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NEWS FLASH

Nominate an Alum!
The Alumni Association Board of Governors is accepting nominations for its Recognition Awards, and recipients will be honored at the 2005 Grand Reunion. These awards recognize outstanding service to the Law School, the legal profession and the community. Visit alumni.lls.edu to complete the nomination form.

ONLINE GIVING


You can now support Loyola Law School by making a gift online, through the School’s Web site. The process is simple and speedy—and secure.

Alumni gifts to Loyola are indispensable, and Loyola’s current efforts to hire top-notch faculty, develop new programs and recruit first-rate students make them even more so. Online giving is an efficient way for alumni to donate, and there are multiple giving options—alums can fund a scholarship or contribute to one of the many existing scholarships, like the Evening Division Scholarship, the Orange County Scholarship and the Jenine Meltzer Scholarship. Alums can also support specific Loyola programs or projects, like the Public Interest Law Foundation; the new Center for Juvenile Law and Policy; or the Cancer Legal Research Center.

Gifts of all kinds are welcome—from securities to bequests to cash to real estate—and donors can make a gift by visiting alumni.lls.edu/giving. The online giving pages are easy to navigate, and all information is encrypted—private data will remain private. Additionally, alums can keep track of their giving history via the site.

All gifts to Loyola are tax deductible, and all donors are recognized in the School’s annual publication, the Honor Roll of Donors. Please contact Carmen Ramirez, executive director of advancement, with any questions at 213.736.1046 or carmen.ramirez@lls.edu.

The 2005 Grand Reunion

The Grand Reunion is undergoing two big changes—this year, it will be in the fall instead of the spring, and next year it will be held on the Loyola Law School campus instead of at a hotel.

Rescheduling the Grand Reunion for the fall and changing its location has been in the works for several years. “It’s the largest alumni gathering of the year—with more than 450 alumni and friends reconnecting, networking and remembering their law school experience, so it makes sense to host the event on campus when the weather is more cooperative,” says Carmen Ramirez, executive director of advancement. “The Law School campus is beautiful and impressive. Holding the Grand Reunion at the Law School is a great opportunity for alumni and friends to visit the campus, stir-up some nostalgia and reinforce a sense of pride in being Loyola Law School graduates.”

The Grand Reunion will honor recipients of the Alumni Association Board of Governors Recognition Award, given to alumni, faculty or friends of the Law School who demonstrate significant service to the School, the legal profession and the community at large. The Board of Governors is accepting nominations for this award, and service deserving a nomination is as varied as our alumni and friends. To nominate an alum for the Recognition Award, please visit alumni.lls.edu. Additionally, the evening will recognize the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year recipient.

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The success of the Grand Reunion, no matter when or where it is held, depends on alumni attendance. If you missed the event in the past, be sure to mark your calendars now—don’t miss the opportunity to enjoy an evening of camaraderie with our united, loyal and active alumni community.

SAVE THE DATE

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1969 Larry Feldman, special counsel with Kaye Scholer LLP, was named one of the 100 most influential lawyers in California by the Los Angeles Daily Journal. Selection is based on votes from the legal community.

1977 Jason G. Landess was appointed independent counsel by Broadleaf Capital Partners, Inc., a business development company in Las Vegas. Formerly a deputy district attorney in Orange County, Landess worked most recently in private practice, specializing in complex commercial litigation.

1978 C. Michelle Marlo was promoted to partner in the real estate practice group at Patterson, Ashburn, Rochefort, Ruvacalba & MacCush. For fifteen years prior to joining Westor, Marlo was a sole practitioner.

1979 John R. Hanna joined forces with Loyola alumna Doug Scott ’73 to form Hanna & Scott, a civil litigation firm in Rancho Cucamonga and Santa Ana. The firm emphasizes personal injury, probate, government and corporate matters.

1980 Janet Levine and John Vandevelde ’75 successfully negotiated a dismissal of the case against Katrina Leung, accused double-agent. A federal judge ruled that prosecutors behaved unethically.

1981 Cameron H. Faber was named partner at K&L Gates LLP, a health care law firm in Los Angeles. Faber has litigated state and federal court trials, bench trials and arbitrations.

1982 Karen C. Freitas was named a 2005 Super Lawyer by Los Angeles magazine and will be listed in Southern California’s “Best Lawyers.” Freitas specializes in family law, emphasizing dissolution of marriage litigation. She heads the family law section at Cotkin, Collins & Ginsburg in Los Angeles.

1983 Malcolm S. McNeil’s firm, The Law Offices of Malcolm S. McNeil (which employs Michihiko Shimabu ’03), joined Carlsath Ball, LLP in Los Angeles. Donna S. Steff was named partner at K&R Law Group, LLP, a health care law firm in Los Angeles.

1984 Shelle Samuels, a San Fernando deputy district attorney, won a case in People v. Blake. Former actor Blake is charged with two counts of solicitation of murder.

