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New Board President Silverman Aims to Boost Alumni Involvement

Ami Silverman ’87 has been consistently active in the Loyola alumni community — she attended every Grand Reunion since 1983 and every golf tournament since 1986. She has mentored students since she graduated, helped recruit applicants and spoke on panels for the Office of Career Services. A member of the Alumni Association Board of Governors since 2001, she also served as its vice president and treasurer. Silverman is well-prepared for her next position with the group — president.

“My priorities for the coming year are to continue to emphasize programs to strengthen the Loyola alumni community and to foster appreciation for our graduates,” says Silverman. That includes overseeing the planning of long-running events like the Grand Reunion and the Bob Cooney Golf Tournament. Silverman will also play a major role in the Alumni Association’s outreach to current students, which includes the mentoring program, a reception for graduating students, goodie bags for first-year students during finals, financial assistance and more.

Silverman hopes to increase participation in alumni gatherings. “I want to encourage more alumni and students to become involved in law school events to support our Loyola family,” she said. “The Board will continue to assist the admissions and placement offices, and will work on improving how it uses the Internet to communicate with alums.”

Silverman’s duties include speaking at the Law School’s annual swearing-in ceremony for the state bar, an act she relishes because it “provides a seamless bridge between law school and ‘real life’ for our students.” She praises the Association’s board for its hard work, saying, “My fellow Board members are remarkable and talented people from all areas of practice, committed to furthering the prestige of our law school and our profession,” she says. “I hope to be at least as successful as my predecessors, and will continue the programs they began and remain open to new ways to achieve our goals.”

Silverman is a senior trial specialist with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), where she has worked for 19 years. She is a member of the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Orphanage Junior Guild, among other organizations. Prior to her tenure at the NLRB, Silverman was a law clerk at the Times-Mirror Company and a judicial extern in the California Court of Appeal for the Second Appellate District.

For New Chaplain, Loyola is Latest Stop on Journey of Service

Father Kenneth Rudnick is a Renaissance man whose path to becoming Loyola Law School’s chaplain was anything but direct. Before joining the Jesuits, he was in management at a major pharmaceutical company, but was searching for something more fulfilling.

“I thought of higher education immediately. I always loved the academic rhythm of the year,” he says. “I also thought about service. I reflected on what that meant: you put education and service together and you come up with Jesuit.”

After a year of prayer, Rudnick answered his calling. He was accepted into the Jesuit order and ordained in 1990. His studies ultimately led him to Fordham University, where he earned a PhD in epistemology. He also holds master’s degrees in theology and divinity.

Rudnick served as dean of Gonzaga University when the school rose to national prominence when it reached the regional finals of the 1999 NCAA tournament. He is thrilled with his most recent transition. “I am very pleased to be at Loyola,” he says. “I wish to serve this community, its faculty, alumni, students and staff.”

Rudnick, who joined Loyola this semester, is already making an impact on campus. He holds Mass at least three times a week in the Chapel of the Advocate. He also presides over the popular First Friday Forum series, which brings sought-after speakers to campus to discuss contemporary religious issues. Off campus, Rudnick has an eclectic mix of pastimes: listening to jazz, following the Oakland Raiders and cooking.

Upcoming Religion and the Law Programs

Thursday, January 18
St. Thomas More Law Day
Mass and dinner in the Student Lounge will be followed by a presentation by the Hon. Ming Chin, associate justice, California Supreme Court. Patrick Lynch, Esq., of O’Melveny & Myers, will receive the Ignatian Medallion and the Hon. Frederick J. Lower, Jr. will be presented with the St. Thomas More Medallion.

Tuesday, February 13
Law and Catholic Tradition Dinner
Villanova Law School Dean Mark Sargent will present “The Meaning of the ‘Preferential Option for the Poor’ for Law and Social Policy” in the Student Lounge.

Friday, February 2, March 2 and May 4
First Friday Forums
First Friday Forums begin with Mass at 7:30 am in the Chapel of the Advocate, followed by a lecture and continental breakfast from 8 – 9 am in Donovan Hall.
A. SANTA BARBARA ALUMNI BBQ – July 29, 2006
Home of Mrs. & Hon. Thomas Anderle, Santa Barbara

B. CLASS OF 1955 REUNION BRUNCH – August 6, 2006
Loyola Law School

C. LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL NIGHT AT DODGERS NIGHT
August 14, 2006, Dodger Stadium
The 2006 Grand Reunion

Hundreds of alumni and friends gathered on November 2, 2006 at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel. The ambiance was festive and uplifting, and guests enjoyed an evening of camaraderie while listening to jazz and enjoying delicious hors d’oeuvres and spirits.

Festivities began with an awards ceremony. Walter J. Lack ’73, managing partner at Engstrom, Lipscomb & Lack, Walter F. Ulloa ’74, chairman and chief executive officer at Enravision Communications Corporation, and Juliette C. Youngblood ’90, partner at Irell & Manella, were presented with the 2006 Distinguished Alumni Award. Giselle Acevedo ’86, president and chief executive officer of Para Los Niños, Eve L. Hill, visiting professor of law and director of the Disability Rights Legal Center at Loyola Law School, and Paul H. Irving ’80, chief executive and managing partner at Manatt, Philips & Phillips, were presented with the Alumni Association Board of Governors Recognition Award.

