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Firm Connections Grow Stronger at Loyola Law School

Loyola has always had strong connections to the law firms where alumni work, but that connection continues to grow through scholarship and educational opportunities now being offered by several firms.

For years, individual alumni attorneys have supported the Law School's scholarship fund, easing students' tuition burdens and attracting some of the best students. But recently, the Law School has experienced an increase in new scholarships that are being created in the names of several firms.

Most recently, alumni at Buchalter Nemer and O'Melveny & Myers created endowed scholarships named after their respective firms. The Buchalter Public Service Scholarship will be awarded to incoming law students with demonstrated financial need and a commitment to public service, said senior counsel Anthony Napolitano '03.

Because of Buchalter's commitment to public service and the integral part that Loyola alumni play in the firm, Napolitano said "it made perfect sense" to establish the scholarship.

Likewise, a large number of O'Melveny attorneys were already donating to Loyola, so it was a natural fit for alumni at the firm to aggregate and grow contributions for a scholarship in the firm's name, said partner Seth Aronson '81.

Aronson noted that the Law School ranks among the top alma maters of O'Melveny attorneys, and the firm has long-standing ties to Loyola. "We also recognize that the cost of a legal education is beyond the reach of most, and we want to try to bridge that gap," he said.



Scholarship funds are not the only contributions firms are making to educational opportunities for Loyola students.

Professor Therese Maynard, co-director of the Business Law Practicum and Leo J. O'Brien Fellow, said the support of law firms was essential to the Law School's effort to build a strong transactional law program. The firms that helped fund the practicum's launch include Allen Matkins Leck Gamble Mallory & Natsis; Irell & Manella; Manatt; Morrison & Foerster; O'Melveny & Myers; Paul Hastings; Seyfarth Shaw; Skadden; and Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth.

Beyond the financial support, Loyola Professor Dana Warren, the Patrick J. McDonough Director of the Business Law Practicum, said law firms have contributed with lawyers who teach classes, provide input and advice on topics that are covered, and give students direct feedback on negotiation skills. "All of those things strengthen the practical usefulness of the Loyola Law degree," he said.

Likewise, firms give litigation-focused students an opportunity to learn more practical skills through the Semester-in-Practice externship program. To date,

more than 30 firms have opened their doors to students and given them an opportunity to experience the day-to-day work at a firm. At Collins Collins Muir + Stewart, students get a wider experience than they would as a law clerk, said Samuel Muir '79. In addition to the trial, motion and deposition experiences they might get as a clerk, Semester-in-Practice students also sit in on client meetings and mediation sessions. "We give them as many experiences as possible," Muir said. "If we can give back to Loyola and it helps the Law School, we're happy to do that."

These hands-on clinical experiences will go a long way toward developing capable lawyers, said Amy Fisch Solomon '87 of Girardi | Keese. "In addition to teaching students new skills, the practical experience gives them confidence going forward," she noted. "We are always proud to see these students with whom we have worked take their skills and become great young lawyers," Solomon said. "Also, having that youthful exuberance and energy is always a breath of fresh air."

Alumni continue to be Loyola's greatest resource and now their collective support is truly a 'firm connection.'

EVENTS WRAP-UP

GRAND AVENUE GANG LUNCH (A)

Friday, January 27, 2012
Loyola Law School –
Los Angeles, CA

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY ALUMNI LUNCH (B)

Friday, February 17, 2012
Mistral Restaurant –
Sherman Oaks, CA

Guest Speaker: Professor Justin Levitt, Loyola Law School

JOHNNIE L. COCHRAN, JR. PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD RECEPTION (D)

Wednesday, February 22, 2012
Loyola Law School –
Los Angeles, CA

Honoree: Ramona Ripston, Executive Director Emeritus, ACLU of Southern California

LAW DAY AWARDS DINNER & LECTURE (F)

Thursday, March 15, 2012
Loyola Law School –
Los Angeles, CA

St. Ignatius of Loyola Award

Honoree: Juan R. Mejia, Deputy District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, Los Angeles County

St. Thomas More Medallion

Honoree: Samuel H. Pillsbury, Professor of Law and Interfaith Chaplain, Loyola Law School
Guest Speaker: Rev. Stephen A. Privett, SJ, President, University of San Francisco

WOMEN'S BRUNCH (C)

Sunday, March 25, 2012
Home of Laurie L. Levenson, David W. Burcham Professor of Law in Ethical Advocacy –
Los Angeles, CA

BURNS SCHOLARSHIP LUNCH (E)

Wednesday, March 28, 2012
Loyola Law School –
Los Angeles, CA

HAWAII MOOT COURT AND ALUMNI RECEPTION (G1 & 2)

Saturday, March 31, 2012
Sacred Hearts Academy and Honolulu Country Club –
Honolulu, HI

OUTLAW ALUMNI RECEPTION (H)