1986 David C. Carr joined Maxie, Rheinheimer, Stephens & Vrech, LLP, as of counsel in its San Diego office. Carr's practice focuses on ethics advice, legal malpractice, State Bar discipline defense and admissions and attorney fee disputes. John Rafter was hired by the Intellectual Property Section of Stoel Rives, LLP in Portland, Oregon. Rafter advises the firm's technology clients and obtains patents for them.

1989 Paul Anderson joined Jaffe, Mangels, Butler & Street and was counsel in its Los Angeles office. Anderson was formerly a city attorney for Brentwood and Sausalito.

1991 St. Marjorie J. Shehy, D.C. of the Legal Aid Foundation in Los Angeles received the Denison Ray Award from the National Legal Aid and Defender Association for her exceptional service to the equal justice community. Ellen Tippin, who practices employment law in the Orange County office of Stoel Rives, LLP in Portland, Oregon. Rafter advises the firm's technology clients and obtains patents for them.

1992 Jeffery Hughes was featured in a “Marketplace” story on his café, The Legal Grind, in Los Angeles. For $25, patrons meet for fifteen minutes with an attorney while enjoying freshly brewed coffee or tea.

1994 Maritoni A. Acosta was named a “Rising Star” in family law by Los Angeles magazine. A partner at the Los Angeles law firm Feinberg, Mindel, Brandt, Klein & Kline, LLP, and a judge pro tem for the Los Angeles Superior Court Family Law Division, Acosta was recognized for service as a mediator and litigator. Jonathan Zelnik was appointed acting senior counsel at the Internal Revenue Service’s Office of Chief Counsel, where he is the primary advisor to the nationwide tax practice.

1995 Lynda I. Chung, who specializes in construction and commercial litigation, joined the Litigation Department of Valensi, Rose, Magaram, Morris & Murphy in Century City. Scott Fleming was made a shareholder of Hale Lane, a Nevada law firm. Fleming focuses on fraud, bankruptcy and commercial litigation. Paul Fuhrman was elected partner at Latham & Watkins in Los Angeles, practicing in the firm’s financial institutions and real estate practice groups. New pilot was reelected vice chairman of the Orange County (Florida) Republican Party. Pfister also participates in the Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program. Scott Tiedemann was named partner at Liebert, Cassidy, Whitmore in Los Angeles, where he specializes in employment and labor law and represents state and local law enforcement agencies. Sharon Ligorsky Urias was made partner at Latham & Watkins, LLP, where her practice focuses on complex business litigation.

1996 Shawn Clark, partner at Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton, LLP, was featured in The Hollywood Reporter for his role in negotiating production deals for high profile films. Landi, Leon & Associates, a partner and co-chair of the newly formed Ventura County Asian American Bar Association. Jeffrey Lewis was made a shareholder at Enterprise Counsel Group. Prior to the 1997 Matthew R. Hicks was made a shareholder of a firm, Bergman & Dacey of Los Angeles. Robert M. Keane was named partner at Paul, Hastings, Janowsky & Walker in Los Angeles. Larry Larson and Rebecca Lawlor Calkins were admitted to practice law at the United States Supreme Court. The classmates took the oath in front of the justices before the morning's oral arguments. Payman Pezhman was named partner at 8888888, LLP, a health care law firm in Los Angeles.

1998 Meredith McKenzie joined Keller Williams Realty in Camarillo. She is also a Rotarian and a member of the National Women’s Political Caucus. John E. Rogers, Jr. joined the Los Angeles law firm Feinberg, Mindel, Brandt, Klein & Kline, LLP as an associate in its Probate and Trust Department. Zach Wechsler, formerly deputy attorney general for California, opened his own firm in Los Angeles, which specializes in employment and business law, general litigation, appeals, writs and mediation.

1999 Alison Rossman joined Bryan Cave L.L.P. in its Phoenix office. She practices in its Real Estate, Construction and Project Finance Client Service Group. Michele Sweetland was appointed to the Santa Monica Arts Commission by the Santa Monica City Council.

2000 Lorenzo D. Espanar was promoted to vice president, central regional manager, for Paramount Pictures Domestic Television. Based in Chicago, Espanar will oversee its operations in the Midwest.

2001 Jade Chao joined Tucker, Ellis & West, LLP as an associate in the firm’s trial group. Chao focuses on liability and intellectual property. Usses C. Henderson, Jr. joined the Los Angeles office of Foley & Lardner, LLP as an associate in its I.P. Litigation, Trademark & Copyright and Entertainment & Media practice groups.

2002 Jennifer N. Sawday opened her own law firm, Sawday and Drake, which practices family law and estate planning in Long Beach.

2003 JUDICIAL REVIEW Former Judge Howard P. Sweeney ’68, who served in the Judge Advocate General Department in the U.S. Air Force, was made a partner with McNama, Dodge, Levy, Breytag, Slattery, Pfizer & Borges, LLP. Hon. George Genesta ’75 is hearing felony trials after serving the past three years as supervising judge of the East District of the Los Angeles Superior Court. Hon. D. Zeke Zeidler ’91 was elected Los Angeles County Superior Court judge in November. Judge Zeidler served as a Superior Court referee for over six years, presiding over child abuse cases.

