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Two Endowed Chairs Launched to Honor Loyola Leaders

During their long tenures at Loyola Law School, Professor William G. Coskran '59 and Dean Frederick J. Lower, Jr. '64, both graduates of Loyola Marymount University (LMU) and Loyola Law School, often strolled the campus together, debating everything from the fundamentals of a legal education to the best way to serve students in a changing world. So it only seemed natural that the legendary professor with a passion for surfing and the distinguished former dean should receive Loyola's highest honor together. In the fall of 2009, Loyola announced the establishment of two endowed chairs in the professors' names. These chairs will allow Loyola to retain and recruit top professors to the campus within the next year whose quality will reflect that of their namesakes.

Dean Lower, a former Marine Corps officer, 1956 graduate of LMU and 1964 graduate of Loyola Law School, was twice selected to lead the Law School. Lower, who joined the faculty as an adjunct professor in 1966 and went on to become Loyola's 10th dean in 1973, took the lead in planning campus expansion and reaching out for the considerable financial resources to build it. During his six years as dean, additional land was procured and the world-renowned Frank Gehry became the campus architect. Lower also created 15 alumni chapters throughout the country and formed the school's Board of Visitors (now the Board of Overseers), which consists of members of the legal and business community who offer the dean assistance with outreach and fund-raising. In 1990, he agreed to serve as interim dean when the current dean left suddenly to run for governor. As Ken Ott, associate dean for advancement, noted, "This is a man who stepped up to help the school in critical times."

In 1991, Lower said goodbye to Loyola to begin a new life as a Los Angeles County Superior Court judge. "Fred Lower had his hand in leading our law school for over 40 years. He served as dean during a most important and critical time in the school's development. He has also been a mentor for all subsequent deans," said David W. Burcham '84, the executive vice president and provost of LMU

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Tradition of Advocacy Continues to Grow

When Adam Grant '10 joined Loyola Law School's Innocence Project, he was eager to leave the safety of the classroom behind for a bit of real-world action. But the fourth-year evening student did not know just how real that action would be until he was sitting inside a Southern California prison, interviewing a hardened felon who was a reluctant witness to a 15-year-old murder that may have sent an innocent man to prison.

That's when it hit Grant: "This is not like class, where we are studying what has already been resolved. Everything we do out here in the field impacts an actual defendant," said Grant. "This might be our one chance to get an innocent person out of prison for something we are convinced the convicted party didn't do."

Grant is one of three Loyola students who spent the fall semester working in tandem with the Northern California Innocence Project on a habeas petition to free a client they believe received an unfair trial. In addition to drafting petitions and strategizing with attorneys, the trio fanned out across the region, interviewing anyone with insight into the case. "These guys have talked to everyone from pimps to police," said Professor Laurie Levenson, holder of the David W. Burcham Chair in Ethical Advocacy, who oversees the students. "It doesn't get more hands on than that." And that's the whole idea.

Loyola has long been committed to providing students a unique, stimulating education with a strong emphasis on experiential learning. Here, faculty and administrators measure success by how fast graduates hit the ground running as first-year attorneys. "Loyola students are not the type to be content to sit back and accept a passive education or rest on their laurels," said Dean Victor J. Gold. "They are hungry to be heard and make their mark." To that end, all Loyola students are encouraged to supplement their class work with seminars, workshops, externships and professional-development groups.

Levenson's Innocence Project is just one of several advocacy programs of its kind at Loyola designed to give students real-world lawyering experience. From the widely praised Center for Juvenile Law and Policy, which allows students to serve as counsel

for minors in the Los Angeles juvenile justice system, to new initiatives focused on immigration and restorative justice, Loyola provides a multitude of opportunities for students to become more involved with advocacy and social justice.

With a steadily growing number of such programs, Gold recently announced the fall 2010 opening of an Advocacy Institute to serve as a headquarters for these practical-training initiatives. Under one roof, advocacy programs and their faculty leaders will be able to easily share information and collaborate on new projects and programs. The institute will be led by an administrator and a board of directors made up of both faculty and alumni.

My secret goal is for Loyola to be the number one school for advocacy in the country."