Thursday, April 12, 2012
Loyola Law School –
Los Angeles, CA

Honorees: Phil Lam '94, Los Angeles City Attorney's Office and RJ Molligan '89, Law Office of R.J. Molligan

PUBLIC INTEREST LAW FOUNDATION AWARDS RECEPTION (I)

Thursday, April 19, 2012
Loyola Law School –
Los Angeles, CA

Public Interest Award Honoree: Hellen Hong '04, Executive Director, Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice

Pro Bono Award Honoree: Gregory Thorpe '82, Partner, O'Melveny & Myers LLP

FIDLER INSTITUTE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AWARDS RECEPTION (J)

Friday, April 20, 2012
Loyola Law School –
Los Angeles, CA

Defense Counsel of the Year Honoree: Janet Levine '80,

Partner, Crowell & Moring LLP
Prosecutor of the Year

Honoree: Patrick Dixon, Assistant District Attorney, Los Angeles County

Judge of the Year Honoree:

Judge Jacqueline Connor, CA Superior Court, County of Los Angeles
Special Tribute in Memoriam to Nicholas DeWitt '79

THOMAS V. GIRARDI CHAIR IN CONSUMER PROTECTION LAW DEDICATION AND PRESENTATION (K)

Wednesday, May 2, 2012
Loyola Law School –
Los Angeles, CA

Honorees: Thomas V. Girardi '64, Partner, Girardi | Keese; Walter Lack '73, Partner, Engstrom, Lipscomb & Lack; Albro Lundy '85, Partner, Baker, Burton & Lundy

Chair Holder: Professor Paul Hayden

HAPPY HOUR MIXER FOR CLASSES OF 2007 – 2011 (L)

Thursday, May 3, 2012
X Bar Hyatt Regency Century Plaza –
Los Angeles, CA

Visit alumni.lls.edu/events to view a list of upcoming events



Direct Examination

1962 Brian Brandmeyer has merged his law practice with three other family law firms to form the Long Beach-based Law Offices of Brandmeyer Gilligan Dockstader & Davidson, LLP.

1964 Thomas V. Girardi | Keese received the Excellence in Advocacy Award from the Beverly Hills Bar Association's second annual litigation awards dinner held last February for the purpose of honoring legends of the legal field. Girardi was recognized for his trial skills and strategy and courtroom teamwork, and for giving back to the legal profession and the community.

1968 Dale Gribow is a legal columnist for the new *Coachella Valley Weekly* newspaper and continues to cover society events such as the annual Marv Goux Golf Tournament for the *Desert Sun*. Gribow was listed as a top lawyer by *Palm Springs Life* in 2011 and 2012.

1969 Patrick M. Kelly, managing partner of the Western Region and the Los Angeles office of Wilson Elser Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker, and a veteran trial lawyer, was appointed to the National Committee of Claims and Litigation Management Alliance.

1971 Robert C. Baker, senior partner at Baker, Keener & Nahra, LLP, was recognized by Strathmore's "Who's Who Registry" for outstanding contributions and achievements in the field of law.

1972 Lee Kanon Alpert, principal in the Encino, CA law firm of Alpert, Barr & Grant APLC, was recognized in the 2012 Southern California *Super Lawyers* listing in the category of government relations.

1974 M. Carmen Ramirez has been appointed to the California Commission on State Mandates, pending Senate confirmation. An attorney in Oxnard, CA, Ramirez has served as the community planning director for the Central Coast Alliance for a Sustainable Economy and as a senior attorney for the Self Help Legal Access Center of the Ventura County Superior Court. Ramirez has also served as staff attorney, managing attorney and executive director for the Channel Counties Legal Services Association.

1975 Jeffrey S. Kravitz of Fox Rothschild LLP in Los Angeles, has been named to the 2012 *Chambers USA Guide's* "Leaders in Law" ranking in the category of intellectual property, trademark, copyright and trade secrets.

1976 Ruth I. Tsujimura retired in December 2011 following 12 years with the Office of the General Counsel in Honolulu, HI.

1977 Thomas P. Beck of Thon, Beck, Vanni, Callahan & Powell, who serves on the executive committee of Loyola Marymount University's Board of Regents, was named to the 2011 National Irish Legal 100 by *Irish American* magazine. **Stanley D. Mabbitt**, formerly general counsel with Bank of America and Countrywide Home Loans, joined Ballard Spahr LLP in Phoenix, AZ as of counsel; Mabbitt specializes in consumer finance and mortgage banking. **Ellen B. Snortland** received the 29th Congressional District Woman of the Year Award for 2012 from U.S. Congressman Adam Schiff, given in honor of Women's History Month and in recognition of her contributions to the community as an advocate for women and children. Snortland is a human rights journalist, author, safety instructor and performer.

