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The Loyola Law School community added another important alumni group to its ranks in the month of February. The Health Law Alumni Chapter officially launched on Feb. 9, 2013 during a well-attended kickoff celebration in the Burns Lounge on campus.

Professor Brietta Clark, who organized the event, said she was thrilled with the turnout and response, adding that a number of alumni “expressed their gratitude and excitement about the creation of the chapter and wanted to know when the next event would be.”

Steven Goby ‘89, in-house counsel at L.A. Care Health Plan in Los Angeles, received the inaugural Alumni Mentor Award for his tremendous public service and mentorship to students and alumni. Many of Goby’s former and current mentees were in attendance.

David Blake ’92, vice president of corporate compliance at Cedars-Sinai, and Vince Farhat ’96, a partner at Holland & Knight in Los Angeles, were also recognized for their important contributions to the health law program as adjunct professors.

The new alumni chapter was launched at the urging of current Health Law and Bioethics Association (HLBA) student leaders Jenny Jiao ’13, Renee Kimm ’13, David Lancaster ’13, Puja Shah ’13 and William Yee ’13.

Since 2004, the HLBA has focused on promoting awareness and career opportunities in health law among Loyola students. As the implementation of health care reform unfolds, it also organizes events to inform students about related legal issues.

Professor Clark speaks to many young alumni, especially those new to the health law field, who are excited about the networking opportunities the chapter provides. “They view it as a great way to reach out to more experienced alumni for support and mentoring.” Clark said, “particularly in the face of new challenges and uncertainty created by health care reform implementation.”

Clark said the group offers an avenue for experienced alumni to reconnect with the Law School and give back by mentoring students while also receiving professional development as demand increases for health law attorneys. The Health Law Alumni Chapter will also facilitate career networking for current students through experiential learning opportunities with alumni, who have played a critical role in making government and in-house externships available to Loyola students. Traditionally, these positions have been few and far between. For instance, Goby oversaw students working in the Licensing Division of the Department of Managed Health Care, while Grace Oh ’99 and Julien Kern ’10 placed Loyola students in positions at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles.

Additionally, Annie Hsu Shieh ’09, senior compliance counsel at Central Health Plan, started a Health Law Externship and Summer Internship program at her company a few years ago. Since then, the program has hosted four talented Loyola students who have returned to the externship for multiple semesters.

The Central Health Plan program is the first placement at a for-profit health care company available to Loyola students for course credit. Based on its success, Loyola is looking to expand Health Law Practicum opportunities to in-house legal departments at other health care companies and to health law firms. In addition to the Health Law Practicum, the Law School is offering a new student program, the Health Care Law Course of Study. The Course of Study Program is designed for students interested in learning about the legal regulation of health care access, quality and cost. The program acts as a guide for students with these interests to structure their paths through law school and into their future careers.

Alumni interested in joining the Health Law Alumni Chapter should visit alumni.ills.edu and log on to Loyola Connect, Loyola’s secure, password-protected alumni online directory. Once you’ve logged in, be sure to select health law as an area of practice to receive information about future chapter events and notable developments.

Alumni interested in learning more about the chapter or joining the group’s advisory board are welcome to contact Professor Brietta Clark at 213.736.1494 or Brietta.Clark@lls.edu.
ORANGE COUNTY HAPPY HOUR MIXER (A)
Thursday, January 24, 2013
Andrei’s Conscious Cuisine – Irvine, CA

GRAND AVENUE GANG LUNCH (B)
Friday, January 25, 2013
Loyola Law School – Los Angeles, CA

LAUNCH OF THE HEALTH LAW ALUMNI CHAPTER (C)
Saturday, February 9, 2013
Loyola Law School – Los Angeles, CA
Honoree: Steven Goby ’89, In-House Counsel, L.A. Care Health Plan