"We have alumni who really are the leaders in trial advocacy. These are nationally prominent trial lawyers who are considered to be leaders in the field everywhere you go," he said. "And we need to take advantage of their connection to this school and all they can offer our students." And because of Loyola's rich tradition of turning out top trial advocates, Gold says he is also exploring the idea of offering certificate programs for students who want to graduate with an emphasis in civil, criminal trial or appellate advocacy.

Interested students would have to complete a specific course-load. "This program would not be for everyone," he said. "But we have such a wealth of programming and courses, it makes sense to take it to the next level and create a curriculum for our students with a certificate that notes the student has a special focus and they've gone above and beyond," he said. Gold feels a certificate program made more sense than adding specialized LLM programs, especially in a tight economy. "We don't want

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EVENTS WRAP-UP

ORANGE COUNTY ALUMNI CLASSES OF 1996-2006 REUNION (D)
Wednesday, August 19, 2009
At the home of Ali Jahangiri '02 – Newport Beach, CA

LOYOLA MIXER AT STATE BAR ANNUAL MEETING
Saturday, September 12, 2009
Manchester Grand Hyatt – San Diego, CA

12TH ANNUAL BOB COONEY GOLF TOURNAMENT (G)
Sunday, September 13, 2009
Coyote Hills Golf Course – Fullerton, CA

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY ALUMNI LUNCH (E)
Friday, October 16, 2009
LePetit Restaurant – Sherman Oaks, CA
Lunch Speaker: Professor Stan Goldman, director of Loyola's Center for the Study of Law & Genocide

PUBLIC INTEREST LAW FOUNDATION (PILF) AUCTION NIGHT (F)
Saturday, October 17, 2009
Loyola Law School – Los Angeles, CA

ORANGE COUNTY ALUMNI LUNCH (H)
Friday, October 23, 2009
Jason's Downtown Restaurant – Santa Ana, CA

JOHNNIE L. COCHRAN, JR. CHAIR IN CIVIL RIGHTS (C)
Dedication Ceremony
Wednesday, October 28, 2009
California African American Museum – Los Angeles, CA
Chair Holder: Professor Gary Williams

INLAND EMPIRE LUNCH (A)
Friday, November 20, 2009
Mission Inn – Riverside, CA

CLASS OF 2009 AWARDS & ORDER OF THE COIF BREAKFAST (I)
Wednesday, December 2, 2009
Loyola Law School – Los Angeles, CA

STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA SWEARING-IN CEREMONY (B)
Wednesday, December 2, 2009
Loyola Law School – Los Angeles, CA
Administration of Oaths:
Federal: Magistrate Judge Oswald Parada '90, U.S. District Court
State: Judge Elizabeth A. White '81, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles



Direct Examination

1965 Neal Pereira retired from the Shasta County Public Defender's Office, which he established in 2004.

1969 Patrick M. Kelly, western regional managing partner with Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker, LLP, was elected to the California State Bar Board of Governors for a three-year term.

1970 Richard Hamlin celebrates 20 years of practice with his law partners, including **Marnie Christine Cody '90**; in celebration, the business and real estate litigation firm's name was changed from Richard Hamlin Attorneys to Hamlin, Cody & Moore. **E. Robert "Bob" Fussell** edited *Unbridled Cowboy*, a memoir by his late grandfather Joseph B. Fussell. Fussell accepted the Will Rogers Medallion Award for outstanding achievement in the publishing of Western literature and film.

1972 Mitchell J. Dawson, a principal with Dawson, Titem & Gole, was elected president of the Rotary Club of Beverly Hills; Dawson is also a 15-year member and former president of The Maple Counseling Center.

1974 Gloria Allred addressed the National Women's Political Caucus and was presented with its Woman of Courage Award at the organization's biennial convention in Newport Beach, CA, in August. **Duane L. King** joined California United Bank's West Los Angeles regional office as vice president of commercial banking.

1979 Nancy M. Salzman joined Chapman University in Orange, CA, as dean of extended education.

1980 Roberta A. Conroy, now retired and formerly a senior vice president with The Capital Group Companies, was appointed by Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa to the Los Angeles City Employee Retirement System Board of Commissioners. **Thomas B. Walper**, previously a partner of 16 years with Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP, rejoined the firm after two years as head of corporate restructuring for the investment firm Plainfield Asset Management in Greenwich, CT.