1978 Pamela S. Duffy, partner with Coblenz, Patch, Duffy & Bass LLP, was named Real Estate Lawyer of the Year by Chambers and Partners and honored at the Chambers' first annual Women in Law Awards celebration held in early February in New York, NY. **Marcia L. Scully** was named general counsel for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California;

Scully first joined Metropolitan in 1995 as deputy general counsel.

1979 Gonzalo Freixes, who teaches MBA courses in business law, international regulation of business and federal taxation was elected chair of the Executive MBA Council board of trustees. He also serves as associate dean of the executive and fully employed MBA Programs at UCLA Anderson School of Management. **John R. Hanna**, recently a partner with Hanna & Scott in Santa Ana, CA, was appointed general counsel for the California Department of Corporations. **Michael J. Terhar** moved to the national trial law firm of Rose Walker LLP as head of the newly opened office in Pasadena, CA; Terhar's practice focuses on aviation product liability and litigation.

1980 David S. Ettinger of Horvitz & Levy LLP was honored by the Los Angeles County Bar Association with the Pamela E. Dunn Appellate Justice Award, presented in April 2012 at the annual luncheon sponsored by the Bar Association's Appellate Courts Section for the California Supreme Court and Second District Court of Appeal justices.

1981 Douglas M. DeGrave of the litigation firm Poliquin & DeGrave LLP was named Orange County Trial Lawyer of the Year by the American Board of Trial Advocates for his defense victories in two back-to-back road rage cases. **Dina B. Tecimer** was elected board of trustees chair for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Southern California and Nevada Chapter; a partner with Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP, Tecimer is only the second woman to chair the board in its 64-year history, and plans to lead the Society in raising \$250 million by 2015.

1983 Steven B. Effres of Effres & Associates in Woodland Hills, CA was selected by The National Trial Lawyers as one of the Top 100 Trial Lawyers in California. **Marc J. Graboff** was named president in January of CKx, Inc., the parent company to 19 Entertainment (*American Idol*, *So You Think You Can Dance*), Elvis Presley Enterprises and Muhammad Ali Enterprises; Graboff was president of the West Coast business operations for NBCUniversal Television Entertainment. **Pamela G. Lacey** joined Archer Norris PLC as special counsel in the Newport Beach, CA office, specializing in business and complex litigation. **Cheryl L. McDermott** was promoted to managing director of Universal Studios International B.V. and relocated to Amsterdam to run the Dutch subsidiary of NBCUniversal. **Malcolm S. McNeil**, chair of the international practice group at the Los Angeles office of Fox Rothschild LLP, was honored with a lifetime membership to Pakistan's Lahore High Court Bar Association in recognition of his leadership with the International Association of Young Lawyers, whose efforts helped free imprisoned Pakistani attorneys. **Richard L. Stone** moved from Hogan Lovells to Jenner & Block, Los Angeles; Stone practices antitrust, intellectual property and complex commercial litigation.

1985 George F. Bird, Jr. of Bird & Bird in Torrance, CA was elected this spring to his first term as mayor of Palos Verdes Estates. Bird also volunteers in the community, advising local youth on avoiding life-threatening issues such as substance abuse or juvenile delinquency. **Sung Y. Kim** was nominated by President Barack Obama on June 27, 2011 as ambassador of the U.S. to the Republic of Korea, confirmed by the U.S. Senate on October 13, 2011 and sworn-in to office on November 3, 2011. Kim, who was born in Seoul and grew up in Los Angeles, is the first American of Korean descent to serve as chief diplomat of the U.S. to Korea.

1986 Manuel Dominguez was promoted from house counsel for the inter-insurance exchange of the Automobile Club of Southern California to corporate counsel.

1987 Hon. Kevin G. Murray, former California state senator, is president and chief executive officer at the Weingart Center Association; the Center offers a homeless shelter combined with job training and counseling. Murray also runs a legal consulting firm, The Murray Group.

1988 Geoffrey D. Chin's Christian-spiritual adventure novel, *The Last Magi*, has been published. Chin practices trusts, wills, probate, estate planning, conservatorships, trust administration and business law at the Law Offices of Geoffrey D. Chin in Pasadena, CA. **Darren Levine**, a Krav Maga (self-defense and fitness training) worldwide chief instructor, holds home invasion defense seminars in Orange County, CA; Levine is supervisor for the Los Angeles District Attorney's office. **Zia F. Modabber**, a partner with Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, created and organized the Malibu Canyons GranFondo Charity Ride benefiting Livestrong. Four hundred bicycle riders participated in the event. **Betty M. Shumener** co-founded the law firm of Shumener Odson & Oh LLP in downtown Los Angeles with two of her former litigation partners from DLA Piper.