LAW DAY AWARDS DINNER & LECTURE (D)
Thursday, February 21, 2013
Loyola Law School – Los Angeles, CA
Guest Speaker: Hon. Steve Cooley, District Attorney (Ret.), Office of the Los Angeles County District Attorney
St. Ignatius of Loyola Award Recipient: Fr. Scott Santarosa, S.J., Pastor, Dolores Mission Church
St. Thomas More Medallion Recipient: Kathleen H. Aikenhead, Chair, Loyola Marymount University Board of Trustees

JOHNNIE L. COCHRAN, JR. PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD RECEPTION & SCULPTURE DEDICATION (E)
February 28, 2013
Loyola Law School – Los Angeles, CA
Honoree: Al Jenkins ’76, Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney (Ret.)
Sculpture Dedication: Johnnie L. Cochran Memorial: The Advocate, by artist Daniel Larue Johnson and commissioned and gifted to Loyola Law School by The Cochran Firm

PERSPECTIVES ON GENOCIDE: ARMENIAN GENOCIDE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE SYMPOSIUM (F)
Saturday, March 23, 2013
Loyola Law School – Los Angeles, CA
Garden Reception
Sunday, March 24, 2013
Home of Paulette & Mark Geragos ’82
Honoree and Keynote Speaker: Taner Akcam

OUTLAW ALUMNI RECEPTION (G)
Thursday, April 4, 2013
Loyola Law School – Los Angeles, CA
Honorees: Roberta A. Conroy ’80, Senior Vice President (retired), The Capital Group and James W. Gilliam ’03, Deputy Executive Director, American Civil Liberties Union

LOYOLA SPORTS LAW SYMPOSIUM – CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN PLAYER HEALTH AND SAFETY (H)
Saturday, April 6, 2013
Loyola Law School – Los Angeles, CA
Keynote Speaker: Ryan Nece, former UCLA and NFL Linebacker and Pac-12 Network Analyst

PUBLIC INTEREST LAW FOUNDATION AWARDS RECEPTION (I)
Thursday, April 11, 2013
Loyola Law School – Los Angeles, CA
Honoree: Jose O. Tello ’02, Staff Attorney, Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County and Paul C. Workman ’80, Partner, Holland & Knight LLP
1959 Louis J. Knobbe received the Legends of Law Award from the Orange County Bar Association’s Masters Division; fifty years ago, Knobbe founded the intellectual property law firm known today as Knobbe Martens Olson & Bear LLP.

1967 Janet L. Chubb, a partner in Armstrong Teasdale’s Reno, NV office, was selected for the 2012 Mountain States Super Lawyers and the 2013 Southern California Super Lawyers list, in the category of bankruptcy and creditor and debtor rights; Chubb is a member of the firm’s financial restructuring, reorganization and bankruptcy practice group.

1969 Patrick M. Kelly, regional managing partner with the Los Angeles office of Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP, was sworn in as the 88th president of the California State Bar.


2013 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SUPER LAWYERS

Orange County Top 50
Mark P. Robinson, Jr. ’72
Mark E. Minyard ’76
Craig Simon ’77

Jeffery G. Elias retired from the County of San Diego Law Office of the Primary Public Defender where he was serving as supervising attorney. Earlier in his legal career, Elias practiced as a trial attorney and a deputy public defender.

Lawrence J. Stern of Mallerly & Stern is the incoming president of the California Applicants’ Attorneys Association; the members’ purpose is to improve the advocacy, promote the skill and preserve the high standards of ethics of attorneys representing injured workers.

