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A legal education is both challenging and broadening. Research and writing, public speaking, critical thinking, attention to detail and understanding regulatory frameworks (like zoning and code requirements) are just some of the skills developed in law school that are transferable to non-legal careers.

"The JD gives professionals credibility. Also, the ability to draft specialized business contracts for employment, leases and purchases and sales, for example, is a useful skill for an entrepreneur," said Graham Sherr, assistant dean for career services at Loyola.

Many Loyola Law School graduates chose non-legal careers, including Christopher A. Calarco ’97, a special agent with the FBI in Los Angeles, and Christopher W. Silva ’89 (LMU ’86), president and chief executive officer of St. Francis Winery & Vineyards in Santa Rosa.

Why attend law school if not to practice law? Law librarians, entrepreneurs, talent and sports agents, legal and executive recruiters and tax consultants are good examples of those who benefit from a juris doctor.

Calarco’s work with the VCS includes investigating kidnappings, extortion, murders-for-hire, major thefts and assaults against federal officers and judges. His assignments with ACT cover cultural property crimes concerning stolen artifacts, antiquities and fine art. One of his team’s most recent accomplishments was recovering a $40 million Rembrandt through a sting operation in Copenhagen.

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and is one of 12 attorneys selected statewide to participate in the State Bar’s Access and Fairness Leadership Academy.

1997 Nadav Ravid was elected a shareholder at Buchalter, Nemer, Fields & Young. Ravid specializes in real estate, and also teaches courses with UCLA Extension. Astrid R. Spain was elected partner at McNicholas & Spain. Her practice includes all aspects of intellectual property law.


1999 Laura Overton is corporate counsel for Sun Healthcare Group, a national health care provider, and was named to the Board of Directors of Hope International University in Fullerton. Major Jim Winner was appointed the Meritorious Service Award for his three years of active duty service as an appellate defense counsel for the Air Force Legal Services Agency, where he represented hundreds of Air Force members before the Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals, the US Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces and the US Supreme Court. Winner was recently reappointed to serve as deputy staff judge advocate for the US Ninth Fighter Wing at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico.

2000 Andrew E. Cooper was appointed a deputy district attorney for Los Angeles County. R. Todd Zink was selected for the second consecutive year as a Rising Star by Super Lawyers of Southern California. Zink is a deputy district attorney for LA County, Compton Court, and continues to serve as a major in the Reserve.

2004 Jason N. Bernstein successfully completed the Arizona Bar Examination in February and is now a member of both the California and Arizona Bar Associations.

ENGAGEMENTS & MARRIAGES
Sheila Maria Pistone ‘91 married Peter Principe, a civil engineer, in a ceremony in Maui on September 10, 2000. David Graeler ‘98 and Michele Garrett ‘04 are engaged to wed in summer 2006. Graeler is an associate at Nossaman, Gutarman, Knupp & Elliot and Garrett is an associate at Lewis, Brbibis, Bisaig & Smith.

BIRTH CERTIFICATIONS

JUDICIAL REVIEW
Hon. Irma J. Brown-Dillon ‘73 was honored as the Volunteer Program’s Volunteer of the Year. Brown-Dillon, who sits on the Inglewood Juvenile Drug Court, was recognized for her participation in a pilot program stressing rehabilitation over detention. Hon. Raoul Canela Pardo ‘73 was appointed a lifetime federal administrative law judge with the Social Security Administration. Gradela Freixes ‘08 of Agajanian, McFall, Weiss, Tetreault & Curtist LLP was elected a Los Angeles Superior Court commissioner. Comm. Glenn Mondal and Comm. Max DeLema ‘74 were elected commissioners with the Orange County Superior Court. Hon. Keith Schulin ‘92, who took charge of his late father’s law office in Ventura County, was promoted to administrative law judge, specializing in employment tax and unemployment and disability insurance issues. Schulin had served the county for 13 years. His test result in California on the most recent exam, making him the youngest judge in California on the Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board to receive this promotion.

IN MEMORIAM
Richard Sauer ‘51 passed away in May 2005. Max Hafton ‘72, a retired civil engineer and lawyer, died on August 8, 2005 in Oceanside. A native of the Bronx, Hafton served in World War II as his ship’s radio operator with the Merchant Marines. He is survived by his wife, Arline, a daughter and son, and three grandchildren. Susan Roberts O’Brien ‘73 passed away on August 5, 2005. Born in Cambridge, O’Brien was an assistant county counsel in Ventura. She served on the Parent Teacher Association. Her husband, Lloyd O’Brien, was active in numerous charities and was an avid tennis player. O’Brien is survived by her husband, a daughter, son and mother.