2012 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SUPER LAWYERS

The Top 100

John P. McNicholas '62	Linda C. Miller Savitt '80
Thomas V. Girardi '64	Kirk A. Pasich '80
Robert C. Baker '71	Gregory R. Vanni '82
Mark P. Robinson, Jr. '72	Steven B. Effres '83
Walter J. Lack '73	Christine D. Spagnoli '86
Roman M. Silberfeld '74	Angela C. Agrusa '87
Thomas J. Nolan '75	Stuart A. Liner '87
John D. Vandavelde '75	Amy Fisch Solomon '87
Sussan H. Shore '76	Brian S. Kabateck '89
Thomas P. Beck '77	David M. deRubertis '00
Janet I. Levine '80	

1989 Lewis R. Landau left private practice and joined Dykema in Los Angeles as senior counsel, focusing on bankruptcy law and insolvency law. **Patrick Muñoz** was named to the Los Angeles *Daily Journal's* inaugural list of Top 25 Municipal Lawyers for 2011. A partner with Rutan & Tucker, LLP in Costa Mesa, CA, Muñoz practices municipal law, specializing in local government, solid waste, land use and special education, serves as city attorney for Dana Point, CA and Twentynine Palms, CA and as assistant city attorney for Adelanto, CA. **Michael B. Powers** is chief executive officer for Ventura County, CA; Powers is charged with overseeing all major county functions including the budget, finance, legislation, human resources, labor relations, economic development and information technology. **Christopher I. Ritter** now practices as a partner at Early Sullivan Wright Gizer & McRae LLP, specializing in commercial litigation, intellectual property, and real estate litigation. **Michelle A. Wakino** joined WilmerHale in Washington, D.C. as special counsel.

1990 Ginevra K. "Giny" Chandler was reappointed chief counsel for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. **Terrence J. Schafer** changed firms and became partner with the newly

renamed Doyle, Moore & Schafer LLP in Irvine, CA; Schafer focuses on professional liability and construction defect defense. **Todd R. Wulffson** rejoined the Irvine, CA office of Carothers DiSante & Freudenberger LLP as partner; the firm is a labor, employment and business law boutique firm.

1991 Gregory M. Bordo moved from Freeman, Freeman & Smiley to Blank Rome LLP as a partner in Los Angeles, practicing business, real estate and trust

2012 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SUPER LAWYERS

Orange County • The Top 50

David C. Grant '72
Mark P. Robinson, Jr. '72
Mark E. Minyard '76
Craig S. Simon '77
Thomas F. Newmeyer '78
Thomas A. Cifarelli '92
Joseph A. Ferrentino '92

and estates litigation. **Renée C. Callantine** is now partner with the San Francisco, CA office of Meckler Bulger Tilson Marick & Pearson, LLP, practicing litigation in the area of insurance law. **Theresa "Tai" E. Glenn** was named executive director of Levitt & Quinn Family Law Center in Los Angeles; formerly Glenn was pro bono director for the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles. **Jonathan H. Raven**, chief deputy district attorney for the Yolo County District Attorney's Office, was named to California's Corrections Standards Authority, pending Senate confirmation.

1992 Glenn A. Fuller joined Kulik Gottesman & Siegel LLP in Sherman Oaks, CA as partner, specializing in real estate and transactional law.

1993 Michael T. O'Callaghan left Sabaitis-O'Callaghan, LLP and is now of counsel with Archer Norris PLC, in Los Angeles, specializing in civil and personal injury litigation and commercial business, real estate and construction law.

1994 Judy M. Lam joined Greenberg Glusker Fields Claman & Machtinger LLP in Los Angeles as partner, specializing in business litigation, banking and finance, business torts, class action and real estate cases; Lam is also a member of the executive advisory council for the Asian Pacific American Legal Center.

1995 Christopher P. Broderick moved from DLA Piper to Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP in Los Angeles as partner, specializing in intellectual property and litigation. **Michele M. Goldsmith** became shareholder at the newly renamed Bergman Dacey Goldsmith, A Professional Law Corp.; a litigator, Goldsmith focuses on labor and employment law. **David C. MacCulloch**

Westlake Village, CA was installed as president of the Ventura County Bar Association for 2012; Le is the first Southeast Asian American president of the Association, and only its second Asian Pacific American president. **Alvina E. Norman** was appointed head legal officer for Ecobank-Liberia Inc. in February; Norman previously served as legal consultant to Liberia's Ministry of Public Works. **Adalberto "Al" M. Sardinas** was appointed as a federal supervisory administrative law judge with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals, in Miami, FL.

1997 Margaret "Peggy" A. Hosking was promoted to partner with the Business Services practice group at Best Best & Krieger LLP in Riverside, CA; Hosking's specialty is mergers and acquisitions and real estate law. **Joseph A. Petro** was promoted to partner with Wolf, Rifkin, Shapiro, Schulman & Rabkin LLP in the Los Angeles office where he practices business and corporate law. **Jill Porcaro** was promoted to partner with the Los Angeles office of Seyfarth Shaw LLP; Porcaro practices labor and employment law. **J. Martin Willhite** joined Legendary Entertainment (movies, television and comic books) in Burbank, CA as its first general counsel; previously Willhite practiced with Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP.