Ronald K. Collins, professor at the University of Washington School of Law, is releasing three new books this year: Nuanced Absolutism: Floyd Abrams & the First Amendment; Mania: The Story of the Outraged & Outrageous Lives that Launched a Cultural Revolution; and On Dissent: Its Meaning in America (June 2013). Gary S. Green, received the Board of Governors Award for his exceptional service to the Beverly Hills Bar Association. Jeffrey S. Kravitz was named to the “Angelenos to Know in Intellectual Property Law” list published in the Los Angeles Business Journal on September 24, 2012; Kravitz is managing partner and co-chair of the media, defamation and privacy law practice at Fox Rothschild LLP in Los Angeles. Rick B. Tsjumura joined the Honolulu law firm of Aikau, Pao, Chen & Donovan; additionally, Tsjumura, chair of the East-West Center—an education and research organization established to strengthen relations and understanding among the peoples and nations of Asia, the Pacific and the United States—attended the Center’s alumni gathering in Beijing, China along with the U.S. Ambassador to China Gary Locke. John D. Vandevelde retired as partner with Crowell & Moring LLP; earlier in his legal career, as a prosecutor with the Attorney’s Office in Los Angeles, Vandevelde tried 20 cases and became assistant division chief for all criminal appeals, and later became chief of complaints—he received a special commendation by the U.S. Department of Justice for outstanding service. During his 33 years since leaving government work, Vandevelde defended clients in criminal matters at the federal and state court levels.

1976 James G. Benjamin assumed the position of president of the Denver Bar Association for 2012-13 and was profiled in the Association’s official publication, The Docket; Benjamin is manager of the real estate and business transactional department at Benjamin, Bain, Howard & Cohen LLC in Greenwood Village, CO. David J. Pasternak, a court-appointed receiver and special master in complex business cases for Pasternak, Pasternak & Patton, A Law Corporation, was named to the State Bar of California board of trustees.

1977 Thomas P. Beck of Thon Beck Vanni Calahan & Powell announced his retirement from the practice of law to pursue a new, non-legal related career. Additionally, Beck was awarded the Daniel O’Connell Award from the Irish American Bar Association and named to the Southern California Super Lawyers “Top 100” list in 2012 and 2013. George Teitel was conferred the Order of the Rising Sun from the government of Japan for contributions toward enhancement of friendship between the U.S. and Japan.

1978 Arthur J. Chapman and classmate Richard H. Glucksman, both of Chapman Glucksman Dean Roeb & Barger in Los Angeles, are featured in the 2013 Southern California Super Lawyers publication as well as in past years of the publication. Pamela S. Duffy, for the second consecutive year, has received the national recognition Real Estate Lawyer of the Year from Chambers and Partners, an international legal directory; Duffy practices with Coblenz Patch Duffy & Bass LLP in San Francisco, CA. Barbara M. Rubin joined Glaser Weil Fink Jacobs Howard Avchen & Shapiro as partner in the firm’s entertainment law practice and concurrently joined the Loyola Law School faculty as assistant professor and executive director of the Entertainment Law Practicum; Rubin was head of business and legal affairs at Spelling Television Inc. and A&E Television Networks-West Coast and an attorney for CBS Studios. Floyd J. Siegal, a private mediator in Encino, CA, was elected to be the board of directors of the Southern California Mediation Association and presented at a conference workshop at the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine University School of Law; he also had an article titled “Easy Doesn’t Do It,” published in the Los Angeles Daily Journal (October 31, 2012).

1979 Wayne S. Bell was promoted to commissioner for the California Department of Real Estate; he was chief counsel and assistant commissioner for legal policy and recovery; earlier in his career, Bell was special counsel and director of home ownership at the California Housing Finance Agency, and also was deputy secretary and general counsel for the California Business, Transportation and Housing Agency. Ted M. Handel joined Haight Brown & Bonesteel LLP as partner with the business solutions and construction law practice groups.

1980 Paul H. Irving was named president of the Milken Institute, a nonpartisan think tank; Irving joined the Institute two years ago as senior managing director and chief operating officer, after having served as an advanced leadership fellow at Harvard University; previously he was chairman, chief executive officer and managing partner at Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP; Tyson B. Park, Sr. qualified for the Boston Marathon 2013; Park ran the 26-plus miles barefoot for a charitable cause.

1981 Douglas M. DeGrave, founding partner of Poliquin & DeGrave LLP, was elected president of the California Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates, a legal professional organization of 1,500 members, which fosters ethical and technical standards of practice in the field of advocacy.

