillig**.



## CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY

On November 9, the Business Law and Policy Program and Business Law Association presented a discussion on Corporate Responsibility with Professors **Stephen Bainbridge** and **Lynn Stout**. At the lecture, the professors, two of UCLA Law's most widely cited and respected business law experts, discussed their respective theories of corporate governance and what emerging concepts of corporate responsibility means for the future.

professors steven bainbridge (foreground) and lynn stout (background)

## MELVILLE B. NIMMER MEMORIAL LECTURE

UCLA Law Professor **Jonathan D. Varat**, a renowned constitutional law scholar and former dean of UCLA School of Law, presented the 2005 Melville B. Nimmer Memorial Lecture. He spoke on his paper, "*Deception and the First Amendment: A Central, Complex, and Somewhat Curious Relationship*," which will appear in the next issue of the UCLA Law Review.

The annual Melville B. Nimmer Memorial Lecture is a tribute to a distinguished and extraordinarily popular professor who graced the UCLA School of Law faculty from 1962 until his death in 1985. Professor Nimmer was a brilliant scholar and authority on copyright, entertainment law, and freedom of speech.

As a celebration of his life and as a continuation of his work, the Melville B. Nimmer Memorial Lecture, endowed through the generous contributions of his family, friends, colleagues, and former students, brings to the UCLA Law community leading legal practitioners, scholars, and theorists for an evening of intellectual insight and fellowship.



david nimmer and jonathan varat



Professor Khaled Abou El Fadl

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## THE GREAT THEFT: Wrestling Islam from the Extremists

Professor Khaled Abou El Fadl Lecture and Book Signing

### LISTENING TO ISLAM

Written in spite of death threats and illness, a recent book by UCLA legal thinker Khaled Abou El Fadl takes aim at Muslim ‘puritans.’

NOVEMBER 17 - UCLA Professor of Law Khaled Abou El Fadl's latest book, *The Great Theft: Wrestling Islam from the Extremists*, engages the high-stakes debate over what the radicals, extremists, Islamists, or—Abou El Fadl's preferred term—puritans really believe. It's an important question, he told a UCLA audience Nov. 17, “if we wish to stop being a part of the problem by destroying moderate assets in the Muslim world, for instance, by alienating Muslims by appearing bigoted and hateful, by pushing...Muslims into the arms of the puritans.” The lecture and book-signing were sponsored by the UCLA School of Law.

Brought up in Kuwait and Egypt, Abou El Fadl has become one of the world's leading scholars of Islamic law since his appointment at UCLA in 1998, according to colleagues. He is an outspoken opponent of the Saudi-sponsored Wahhabi sect of Islam. Abou El Fadl's appointment to the law school was supported by the UCLA International Institute.

At the talk, Abou El Fadl identified a second debate, equally contentious and vexing, over who deserves the label of Islamic “moderate.”

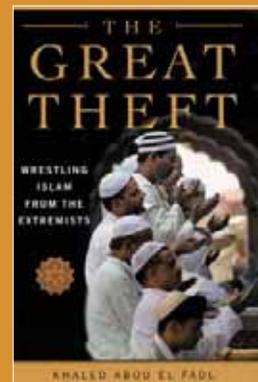
“For some,” he said, “nothing short of a self-hating Muslim counts as a moderate.” The self-interested search for moderates can lead westerners and Muslims alike to incoherent conclusions, according to Abou El Fadl. “Those dubbed ‘Islamic moderates’ sometimes turn out to be either self-described atheists or ‘people who see nothing remotely beautiful about the experience of Islam historically.’”

Times are troubled when religious and secular commentators seek to admit certain non-Muslims to the faith and to cast certain Muslims out of it, Abou El Fadl suggested. He objected to the gesture of professing that Muslims who kill indiscriminately “are not Muslims ... that they represent nothing of Islam’.”

That assertion “is at best an apology. At worst, it repeats the very act which we condemn, that is, to declare some ‘other’ outside the faith, an infidel of sorts.”

### ‘MEDICALLY IMPOSSIBLE’ BOOK

Discussing the genesis of his latest book, Abou El Fadl said that he had asked himself what book he would write if it were his last. This was no mere thought experiment.



Abou El Fadl labored on the project in defiance not only of death threats but also of a brain tumor. His doctors called his work “medically impossible,” according to his law school colleague and friend Stephen Gardbaum, who introduced Abou El Fadl.

The book will not be the last, Abou El Fadl all but promised the audience. He said that *The Great Theft* was indeed a first for him because of its relatively few allusions to the technical nature of Islamic jurisprudence, “one of the most complex and sophisticated legal systems humankind has ever produced.” Aimed at a general audience, the project forced him to reassess “the necessity of technical jargon and linguistic shortcuts.”

Gardbaum also explained that Abou El Fadl—whose personal library apparently contains a staggering 200,000 volumes—uses some of his time and ample book-buying budget to locate and rescue rare Islamic manuscripts also sought, though for destruction, by the puritans.

Abou El Fadl argued that the puritans’ intellectual project depends upon the willful erasure of such texts and “about 12,000 years of Islamic legal thinking and practice.” Given their belief that “the law is bound to find one correct position on most matters,” they would be hard put to account for Islam’s history of controversies.

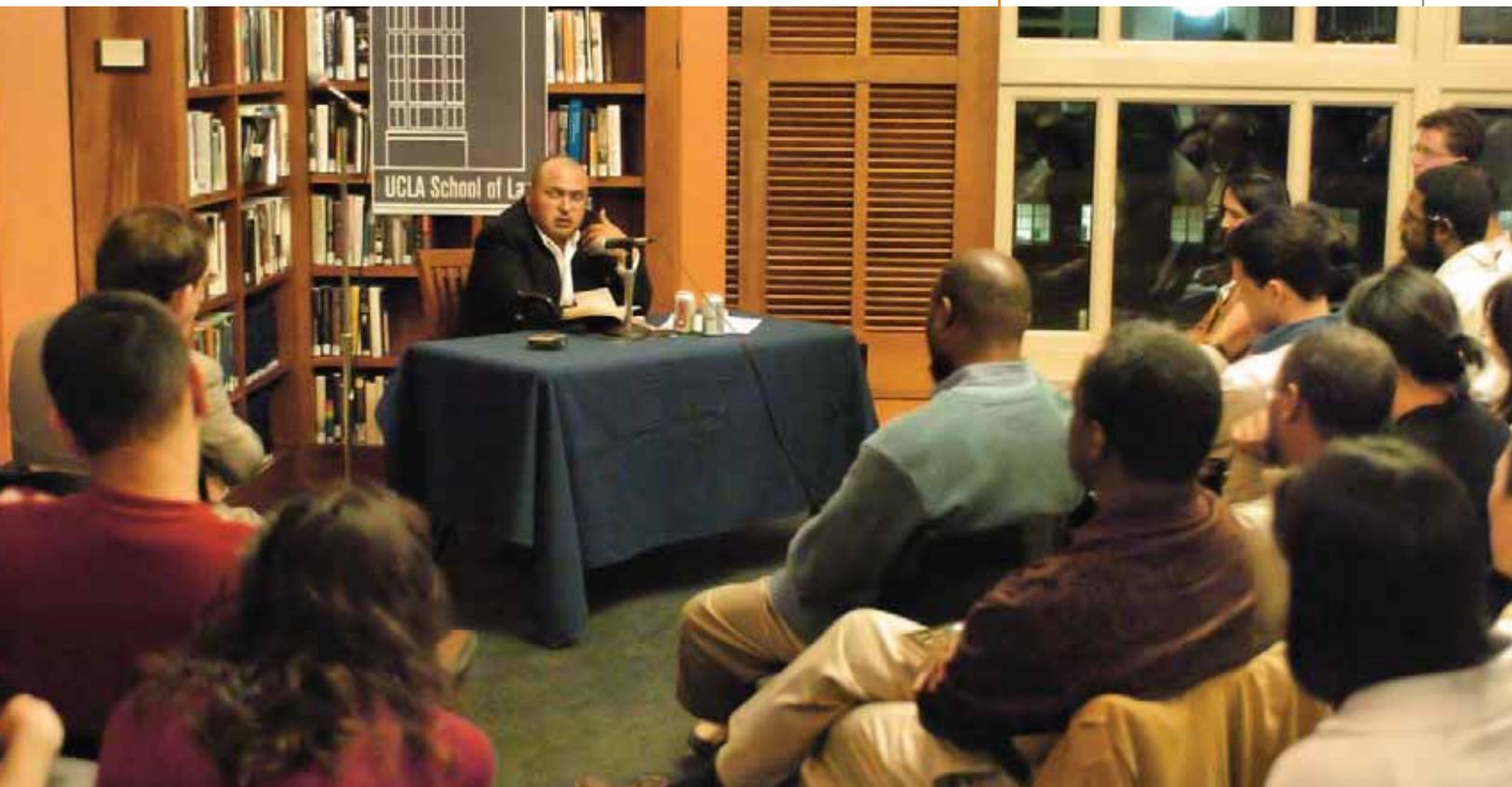
A series of similar propositions characterize puritanical thinking, according to Abou El Fadl. He insists on distinguishing these propositions, each a separate part of one picture. In addition to the legal determinism just described, Abou El Fadl sees absolutism, utopianism, and literalism as puritanism’s distinguishing features. The puritan believes, that is, that he can know the divine will perfectly and see it realized in the world. He thinks scripture has already revealed its contents, already rendered up what it can offer to privileged readers.