1998 Lisa A. Coe joined Anderson, McPharlin & Connors LLP in the Los Angeles office, handling real estate and business litigation issues for clients. **Andrew S. Dolak**, a member of the mergers and acquisitions practice at the Newport Beach, CA office of O'Melveny & Myers LLP, was named partner in February. **Chelsea A. Grayson** made the move to Loeb & Loeb LLP as partner in Los Angeles focusing on mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance and joint ventures. **Linda J. Gullede** became of counsel with Fisher & Phillips LLP in Irvine, CA; Gullede represents employers on workplace legal matters in the state and federal courts, conducts seminars and training sessions on labor law, and handles arbitrations, mediations and administrative hearings.

1999 Sara Campos and Sarah-Jane Stecker '11 worked together at The Center for Conflict Resolution on a consumer's case which led to the Center being recognized with the Outstanding Mediation Case Award by the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors. **Gabriel Liao** was promoted to of counsel with Perkins Coie in Los Angeles; Liao practices real estate, commercial, bankruptcy and creditors' rights litigation. **James Winner** recently accepted a position with the Northrop Grumman Corporation's law department in McLean, VA as lead counsel for Northrop's Cyber Intelligence Division.

2000 Victor P. Danhi is a new partner at Arent Fox in the Los Angeles office, practicing consumer class action and complex litigation with the firm's automotive industry practice group. **Charles H. Gardner** became special counsel with Much Shelist, P.C. in Chicago, IL heading the firm's new social media practice; Gardner is the former director of legal and business affairs for Harpo Studios Inc. **Michael V. LaBriola** became counsel, practicing tax law, with Greenberg Traurig, LLP in Irvine, CA. **Jame P. Mascaro** moved his firm Mascaro Law, APC to Irvine, CA.

2001 Daniel J. Burns was named a principal with the patent law group at Fish & Richardson P.C. in Silicon Valley, CA. **Steven J. Corr** was elevated to partner with the Los Angeles office of Jones Day; Corr focuses his practice on intellectual property law and technology. **Lawrence J. Imel** rose to the position of shareholder with Lurie, Zepeda, Schmalz & Hogan APC in Beverly Hills, CA, where he was first hired as an associate upon graduating from Loyola. Imel was named a Rising Star in Southern California *Super Lawyer* in 2007, 2009 and 2010. **Dr. Bernhard W. Rohrbacher** started a solo-practice exclusively representing public- and private-sector labor unions in contract negotiations, grievance

CONGRATULATIONS!

Loyola Law School Alumnae Top Women Lawyers

Janet I. Levine '80
Linda C. Miller Savitt '80
Christine D. Spagnoli '86

Amy Fisch Solomon '87
Laura A. Wasser '94

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arbitrations, court matters and proceedings for the Public Employment Relations Board and National Labor Relations Board.

2002 Terrance J. Evans, a partner with the San Francisco, CA office of Duane Morris LLP, was selected to the Fellows Program of the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity; Evans joins a class of 134 attorneys from across the nation who have been selected as Fellows for 2012. **Andrew Higgs** and **Christina Karayan** were both promoted to partner at Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP. Higgs works in the Costa Mesa, CA office, specializing in the defense of professional liability actions, and Karayan works in the Los Angeles office, specializing in several areas of litigation including general liability and construction. **Jordan Lichtman** moved from O'Melveny & Myers LLP to Manatt, Phelps & Phillips LLP as partner with the entertainment and media practice, advising clients in motion picture, television and video game financing and production. **Angelina G. Robertson** became general counsel at Greenlight Financial Services in Irvine, CA.

2003 Dr. Olga Berson was promoted to partner with DLA Piper in Los Angeles focusing on intellectual property and technology, and intellectual property litigation. **Cyndie M. Chang**, a business litigator and California real estate broker, was named partner with Duane Morris LLP in Los Angeles; Chang was among 20 attorneys nationwide named to the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association's list of best lawyers under 40. **Shannon Factor**, writer, producer and founder of Cinespire Entertainment, announced in June the completion of a script for the feature film version of "Last Fast Ride," a documentary on punk rock performer Marian Anderson. **James W. Gilliam** of the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California received the Lesbian & Gay Lawyers Association of Los Angeles's 2012 Co-Presidents Award. **Todd Hyatt** was elevated to shareholder with the litigation department at Seltzer, Caplan, McMahan, Vitec in San Diego, CA; Hyatt's focus is on title insurance, real property law and ERISA. **Jason Insalaco's** journey to restore *Final Curtain*, a long-lost film by famed B-movie director Ed Wood, was recently profiled in the *New York Times* and *Entertainment Weekly*; Insalaco debuted the film at the Slamdance film festival in January 2012. **Lauren J. Katunich** joined Lathrop & Gage in Los Angeles as of counsel, focusing on litigation and trade and employment law; Katunich is a frequent speaker on human resource issues. **Roy Lai** was honored by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors for his outstanding work as a prosecutor for the San Diego County Deputy District Attorney's Office. **Chad A. Louie**, Kern County deputy district attorney, is the 2012 president of the Kern County Bar Association's board of directors. **Sean Paisan** was promoted to partner at Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith in Costa Mesa, CA, where he specializes in commercial litigation, general liability and transportation law. **Alain M. R'bibo**, a member of the real estate department at Allen Matkins in Century City, CA was elected to partnership; R'bibo is active with the Urban Land Institute Young Leaders Group and the UCLA Real Estate Alumni Group. Capt. **Alexander Tsao** was selected by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. to the California Veterans Board, pending Senate confirma-

