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# PUBLIC Record

Winter 2012

## Loyola Alums Grab Honors Among 'Top' Lawyers

Loyola alumni continue to be recognized as leaders in their fields with dozens of alumni racking up recognition among their peers in the last couple of years.

Loyola graduates have been noted among the top litigators, best corporate counsel, top labor and employment lawyers, top lawyers under 40, and leading attorneys in California in 2010 and 2011. This includes lists such as California's Leading 100 Attorneys, Southern California Top 50 Women Lawyers, Top Women Lawyers, Top Labor & Employment Lawyers, Biotech Top 25 Attorneys, Top 20 Under 40, Who's Who in L.A. Law, Corporate Counsel Awards Finalists and Top Women Litigators to name a few.

Matthew McNicholas '97 was named among California's Leading 100 Attorneys of 2011, marking his first appearance on the leading lawyers list from the Los Angeles *Daily Journal*. McNicholas is a partner at McNicholas & McNicholas, LLP. The firm represents plaintiffs and individuals in significant and complex matters in the areas of personal injury, employment law, class actions and other consumer oriented matters such as civil rights, aviation disasters and products liability.

"It's always the most flattering and humbling recognition when you're recognized by your peers. It means a lot," said McNicholas, who attended Loyola because his father, John McNicholas, is an alumnus and also because of the Law School's reputation for training top trial lawyers. McNicholas feels that he has benefited from



the contributions other graduates before him made to Loyola's reputation and education. As a result, "It's the responsibility of Loyola graduates to continue to pave the road of solid reputation for future generations," McNicholas said.

Janet Levine '80 made the *Daily Journal's* Top Women Lawyers 2011 list and was also named among the Southern California Top 50 Women in *Southern California Super Lawyers 2011*. "It's always quite flattering to be recognized on a list of your peers," she said.

Both Levine and McNicholas expressed that the education they received at Loyola helped put them on the path to success. McNicholas feels that Loyola prepared him to put in the hard work that it takes to become a successful trial lawyer.

Levine, the white-collar and regulatory enforcement group chairwoman at Crowell & Moring LLP, said Loyola gave her the freedom and flexibility to pursue the legal career she wanted. The evening program also helped ensure that she and her classmates were exposed to others with a wide variety of backgrounds and

noted that, "If you look at where Loyola lists among top lawyers, it's in all sorts of practice areas."

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As the saying goes, "the list goes on and on" and Loyola is proud to see so many alums being recognized through these honors as leaders in their field. The legal industry is rapidly changing, and Loyola grads continue to demonstrate that they are able to meet the dynamic needs of their clients and the legal community. We congratulate our many alumni who have been recognized throughout the year and will continue to highlight these accomplishments in the class notes section of the newsletter, as well as with weekly updates on the alumni homepage ([alumni.lls.edu](http://alumni.lls.edu)).

# EVENTS WRAP-UP

**SWEARING-IN CEREMONY (A)**  
Thursday, June 2, 2011  
Loyola Law School – Los Angeles

**CLASS OF 2001 REUNION (B)**  
Thursday, June 2, 2011  
Katsuya at LA LIVE

**LOYOLA BOWL – AN  
OUTDOOR CONCERT (D)**  
with the Los Angeles Lawyers  
Philharmonic

**Conductor and Founder:**  
Gary S. Greene '75  
**Special Guest:**  
Actress June Lockhart  
Saturday, June 25, 2011  
Loyola Law School – Los Angeles

**RAPHAEL LEMKIN AWARD  
DINNER (C)**  
Center for the Study of Law  
and Genocide  
Thursday, September 15, 2011  
Four Seasons Hotel Los Angeles  
at Beverly Hills

**Honoree:** The Hon. Gabriel  
Bach (former Israeli Supreme  
Court Justice and Senior  
Prosecutor in the Adolf  
Eichmann Trial)