One consequence of the puritanical model is the “rejection of any aesthetic quest,” not only music but poetry and painting, for fear of exciting imagination and religious doubt.

Abou El Fadl did not claim that puritanism led directly to acts of terrorism, but said that it was “often a prelude, a necessary step to the kind of moral abandonment that is required” of the terrorist.

“I’m not denying the role of sociology. I’m not denying the role of historical injustices. I’m not denying the role of the desire of people to defend themselves. I’m not denying the search for dignity. But you’ll find there is a huge difference” between the responses of puritans and moderates to indignity and injustice.

This article was contributed to UCLA Law by Kevin Matthews, senior writer, UCLA International Institute.



## National Black Law Journal 35th Anniversary Symposium

NOVEMBER 18 - UCLA School of Law hosted the 35th Anniversary Symposium of the *National Black Law Journal*. At the symposium, the panelists looked into the question of whether African-Americans have progressed or regressed within the American academy in the 50 years since *Brown v. Board of Education*.

The Symposium featured many of the most highly-regarded scholars in critical race theory, psychology, sociology and civil rights as well as top legal professionals at law firms, politicians, community members as students as presenters and panelists. The big draw of the day was the keynote speaker, New York University Professor of Law Derrick Bell, who gave an intriguing and controversial lecture about racism's place in Christianity today.

The symposium also hosted a panel on admissions and access in legal education, and the law school environment and their effect on people of color, as well as the role and accomplishments of African American attorneys in the community and legal profession.

Among the distinguished panelists were Richard Brooks, professor of law at Yale Law School; **Devon Carbado**, UCLA professor of law; **Kimberlé Crenshaw**, UCLA professor of law; Meera Deo,

researcher at the Educational Diversity Project; **Cheryl Harris**, UCLA professor of law; Jaribu Hill, executive director of the Mississippi Workers' Center for Human Rights; **Jerry Kang**, UCLA professor of law, Michelle Landis Dauber, professor of law at Stanford Law School; and Valerie Purdie-Vaughns, professor of psychology at Yale University.



professor of law kimberlé crenshaw, ucla law

## BAR SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

DECEMBER 4 - 85 UCLA graduates were sworn in at the annual Bar Swearing-in Ceremony, held at the UCLA Ackerman Grand Ballroom. The students were welcomed by **Gregory R. Ellis '85**, vice president of the UCLA Law Alumni Association and **Dean Michael H. Schill**. Students were admitted to the State Bar of California by **The Honorable David Sotelo '86**; to the United States District Court for the Central District of California by **The Honorable George P. Schiavelli '74**; and to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit by the Honorable Pamela Ann Rymer. **Professor Paul Bergman** made the motion to admit the applicants to the bar.

The event was sponsored by Christensen, Miller, Fink, Jacobs, Glaser, Weil & Shapiro LLP, Geragos & Geragos, APC; Hennigan, Bennett & Dorman, LLP; **Karin Krogius '82**; and Liner Yankelevitz Sunshine & Regenstreif LLP.



## UCLA LAW REVIEW SYMPOSIUM: EMERGING ISSUES IN CLASS ACTION LAW

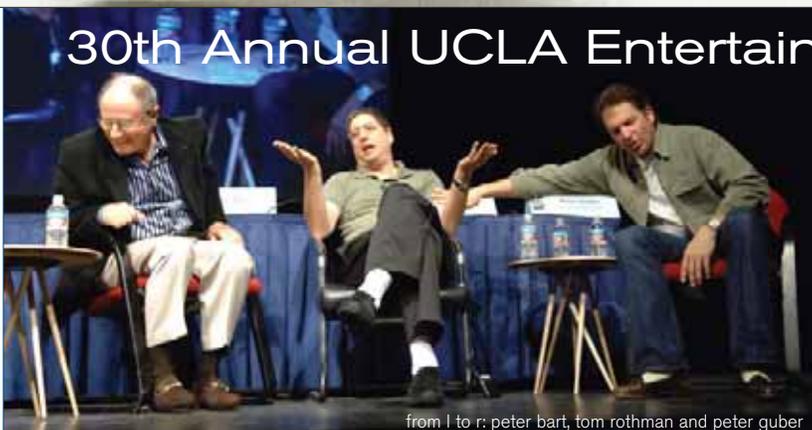
On January 26th, 2005, *UCLA Law Review* presented its 53rd Symposium on Emerging Issues in Class Action Law. The keynote speech was delivered by William Lerach of Lerach Coughlin Stoia Geller Rudman & Robbins LLP. He spoke on the topic of "Securities Class Action Litigation in the Modern Era."

The all-day event also boasted several other presentations on a host of topics, including "Backdoor Federalization," "Reforming the Federal Securities Class Action" and empirical research about the impact of monetary payments to lead plaintiffs in class action lawsuits. Speakers included Samuel Issacharoff, NYU School of Law & Catherine Sharkey, Columbia Law School; Theodore Eisenberg, Cornell Law School & Geoffrey Miller, NYU School of Law; John Coffee, Columbia Law School and UCLA Law Professors **William Rubenstein** and **Steven Yeazell**.

At the end of the day there was a roundtable discussion on complex litigation that featured The Honorable Marsha S. Berzon, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; The Honorable William S. Schwarzer, U.S. District Court, N.D. California; The Honorable Carolyn Kuhl, Superior Court of California, Los Angeles; and Elizabeth Cabraser of Lief Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein LLP in San Francisco.

The UCLA Law Review Symposium was sponsored by a generous gift from Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. It was also sponsored by Fulbright & Jaworski LLP. Additional Support was provided by Arnold & Porter LLP, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, Latham & Watkins LLP, McKenna Long & Aldrich LLP. The event was funded by The Campus Programs Committee of the Program Activities Board.

## 30th Annual UCLA Entertainment Symposium



from l to r: peter bart, tom rothman and peter guber

FEBRUARY 10 - 11, 2006 - At the 30th Annual Entertainment Symposium, UCLA Law enjoyed another sellout crowd, with over 550 tickets sold. The annual event brings leading practitioners, prominent entertainment law firms, legal scholars and students to UCLA. The two-day symposium featured panels on various subjects related to economic issues in the entertainment industry, including analysis of

studio backend definitions, the impact of guilds, litigations trends, theatrical distribution and investing in studio productions.

This year's keynote speaker was Tom Rothman, co-chairman, Fox Filmed Entertainment, who was interviewed by "Sunday Morning Shootout" co-hosts Peter Bart, editor-in-chief, *Variety*, and Peter Guber, chairman, Mandalay Entertainment.

### TOM ROTHMAN

Mr. Rothman has long been recognized as one of the film industry's foremost production executives and has been at Fox for more than a decade. In 1999, he held the position of president of Twentieth Century Fox Film Group, presiding over the studio's TCF and Fox 2000 production divisions. Prior to that he was president of production for Twentieth Century Fox for four years and in 1994 was the founder and first president of Fox Searchlight Pictures, the specialty division of Fox Filmed Entertainment. Included among the many enduring Fox films made during his production tenure are the *X-Men* series, *Walk the Line*, *Mr. & Mrs. Smith*, *DodgeBall*, *The Day After Tomorrow*, *Sideways*, *Moulin Rouge*,

*Cast Away*, *Minority Report*, *Ice Age* and numerous other successful films ranging from *Napoleon Dynamite* to *Star Wars Episodes 1, 2 & 3*—in addition to the number one grossing movie of all time: *Titanic*. Mr. Rothman is a trustee of the American Film Institute (AFI).



## The David Mellinkoff Memorial Lecture



FEBRUARY 15, 2006 - UCLA Law Professor Michael Asimow and Walter Floersheimer Professor of Constitutional Law Richard H. Weisberg of the Benjamin N. Cordozo School of Law at Yeshiva University were the co-speakers at this year's David Mellinkoff Memorial Lecture. They gave a presentation, titled, "*When the Lawyer Knows the Client is Guilty: David Mellinkoff's The Conscience of a Lawyer, Legal Ethics, and Popular Culture.*"

professor michael asimow

## PILF AUCTION

MARCH 11, 2006 - For the first time, the PILF Auction went online with several of the most coveted items available for online bidding during the two weeks leading up to the silent and live auctions, held Saturday, March 11. UCLA Law Webmaster Salman Quazi and students Greg Good and Josh Mukhopadhyay were instrumental in making the online auction possible, but the auction itself couldn't have been done without the hard work of PILF co-chairs Greg Good and Jenny Chung as well as the Auction Co-Chairs Nadine Chabrier, Bethany Jones and Peter McEntee and the Auction Committee: Noah Garrison, Allison Kidd, Deborah Splansky, and Susan Wyse.