CORRECTION
In the Direct Examination column in the Summer 2005 issue, Bryan Cave LLP was misspelled. The Public Record regrets the error.
The evening began with an awards ceremony honoring John J. Collins ’61, managing partner at Collins, Collins, Muir & Stewart, and Magistrate Judge Carla Woehrle ’77 of the US District Court. They were presented with the 2005 Distinguished Alumni Award. Also honored that evening were the Alumni Association Board of Governors’ Recognition Service Award recipients Olegario D. Cantos VII ’97, special assistant to the assistant attorney general, Civil Rights Division; Stuart A. Liner ’87, partner at Liner Yankelevitz Sunshine & Regenstein; and Charles G. Smith ’84, partner at Towlie, Denison, Smith & Tavera. The Hon. Dickran M. Tervizian, Jr. of the US District Court for the Central District of California was presented with the 2005 St. Thomas More Medallion. Hundreds of alumni attended the reunion to honor fellow members of the community and to enjoy a wonderful evening of camaraderie.

Mentors and students a chance to meet one with an on-campus brunch on October 9, 2005. Attendees caught up with other alums from the area, including members of the bench and bar. Attendees caught up with other alums and had a chance to tour the exhibits, Evita: Up Close and Personal and Mummies: Death in the Afterlife.

off with an on-campus brunch on October 9, 2005. “This informal get-together is designed to give mentors and students a chance to meet one another,” said Carmen Ramirez, executive director of advancement. The alumni mentors will offer guidance to students through their years at Loyola.

myself leaving the law to help manage a winery, but this was an exciting opportunity in an area and an industry that I essentially grew up with.”

“I put much that I learned studying and practicing law to use each day running a winery,” said Silva. His new career involves reviewing contracts, maintaining compliance with state and federal regulations, minimizing exposure in personnel matters and maintaining a safe workplace. “Good executives, like good litigators, must be quick on their feet, communicate effectively and strategize quickly based on an efficient but careful review of the facts. I think we’ll continue to see more lawyers enter the business world, particularly lawyers who study and represent businesses. I wouldn’t trade what I am doing now for anything, but if it all ended tomorrow I would go back to practicing law and consider myself quite fortunate to do so.”

The Career Services Office at the Law School coordinates an annual panel presentation for students who are interested in learning more about non-traditional career opportunities. If you are interested in participating in future panels, please contact Carmen Ramirez, executive director of advancement, at Carmen.ramirez@lls.edu or 213.736.1046.

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Loyola Law School Thanks Grand Reunion Sponsors
Loyola Law School Named One of Best Law Schools by The Princeton Review

Loyola Law School was named one of the nation’s most outstanding law schools by The Princeton Review. Out of 159 law schools, Loyola ranked 3rd for “Best Overall Academic Experience,” 3rd for “Professors Rock” and 6th for “Best Environment for Minority Students.”

Additionally, Loyola Law School scored, out of 100, a 98 in the academic experience rating; a 98 in the professors interesting rating; and a 96 in the professors accessible rating. Also noted in the profile are Loyola’s “great research resources,” its “abundant externship, internship and clerkship opportunities” and that “diverse opinions are accepted in the classroom.”

The profile also highlights Loyola’s “reputation for producing renowned litigators,” its “emphasis on practical application, skills classes and real-world experience,” that it has a “great reputation among employers in the Southern California area” and “a large alumni network of successful and respected lawyers in California.”

On being recognized as one of the country’s outstanding law schools, Dean David Burcham ’84 said, “We are very pleased to be included in this survey and that our profile recognizes so many of the terrific things happening on our campus.”

The rankings are based on institutional data from the schools and on surveys of 15,000 students attending the schools. The survey asked students over 50 questions and was conducted during the 2004-05 and 2003-04 academic years. The complete ranking lists are posted at www.princetonreview.com.

The Law Firm Challenge is a fundraiser that generates support for Loyola Law School by focusing on participation rate, not a monetary goal. The Law Firm Challenge emphasizes personal contributions from alumni at participating firms. An ambitious goal of reaching 100% alumni participation at 40 firms was set for the inaugural year. As of October 18, 2005, alumni at the following firms committed to participating in the 2005 Law Firm Challenge. Special thanks to alumni contacts spearheading the efforts at their respective firms, noted in parentheses.

• Buchalter, Nemer, Fields & Younger (Ann Camacho ’02)
• Engstrom, Lipscomb & Lack (Elizabeth Crooke ’79)
• Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher (Jeffrey LeSage ’98)
• Gilbert Kelly Crowley & Jennett (Paul Bigley ’84)
• Girardi & Keese (Jack Girardi ’72)
• Greenberg Glusker (Hillary Bibicoff ’94)
• Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith (Julia Sylva ’83)
• Manatt, Phelps & Phillips (Ellen Berkowitz ’89)
• McDermott, Will & Emery (Benjamin Hofilena ’03)
• O’Melveny & Myers, LLP (Karen Rinehart ’96)
• Paul Hastings (James Gilliam ’03)
• Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP (Christopher Chaudoir ’98)
• Prenovost, Normandin, Bergh & Dawe (Thomas R. Normandin ’81)
• Sheldon & Mak (Kristin Hibner ’00)
• Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP (Jeleen Guttenberg ’96)
• Stroock & Stroock & Lavan (Marian Selvaggio ’02)

If you have any questions, or would like to join the Law Firm Challenge, please contact Executive Director of Advancement Carmen Ramirez at Carmen.Ramirez@lls.edu or 213.736.1046.