2012 Power Lawyers

Richard L. Stone ’83 (litigation category)
Josh B. Grode ’91 (corporate category)
Laura A. Wasser ’94 (trouble shooters category)
Charles Harder ’96 (litigation category)

The Hollywood Reporter • July 18, 2012

An index of legal service providers for veterans. More than 600 copies of the VALOR Guide (each of the six volumes are organized by California county or region) have been distributed and it is available online.

1985 George F. Bird, Jr., mayor of Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA and partner with Bird & Bird, received the first annual Lawyer of the Year Award from the South Bay Bar Association. Colleen P. Doyle joined Hunton & Williams LLP as partner in Los Angeles; Doyle is a counselor and litigator in environmental law. Harvey W. Geller joined the intellectual property group at Steptoe & Johnson LLP in Los Angeles as of counsel; Geller was deputy general counsel and senior vice president of business affairs at Universal Music Group. Hans Van Ligten, assistant city attorney for Laguna Beach, CA for the past 25 years and head of Rutan & Tucker LLP’s government regulatory law section, is now San Juan Capistrano, CA’s city attorney.
1986 Christine D. Spagnoli, trial attorney and partner with Greene Broillet & Wheeler LLP, recently received the Trial Lawyer of the Year Award from the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles; Spagnoli is the first woman to receive the honor, which is considered to be among the most prestigious recognition awards in the Los Angeles area that a plaintiff's attorney may receive.

1987 Mark D. Johnson joined the environmental and land development practice group at the Los Angeles office of Alston & Bird LLP, focusing on environmental matters, including petroleum and hazardous waste contamination, toxic torts, air quality and the California Coastal Act. Allyson G. Saunders launched her own law practice, SaundersLaw, in Los Angeles after more than 25 years of practice—over half of those years as a member of Holland & Knight. Barbara Ullman Schwerin, executive director of the Advocacy Institute at Loyola Law School, was honored with the Cancer Vanguard Award by the Disability Rights Legal Center (DRLC) at its Franklin D. Roosevelt Dinner. Schwerin was recognized for her work as the founding director of the Cancer Legal Resource Center, a joint program of Loyola Law School and the DRLC.

1988 Marilyn Feuchs-Marker, a litigator with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, NC, was recognized in The Best Lawyers in America for 2013. Helen E. Strand, following 19 years of civil trial work, retired and moved back to Arizona where she continues to write and publish poetry and romantic suspense fiction.

1989 Ellen M. Berkowitz changed firms and became shareholder at Gresham Savage Nolan & Tilden, PC in Los Angeles; additionally, Berkowitz, who specializes in real property and land use, was named to the list of 2013 Southern California Super Lawyers. Brian S. Kabateck of Kabateck Brown Kellner, LLP was installed as president of the Consumer Attorneys of California. David J. Lesser, a private law practitioner in Manhattan Beach, CA, was named mayor for the City of Manhattan Beach following two years of service on the city council. Michael Zweiback, former federal prosecutor, joined Arent Fox LLP's white collar and investigations group as partner.

1991 David C. Bolstad, real estate litigator, joined the newly renamed downtown Los Angeles law firm of Safarian Choi & Bolstad LLP as partner; prior to that, Bolstad was a partner at Allen Matkins Leck Gamble Malloy & Natsis LLP. Mark C. Goodman joined Hogan Lovells in San Francisco, CA as partner specializing in litigation and arbitration.

1992 Sonia J. Ransom was named among the Los Angeles Daily Journal's list of the Top 30 Real Estate Attorneys; Ransom specializes in land use and redevelopment at Allen Matkins Leck Gamble Malloy & Natsis LLP. Janna R. Sidley of Gresham Savage Nolan & Tilden, PC's Office was named general counsel for the Port of Los Angeles, the nation's busiest port.

1993 Debra H. Suh, executive director of the Center for the Pacific Asian Family, was recognized by Alston & Bird LLP at its California Women of Distinction reception for leadership and achievement in the legal profession and in the community. Molly M. White, commercial litigator, joined the Los Angeles office of McGuireWoods LLP as partner, practicing securities litigation, white collar criminal defense and SEC enforcement defense; White previously was senior trial counsel for the SEC.