WELL DONE!

2012 Top 20 Under 40

Thomas J. Johnston '00 • Jeffrey LeSage '98

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joined the wealth management division of Montecito Bank & Trust as vice president and senior trust officer; he also serves on several boards including Habitat for Humanity of Southern Santa Barbara County and Young Life Capernaum.

1996 Lamdien "Dien" Le of Sullivan Taketa LLP in

tion; Tsao is a partner at Venerable Counselors at Law PC, and was formerly a judge advocate for the U.S. Marine Corps.

2004 Karin Bohmholdt was promoted to partner with the litigation practice group at Greenberg Traurig, LLP in Los Angeles. **Jesse M. Brody**, was promoted to counsel with Edwards Wildman Palmer LLP's Los Angeles office and advises companies on privacy policies, terms of use and social networks. **Myles P. Culhane** recently joined Occidental Petroleum Corporation in Houston, TX, as managing counsel; previously, Culhane was with Paul Hastings' environmental practice group in San Francisco, CA. **Janet L. Grumer**, employment law specialist, became partner at Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, in Los Angeles. **Jamon R. Hicks** of The Cochran Firm in Los Angeles, was installed as president of the California Association of Black Lawyers in April, and last January was named to the Los Angeles *Daily Journal's* list of Five Associates to Watch in 2012. **G. Fabricio Lopez** was promoted to principal counsel with the corporate legal department of The Walt Disney Company; Lopez also teaches Business Immigration Law, a class he developed, as an adjunct professor, and serves as a member of the alumni advisory group for Loyola's Immigration Law Concentration. **Alan Paik** and **Adam Turner** were both promoted to partner at Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP; Paik specializes in workers' compensation and is a member of the Los Angeles Office's Korean business and litigation group; Turner works with the firm's Costa Mesa, CA office, and also focuses on workers' compensation. **Staci J. Riordan** rose to partner with Fox Rothschild LLP in Los Angeles, practicing transactional law and litigation, and chairs the firm's fashion law practice group. **David Stone** was elected to partnership with the Los Angeles office of Allen Matkins Leck Gamble & Mallory, LLP, where he is a member of the real estate department; Stone also was named outstanding young lawyer recently by the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Real Property Section. **Todd Truitt** joined Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher's Los Angeles office as a corporate associate, advising public and private companies and private equity sponsors on mergers and acquisitions, securities, and advising investment banking firms on public offerings and private placements of debt and equity. **Kimberly A. Westmoreland** joined the law firm of Kaufman Dolowich Voluck & Gonzo, LLP as an associate with the Los Angeles office focusing on employment law.

specializing in business litigation, employment law and intellectual property.

2007 Chet S. Devaskar made the move to Reed Smith LLP as an associate with the corporate and securities group in Century City, CA; Devaskar focuses on transactional entertainment matters with an emphasis on independent motion picture finance. **Caroline E. Siefert Sabo** joined the Big Brothers Big Sisters board of directors in Orange County, CA. **Rafael C. Sweet** of Dongell Lawrence Finney LLP was named to *Latino Leaders* magazine's inaugural West Coast Club Leaders of the Future list.

2008 David A. Berkley made the jump from Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi L.L.P. to Blank Rome LLP as an associate with the Los Angeles office's corporate litigation group. **Kristy S. Grant**, a litigation associate with Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP, transferred from the firm's Los Angeles office to its London, England location. **Roger R. Steinbeck** is a litigation associate with Vanderforde & Ruiz LLP in Pasadena, CA. **Victoria Tsoong** and a team from the civil litigation firm of Foley & Mansfield PLLP participated in a week-long service trip to Durazno, Guatemala; the team's mission was to build and repair latrines for this small, impoverished community, but upon arrival, residents shared a greater need for smokeless stoves. The team constructed 10 new stoves and supplied the community with materials to complete another 30 smokeless stoves.

2009 Michael Altschule was appointed policy director for the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission. **Cary L. Dobkin** also joined the Los Angeles office of the international firm Blank Rome LLP as an associate with the corporate litigation group; Dobkin practices complex corporate and commercial litigation. **Stuart (Alec) Johnson** is an associate of the litigation department with O'Melveny & Myers LLP's Los Angeles office. **Yashpal S. Sandhu**, a former Kern County and Nevada County prosecutor, joined Soltman, Levitt, Flaherty & Wattles LLP in Westlake Village, CA.