1981 Gregory D. Schetina, who joined the City of Hope as chief deputy general counsel in 2004, was promoted to general counsel for the biomedical research, treatment and education institution.

1982 Paul Weisman, a tax and sports law attorney in Encino, CA, was appointed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to the California Acupuncture Board, which protects the public through enforcement of the Acupuncture Licensure Act.

1983 Rick S. Kirkbride of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP was recognized as one of California's "10 Leading Rainmakers" by the Los Angeles *Daily Journal* in October. **Michael R. Tyler** was listed among "The Big 50" in-house general counsel by the Los Angeles *Daily Journal* in August; Tyler is executive vice president, general counsel and secretary at Sanmina-SCI Corp., an electronics manufacturing company in San Jose, CA.

1984 Liam E. McGee was selected chairman and CEO of The Hartford Financial Services Group Inc. in Hartford, CT; until recently, McGee was the president of the Consumer and Small Business Bank for Bank of America Corporation.

1985 John Aitelli was elected a shareholder of LaFollette, Johnson, Dehaas, Fesler & Ames. **Mark R. Troy** joined Crowell & Moring LLP as a partner with the Los Angeles office's government contracts group. **Stephen M. Garcia** of the Garcia Law Firm was named by *Lawdragon* as one of "500 Leading Plaintiffs' Lawyers in America." **Andrew G. Petillon** was appointed associate regional director and co-head of enforcement in the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's Pacific Regional Office in Los Angeles.

1986 Mark S. Adams joined Jeffer Mangels Butler & Marmaro LLP in Costa Mesa, CA, as a partner. His litigation practice focuses on contracts, products liability and employment litigation.

1987 Stuart Liner, who practices business litigation and real estate law with Liner Grode Stein Yankelevitz Sunshine Regenstrief & Taylor in Los Angeles, was recognized as one of California's "10 Leading Rainmakers" by the Los Angeles *Daily Journal* in October. **Cynthia Marcotte Stamer** was elected chair of the Employee Benefit Plans and Other Compensation Arrangements Group for the American Bar Association's Real Property Trust and Estates section; Marcotte Stamer recently joined the Dallas, TX firm of Curran Tomko Tarski LLP, where she is a partner practicing labor and employment law.

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1988 David S. Grunwald was selected as the executive director of the non-profit agency Alternative Living for the Aging.

1990 Marnie C. Cody celebrates 20 years of practice with her law partners, including **Richard Hamlin '70**; in celebration, the business and real estate litigation firm's name was changed from Richard Hamlin Attorneys to Hamlin, Cody & Moore. **Nancy Derwin-Weiss**, a marketing law specialist with Wildman, Herrold, Allen & Dixon LLP, was named in July to *The Hollywood Reporter's* "Power Lawyers 100" list. **V. Michael Muttart** joined City National Bank as senior vice president and chief fiduciary officer for trust and management; previously, Muttart was with U.S. Trust, Bank of America Private Wealth Management. **Juliette C. Youngblood** started her own private practice, Youngblood Group PC in Los Angeles, specializing in entertainment and sports law; Youngblood formerly practiced with Irell & Manella LLP.

1991 Joshua B. Grode of Liner Grode Stein Yankelevitz Sunshine Regenstrief & Taylor in Los Angeles was selected as one of the "100 Most Influential Attorneys in the Entertainment Business" by *The Hollywood Reporter* in July. **John M. Polson**, who practices labor and employment law with Fisher & Phillips LLP in Irvine, CA, was selected for inclusion in the *The Best Lawyers in America 2010*, an annual peer-review survey of attorneys. **Ellen M. Tipping** joined Murchison & Cumming, LLP in Santa Ana, CA, as a partner in the firm's healthcare, professional liability and employment law practice.

1992 Jeffrey J. Hughes was profiled in the *American Bar Association Journal* in September; Hughes is the owner of Legal Grind, a coffee house/storefront law office in Santa Monica, CA. **John W. Kittleson** joined the Irvine, CA, office of Cox, Castle & Nicholson LLP as a real estate partner.