2013 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SUPER LAWYERS

The Top 100

John P. McNicholas '62
Thomas V. Girardi ’64
Barry T. Harlan ’67
John A. Girardi ’72
Mark P. Robinson, Jr. ’72
Bruce M. Bunch ’74
Thomas J. Nolan ’75
Sussan H. Shore ’76
Thomas P. Beck ’77
Craig S. Simon ’77
Janet I. Levine ’80

Linda Miller Savitt ’80
Kirk A. Pasich ’80
Stuart B. Esner ’82
Gregory R. Vanni ’82
Christine D. Spagnoli ’86
Angela C. Agrusa ’87
Stuart A. Liner ’87
Amy Fisch Solomon ’87
Brian S. Kabateck ’89
Matthew McNicholas ’97
David M. deRubertis ’00

2013 Best Lawyers in America

Jeffrey A. Sklar
David C. Haugen
Craig D. Linder
Hon. Carl J. West ’78
Hon. Michael A. Latin ’85
Michael D. Moorhead ’75
Lee A. Cirsch
Laura M. White
Hon. Gordon K. White ’76
Hon. Michael J. West ’85
Hon. Michael A. Latin ’85

2013 Top California Women of Distinction

Amy Fisch Solomon ’87
Angela C. Agrusa ’87
Kathleen K. Ryan ’93
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Legal Impact Report 2012: Game-Changing Attorneys

Kirk A. Pasich ’80
Robert Haymer ’87
Tom K. Ara ’99

2002 Terrance J. Evans, partner with the Duane Morris law firm in San Francisco, CA, was named president of the Leadership Development Committee for the Association of Business Trial Lawyers—Northern California chapter; in his role Evans is facilitating mentoring, continuing education and networking programs for young lawyers. Patrick R. Krill, in his work as the assistant director of the legal professionals program for Hazelden in Center City, MN, leads the program's cutting-edge alcohol and drug treatment program specifically aimed at reducing the addiction rate in the legal profession; Krill also co-authored a book about addiction in the legal profession slated for publication this year. Jeffrey N. Labovitch joined the San Diego and Los Angeles, CA and the Las Vegas offices of Gordon & Rees LLP as a partner in the insurance coverage, commercial litigation and professional liability practice groups. Kenneth J. Price was selected by the Los Angeles Daily Journal as a “Top 100 Lawyer” in California; a shareholder with Baker & Manock & Jensen, PC, Price’s practice includes public agency law, land use, corporate and governmental relations. Carmen D. Snuggs was promoted to deputy attorney general IV with the State of California Department of Justice and received an attorney’s general award for the work she and a team of attorneys performed under Douglas v. Independent Living Center of Southern California, Inc.

2003 Lee A. Cirsch of The Lanier Law Firm earned a spot in The National Trial Lawyers’ “Top 40 Under 40” listing for California; Cirsch represents clients in consumer and commercial litigation. Pankit J. Doshi, an associate with Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP in San Francisco, CA, served as president of President Barack Obama’s National Platform
Committee last fall during the election. Kerry C. Fowler was elected to partnership with Jones Day and specializes in complex civil litigation with the Los Angeles office. Randolph E. Perry was promoted to real estate law partner with the Los Angeles office of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP. Richard J. Zuromski, Joelle Sires joined the firm's government contracts practice. The Hon. Judy L. (Aiken) Driver '88 was appointed to the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. Zuromski became the first Asian-American woman judge in the country when Gov. Jerry Brown appointed her to the Los Angeles Municipal Court in 1978. She was elevated to the California Superior Court in 1981, where she served as presiding judge of the Juvenile Court, and was appointed to the Court of Appeal in 2000.

The Hon. Douglas M. Elwell '76 retired in November 2012 from the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino. Elwell began his legal career as an associate at Allard, Shelton & O'Connor LLP in Pomona, CA and then moved on to become a deputy county attorney for Los Angeles County. In 1995, he was appointed to the San Bernadino County bench, which merged with the California Superior Court three years later.