2010 Shawn Chang joined NBCUniversal, Inc. as rights analyst with the rights group. **Vivian J. Lee** is now an associate with Dykema's business litigation practice group in Los Angeles; previously, Lee clerked and externed for the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California and clerked for the Office of the General Counsel at the U.S. Copyright Office in Washington, D.C. **Molly McLucas** joined Richards, Watson & Gershon's litigation department in Los Angeles as an associate representing municipalities and public entities. **Louisa Okonyan** joined Waters, Kraus & Paul in Los Angeles, practicing in whistle-blowing claims and pharmaceutical cases.

2011 Paulo A. de Almeida, whose practice focuses on intellectual property law, is a newly named partner with Patel & Almeida in Encino, CA. **Joel N. Cook** joined Aldrich Bonnefin & Moore, PLC in Irvine, CA as a summer associate last August and became an associate attorney in December. **Grace Y. Du** is an attorney with Margolis & Tisman LLP. **Kathleen Ebert** joined the Sacramento, CA law firm of Ellis Law Group, LLP as an associate attorney practicing civil litigation in matters of business, commercial and personal injury law. Prior to graduation, Ebert worked as a law clerk for the Disability Rights Legal Center assisting in cases involving special education services to students with disabilities. **Nathan Smith** is an associate with the San Francisco, CA office of Markun Zusman Compton LLP. **Nareeneh Sohbatian** was named the second recipient of the Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County Dickran Teverizian Fellowship; Sohbatian will work to expand access to justice for families in Glendale, CA and its surrounding communities for the next two years. **Brian J. Stack** practices general civil litigation, personal injury and tort liability with Wesierski & Zurek LLP in Irvine, CA. **Sara-Jane Stecker** and **Sara Campos '99** worked together at The Center for Conflict Resolution on a consumer's case which led to the Center being recognized with the Outstanding

Mediation Case Award by the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors. **Jennifer P. Winters** practices with Wesierski & Zurek LLP, specializing in civil litigation, products liability and insurance defense. **Jeehyun Yoon** joined Tredway, Lumsdaine & Doyle LLP in Long Beach, CA as an associate practicing civil litigation. **Elliot Zemel** was named an associate with Fenton Nelson LLP.

JUDICIARY

The Hon. **Richard L. Brand '73** retired last December as a commissioner of the California Superior Court, County of Los Angeles. Hon. **Gary R. Hahn '73** retired in early February from the California Superior Court, County of Los Angeles. Judge Hahn was first appointed to the now-defunct Long Beach Municipal Court in 1988 and elevated to the Superior Court the following year. The Hon. **Carl J. West '78** retired from the California Superior Court, County of Los Angeles in February. He served as supervising judge of the county's complex civil courthouse, Central Civil West. Since stepping down, Judge West joined the mediation and arbitration provider JAMS Inc. He was a civil litigator prior to his appointment to the county's municipal court in 1994, from where he was elevated within two years to the Superior Court's North Central District. The Hon. **Frederick C. Shaller '79** was named judicial officer of the year by the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers' Southern California chapter. Judge Shaller serves the California Superior Court, County of Los Angeles in the family law department at Stanley Mosk Courthouse. The Hon. **Lewis W. Clapp '80** was appointed in May by Governor Jerry Brown to the California Superior Court, County of Orange; Judge Clapp most recently served as director of the Orange County Associate Defender's Office and previously served as assistant public defender and deputy public defender for the Orange County Public Defender's Office. The Hon. **Elizabeth Allen White '81** was the featured speaker and special honoree at UCLA Extension's annual certificate graduation ceremony in June—her first step toward a legal career, prior to law school, began with a paralegal certificate from the program. The Hon. **Carol D. Codrington '84**, associate justice of the California Court of Appeals, spoke at the California African American Museum in February in conjunction with the exhibition, Justice, Balance and Achievements: African Americans and the California Courts. Justice Codrington is the first African-American justice appointed to the Fourth District, and the only African-American female justice in the state. The Hon. **Michael Garcia '85** was elevated from commissioner to judge for the California Superior Court, County of Los Angeles. The Hon. **Debra A. Cole '88** was appointed to the California Superior Court, County of Los Angeles, by Governor Brown; Judge Cole has served as head deputy, deputy-in-charge and trial deputy for the Los Angeles County Alternate Public Defender's office, and as trial deputy for the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office. She will serve the Southeast District in Downey, CA. The Hon. **Roberto Longoria '90** was appointed by the Governor to the California Superior Court, County of Los Angeles; most recently in private practice, Judge Longoria served in the Public Defender's Office in both Orange County and Los Angeles County. Hon. **D. Zeke Zeidler '91** was elected president of the International Association of Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Judges. The Hon. **Michelle W. Court '93**, who has worked for nonprofit legal advocacy group Bet Tzedek since 2002, most recently as vice president and general counsel, was appointed by Governor Brown to the California Superior Court, County of Los Angeles; Judge Court is assigned to the Stanley Mosk Courthouse in downtown Los Angeles.