**ALARCÓN ADVOCACY CENTER  
DEDICATION (E)**  
Wednesday, September 28, 2011  
Loyola Law School – Los Angeles

**Guest Speaker:** The Hon.  
Anthony M. Kennedy,  
U.S. Supreme Court  
**Honoree:** The Hon. Arthur L.  
Alarcón, U.S. Court of Appeals  
for the Ninth Circuit

**CHAMPIONS OF  
JUSTICE DINNER**  
Friday, September 30, 2011  
Beverly Hills Hotel – Beverly Hills

**ORANGE COUNTY ALUMNI  
LUNCH (G)**  
Friday, October 7, 2011  
The Capital Grille – Costa Mesa

**ALUMNI & STUDENT MENTOR  
BRUNCH (H)**  
Sunday, October 9, 2011  
Loyola Law School – Los Angeles

**INLAND EMPIRE ALUMNI  
LUNCH (I)**  
Friday, October 14, 2011  
Mario's Place – Riverside

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE  
JAMES P. BRADLEY CHAIR IN  
CONSTITUTIONAL LAW (J)**  
Thursday, October 20, 2011  
Loyola Law School – Los Angeles

**Chair Holder:** Professor  
Kimberly West-Faulcon  
**Guest Speakers:** The Hon.  
Stephen Reinhardt, U.S. Court  
of Appeals for the Ninth  
Circuit, David W. Burcham '84,  
president, Loyola Marymount  
University

**LGBT IDENTITY AND THE LAW**  
Friday, October 21, 2011  
Loyola Law School – Los Angeles  
**Guest Speaker:** Dr. Gary Gates,  
Williams Distinguished Scholar,  
The Williams Institute, UCLA  
School of Law

**SCHOLARSHIP DONORS  
LUNCH (F)**  
Thursday, October 27, 2011  
Loyola Law School – Los Angeles

**SAN DIEGO ALUMNI LUNCH (K)**  
Friday, October 28, 2011  
Quarter Kitchen, Andaz San  
Diego Hotel – San Diego

**GRAND REUNION** Thursday,  
November 3, 2011  
The London West Hollywood –  
Los Angeles

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# Direct Examination

**1964 Thomas V. Girardi** currently serves as president of the Italian American Lawyers Association.

**1968 Dale Gribow** received an AVVO.com legal rating of 9.7 out of 10, and was profiled in *Palm Springs Life* magazine in June. He has been named "Man of the Year" six times by the City of Palm Desert and the City of Hope, and Dale Gribow Day has been declared four times.

**1972 Mark P. Robinson, Jr.**, a senior partner at Robinson Calcagnie Robinson Shapiro Davis, Inc., was appointed to California's Judicial Council, the body responsible for improving the administration of justice in the state's courts.

**1974 Gerald Alcantar** has retired from Fox Entertainment Group where he served as vice president of diversity development. **Roland C. Coleman, Jr.**, a Manhattan Beach private practitioner, was inducted into the Langston Bar Association's Hall of Fame, which honors lawyers licensed to practice law for 35 years or more and who also have made significant contributions to the Los Angeles legal community. **Gary Paul of Waters, Kraus & Paul** in El Segundo, CA is the new president of the American Association of Justice, a trial lawyers lobbying group. **Roman M. Silberfeld**, managing partner of Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi LLP, was named in *The Hollywood Reporter's* list of 2011 Power Lawyers.

## CALIFORNIA'S TOP 50 NEUTRALS FOR 2011

**Hon. Russell A. Bostrom '72**

**Darrell A. Forgey '73**

**Michael D. Moorhead '75**

Source: *Los Angeles Daily Journal*,  
Oct. 19, 2011

**1975 Jeffrey S. Kravitz**, managing partner of Fox Rothschild LLP's Los Angeles office, was recognized by the 2011 Chambers USA Guide as a leader in the category of intellectual property: trademark, copyright and trade secrets law in California. **Michael McDaniel** addressed the World Congress of The International Federation of Freight Forwarding Associations in Cairo, Egypt in October regarding his successful argument before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals on behalf of UPS, in UPS vs. Qantas—the first change in international airline indemnity rights in 82 years under the Montreal and Warsaw Conventions.