Nearly 400 items were up for grabs at the auction. Some of the hottest included Breakfast for Two with UCLA Basketball Legend Coach John Wooden, Poker Night with 9th Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Alex Kozinski for Six Students, and a visit to the set of "24" and lunch with Dean Michael Schill and UCLA Law alumnus Michael Gendler.

The auction was a great success, with record attendance and raising well over \$100K. The proceeds of the auction go to support students working in public service jobs during the summer.



## DIVERSITY RECEPTION



The Office of Career Services hosted its first annual Diversity Reception on March 13, 2006. This event brought in representatives from 26 prestigious law firms to meet students and discuss their career options. The proceeds of the event went to assist the Law Fellows Program in its continuing efforts to promote diversity within the legal profession.



## LAW FELLOWS PROGRAM

Of all the ways in which the UCLA School of Law serves the legal profession, none is more important than its commitment to provide access to an outstanding education to people from all walks of life. In a country that is becoming increasingly diverse, the challenge grows for law schools and the legal community to develop more law students and attorneys who reflect a broader spectrum of backgrounds and experiences. As we work aggressively towards that goal, we are encouraged by the increasing number of firms that have expressed an interest in connecting with our law students. We are hopeful that our new initiative, the Law Firm Diversity Reception, will further enable us to partner with firms in a meaningful way towards this end.

## Honors Reception

On March 14th, UCLA School of Law held its annual Honors Reception, giving students an opportunity to meet the donors that helped make their legal education possible. Brette Steele, class of 2007, gave a speech thanking the donors for their contributions and support.



*excerpt from student brette steele's remarks:*

*"We've all been students, whether 50 minutes or 50 years ago. We understand the importance of law school in laying the foundation of our futures. Since 1949 UCLA Law students have filled these halls learning lessons, making contacts, and developing credentials. Current students share many of the same goals as generations past: order of the coif, law review, clerkships, firm jobs or making a difference. But times change and in the last fifty years tuition has increased from double digits to \$25,000 for residents and \$36,000 for out of state. In two years the UC system has had to cut its budget by 15% while increasing capacity by 16%. We all feel the affects of this reduction in state support. In my three years here annual tuition will have increased nearly \$4,000. Tuition is rapidly outpacing federal aide, and your support means more than ever.*



*"Five hundred dollars could mean the difference between buying your textbooks or using library reserves. One thousand dollars could mean the difference between working through finals to keep a roof over your head, or taking the month off to prepare and perform at your best. Ten thousand dollars could mean the difference between financial freedom to pursue a public interest career, or obligation to sign a more lucrative job. Your gifts allow us the peace of mind to focus on learning rather than finances. Your gifts provide the availability of time to build the strongest possible resumé and provide the means to take advantage of the wealth of opportunities before us. For me personally, my scholarship enables me to take a month off from working 30 hours a week to study for finals and complete my law review comment. The benefits of focusing on academics and producing a publishable article will extend well beyond this year for me. Your gifts help us build the foundation for years to come.*



*"How can we possibly thank you for all that you have given? We write letters, share a meal and shake your hand, but most importantly we can carry our appreciation forward. So that when we are in your position and we receive the gift solicitation in the mail we remember just how much a scholarship means to a student."*



## Roscoe Pound Moot Court Tournament Addresses Fourth Amendment Issues

On March 15, 2006, UCLA School of Law held its annual Roscoe Pound Moot Court Tournament. The Roscoe Pound Tournament is the final internal competition in the UCLA Law School Moot Court Honors Program, which is an intramural competition open to second- and third-year law students.

Teams of students brief and argue a case created especially for the competition by members of the Moot Court Executive Board. The top two advocates from each issue and side of the Spring Honors Competition (eight total) are chosen to argue in the Roscoe Pound Semi-Finals. The best oral advocate from each issue and side (four total) go on to argue the case before three of the nation's most distinguished jurists in the annual Roscoe Pound Tournament.

This year's Roscoe Pound Moot Court case focused on two Fourth Amendment issues: 1) warrantless searches of home when one occupant consents and another objects and 2) searching a parolee solely because the individual is a parolee. The winner of the Kirkland & Ellis Award for outstanding oral advocacy was 2L Adam Sexton, who, as Petitioner on the first issue, argued that the Fourth Amendment bars the warrantless search of an individual's home when one occupant consents to a search and another occupant, who is physically present, affirmatively objects to the search. He faced an equally compelling argument from fellow 2L student and Respondent Louis Morin, who suggested that the search was legal, as one of the occupants had the right to invite others into her property whenever she chose.

Participating as judges this year were The Honorable Laurence Silberman, senior judge, United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit; The Honorable Jerry Smith, circuit judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit; and The Honorable A. Wallace Tashima, senior judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. They each directed—sometimes in a bombastic manner—probing questions to both petitioner and respondent, requiring them to think quickly on their feet and thereby better articulate legal arguments.

Regarding the issue of the search of the parolee, 2L Noah Garrison, who was the Petitioner on this issue, argued that the police had no constitutional basis for the search of the parolee—whom the police knew as a parolee—who showed up at the residence where the warrantless property search was under way. The parolee himself was not under any suspicions, nor in the active commission of a crime. Respondent and 2L Emmy Levens argued that the Fourth Amendment does not preclude all searches, but rather, unreasonable searches. She said that the police did not base the search on individual suspicions and noted that the state—including the police and not only parole officers—has a compelling reason to supervise parolees in order to deter future crime.

Both Garrison and Levens also received intensive inquiries from the jurists, whose varied temperaments ranged from animated to soft-spoken to boisterous.

The law firm of Kirkland & Ellis LLP donated the award money for the top students in the Roscoe Pound Tournament, including semi-finalists, finalists, and the winner.





## ARTHUR N. GREENBERG '52 AND AUDREY GREENBERG

## STUDENT COMMONS

UCLA Law hosted the unveiling of the new student lounge, the Greenberg Commons, on December 7, 2005. Dean Michael Schill gave a speech thanking Arthur '52 and Audrey Greenberg for their generosity in funding the remodel and redecoration of the student lounge. The remodel took most of the summer and fall of 2005 and involved a new room design, new color scheme, new furniture and new artwork. The goal of the project was to bring this much-used room back to its early glory when Arthur attended school at UCLA Law.

"Arthur and Audrey were tireless in their efforts to make sure that every detail of the new room was perfect," said Dean Micheal H. Schill. "The students are extremely grateful for the Greenberg's generosity in ensuring they have a comfortable lounge at the law school."

Alumni, faculty, administrators and student leaders attended the event. Since its opening, students have enjoyed the new, comfortable floorplan and furniture, using the lounge as a place to take a breather between classes and relax with friends, study and participate in community-building events.



from left to right: dean michael schill, arthur '52 and audrey greenberg, architect buzz yudell, moore ruble & yudell



*He responded to a loud cell phone ring tone by noting that the mobile telecommunications market in Afghanistan was robust. Asked how UCLA students could aid Afghanistan, he suggested, to applause, that they get plane tickets and join him there.*

## Lecture by Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Foreign Minister Dr. Abdullah Abdullah

### Afghan Foreign Minister Calls Judiciary 'Biggest Challenge'

Dr. 'Abdullah' Abdullah notes progress, urges diplomatic solution to dispute between neighboring Iran and the United States.

MARCH 16 - Afghan Foreign Minister Abdullah became a minor phenomenon on worldwide television after U.S. and British planes began a sustained bombing campaign over his country. He remains grateful for the military intervention, which led to the 2001 ouster of Afghanistan's Taliban regime. At the time, he was known as the "foreign minister" of the Northern Alliance, the Afghan ground forces who would drive out the Taliban by year's end. Dr. Abdullah (an ophthalmologist) wore Western suits and fielded questions in English, French, and Arabic, in addition to his native Dari and Pashto.

Amid his sudden fame outside his country, the press seemed unable to decide what to call him, with editors at the *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times* disagreeing about his stated wishes. Many Afghans use only one name, but this man born "Abdullah" at the very least did not mind if outsiders preferred to see that and raise it to "Abdullah Abdullah."

By any multiple, the name did not remain long in newspapers as Afghanistan gradually faded from the front pages. Being ignored is an old problem for Afghanistan. At a March 16, 2006 talk at the UCLA School of Law, co-sponsored by the Muslim Law Students Association and the Politics and International Law Colloquium Series with support from the Burkle Center for International Relations, Abdullah noted that international interest in the country faded when the Soviet occupation of the 1980s ended. Major distractions such as the unraveling of the Soviet Union and the wars in the former Yugoslavia would keep attention focused elsewhere for years.

Abdullah said that, between the Taliban government's coming to power in 1996 and the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 on the United States, he had taken "any opportunity" to tell people abroad, "Look, something is being cooked in Afghanistan," and that not only Afghans but "everybody" stood to get hurt.