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The Top 50 Women

Patricia Phillips '67	Christine D. Spagnoli '86
Sussan H. Shore '76	Angela C. Agrusa '87
Ellen A. Pansky '77	Amy Fisch Solomon '87
Janet I. Levine '80	Lisa J. Perrochet '87
Linda C. Miller Savitt '80	Sheryl W. Leichenger '92
Lisa Helfend Meyer '82	Laura A. Wasser '94
Caren R. Nielsen '83	

2005 Heidi Milan Caballero, following five years of appellate work with the Office of the Attorney General in Miami, FL, Caballero joined the legal division of the Miami-Dade Office of the State Attorney; the Office provides litigation support to the trial attorneys. **Monte K. Grix** now practices employment law litigation and counseling as an associate with Curiale Hirschfeld Kraemer LLP, Los Angeles.

2006 Maria Camacho was appointed to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, pending Senate confirmation; Camacho is senior account manager at Consensus Inc., and the former director of public affairs for J.S. Rosenfield & Co. **Ian P. Culver** now practices with Booth LLP in Los Angeles

Endowed Chair To Honor Professor Coskran '59

Generations of future property lawyers and educators have been inspired by Professor William (Bill) G. Coskran '59, and to honor his legacy Loyola has created an endowed chair in his name to ensure top talent will continue to give future Loyola students similar inspiration.

Coskran's ties to Loyola go back to his undergraduate degree, which he earned at Loyola Marymount University. He graduated first in his Loyola Law School class in 1959. After spending two years in the U.S. Air Force JAG Corps, he entered private practice focusing on real property and construction law. He quickly returned to the Law School though, first as an adjunct professor, and then, teaching full-time beginning in 1968.

"As part of a faculty known for great teaching, Bill Coskran was perhaps the finest teacher of them all," said Dean Victor J. Gold. "What made Bill nothing less than a classroom legend was his unmatched ability to help his students understand and apply the most difficult aspects of law to a concrete set of facts. No one has ever been better at performing the magic of turning students into lawyers."

Loyola Professor Allan Ides '79 remembers attending Coskran's class as a first-year student and being pushed hard – but also inspired. "Going to his class was one of the most engaging things you could do. He captivated the class and pushed us really hard, but he was always nice, always available outside the classroom," said Ides, who holds the Christopher N. May Chair.



Calling Coskran "almost immeasurably good, unbelievably good," Ides said Coskran inspired him to pursue his own teaching career. "I was completely influenced by him. He had no PowerPoint, no special effects. It was all him and the chalkboard. He was completely dedicated in a completely unpretentious way," Ides said.

Endowed chairs reward excellent teachers and scholars and indicate the depth and stability of an educational institution. Loyola received its first endowed chair in 1980 and has since collected 15 more. The positions are used to help retain and recruit top faculty, who will raise the level of education and scholarship of the Law School for years to come.

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PRESIDENT'S PROFILE

Craig S. Pedersen '94 – 2012 President – Alumni Association Board of Governors

Craig S. Pedersen got involved in the Alumni Association, in part, because he appreciated his time at Loyola and the opportunities that it gave him. After being involved for years, he is the current president of the Alumni Association Board of Governors.

"I had such a wonderful law school experience at Loyola, just very vivid and full years," said Pedersen, who recalled being involved in student organizations that helped get the student pro bono requirement off the ground. "I really appreciated all of my time at Loyola and all the opportunities that it represented."

Pedersen and the Alumni Association will continue to focus on programs aimed at aiding students, including the mentorship program and a program that handles emergency financial requests from students.

Pedersen said that he and the executive committee hope to create more opportunities for newly minted alumni to interact and network with more experienced alumni. "We know these are really challenging economic times. Unlike last decade, there are not necessarily a plethora of these

wonderful six-figure jobs for those who are coming out of law school," he said. "What we really want to do is help students connect with some other alums to support them along in their journey."

The Alumni Association is hoping to do a series of smaller events with 10-14 people, grouped by practice area, location or non-legal interests. The hope is that smaller events will provide a better opportunity to connect.

Expansion of community service opportunities, both with legal assistance and with more general outreach, is also a focus of the Alumni Association. Upcoming projects include a one-day legal clinic and adoption day for children being adopted out of the foster system. Pederson noted, "It just creates another opportunity to give something back but with a Loyola connecting point."

Pedersen is a partner at Brot & Gross, LLP, a firm in Sherman Oaks, CA that handles exclusively family law cases.

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