The Grand Reunion is sponsored by the Alumni Association Board of Governors and the following firms and individuals:

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The 2006 Law Firm Challenge Is Underway!

Last year, over 50 firms participated in the inaugural Law Firm Challenge. This year, Executive Director of Advancement Carmen Ramirez hopes to increase the number to 70, saying, “Seventy is an ambitious number but certainly possible.” The goals of the Law Firm Challenge are to increase alumni participation at Loyola Law School and to re-engage law school graduates in the life of their alma mater.

The Law Firm Challenge generates support for Loyola Law School by focusing on participation rate and not a monetary goal—thus if a donation of $25 or $25,000 is made, it represents one gift towards the firm’s 100 percent participation rate. Participation is what counts! Every gift, regardless of amount, makes a difference.

The 2006-07 Law Firm Challenge cycle includes donations received from June 1, 2006 through May 31, 2007. All gifts received during the cycle will be credited to a firm’s participation rate, which means some firms may have already reached the 100 percent participation rate.

The Law Firm Challenge emphasizes personal contributions from alumni at participating firms. Alumni may make a gift by personal check or credit card. Gifts on firm checks cannot be credited toward the firm’s participation rate.

Gifts to the Law School’s Juris Fund are especially appreciated, however gifts can be directed to support any other fund at the Law School, like scholarships, academic programs and chairs, centers and more.

Alumni interested in adding their firm to the Challenge should contact Carmen Ramirez at 213.736.1046 or Carmen.Ramirez@lls.edu.

Christopher N. May
Professor of Law
Chair Announced

To honor Professor Christopher N. May, the long-time civil procedure and constitutional law professor, Loyola Law School is creating the Christopher N. May Professor of Law Chair.

Efforts are underway to raise funds from the thousands of Loyola alumni taught by Professor May since he began at Loyola in 1973.

“Chris May touched the lives of literally thousands of Loyola Law students, and this chair will ensure that his name lives on at our school in perpetuity,” said Dean Burcham.

When fully funded, the Chair will provide funds to recruit and retain top faculty. Endowment is critical to the future of Loyola Law School and its ability to support the kind of inspirational faculty exemplified in the teaching career of Professor May.

Those interested in honoring Professor May by making a tax deductible contribution should contact Kenneth Ott, assistant dean for advancement, at 213.736.1025 or ken.ott@lls.edu.
UPCOMING EVENTS

January 07
18 Law Day Mass & Dinner
LAW SCHOOL 6:00 – 8:30 PM
26 Sports Law Institute Symposium
LAW SCHOOL 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
31 Dinner in Honor of Alumni Members of the Bench
CALIFORNIA CLUB 6:30 – 8:30 PM

February 07
13 Law and Catholic Tradition Lecture & Dinner
LAW SCHOOL
22 African American Alumni Reception
LAW SCHOOL 6:30 – 8:30 PM
23 Commercial Speech: Past, Present, Future
LAW SCHOOL 4:30 – 8:30 PM
24 Commercial Speech: Past, Present, Future
LAW SCHOOL 5:00 AM – 5:30 PM

Visit alumni.lls.edu/events for more information or to register.

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Merry Christmas,
Happy Holidays and the Best in 2007!

Collective Bargaining & Individual Contract Negotiation in Professional Sports

Friday, January 26, 2007
Loyola Law School Campus

MODERATOR
• Daniel E. Lazaroff, Professor of Law and Leonard Cohen Chair in Law and Economics; Director, Loyola Sports Law Institute

SPEAKERS & PANELS
9:00–10:45 AM
Collective Bargaining
• Hal Biagas, Deputy Counsel, National Basketball Players Association
• Adolphe A. Birch, III, Labor Relations Counsel, NFL Management Council
• Howard L. Ganz, Partner, Proskauser Rose, LLP

11:00 AM–12:45 PM
Individual Contract Negotiation
• Joseph C. Longe, President, Paragon Sports Management
• Jeff Moorad, CEO & Managing Partner, Arizona Diamondbacks
• Am Telleman, President, WMG Management

12:45–1:45 PM
Loyola Law School Alumni Question & Answer on Entry Into Sports Law
• Robert E. Buch, Partner, SeyfarthShaw, LLP
• Joseph C. Longo, President, Paragon Sports Management
• Richard Motzk, WMG Management
• Joel Wolfe, WMG Management

1:45–3:00 PM
Lunch

SAVE THE DATE!

Commercial Speech: Past, Present, Future

February 23 – 24, 2007
Loyola Law School Campus

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C. Edwin Baker, University of Pennsylvania Law School
David Burcham, Loyola Law School Los Angeles
Erwin Chemerinsky, Duke University School of Law
Ronald Collins, The First Amendment Center
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