One might suppose that Abdullah would be in a far better position now to make himself heard on international concerns, but that is not the way he tells it. Responding to an audience member's question about possible U.S. military action against Iran, he made clear that Afghan influence could by no means match its interest in the matter:

Any language which will lead to destabilization will affect our situation. There is little that we can do to prevent any development from taking place. Can we affect the position of the government of Iran today so that there is more understanding between them and the international community about their [nuclear] programs, or a solution based on that? There is little that we can do. We can only hope that things will not lead to confrontation and military engagement, and [that] diplomatic solutions will bring satisfactory results.

Meanwhile, not even the presence of U.S. troops in Afghanistan, still fighting an insurgency led by former regime elements and taking casualties as recently as March 12, has kept media attention focused on Abdullah's country.

### Next: Afghan 'Resource Curse'?

Of course, Abdullah did not address the packed law school auditorium in order to complain that the country was still being ignored. Indeed, he credited an international process for achievements made in Afghanistan between a 2001 conference in Bonn, Germany, and a similar conference in London early this year, both of which produced large pledges of aid and investment.

Rather, Abdullah came to UCLA to share something of the central government's struggle to bring a highly decentralized country under one rule of law. The Afghan judiciary, he said, faces not only new threats of violence but also legacies of lawlessness under Soviet occupation and of the Taliban's fundamentalist institutions. The lack of suitable institutions on which to base the development of a judicial system is "the biggest challenge in a post-conflict situation like that of Afghanistan," he said. "It is one thing to wish to have a functioning judiciary; it is quite a different piece of cake to establish one."

A lack of trained judges is a major part of the problem. Prior to 2001, education had been disrupted for two generations of Afghans during 23 years of turmoil, Abdullah said. Under the Taliban, girls received no schooling at all, and boys got extremely limited religious training.

"Where are these judges being trained?...What is the scope of their knowledge? Is it only [Islamic] Sharia law? Do they know anything about civil law?"

Abdullah said that six million Afghan children had returned to school, and that 35 percent of them were girls.

With urbane and sometimes wry delivery, Abdullah clearly won over the law school audience. He responded to a loud cell phone ring tone by noting that the mobile telecommunications market in Afghanistan was robust. Asked how UCLA students could aid Afghanistan, he suggested, to applause, that they get plane tickets and join him there.

At one point, Abdullah noted that Afghan President Hamid Karzai would present his cabinet choices to parliament within a few days of the talk. "I hope it doesn't happen during my presence here in the United States," he said. By March 20, a few Asian news outlets were reporting that Karzai intended to reshuffle his cabinet and that, for the first time, the list might not include Abdullah.

Abdullah expressed hope that the apparent discovery of significant oil and gas resources in the country would allow Afghanistan to "stand on its own feet." Two days before his talk, a joint Afghan-U.S. Geological Survey team reported that two northern regions of the country could hold as much as 1.6 billion barrels of oil and 15.7 trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

Dr. Abdullah's visit was made possible through the efforts of 1L Haroon Azar and Dean Michael H. Schill.

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# Class Notes

## 1950s

**Jean Bauer Fisler '52** is a member of the American Society of International Law and attends the National Security Committee breakfast meetings. She is quite proud of her children's accomplishments which include serving as co-editor of the *American Journal of International Law* and as an educator and program director for the Center for Court Innovation. Jean keeps busy by keeping up with her eight grandchildren and their activities. The oldest grandchild recently graduated from Carnegie Mellon University and is a mechanical engineer; two other grandchildren are in college—one at Yale University and another at St. Mary's College of Maryland. The rest are in high school and are active in debate teams, sports teams, plays and community service. Jean also stays very active in UCLA Law school activities in the Washington, D.C. area.

**Sherwin Memel '54** recently received a Lifetime Career Achievement Award from the USC School of Policy, Planning and Development's master's program in health administration. This award honored him for his career in health care law. He also is celebrating the birth of his first grandson and seventh grandchild overall.

**Donald Simons '54, Sanford Ehrmann '55, Harold Gould '55, and H. Jess Senecal '55** are being recognized at a luncheon on May 18th by the LA County Bar Association for being members of the LA County Bar for 50 years.



**Ron Speers '58** recently co-authored *The Rheingold Legacy*, an espionage fiction novel, with Howard Lawson.

**Maggie Roth '63**, retired as a principal deputy legislative counsel in 2001. Freed from having to deal directly with the effects of term limits and all night legislative sessions, she concentrates on what she has found to be the best things: hanging out with her pet collies, Dinah and Dakota; places that touch the heart, such as Angkor Wat at sunrise; dividend checks; long friendships; the tango; taking a chance; politics as a spectator sport; the possibilities of next year; and pancakes on Sunday. She also tries to do such things that tend to justify the mighty good life she has had, but not so much that she will ever be confused with a candidate for sainthood.

## 1960s

**Everett Meiners '64** continues to practice labor and employment law. A few years ago he expanded his practice to include mediation of employment related disputes. He took Pepperdine's "Mediation of the Litigated Case" program and is on the mediation panel at the Los Angeles Superior Court and a member of the Southern California Mediation Association.

**Larry Teplin '64** continues to actively practice real estate litigation. He has received several Peer Review Awards. In 2003, 2004 and again in 2005, he

was selected for inclusion in *Chambers USA, Leading Business Lawyers* as one of the "Leading Individuals" practicing construction and real estate litigation in California. In 2005, he was selected as one of 14 California lawyers named in *International Who's Who of Construction Lawyers*. He was selected to be included in the 2006 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* and was a "Southern California Super Lawyer" in *Los Angeles Magazine* in 2004 and 2006.

**Ken Ziffren '65**, of the law firm Ziffren, Brittenham, Branca, Fischer, Gilbert-Lurie, Stiffelman, Cook, Johnson, Lande & Wolfe LLP, was recently honored by the Beverly Hills Bar Association as the Entertainment Lawyer of the Year. The ceremony, held April 27, 2006, was at the Regent Beverly Wilshire Hotel.

**Bob Weeks '67** was appointed to another two year term in the ABA House of Delegates representing the Santa Clara County Bar Association. He will serve in the House until at least August 2008. He was also appointed by the Santa Clara County Superior Court to serve on the Temporary Judges Working Group to implement the new state rules on temporary judges. On the travel front, Bob and his wife Nancy spent 18 days in Fiji this spring attending the wedding of a high school friend and cruising the Yasawa Islands. Later this year, they are off for a month in Africa.

**Tom Larmore '68** formed a new law firm in Santa Monica with **Chris Harding '77, Dennis Mullen '70, John Jakle '70 and Ken Kutcher '83**. Harding Larmore Mullen Jakle Kutcher & Kozal, LLP handles land use and real estate transactions, estate planning services and civil litigation. Mr. Larmore is a real estate finance attorney.

**George Kieffer '73** was the recipient of the American Bar Association's Spirit of Excellence Award for his stellar record of public service. Mr. Kieffer was presented with the award by the Los Angeles BioMedical Research Institute at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center at the Discovery Gala 2005 held last October in Beverly Hills, California. Mr. Kieffer is currently a partner at the national law and consulting firm Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP.

"We have followed George Kieffer's career over the years," said BioMed's CEO, Kenneth Trevett, "and he's made a difference in every task he's undertaken for the state and region, and more recently for the Los Angeles Chamber. He exemplifies excellence in public service and excellence is what this award is about."

Mr. Kieffer has been instrumental in numerous prominent civic assignments, including the first full revision of the Los Angeles City Charter in 75 years and chairing the City's Economic Impact Task Force, which suggested measures to alleviate the impact of 9/11 on trade, tourism and related businesses in the Los Angeles region. In addition, Mr. Kieffer has served as a Regent of the University of California, and two terms as President of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. He was also a member of the Blue Ribbon Commission revising the State's Master Plan for Higher Education.

Mr. Kieffer's recent chairmanship of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce helped to bring the organization to renewed prominence and effectiveness. He also continues to serve on a number of other non-profit boards. Although a Democrat and an advisor to a number of Democratic office holders, he was also invited to serve on Governor Schwarzenegger's Transition Committee.

"For over forty years at Manatt, we have built a record of community service and civic leadership," said Paul H. Irving, Manatt's chief

executive and managing partner.

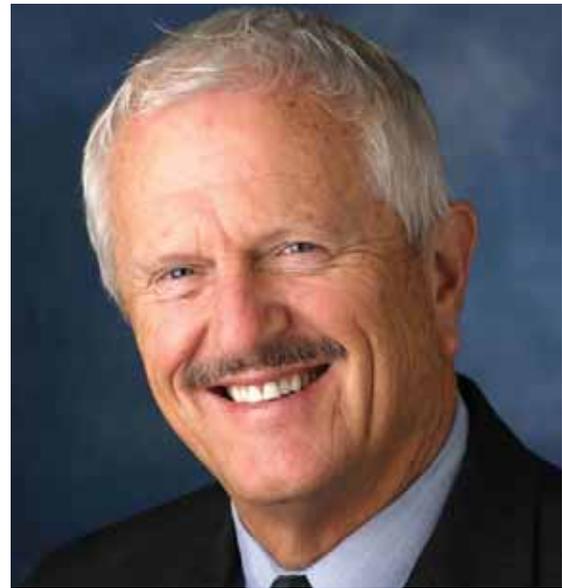
"George has continued this tradition and brought a special degree of leadership talent to everything he's done. He is respected and highly regarded in the firm and in the communities we serve, and we are proud he's our partner."