1994 Frederick H. Choi joined the Los Angeles office of Bowman and Brooke LLP as senior counsel. **Cindy A. Shapiro** was elevated to partner with Reback, McAndrews, Kjar, Warford & Stockalper LLP in Manhattan Beach, CA, where she focuses on professional liability defense.

1995 Wendy Wen Yun Chang was recently appointed to a three-year term with the State Bar of California's Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct, and was named one of the "Best Lawyers Under 40" for 2009 by the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association. **J. Scott Tiedemann** co-manages the Los Angeles office of Liebert Cassidy Whitmore, and will take over as sole managing partner in October 2010—only the third in the firm's 30-year history.

1996 Aram Ordubegian joined the Los Angeles office of Arent Fox LLP as a partner in the bankruptcy and financial restructuring group.

1999 Jonesh G. Daryanani was elevated to partner with Loeb & Loeb LLP in Los Angeles, focusing on employment and labor law.

CONGRATULATIONS

L.A.'S TOP 100 LAWYERS
LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

Mark Armbruster '78	Rick Kirkbride '83
Rod Berman '82	Michael Lebovitz '84
Joshua Grode '91	Kirk Pasich '80

Special Report "Who's Who in L.A. Law"
in *Los Angeles Business Journal* October 5, 2009

1975 Gordon E. Bosserman became a name partner of Spolin Silverman Cohen & Bosserman LLP; he joined the Santa Monica, CA-based firm's employment litigation practice last year. **John D. Vandevelde** embarked from San Diego, CA, in September on a 3,160-mile bicycle ride across the U.S. to raise money for cancer research.

1978 Pamela S. Duffy was named by *Real Estate Forum* and *GlobeSt.com* as a "Northern California Commercial Real Estate Woman of Influence"; by the *San Francisco Business Times* as one of the "100 Most Influential Women in Bay Area Business"; and by *California Real Estate Journal* as "Dealmaker of the Year." **Karen G. Jackson** gave an address at a National Business Institute teleconference in December on the topic of asset preservation and Medicaid planning.

Alumni Grand Reunion

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2009, GRAMMY MUSEUM AND CONGA ROOM @ L.A. LIVE – The Loyola Law School Alumni Grand Reunion took place just down the street from campus at one of Los Angeles' hottest night spots, L.A. LIVE. It was an exciting evening bringing alums and friends together to celebrate and reconnect, as well as honor David W. Burcham '84, executive vice president and provost at Loyola Marymount University, and Amy Fisch Solomon '87, a partner at Girardi | Keese, with the 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award. Andrew M. Camacho, president, Camacho's Incorporated; Hon. Michael Nash '74, presiding judge, Juvenile Court, County of Los Angeles; and Christine D. Spagnoli '86, partner, Greene Broillet & Wheeler, LLP were presented with the Alumni Association's Board of Governors Recognition Award.

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2000 R. Todd Zink was promoted at the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office and recently took command of a U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Infantry Battalion; he was also selected as a rising star in *Southern California Super Lawyers* magazine.

2001 Monica Q. Vu joined Jeffer Mangels Butler & Marmaro LLP in Costa Mesa, CA, as a senior associate focusing on commercial and general litigation.

2002 Kathleen Balderrama joined Crowell & Moring LLP as of counsel in its litigation group, focusing on business litigation including securities, intellectual property and antitrust matters. **Ali Jahangiri** of Outclick Media was appointed by Gov. Schwarzenegger to the California Law Revision Commission; Jahangiri serves on the Board of Overseers for Loyola Law School and as an ambassador to the Samuel Jordan Center for Persian Studies and Culture at the UC Irvine School of Humanities.

2003 James W. Gilliam was elected to the board of directors for the National Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Bar Association and the California Conference of Delegates, and chaired the Los Angeles County Bar Association's delegation to the 2009 Conference of Delegates. **Szu-Pei Lu** was appointed vice president of communications for the executive committee of the Regional Chamber of Commerce - San Gabriel Valley.

2004 Heather D. McGunigle, of the Disability Rights Legal Center's Inland Empire program, was awarded the 2009 Jack Berman Award of Achievement for Distinguished Service to the Profession and the Public by the California Young Lawyers Association.

