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- Baker Botts L.L.P.
- Beck, Diefenbach, Hiebert, Eagan & Harris
- Brown & White LLP
- Caldwell & Ploen, PC
- Chang, Guarino & Sequeira
- Collins, Collins, Hurst & Stewart
- Cooley Godward LLP
- DLA Piper Rudnick
- Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher
- Goodstein & Berman LLP
- Gilbert Kelly Crowley & Jennett
- Larson, Magana, Cathcart & McCarthy
- Lagerlof, Senecal, Gosney & Kruse, LLP
- Goodstein
- Liner Yankelevitz Sunshine & Regenstrief LLP
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1996: Lola M. McAlpin-Grant joined Hinshaw & Culbertson. She was appointed chief counsel and was named in-house general counsel for the LA County Superior Court, was appointed to a judgeship by the governor.

1997: Thomas B. Walper joined Weston & Passmore. Previously, Morris served in the US Army Reserve, was an LA County deputy sheriff, an investigator for the County Office of the District Attorney, and was a member of the County Bar Association. He will handle their CA real estate litigation.

1998: The Hon. Robert C. Todd, a partner at Girardi | Keese and American Board of Trial Advocates. He joins his father, John (Jack) Girardi '72, a partner at Girardi | Keese, as one of its "20 to 30" members.


2000: Megan B. Walsh was promoted to vice president of counsel with Walt Disney Internet and Consumer Products Division. Walsh was previously a deputy district attorney for the Ventura County District Attorney. She earlier served on the board of education for the Long Beach City Unified School District, was a commissioner for Reliable Properties, a commercial real estate owner and developer, and was a member of the California Real Estate Board of Trustees.

2001: Joshua Grode '91 was appointed to a judgeship in the Alaska Superior Court. Grode was previously a deputy district attorney in the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Litigation for the LA County Superior Court. Grode is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law, and his practice focuses on consumer protection and business litigation.

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2003: The Hon. Douglas W. Daily '78 was appointed as one of its "20 to 30" members.

2004: Keith Meyer was appointed to the board of directors for Reliable Properties, a commercial real estate owner and developer. Meyer was previously a deputy district attorney for the Ventura County District Attorney. He earlier served on the board of education for the Long Beach City Unified School District, was a commissioner for Reliable Properties, a commercial real estate owner and developer, and was a member of the California Real Estate Board of Trustees.

2005: The Hon. Victoria G. Chaney '78 was appointed as one of its "20 to 30" members.

2006: Marek Buchelt was appointed to the board of directors for Reliable Properties, a commercial real estate owner and developer. Buchelt was previously a deputy district attorney for the Ventura County District Attorney. He earlier served on the board of education for the Long Beach City Unified School District, was a commissioner for Reliable Properties, a commercial real estate owner and developer, and was a member of the California Real Estate Board of Trustees.

2007: The Hon. Charles S. Wulke '57 of La Canada passed away. Charles Wulke was a former state bar president and was a member of the American Bar Association. He earlier served on the board of directors for Reliable Properties, a commercial real estate owner and developer. Wulke was previously a deputy district attorney for the Ventura County District Attorney. He earlier served on the board of education for the Long Beach City Unified School District, was a commissioner for Reliable Properties, a commercial real estate owner and developer, and was a member of the California Real Estate Board of Trustees.

2008: The Hon. Matthew R. Beckloff '89 was appointed as one of its "20 to 30" members.

2009: Alexander J. Figueroa '81 was appointed to the board of directors for Reliable Properties, a commercial real estate owner and developer. Figueroa was previously a deputy district attorney for the Ventura County District Attorney. He earlier served on the board of education for the Long Beach City Unified School District, was a commissioner for Reliable Properties, a commercial real estate owner and developer, and was a member of the California Real Estate Board of Trustees.

2010: The Hon. Erin L. Reilly '01 was appointed as one of its "20 to 30" members.

2011: The Hon. Victor R. Martone '01 was appointed as one of its "20 to 30" members.

2012: The Hon. Joseph A. Ball-Clarence H. Hunt Inn of Court, the Long Beach Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. He earlier served on the board of directors for Reliable Properties, a commercial real estate owner and developer. Ball was previously a deputy district attorney for the Ventura County District Attorney. He earlier served on the board of education for the Long Beach City Unified School District, was a commissioner for Reliable Properties, a commercial real estate owner and developer, and was a member of the California Real Estate Board of Trustees.