## 1970s

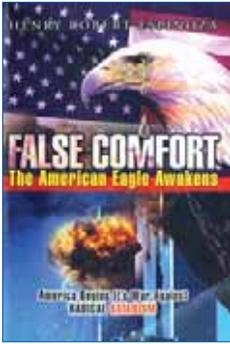
**John Jakle '70** formed a new law firm in Santa Monica with **Chris Harding '77, Dennis Mullen '70, Tom Larmore '68** and **Ken Kutcher '83**.

Harding Larmore Mullen Jakle Kutcher & Kozal, LLP handles land use and real estate transactions, estate planning services and civil litigation. Mr. Jakle specializes in estate planning.



**Jay Jeffcoat '70** received the 2005 Bernard E. Witkin, Esq. Award presented by the Law Library Justice Foundation. The award honors members of the San Diego legal community for civic leadership and excellence in the teaching, practice, enactment, or adjudication of the law. Mr. Jeffcoat practices commercial and environmental litigation, title insurance litigation, agricultural law, and trust and estate litigation as a partner at DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary in San Diego.

**Dennis Mullen '70** formed a new law firm in Santa Monica with **Chris Harding '77, Tom Larmore '68, John Jakle '70** and **Ken Kutcher '83**. Harding Larmore Mullen Jakle Kutcher & Kozal, LLP handles land use and real estate transactions, estate planning services and civil litigation. Mr. Mullen specializes in real estate, business, family law, professional negligence, personal injury and appellate litigation matters.



**Henry Robert Espinoza '71** recently published his third novel *False Comfort: The American Eagle Awakens*. This is Henry's third novel; his first two are *Twisted Dragons*, *Devils Disciples* and *American Angel*.

**Thomas Lambert '71**, managing partner at Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp LLP, was recently profiled in the "Listmakers" section of the *Los Angeles Business Journal*.

**Jack McConaghy '71** was hired as managing partner of Connolly Bove Lodge & Hutz LLP, a Wilmington, Delaware based intellectual property firm, in their new Los Angeles office. Previously, McConaghy was a partner at Lyon & Lyon.



**Kent L. Richland '71**, a veteran appellate lawyer with the appellate firm Greines Martin Stein & Richland, argued Anna Nicole Smith's long-running probate case before the U.S. Supreme Court, which ruled in his client's favor, setting a precedent that a federal court in one state may hear a claim that is also embroiled in probate proceedings in another state or even in the same state. The high court noted that the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit was wrong in ruling that federal courts could not handle Smith's case and in throwing out the judgment she had received from a federal district judge. In an opinion by

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who visited UCLA Law earlier this year, the Supreme Court said the Ninth Circuit was too broad in its interpretation of the rule that keeps federal judges from interfering in local matters involving wills and estates. Richland and his client will now go back to the Ninth Circuit for more hearings on the case. In February 2006, Richland came to UCLA Law to hold a Moot Court regarding this case. He was invited by UCLA Law lecturer Patrick Goodman, who teaches Appellate Advocacy and Lawyering Skills for the law school's Clinical Program. Goodman moderated the session, which included the following faculty panelists: Kenneth Klee, Dan Bussel, Clyde Spillenger and Bill Rubenstein. UCLA Law 3L Michael Pulos from UCLA's Appellate Advocacy Clinic also served on the panel.

**The Honorable Joe Hilberman '73** has returned to the family law court in the Santa Monica branch of the Los Angeles Superior Court.

**Gloria R. Bodin '76** recently published a new book, *Immigration for Paralegals*, a guide on U.S. immigration, citizenship and visa procedures.

**Chris Harding '77** formed a new law firm in Santa Monica with **Tom Larmore '68**, **Dennis Mullen '70**, **John Jakle '70** and **Ken Kutcher '83**. Harding Larmore Mullen Jakle Kutcher & Kozal, LLP handles land use and real estate transactions, estate planning services and civil litigation. Mr. Harding is a land use attorney who has practiced for over 25 years in Southern California, representing some of the area's leading residential and commercial developers.

**Lucinda Low '77** was recently named a new partner in Steptoe & Johnson's international trade practice. With offices in Brussels and London, Steptoe & Johnson seemed to Low like a firm that could offer stronger support for her international practice. Joining the firm also allows Low to work with partner Stewart Baker, a law school mentor and longtime friend. "My acquaintance with this firm goes way, way back," said Low. "It was just clear it was an incredibly good fit."

She said she expects to continue traveling widely in her new role. "Let's just say I'm some airlines' favorite customer," said Low, who in recent weeks has whisked through Jakarta, Moscow, and several cities in Europe and Canada. "You can't practice effectively in this field if you're not willing to get on a plane."

**David Wheeler Newman '77** has been named one of *Worth Magazine's* "Top 100 Attorneys." Mr. Norman is currently a partner at Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp.

**Kim T. Schoknecht '77** left Hanson Bridgett Marcus Vlahos & Rudy in San Francisco after 27 years to join the 7-attorney estate planning boutique now named Barulich Schonkecht Dugoni Law Group Inc., in his hometown San Mateo, CA. Kim continues to specialize in the planning and administration of large complex estates and trusts. Kim has been certified by the State Bar of Specialization as a Specialist in Estate Planning, Probate and Trust Law, and was recently elected to become a fellow in the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

**Michael Hornak '78** was named to a list of best lawyers in *America Magazine*. Hornak, a partner at Costa-Mesa based law firm Rutan & Tucker LLP, works in commercial litigation.

**Lisa G. Quateman '78** has expanded her firm, Quateman LLP, formerly Quateman & Zidell LLP, following the departure of Steve Zidell '85. The Century City-based firm has increased its staff and relocated to a larger location. The firm was founded by Ms. Quateman in 1989, and has been recognized by the *Los Angeles Business Journal* as one of the most successful women-owned businesses in Los Angeles. It represents numerous governmental entities, domestic and multi-national companies involved in sophisticated and complex transactions in a wide range of industries and financial institutions. Ms. Quateman practices in transactional and advisory work in corporate, finance, and real estate law.

**Deborah Crandall Saxe '78** has rejoined Jones Day as a partner after leaving the partnership in 1997 to become a shareholder at Heller Ehrman LLP. Ms. Saxe is resident in the firm's Los Angeles office, representing employers in various labor and employment law matters. She is a fellow in the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and was included in the 2006 edition of *Best Lawyers in America*. She was also named as a "leading lawyer" in employment law by Chamber & Partners USA and was recognized by her peers as one of the top 50 female "Super Lawyers" in Los Angeles and Orange Counties in both 2004 and 2005.

## 1980s

**Robert Rudnicki '81** was appointed as vice president director of litigation for Raymond James Financial in St. Petersburg, Florida.



**Steven M. Strauss '81** has joined Cooley Goodward as a litigation partner in the firm's San Diego office. Strauss was previously head of litigation at Procopio Cory Hargreaves & Savitch, where he practiced for more than 20 years. Strauss, whose practice focuses on complex business litigation, has represented the city of San Diego in its dispute with the Chargers of the National Football League over the team's lease at Qualcomm Stadium. Strauss represents former and current city officials, including former Mayor Dick Murphy on several matters. While Strauss' practice is deeply involved in

local litigation, many of his clients have a national presence. Clients include Qualcomm and Manchester Financial Group. Strauss said that the chance to avail himself of a national firm and further expand his practice in the areas of securities and intellectual property litigation was a major factor in his decision to make the move. Strauss serves as president of the board of trustees for the La Jolla Playhouse and is on the Junior Seau Foundation's board of directors.



**Cynthia Leppert '82** received the Leadership in Law award from the Maryland legal and business newspaper *The Daily Record*. Ms. Leppert is a principal in the law firm of Neuberger, Quinn, Gielen, Rubin & Gibber, P.A., where she specializes in business litigation.

**The Honorable Lora J. Livingston '82**, judge of the 261st Civil District Court in Austin, was named Pro Bono Champion by the Texas Access to Justice Commission. To become a Pro Bono Champion, candidates must contribute to the goal of ensuring that all Texans have access to the justice system.

Livingston is chairwoman of the American Bar Association Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services, which focuses on access to legal services for the poor. For 12 years, she served on the Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation board of directors. Livingston began her career as a Reginald Heber Smith Community Lawyer Fellow assigned to the Legal Aid Society of Central Texas in Austin. She was recently given the Texas Equal

Access to Justice Foundation's Harold F. Kleinman Award.

**Mary Lou Villar '82** was appointed to a judgeship by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger for the Los Angeles Superior Court.