2005 Timothy W. Fredricks joined the Los Angeles office of Bowman and Brooke LLP, a national litigation firm, as an associate. **Sean D. O'Brien** was installed as president of the Beverly Hills Bar Association Barristers.

2007 Karnig Dukmajian's opinion piece, "Blowback: Why Armenians Cannot 'Get Past' the Genocide," was published in the *Los Angeles Times* in October.

2008 Jean Liao was hired as an associate at Los Angeles-based plaintiffs' firm Khorrami Pollard & Abir LLP; Liao focuses on mass torts, catastrophic personal injury and labor and employment matters.

2009 Andrea A. Alarcon was appointed by Mayor Villaraigosa's office to the Los Angeles Board of Public Works Commissioners, which oversees city services including school construction and street lighting. **Laura M. Blau** has joined the Los Angeles office of Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear LLP, an intellectual property law firm.

JUDICIAL Hon. **William P. Clark, Jr. '54**, former associate justice on the California Supreme Court, served as grand marshal for the 2009 Ventura County Fair Parade. Hon. **Henry J. Hall '76** of La Crescenta, CA, was elevated by Gov. Schwarzenegger to the California Superior Court, Los Angeles County. Hon. **Robert J. Perry '72**, trial judge for the California Superior Court, Los Angeles County, had an excerpt from his book, *Sharpening Your Trial Skills*, included in the October 6, 2009 edition of the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*. Hon. **Thomas Willhite, Jr. '79**, associate justice on the California Court of Appeal, 2nd District, participated in Constitution Day ceremonies at

Loyola Law School. Justice Willhite sat with other members of the court to hear oral arguments in the Robinson Courtroom and answered student questions during an informal lunch.

MARRIAGES **Amy Baker '08** married Matthew M. Fife on October 3, 2009, with classmate **Alyssa Caridis '08** serving as a bridesmaid.

BIRTHS **Miranda McCroskey '96** and husband Bill announce the arrival of daughter Molly Kay, born April 6, 2009. **Kevin Rex '96** and wife Carissa are new parents to their second child, Maxie Jolee Rex, born July 29, 2009. **John C. Yi '00**, wife Dianna and son Jacob announce a new arrival to the family: Justin Caleb, born May 16, 2009.

IN MEMORIAM

The Law School regretfully announces the passing of the following alumni. Please visit alumni.lls.edu to read about their lives and contributions.

William J. Allard '73	Barbara J. Klass '87
Philip D. Audette '07	Agnes Mulhearn '81
Ernest Milton Clark, Jr. '49	Michael A. Oswald '79
Nimisha Gohil '96	Julia A. Stanton '93
Lambert M. Javelera '59	Andrew D. Stein '63

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and the 15th dean of Loyola Law School. "A chair in his name will celebrate his contributions as a distinguished leader and professor."

William (Bill) G. Coskran's ties to Loyola were forged when the young man pursued an undergraduate degree at LMU and then went on to Loyola Law School, graduating first in his class in 1959. Coskran spent two years working for the U.S. Air Force J.A.G. department. In 1962, he entered private practice focusing on real property and construction law. Soon, he was back at the Law School as an adjunct professor and began teaching full time in 1968.

Coskran maintained a reputation as a universally respected and admired teacher of Property who would often enchant his

students and fellow faculty members with tales of riding the waves on his surfboard. "As part of a faculty known for great teaching, Bill Coskran was perhaps the finest teacher of them all," said Dean Victor J. Gold. "What made Bill nothing less than a classroom legend was his unmatched ability to help his students understand and apply the most difficult aspects of law to a concrete set of facts. No one has ever been better at performing the magic of turning students into lawyers."

Generations of first-year students were captivated by Coskran's teaching style, and he motivated many to push on through the grueling year ahead. "He was almost immeasurably good, unbelievably good," said Loyola Professor Allan Ides '79, who holds the Christopher N. May Chair. "Going to his class was one of the most engaging things you could do. He captivated the class and pushed us really hard, but he was always nice, always available outside the classroom."

Ides said it was Coskran who inspired him to pursue a teaching career of his own. "I was completely influenced by him. He

had no PowerPoint, no special effects. It was all him and the chalkboard. He was completely dedicated in a completely unpretentious way," Ides said. "I'd love to think I'm something like that." Though he retired in 1995, Coskran continues to teach part time as a professor emeritus and has many friends and supporters on campus thrilled to honor him with a chair in his name.