The Hon. Gary E. Daigh '77 appointed by Gov. George Deukmejian in 1989, and elected in subsequent elections, retired from the California Superior Court, County of Los Angeles in Compton. Formerly, Daigh was a deputy county counsel for Los Angeles County, a legal advisor to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, a private practitioner and a research attorney for the court.

The Hon. Lori R. Behar ‘78 was appointed to the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles; Behar served as court commissioner up to her appointment and previously practiced law at Haight Brown and Bonesteel LLP.

The Hon. Pamela A. Thatcher ’83 is retiring from the Superior Court of California, County of Riverside. Thatcher was elected commissioner in 2005. Previously, she was associate counsel with American Title Co., an associate with Maurer Higinbotham & Harris, a managing partner with Jaret Caudill & Kuehn and manager of her own firm.

The Hon. Jeannie E. Schechter ’90, most recently deputy city attorney for the city of Merced, CA, was sworn in as commissioner for the Superior Court of California, Merced County. Earlier in her legal career, Schechter worked for the Stanislaus County District Attorney’s Office.

The Hon. Michael J. Shultz ‘91 was appointed to the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. Shultz was serving as commissioner for the court; his previous assignments included clinical director of the Center for Juvenile Law and Policy at Loyola Law School, public defender for the California Appellate Project, and deputy public defender with the Los Angeles County Public Defender’s Office.

The Hon. Joseph R. Porras ‘98, until recently a deputy district attorney in the Hardcore Gang Division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office, was appointed to the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.

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The Hon. Lawrence W. Crispio ‘61 was among the three persons who received the Metropolitan News-Enterprise’s Person of the Year Award for 2012. Crispio, who retired in 2004 from the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, now practices in private dispute resolution and is a member of the Legal Voices of the Los Angeles Lawyers Philanthropic. Crispio has served as president of the American Indian Lawyers Association, vice president of the California State Bar, national trustee of the American Inns of Court, and president of the Loyola Law School Alumni Association board of governors.

The Hon. William F. Rylaarsdam ‘64, associate justice for the California Court of Appeal, was inducted as an honoree into the Loyola Law School chapter of the Order of the Cof during on-campus ceremonies held in December 2012.

The Hon. James L. Crandall ‘70 joined the Superior Court of California, County of Orange; Crandall was partner with Crandall Wade & Lowe in Irvine, CA. Crandall was appointed to the Court of Appeal in 2000.

The Hon. Kathryn Doi Todd ’70, justice of the California Second District Court of Appeal, Division Two, has retired following 35 years in judicial office, including more than 12 years on the Court of Appeal. Doi Todd became the first Asian-American woman judge in the country when Gov. Jerry Brown appointed her to the Los Angeles Municipal Court in 1978. She was elevated to the California Superior Court in 1981, where she served as presiding judge of the Juvenile Court, and was appointed to the Court of Appeal in 2000.

IN MEMORIAM

Gerald (Gery) O’Connor Egan II ’48 Hon. Maripaul S. Baier ’55
William L. Detrixhe ’56 Hon. Ronald G. London ’68 Brian M. Barnard ’69
James E. Beal ’70 Herbert F. Blanck ’71
Barbara W. Giffillan Crowley ’74 Camilla L. Broderick ’77
Maryl redus Gayle ’80 Judy L. (Aiken) Driver ’88
Robyn A. Deppe ’89 Robert N. Norris ’89
Jodi L. Sax ’92

Visit alumni.ills.edu to read obits, birth and marriage announcements.
Loyola continues to maintain an active presence in the Los Angeles community through its many non-profit centers and programs. LLS students have long incorporated social justice and equal rights advocacy into their law school careers. This is made possible by the tireless work of professors, staff and alumni in building a network of opportunities throughout the city for students to get involved.

One way to further enhance Loyola’s ability to make a difference in the lives of L.A. residents is through the support of cy pres funds. Since 1986, California courts have distributed unclaimed class-action settlement funds, known as cy pres awards, to third-party non-profits whose mission indirectly benefits the plaintiffs and advances the public interest in areas such as consumer protection.