2004 MARRIAGE PROPOSALS, VOWS AND ANNIVERSARIES Christina Ling ’90 married Travis W. Smith on October 2, 2004. Ling is an assistant title officer at L.S.I., a Fidelity National Financial Company. Wendy Scholl ’92, senior vice president and assistant general counsel with Countrywide Home Loans, is engaged to Gregory Hagelston. They will wed in April 2005. Leigh Linder Curran ’94 married Tim Curran on August 14, 2004. She is of counsel in the Intercal- property group at Bingham McCutchen’s Los Angeles office. Gary W. Park ’94 married Casey Park on May 8, 2004 at the Hotel Casa Del Mar in Santa Monica, and Dean David Burcham ’84 opened the ceremony. The groom is a partner at Burke, Williams & Sorensen. Douglas Herring ’97, a deputy district attorney in Los Angeles, married Christine Givskos on November 13, 2004 at St. Katherine’s Greek Orthodox Church in Redondo Beach. Arleen De Los Santos ’98 and Rhone Aquino ’95 wed on January 8, 2005. De Los Santos is an associate at Gilbert, Kelly, Crowly and Bennett, and Aquino is a sole practitioner specializing in civil litigation. The couple met at an alumni event...and the rest is history.

2005 MENTOR PROGRAM KICK-OFF The Alumni Association Board of Governors and the Alumni Relations Office kicked off this year’s Mentor Program at an on-campus brunch on November 14, 2005. The Mentor Program pairs alumni with first year students who have something in common, like gender or interest in a specific area of law. Carmen Ramirez, executive director of advancement, says, “The response from alumni who volunteer in the program has been wonderful, but it would be great to have more alumni participation.” The next event for mentors and students is on April 3, 2005, at the Queen Mary. For more information about being a mentor, please contact Mary Dettmers at 213.736.1029.

EIGHTH ANNUAL WESTERN CONFERENCE ON TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS The eighth annual Western Conference on Tax Exempt Organizations, held on November 18 and 19, 2004 at the Marriott in downtown Los Angeles, focused on current tax topics. The conference is co-sponsored by Loyola Law School and the Internal Revenue Service. For information on next year’s conference, please contact Vlasta Lebo at 213.736.1423.
Lori Bernstein-Baker ’91 of San Clemente passed away on December 10, 2004 at Lunaria Restaurant in Los Angeles, focused on ethics and gender bias in law. Law Professors Scott Wood and Cindy Archer spoke.

Byrne, Jr., senior district judge of the United States District Court in the Central District of California, administered the July bar exam. The Hon. William Matthew Byrne, Jr. was retired from the Orange County Superior Court. Schenk served in the Navy during World War II, and retired from service as a captain. He was a resident of Newport Beach, Judge Schenk was retired from the Orange County Superior Court. Schenk served in the Navy during World War II, and following his law studies, practiced law in Hollywood. He later opened a branch office in Palm Springs. Schenk is survived by his wife, five children, a grandchild and two great grandchildren. Justin M. McCarthy ‘53, a longtime Riverside attorney practicing eminent domain and water cases, died on October 23, 2004 of heart failure. He was 78.

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Scholarships
Make a Difference

Loyola Law School students thrive thanks to the scholarships they receive, many of which are funded entirely by alumni donations. Recipients’ own words tell the story:

“Your support made it possible for me to attend Loyola Law School, where I am receiving a superb education. With open and caring faculty members and a diverse and intelligent student body, I am confident that my Loyola Law School education will enrich my life and open many doors. The support that you continue to give me and my fellow students is greatly appreciated.”

“As a result of your donation, I plan to continue the legacy of scholarship in the future as I pursue my own legal endeavors. The spirit and dedication of Loyola alumni is inspiring and I continue to be amazed by the students, the faculty and the administration at Loyola.”

“I will never forget your generosity, as I hope to one day be in a position where I too can give back to the Loyola Law School scholarship fund. Hopefully, I can someday help another underprivileged person attend Loyola Law School, just like you helped me. Thank you and may God continue to bless you.”

“This scholarship will help me make the tuition payments due this year without resorting to more student loans or credit card debt. I consider this a great blessing... Loyola Law School is a great institution that not only provides excellent teaching, but also an environment that prepares students to excel as lawyers and leaders of our community. Such excellence is made possible by the resources provided by donors. I thank you again for the contribution to my scholarship.”

Alumni support of Loyola scholarships can make all the difference in a student’s academic and legal career, and there are multiple giving opportunities—the African American Scholarship, the Orange County Scholarship, the Evening Division Scholarship and many more! For more information on giving to, or creating, a scholarship fund, please contact Ken Ott, assistant dean, at 213.736.1025, ken.ott@lls.edu or visit alumni.lls.edu/giving.