Conceived by an anonymous visionary in the Roman Empire, endowed chairs reward excellent teachers and scholars and indicate the depth and stability of an educational institution. In the United States, the first endowed chair was established at Harvard University in 1721. Loyola received its first endowed chair in 1983 and has since collected 10 more.

The majority of Loyola's chairs were funded in just the last six years as a result of the school's highly successful drive to boost its endowment. At Loyola, endowed chairs continue to help retain and recruit top faculty, who will raise the level of outstanding teaching and scholarship for all faculty for years to come.

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prosperity in the New Year.



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Ranking at the Top of the Class

1 **First**, "ABA Law Schools attended
by Los Angeles County Superior
Court Judges," *2009 Los Angeles
Superior Court Annual Report*

*Ranking of law schools by percentage of sitting judges
who are alumni. 20% of sitting judges are Loyola alums.

5 **Fifth**, "Best Classroom Experience,"
Princeton Review, *The Best 172
Law Schools: 2010 Edition*

6 **Sixth**, "Best Environment for
Minority Students," Princeton
Review, *The Best 172 Law Schools:
2010 Edition*

29 **29th**, 2010 *Super Lawyers*
U.S. Law School Rankings

*Ranks 180 law schools based on the number of
graduates who are selected for inclusion in
Super Lawyers 2009

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to do anything that's going to cost our students any more money or keep them out of the workforce any longer than necessary," he said.

This year, the Law School welcomed two new practical-training programs, the Immigrants' Rights Practicum and the Center for Restorative Justice, to provide students with an increased level of specialized training without additional cost. The Immigrants' Rights Practicum, created by Associate Professor Kathleen C. Kim, partners with the National Immigration Law Center to educate students about the tenets of immigration law before sending them to various public-interest firms with solid immigration practices. This spring, the program's first eight students will begin externships at some of the most prominent immigrants' rights organizations in the nation, including the American Civil Liberties Union, Asian Pacific American Legal Center and the Esperanza Immigrants Rights Project.

"Loyola couldn't be in a better position to take on a project like this," said Kim. "We are literally in the geographic center of immigration rights work." Kim expressed that the program meets the demands of a growing number of students who plan to devote their careers to immigration work. "What makes this program so wonderful is that these students really came to school for immigration rights," said Kim. "A lot of our students come from immigrant families themselves, have their own stories of immigrant migration or grew up with their families' stories."

Professor Scott E. Wood formed the Center for Restorative Justice after attending a conference of California's Jesuit institutions. The organization requested that all member institutions teach students about non-retributive approaches to crime and punishment—concepts such as fair-sentencing laws, prison healing circles and victim restitution. The pro-

gram begins with a seminar exploring the principles of non-punitive punishment to resolve conflict and repair emotional damage for both victims and perpetrators of crime.

Wood also provides students the opportunity to work on several restorative projects, such as the Fair Sentencing for Youth Project, a non-profit dedicated to changing mandatory sentencing laws for men and women who are serving life sentences for crimes committed in their youth. His plans ultimately call for a victims' rights clinic on campus that will have students provide services for crime victims and their families, such as helping them track cases as they move through the legal system. "My goal is to have every Loyola student complete restorative justice training," Wood said. "I know this is a program that will stick with students whether they decide to go into criminal law or not. The focus of any case they will ever have is about broken relationships and the need to repair them."

Loyola also has plans for another ambitious advocacy project. In fall 2010, Loyola will open the Alarcon Center, a capital habeas litigation program that will pair students with criminal defense attorneys working on appeals in death-row cases. Named in recognition of the Hon. Arthur L. Alarcon, senior circuit judge with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, the center also aims to train new lawyers to work capital cases. "I think there will be a phenomenal interest among students and new lawyers. They are hungry to do something that matters in real life," said Professor Laurie Levenson, who will oversee the Alarcon Center.

For Gold, the addition of the Alarcon Center will be another stepping stone paving the way toward his vision for the future. "My secret goal is for Loyola to be the number one school for advocacy in the country," he said. "I guess it's not a secret anymore."