**Michael Helfant '83** is now serving as president of Marvel Studios.

**Ken Kutcher '83** formed a new law firm in Santa Monica with **Chris Harding '77, Dennis Mullen '70, Tom Larmore '68** and **John Jakle '70**. Harding Larmore Mullen Jakle Kutcher & Kozal, LLP handles land use and real estate transactions, estate planning services and civil litigation. Mr. Kutcher is an estate planning attorney.

**The Honorable Paula A. Mabrey '83** has retired from the Los Angeles County Superior Court bench. Mabrey does not have any firm retirement plans, although she has applied to sit on assignment. Some of her most rewarding moments on the bench came when individuals from her Proposition 36 court were successful in their drug rehabilitation programs. "Some of those who have finished their programs have asked me to attend their graduations," she said.

**James Rogan '83** recently joined Preston Gates Ellis & Rouvelas Meeds as of counsel in its policy and intellectual property practices. He is a former House member from California, and was appointed Rogan undersecretary of commerce for intellectual property and director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office by President Bush, a position he held from 2001 to 2004.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed **Laura Birkmeyer '84** to a judgeship in the San Diego County Superior Court. Birkmeyer has served in the United States Attorney's Office since 1986. She previously held the title of executive assistant U.S. Attorney, responsible for narcotics policy and attorney hiring. Birkmeyer also served as a deputy district attorney in the San

Diego County District Attorney's Office in 1986. Birkmeyer fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Thomas Lavoy. Birkmeyer is a Democrat.

**Barry E. Cohen '84** is married with two children. He works in private practice in Beverly Hills specializing in real estate and family law with a side business in real estate development.

President George W. Bush has appointed **Robert Lenhard '84** to the Federal Election Commission, which regulates the raising and spending of money in federal elections. The FEC has six Commissioners (three Democrats and three Republicans) and Lenhard has been elected vice-chairman.



**Greg Nitzkowski '84**, managing partner at Paul Hastings Janofsky & Walker LLP, was recently profiled in the "Listmakers" section of the *Los Angeles Business Journal*.



**The Honorable Sheri Bluebond '85** welcomed twins Gwendolyn Rose and Geoffrey William on October 30, 2005.



**Stacey Snider '85** was named one of *Fortune Magazine's* "Most Powerful Women in Business," ranked number 33. Ms. Snider is currently chief executive of Dreamworks. Formerly she served as chairman of Universal Pictures.

**Steven Zidell '85** has joined Wolf, Rifkin, Shapiro & Schulman, LLP as a partner. Mr. Zidell is a transactional real estate attorney, focusing on real estate sales, purchases, leases and financing transactions, and representing borrowers, lenders, tenants, landlords, buyers and sellers.

**Ray G. Jurado '86** was appointed to a judgeship by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger for the Los Angeles Superior Court.



**Noriko E. Okamoto '87** has been named ombudsman by Tyco International Ltd.

"Noriko brings a legal background, as well as

knowledge of our businesses, to a role that is critical in instituting and maintaining the highest standards of integrity across Tyco. This position is essential to our success in

sustaining a strong culture of accountability at the company," said Eric Pillmore, Tyco's senior vice president of corporate governance.

Prior to being named ombudsman, Okamoto was assistant general counsel at Tyco Electronics, where she was responsible for supporting Tyco Telecommunications' undersea fiber optic network supply business and Tyco Electronics Power Systems micro-power group.

**Robert A. Robertson '87** was recently invited to join the partnership at the firm Dechert LLP. Mr. Robertson practices in the financial services group, focusing on investment management and SEC compliance. He has extensive experience representing investment advisers, mutual funds, closed-end funds, boards of directors and private funds.



**Sandy Pooler '88** was appointed chief administrative officer of Newton, the highest non-elected officer in the City of Newton.

"Over the 15 years I've worked with Sandy, he has proven to be reliable, intelligent, honest, and compassionate," said Mayor Cohen. "As Chief Budget Officer, I am certain Sandy has already gained the confidence of members of the Board of Aldermen, School Committee, Department Heads, and the residents of Newton. He has an intimate knowledge of our community and our city government, and he will hit the ground running in his new role."

The chief administrative officer is responsible for maintaining and overseeing a program of goals and objectives for the City, as well as supervising the City's collective bargaining process. Mr. Pooler previously served as the City's chief budget officer.

"I am delighted to have someone the caliber of Sandy Pooler in the chief administrative officer position," said Mayor Cohen. "He has been an outstanding chief budget officer, and I know he will continue his excellent work in this key role."

**Douglas D. Roberts '88** has joined the Cincinnati office of Thompson Hine LLP as a partner in the firm's corporate transactions and securities practice group. Roberts has more than 15 years of experience in a wide range of public securities, private equity/venture capital, mergers and acquisitions, general corporate and international issues.



President Bush has nominated **Sandra Segal Ikuta '88** to the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

If confirmed by the Senate, Ikuta, 51, would fill a seat that has been vacant since Judge James Browning took senior status in 2000.

Ikuta has been deputy director and general counsel of the California Resources Agency which involves advising agency officials on legal and

policy matters, overseeing the formulation of California Environmental Quality Act guidelines; and coordinating environmental litigation, since January 2004.

She was a partner at O'Melveny & Myers for nine years. She joined the law firm in 1990 as an associate and became a partner in 1997. She specialized in environmental and natural resources law and co-chaired the firm's environmental practice group.

**Erich Andersen '89** will be moving to Paris, France this summer from Redmond, Washington. He will serve as vice president & deputy general counsel for Microsoft Corp. with responsibility for leading legal and government affairs in Europe, the Middle East and Africa. As part of his role, he will be managing about 100 legal professionals in the region and helping to lead his company's efforts with outreach to the European Union in Brussels. He has been with Microsoft since 1995, most recently serving as vice president & DGC with responsibility for the Business Division.

**Sharon Lea Mitchell '89** and her family recently moved from California to Central Oregon, where she is focusing on real estate investment and development. They are enjoying Central Oregon's climate and amenities with views of the Cascade mountains, clean rivers, hiking trails and clean air.

## 1990s

**Larry Frank '90** was named the Los Angeles deputy mayor for Neighborhood and Community Services. The position requires him to unite and address the concerns of over 80 neighborhood councils throughout Los Angeles. One of his main goals is in education, where he hopes to increase the percent of Los Angeles' ninth graders who graduate.

"The mayor expects Larry Frank to lead the community outreach and constituents services efforts of our office as life-long community organizer and advocate for our neighbors. The mayor has high expectations for Larry Frank," said Jimmy Blackman, deputy chief of staff for the mayor.

**Yakub Hazzard '90**, partner at Alschuler Grossman Stein & Kahan LLP, was listed in the Honor Roll for Entertainment of "Who's Who in Intellectual Property Law" section in the *Los Angeles Business Journal*. Hazzard handles contract negotiations and licensing issues.

**William P. Donovan '91** was named partner at DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary US LLP.



**Kirsten Rutnik Gillibrand '91** was selected as the Democratic candidate for the 20th Congressional District, running against U.S. Rep. John Sweeney. Mrs. Gillibrand is a partner in the law firm of Boies, Schiller and Flexner in Albany. She served as special counsel to Andrew Cuomo when he was secretary of Housing and Urban Development in the administration of President Clinton.



**Douglas Ramler '91** has joined Gray Plant Mooty as a member of the Entrepreneurial Services practice group, assisting early-

stage, high growth companies in affairs such as organization, venture finance and contractual matters. Mr. Ramler's

practice focuses on a wide range of financing, securities, and corporate matters.



**Debra Alligood White '93** has been named a partner at Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP's Strategic Sourcing & Technology Group in Washington, D.C. Ms. White's practice focuses on outsourcing transactions, particularly offshore technology and business process outsourcing. As an associate, she negotiated Applications Development and Management offshore outsourcing transactions for The Home Depot and PepsiCo, a project management co-sourcing transaction for Aetna Life Insurance Company, a full-scope Human Resources Outsourcing transaction for PepsiCo and several infrastructure and offshore ADM outsourcing transactions for Lehman Brothers.

**Joseph H. Park '94** was named partner at Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. He joins the partnership from Fulbright's Los Angeles office where he was a senior associate. He focuses his practice on complex civil litigation with an emphasis on consumer class actions, securities litigation, insurance litigation and complex commercial disputes. Park began his career representing the IRS in Tax and Bankruptcy Courts in the dual capacity of IRS litigation attorney and special assistant United States attorney. He received his J.D. from UCLA School of Law in 1994 and his B.A. from Stanford

University in 1991. Park was admitted to practice in California in 1994 and is also admitted to practice before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, the district courts for the Central, Eastern and Northern Districts of California, and the U.S. Tax Court.

Attorney **Thomas Mellor '94** of Bingham McCutchen's New York office has been elected partner in the bank, commercial and structured finance group.

Mellor brings extensive experience representing banks, export credit agencies, noteholders, project borrowers and project sponsors in a wide variety of domestic and cross-border financial transactions, ranging from corporate loans to project financings, mezzanine and second-lien financings, and restructurings.