2013: The Hon. David M. Daily '78 was appointed as one of its "20 to 30" members.

2014: The Hon. John J. D'Antonio '81 was appointed as one of its "20 to 30" members.

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New President of Loyola Law Alumni Association Board of Governors

Nancy Zavala is a graduate of the evening class of 1999. Originally from New Zealand, she never wanted anything for her birth-day, she never wanted anything for Christmas. I realized—what better way to honor her than to name a Loyola scholarship for her? She never received a better present. She delighted in helping others, and the scholarship in her name means she still does.—Debbie Koone ’72

“Nancy and I believe a scholarship was the least we needed to do to say thanks for the opportunities Loyola Law School provided me while allowing me to continue to work full-time.”

When Zavala began law school in the evening program in 1995, she was working full-time as a project manager on a high-rise construction project in Los Angeles. However, Zavala recalls that whenever she walked on campus she was reinvigorated and excited to be part of the law school community.

Zavala received the Alumni Association Board of Governors award when she graduated in 1999 and she continues to do pro bono work and has mentored incoming students.

“Several years ago, I could not decide what to give my mother for her birthday. What better way to honor her than to name a Loyola scholarship for her?”

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“I am excited to have Governors, Zavala says, “I am excited to have received a scholarship in her name means she still does.”

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Giving Our Gifts

During this season of giving, Loyola Law School thanks and recognizes all students, alumni and friends who give of themselves to help others.

The Loyola Law Student Bar Association named November a Month of Giving and Awareness. Along with several other student organizations, the SBA arranged donation drives to support:

Clothes the Deal, which distributes clothing to job-ready men, women and at-risk youth, so they are able to dress appropriately and have the same chance during a job interview as anyone else. Find out more about Clothes the Deal at www.clothesdeal.net.

Beyond Shelter’s Adopt-a-Family Program, which connects sponsors with homeless families to “adopt” by providing them with a family profile and wish list. These families then have a chance to celebrate during a difficult time in their lives. For more info, visit www.beyondshelter.org.

The Library Programs Drive for Supplies, which collects supplies like crayons, paper, stationery, colored pencils, art kits, books, and other items to create mini-service packages and write and illustrate their family histories at elementary and middle schools. A partnership with the Screen Actors Guild Foundation, find more information at www.bookpals.net.

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Recent gifts to Loyola from alumni:

Brian Rabatoni ’99, Mark Geragos ’79 and Ben Rupple ’79, recently arranged for $100,000 from the American Insurance Settlement Fund to be donated to Loyola to establish the Loyola Law School Center for the Study of Law and Genetics.

Shirleen ’71 Endowment Fund for the Loyola Public Interest Law Foundation, which will generate summer stipends for law students. The fund was established with Silverman at the USC Law Center, 1978-82, when Silverman was the director of Continuing Legal Education. Franklin read to the in Brief Loyola Law newsletter that Silverman had become the president of the Loyola Law School Alumni Association, and he decided to honor her by establishing this Fund. Silverman is excided to be honored in this way! (We hope to gain additional gifts to this Fund to increase its endowment. Friends of Ami, please send money.)

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• Stay connected with fellow alumni and Loyola Law School.
• Read news and updates about fellow classmates.
• Access the online directory.
• Register for events.
• Make a gift.

Please remember to send your tax-deductible gift to Loyola Law School by December 31, 2007!

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Cole, Collins, Mair & Stewart
Coley, Godbold LLP
D&A Piper & Rudnick
Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher
Gilbert, Cullin & Cullen
Girard, D. Knowlton & Berman LLP
Graves, Robertson & Kirschner
Greenberg, Shroller
Kligman & Bartt
Knobloch & Todaro
Koentary & Associates
Lagier, Lerner, Gough & Brown
Lineker, Kelleher, Sunshine & Regan
Locke, Lord, Bishop & Liddell
Magana, Cuthbert & McCarthy
Pachulski, Stang, Zah & Jones
Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP
Phillips & Noff LLP
Reid Smith
Reynolds, Meyers & Jensen, LLP
Shaw, Shurtleff & Wood
Sidley, Austin, Nix, Waugh, & Lefkowitz
Simpson Thacher & Bartlett
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom
Socron, Patterson & Thel, LLP
White & Case

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• Stay connected with fellow alumni and Loyola Law School.
• Register for events.
• Make a gift.