Dean Victor Gold recognizes the tremendous impact that cy pres awards have had on many of the Law School’s efforts to provide students with practical training to build lawyering skills while helping a variety of underserved populations in our community. “There’s virtually no class-action lawsuit that wouldn’t connect to something we do here at Loyola,” he said.

“We have a long tradition of public interest here, and we’re really great at working in underserved communities because so many of our students are really connected to local communities and want to give back.”

Gold pointed to the Center for Law and Genocide, the Thomas V. Girardi Chair in Consumer Protection Law and fellowships for current and post-graduate students as key areas where cy pres funding has made a difference. Gold said the awards have either funded the programs in total or “made it possible for us to expand and do things we couldn’t otherwise have done.”

Clinical Professor Sande Buhai, director of Loyola’s Public Interest Law Department, noted that any new cy pres awards would allow the school to fund more public-interest fellowships in the Los Angeles area. Loyola currently funds around 100 summer fellowships at a cost of $3,500 per student. Several fellows choose to work at the Santa Monica-based Consumer Watchdog and L.A.’s Center for Health Care Rights, both of which are very active in the area of consumer protection. Buhai feels it’s important not to underestimate the community impact a law student can make, even over the summer.

Additionally, cy pres awards could be used to fund more of Loyola’s two-year, post-graduate public interest fellowships, which cost $60,000 per student. Buhai added that Loyola’s philosophy, particularly its pro-bono requirement, makes the school and its students uniquely suited to maximize cy pres awards. “We have a long tradition of public interest here, and we’re really great at working in underserved communities because so many of our students are really connected to local communities and want to give back.”

Gold agreed, urging alumni to help direct cy pres funds toward the law school if they can. “It’s really a win-win for consumers, students and for the legal profession.”

For additional information about directing cy pres funds to the Law School, please contact Carmen Ramirez at 213.736.1046 or by email at Carmen.Ramirez@lls.edu.
Danielle Criona ’99 not only brings 13 years of practice in intellectual property law to her Loyola Law School Alumni Association Board of Governors presidency in 2013, she carries a strong personal bond with the school. “It feels like an extended family,” Criona said. “I love Loyola and always have.”

The California native is a member of the exclusive “double alum” club, having earned her bachelor’s degree at Loyola Marymount University in Biology and Biochemistry, along with her JD from the Law School. In between, the Renaissance woman got her master’s in Biology at California State University, Northridge and worked as a research scientist and regulatory compliance specialist at a local biotechnology company while enrolled in Loyola’s Evening Program.

Criona says board members have probably already noticed she’s brought the same type of dedication she had for her education to her role as president. “I have a very strong work ethic,” Criona said. “I want people to work together as a team and use their collective imaginations to better the alumni association.”

As senior intellectual property counsel for Roll Global, Criona oversees international enforcement of all national and international trademark and copyright issues associated with worldwide brands such as FIJI Water, Wonderful Pistachios, Cuties (Mandarins), POM Wonderful products, Teleflora (floral delivery service) and JUSTIN Wines, along with many others.

The veteran federal litigator is used to arguing patent, trademark and copyright infringement claims in court and advising clients on how to maximize their IP portfolios. She says her people skills have helped make the transition into her new position on the Board of Governors a little easier.

“You have to respect that these board members are giving their time outside of their jobs,” Criona said. “We all have to rally around the common effort.”

The board is achieving its goals this year by creating more sub-committees and inviting non-board members to serve on those committees in order to increase efficiency as well as getting more alumni involved with the Law School. The board continues to focus its efforts on growing alumni participation in its Attorneys for Others service programs. The program is also open to Loyola students, which will advance Criona’s top priority of connecting alumni and students through service opportunities.

“We’re trying to involve both alumni and students so that they get to know each other,” Criona said. “I want students to graduate with a sense of belonging to an alumni network, instead of trying to join up after they graduate.”

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GIVING TO DATE

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Friends & Others: $556,793

Corporations: $488,445