Mellor joined Bingham as of counsel in 2003 after spending eight years as an associate in the banking and project finance groups at Milbank Tweed.

**Adam Ritter '94** was elected to the partnership at Holland & Knight LLP. Mr. Ritter is a member of the firm's Business Section, practicing international business and corporate law.

**Michael Chang '95** is currently working to promote the Blu-ray Disc technology to movie studios in Hollywood and content providers around the world. Blu-ray is the next generation optical media storage device for High-Def content supported by companies like Matsushita/Panasonic, Sony, Sharp, Disney, and Twentieth Century Fox. In addition, Mr. Chang recently spoke at panels on Doing Business in China and Japan sponsored by the Asian Business League of Southern California.

**Dmitry Gorin '95** has been named partner at the firm Kestenbaum, Eisner and Gorin, which specializes in state, juvenile, and federal work throughout the United States. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Gorin was a senior deputy

district attorney in Los Angeles for ten years, specializing in complex trial work such as gang murder trials and white collar prosecutions. He also currently teaches as an adjunct professor at the Pepperdine University School of Law and for the UCLA Speech and Communications Department. His work regarding Grand Jury Investigations has been published numerous times in the CEB California Law, Procedure, and Practice, a leading reference manual for criminal practitioners.

**Cynthia Valenzuela '95** has left the United States' Attorney's office to head the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) litigation group.

**Giselle M. Barth, '96**, was recently named partner in the Securitization and Structured Finance group in the New York office of Sidley Austin Brown & Wood, LLP. Her securitization experience includes collateralized debt obligations and asset-backed and residential mortgage-backed securitizations, representing both issuers and underwriters.

**Eric Kurtzman '96** heads Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC with his partner Jonathan Carson. In November 2005, his company was named L.A.'s fastest-growing company by the *Los Angeles Business Journal*. Kurtzman Carson Consultants provides bankruptcy administration support with the aid of customized software.

**Alexander Lee '96** has been named partner at the Costa Mesa office of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP. Lee works with international corporate transactions.

After nine exciting and rewarding years at Patton Boggs, **Elizabeth Moeller '96** has moved on to become a partner in the Washington, D.C. office of the San Francisco-based law firm of Pillsbury, Winthrop, Shaw, Pittman. She is very excited about this new position and can be reached at [elizabeth.moeller@pillsburylaw.com](mailto:elizabeth.moeller@pillsburylaw.com).

**Sean Morris '96** was elected partner at Arnold & Porter LLP where he practices intellectual property and environmental law.

**James L. Brat '97** was recently named partner at Pircher, Nichols & Meeks' real estate department. He has been involved in all aspects of transactional real estate, with a focus on acquisitions and dispositions, financings (both traditional and alternative), joint ventures and development. He has specialized in representing capital sources in the formation and documentation of joint venture entities with developers and property managers for transactions covering residential and resort development and retail, hotel and office acquisitions. He also has extensive experience in the financing of real property, including traditional mortgage-based loans, loan participations, mezzanine financing and preferred equity.

**Jennifer L. Brockett '97** was recently named partner at Davis Wright Tremaine LLP where she works in commercial and intellectual property litigation.

**C. Brophy Christensen '97** has been named a partner at O'Melveny & Myers LLP. He is a member of the firm's Transactions Department's Capital Markets practice, focusing on securities and general corporate and business law. Mr. Christensen represents issuers, investors and institutions in entity formation, private placements, public offerings and other capital markets transactions. He also represents buyers, sellers, and financial advisors in connection with merger and acquisition transactions.

**Christopher Lilly '97** was named partner at Troy & Gould.

**Peter Wardle '97** was named partner at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. As a member of the firm's corporate department, his practice focuses on emerging technologies and corporate transactions and securities

**Samantha Grant '98** was named partner at Mitchell, Silberberg & Knupp. Her practice focuses on labor and employment.

**Pauline Massih '98**, previously an associate with Alschuler Grossmann Stein & Kahan LLP, was promoted to partner.

**Tsui H. Yee '98** and **Jennifer Durkin '99** recently opened Yee & Durkin, LLP, an immigration law practice. The firm is based in New York City but represents clients throughout the U.S.



**Jonathan Hersey '96** has rejoined Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP as a partner in the Business Trial practice group, based in the firm's Orange County office. Hersey, most recently with Bingham McCutchen in Orange County, has significant experience representing computer industry, e-commerce and financial institution companies in complex commercial and intellectual property litigation matters.

Hersey has extensive experience litigating and resolving disputes involving claims for breach of contract and warranty, including software development and licensing agreements, distribution and royalty contracts, joint ventures, leases and asset purchase agreements. He has handled numerous business tort cases involving claims of fraud, unfair competition, misappropriation of trade secrets, trade libel and interference with contract; as well as represented government defense and transportation contractors in bidding and claims disputes with federal and local authorities. Hersey also has considerable experience negotiating insurance coverage issues and bad faith denials of coverage, particularly with regard to business interruption and property damage.

His intellectual property litigation practice has involved several trademark opposition and infringement actions venued in federal district courts, California state courts and the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board. He has also helped litigate and resolve claims for software copyright indemnity and patent infringement. Hersey has substantial experience obtaining and opposing demands for prejudgment remedies, including writs of attachment, temporary protective orders and preliminary injunctions. He has conducted numerous arbitrations and mediations, and has successfully briefed and argued appeals before both the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the California Court of Appeal.

Hersey was also among the 134 selected nationwide for the BTI Client Service All-Stars award. Clients nominated the lawyers for extraordinary service.

**Jennifer Jaramillo Santos '98** and her husband Ben are happy to announce the birth of their first child, Benjamin Santos, on July 5, 2005.

**Tony Lee '98** recently appeared on an episode of the ABC television show *Lost*.

**David C. Zeiden '98** has joined Debevoise & Plimpton LLP as an associate at their Hong Kong office. Mr. Zeiden's practice focuses on mergers and acquisitions and private equity transactions. He primarily represents both financial and strategic equity investors in their investments in companies throughout Asia. Before joining the firm, Mr. Zeiden was an associate in the New York and Hong Kong offices of Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison LLP. In the fall of 1994, Mr. Zeiden was staff assistant to United States Congressman William D. Ford.

**Jeremy Halpern '98** has joined Evolution Advisors LLC as a managing director. Mr. Halpern is also an adjunct professor of entrepreneurship at Tufts University.

**Jennifer Durkin '99** and **Tsui H. Yee '98** recently opened Yee & Durkin, LLP, an immigration law practice. The firm is based in New York City but represents clients throughout the U.S.

**Matthew L. Nelson '99** of Santa Monica, CA., was nominated to hold the Young Lawyer Member-at-Large seat on The American Bar Association's Board of Governors. The Board of Governors oversees administration and management of the association.

**Fred L. Wilks '99** was hired at the headquarters of Newmeyer & Dillion LLP, a real estate litigation practice.

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**Mary Dolores Guerra '00** is currently working with Dr. Eugene Garcia, dean of the College of Education at Arizona State University, on a High School Completion and College-going Initiative. Last January, Ms. Guerra returned to ASU to obtain a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, focusing on dropout prevention and high school completion.



**Terrence Mann '00** was promoted to partner at McDermott Will & Emery, a Los Angeles based firm. Mann specializes in complex commercial litigation and performs probate litigation and antitrust compliance.



**Nelson Ng '00** is currently serving as deputy District Attorney in San Bernardino County.

**Karna Nisewaner '00** works at IBM and has recently been internally transferred to take over Intellectual Property Law responsibilities for Ascential, IBM's recent \$1.1 billion acquisition.

**Ronald Matten '01** married José Antonio Villalobos on September 3, 2005 in Toronto, Canada. Recently, Mr. Matten joined Egan LLP, a provider of Global Business Immigration Services

allied with Ernst & Young LLP in Toronto.



**André Quintero '01** was re-elected to the Rio Hondo Community College District Board of Trustees in 2005.

**Syd Whalley '01** was recently selected as executive director of the Western Center on Law and Poverty. Syd has been working at WCLP for the past year as a foster care benefits advocate.

**David G. Lassen '02** is currently practicing with Perkins Coie, LLP in Seattle.

**Duyen T. Nguyen '02** has joined Newmeyer & Dillion LLP, a real estate litigation practice.

**Robin Baessler '04** was appointed to the position of deputy public defender I with the Los Angeles County Public Defender.

**Ireneo A. Reus III '04** recently opened two new offices: one in the Shoreline Drive area of Long Beach, CA and the second in the Mid-Wilshire District of Los Angeles, CA

**M. Catherine OliverSmith '04** and her husband Brian are expecting the birth of their second child in March. Together, they launched an international audio publishing company, Sounds Publishing Inc., which is growing rapidly and picked up national book distribution in January.



**Captain Thomas Paul Condie '00**, United States Army, distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service to the United States as the Interrogation Legal Advisor, Joint Interrogation and Debriefing Center, Forward Operating Base, Abu Ghraib, Iraq from 28 February 2005 until 18 February 2006 during OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.

Captain Condie is the consummate legal professional and outstanding soldier whose demonstrated professional skill, knowledge, and dedication in a high profile and sensitive position ensured proper legal oversight and advice to over 7,000 interrogations conducted in an arduous combat environment. Captain Condie demonstrated sound leadership in the performance of his duties while enduring multiple attacks throughout his tenure at the Joint Interrogation and Debriefing Center (JIDC), Forward Operating Base, Abu Ghraib, one of the most frequently attacked bases in Iraq. Captain Condie's selfless service, tireless efforts and dedication to mission accomplishment allowed him to single-handedly perform all duties of a three person legal shop while maintaining the high operational tempo required for interrogation operations running twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. He volunteered his own time to provide legal assistance to U.S. military personnel while also providing consultation to other legal offices in theater on issues involving detainee operations and interrogations. He was a force multiplier, providing guidance to interrogators and the JIDC Commander on effective ways to utilize ethical and legal interrogation approaches to properly exploit critical and timely intelligence. Captain Condie developed an integral link between Military Intelligence and the Iraqi judicial system. Through his ingenuity, he developed and conceptualized the Prosecution Fusion Analysis Cell (P-FAC) which provides a theater-wide integration of information ensuring the safety of Coalition Forces as well as the future security of Iraq. Captain Condie's knowledge and professionalism were instrumental in developing, defining, and drafting the ever-evolving interrogation policy and Standard Operating Procedures at theater level and above. Additionally, on countless occasions, Captain Condie's legal opinions, guidance, insight and advice were used to assist the war-fighter in mission accomplishment in addition to supporting intelligence operations at the strategic and tactical level. Demonstrating outstanding instructional ability, CPT Condie taught military, civilian and contract personnel the intricacies of international law and the Geneva Conventions in addition to utilizing his expertise in training Iraqi National Interrogators. This training greatly contributed to the transfer of sovereignty and control to the Government of Iraq. His selfless service during combat operations were vital to the success of the JIDC mission and greatly increased the value of tactical and strategic intelligence acquired in support of the Global War On Terrorism.

His actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect distinct credit upon himself, and the United States Army.



**Paul J. Wall '04** was appointed to deputy district attorney with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office in September 2005. He is assigned to the Torrance Branch Area Court, Division 6 through April 2006.



**Geoffrey Murry '05** has joined the West Los Angeles law firm of Feinberg, Mindel, Brandt, Klein & Kline, LLP (FMBK) as an associate in their family law department. Mr. He

is a supporter of Lambda Legal and The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) and serves on the steering committee of the Service Members Legal Defense Network.



**Leslie D. Reed '05** has joined Pircher, Nichols & Meeks, a national real estate law firm, as an associate in the real estate department. She is based in the firm's Los Angeles office

**Silas M. Shawver '05** is currently working for farmworkers at the California Rural Legal Assistance in Fresno.

**Antonio Villegas '05** is a new associate in Baker & Hostetler LLP's Los Angeles office.

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## IN MEMORIAM

**Norbert J. Mietus '52**, a retired professor of business law whose infectious enthusiasm and interest in both the subject and his students made a lasting impact, died January 3, 2006 at the age of 87. He taught thousands of students during three decades as a professor at California State University, Sacramento, a tenure that included a stint as dean of its business school. He was co-author of five textbooks, including "*Applied Business Law*," which has sold more than 2 million copies and is still used in college classrooms.

**Joseph A. Wein '55**, age 74, of Los Angeles, died suddenly on January 22, 2006. He was a graduate of UCLA School of Law's second graduating class. A man of exceptional leadership qualities and keen intelligence, he served as the managing partner of Buchalter, Nemer, Fields and Younger for more than a decade. Most important in his life was his family. He was Libby's loving husband and best friend for 48

years. He was the beloved and treasured father of children, Michele (Scott) and Paul (Amy) and grandchildren, Elliott, Ethan, Olivia, and Jackson. He was the caring and devoted brother of Paulette Harolde. He was a man of many talents and impeccable taste. But the greatest legacy he leaves his family is his extraordinary generosity, integrity, fairness, and sense of decency. For all that, he shall be sorely missed.

**Jack Hofert '57** passed away this February.

**Robert Wendell Buttrey '58** passed away this February.

**Richard "Dick" Richards '62**, passed away on Dec. 2, 2005, after a long battle with cancer.

Richards was born on Oct. 3, 1934, in Prosser, Wash. He graduated from the University of Washington, Seattle, with a degree in political science. He served

his country as a captain in the U.S. Air Force, where he earned his wings and served as a tactical bomber pilot. After his military service, he graduated from UCLA School of Law and passed the State Bar exams in 1962.

He joined the law firm of Lowthorp, Richards, McMillan, Miller, Conway and Templeman in Oxnard, with which he practiced for 37 years.

He is survived by three sons, Rick and Eric (spouse Dolores), all of Camarillo, and Scott (spouse Pam) of Tucson, Ariz. Richard is also survived by four grandchildren, Kaya and Alexis of Camarillo and Sean and Sara of Tucson.

**John Francis Wester '86**, who worked at Sidley Austin Brown and Wood in Washington D.C., passed away this March.



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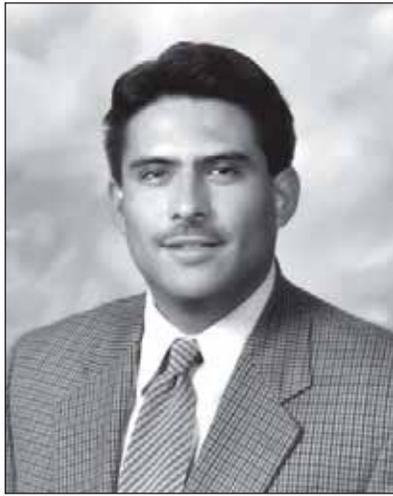
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## IN MEMORIAM

## Marco Firebaugh '87 (1966-2006)

Born into a single-parent home in Tijuana, Mexico, Marco Firebaugh '97 quickly learned the value of hard work and determination. Firebaugh's family immigrated to Southern California when he was still an infant.

Marco struggled through middle and high school and nearly dropped out. After high school, he attended Citrus Community College, where his journalism professor inspired him to keep working. His determination paid off in 1987 when he entered UC Berkeley. Marco's social consciousness and passion for justice led him to the Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (MEChA) and a future role in California politics.



appointment of the second Latino to serve on the California Supreme Court.

Because of his effectiveness both as a policy maker and a political leader, Marco was appointed majority floor leader in 2002—making him the highest-ranking Latino in the California State Assembly.

Marco authored landmark legislation to permit California high school students to pursue a college education regardless of their immigration status. Additionally, he authored air-quality legislation that provides funding for the state's most important air emissions reductions programs and ensures that state funding be targeted to low-income communities that are most severely impacted by air pollution.

Marco was most recently working as a consultant and actively campaigning for the state Senate seat representing the 30th District, which covers southeast Los Angeles County. Although his professional life revolved around the political arena, he remained a devoted supporter of UCLA Law, where he served as a mentor to our students throughout the years, especially our La Raza students. Marco frequently returned to the law school to meet, advise and encourage them. He also made his presence known throughout the UCLA community, serving as visiting professor and policy fellow at the UCLA School of Medicine, Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture.

*"Marco was a born leader and a true humanitarian who could have gone much further in changing the world for the better. While I grieve the loss of a good friend and realize that his passing will have a profound impact on the greater community, I do take considerable solace in knowing that Marco accomplished more good in his 39 years than most people would in even the longest lifetime."*

*Leo Trujillo-Cox '97, Executive Director, Academic Outreach Resource Center and Marco's fellow classmate at UC Berkeley and UCLA Law*

With a political science degree in hand and a renewed desire to change the world, Marco moved his sights to Sacramento. He was selected as a fellow by the California Latino Legislative Caucus and interned with state senator Richard Polanco, who became a mentor, inspiration, role model and surrogate father.

After graduating from UCLA School of Law in 1997, Marco was elected to the California State Assembly. Representing the 50th Assembly District in southeast Los Angeles County from 1998 to 2004, Marco was recognized for an impressive legislative record and advocacy on behalf of California's working families and immigrants.

From 2002 to 2004, Marco served as chair of the California Latino Legislative Caucus. Under his stewardship the Latino Caucus grew from 22 to 27 members,

becoming the largest and most influential caucus in the legislature. He also led the effort to increase the number of qualified Latinos and Latinas appointed to high-level positions in state government, including the

*"Marco was the kind of student a teacher loved having in the classroom. He was—not surprisingly—articulate and at ease speaking out on issues about which he had an uncommon perspective, such as the relationship between police and those in our society most often arrested and convicted of crimes. His presence, as well as that of his cohort of Latino and Black law students, enriched our discussions of theories of just punishment, the legitimacy of the death penalty, and the social context of homicide."*

*Laura E. Gómez, Professor of Law, University of New Mexico and former faculty member at UCLA Law*

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