**1976 James Benjamin** was elected president of the Denver Bar Association (CO).

**1977 Sue Burrell**, staff attorney at the San Francisco-based Youth Law Center, received the American Bar Association's Livingston Hall Juvenile Justice Award in August.

**1979 Michael Cappelli**, general counsel for the California Superior Court, County of Riverside, was appointed to the Judicial Branch Contracting Manual Working Group, which drafts a new contract and purchasing manual for the trial courts.

**1980 Paul C. Workman**, a complex business litigator, was appointed executive partner at Holland & Knight in Los Angeles.

**1981 Harold Brook's** seven-attorney, Beverly Hills, CA, entertainment transactional firm, The Point Media, was profiled in the *Los Angeles Daily Journal* in late October. **Douglas M. DeGrave** of Poliquin & DeGrave LLP in Laguna Hills, CA won a defense verdict, 12-0, in favor of his clients, a truck driver and employer falsely accused of road rage in a motorcycle fatality case. **Jan Frankel Schau** was named a "California Super Lawyer" for the third-consecutive year for her work in alternative dispute resolution; Frankel Schau also was installed as chair of the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles' ADR Section and published a book review in the *Los Angeles Daily Journal* in September titled, "Complacency no more: It's time to brush up your negotiation skills."

**1984 Lawrence B. Cohn**, a shareholder at Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth in Newport Beach, CA was named by the *Los Angeles Daily Journal* as one of the Biotech Top 25 attorneys. **Douglas Ditonto** retired from Southern California Edison where he served as manager of the claims and general litigation section. **Renée Greif** is the recipient of the Los Angeles Police Department's highest civilian honor—the Police Commission Distinguished Service Medal. Greif, a volunteer specialist reserve officer with the LAPD assigned to the Counter-Terrorism and Criminal Intelligence Bureau, authorized and developed iWATCH, iREPORT, iKEEP US SAFE, a suspicious activity reporting public awareness campaign. **Elizabeth Moreno** was appointed a member of the California State Bar's committee on administration of justice and received the prestigious Board of Governors Award in recognition of her service to the Beverly Hills Bar Association. **Rebecca Winthrop** joined the Los Angeles office of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP as a shareholder in the firm's bankruptcy and restructuring group.

**1985 Michael E. Flynn** joined Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP in Irvine, CA as partner; Flynn specializes in general corporate representation, mergers and acquisitions, and capital market transactions.

**1987 Kim O. Dincel**, a litigator in the areas of long-term health care, construction defect and business, joined Silicon Valley Law Group in San Jose, CA as a shareholder. **Cynthia Marcotte (Gibson) Stamer**, a certified labor and employment attorney, was inducted as a fellow in the American College of Employee Benefits Counsel, Inc. in November; Stamer recently served as chair of the American Bar Association's Real Property, Trust and Estate (RPTE) Employee Benefits and Other Compensation Arrangements Group, and begins service as the RPTE Welfare Plan Committee co-chair and the ABA TIPS Employee Benefits Committee vice-chair.

**1991 John M. Polson**, a partner at Fisher & Phillips LLP in Irvine, CA representing management in labor and employment law matters, was included in *The Best Lawyers in America 2012*. **Brigette Muller Bren** was elected to the board of directors for the Public Policy Institute of California; Muller Bren is the chief executive officer and co-founder of International Strategic Planning, Inc., a consulting firm advising domes-

## Corporate Counsel Award Finalists

**Raymond Ilgunas '81**

**Ellen Farrell '94**

**G. Karl Greissing '94**

**Victor Sze '95**

**Richard Ting '97**

Source: *Los Angeles Business Journal*, Oct. 24, 2011

tic firms on international expansion. **Daniel G. Parsons** was recently elected as chair of the board of directors of the Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging.

**1992 Joseph P. Escalante**, co-owner of Kung Fu Records, band member of The Vandals, host of Barely Legal Radio, licensed attorney and judge pro tem for the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, also offers complimentary legal advice on the LegalZoom Facebook page, Free Joe!

**1993 Arif Alikhan** is the new deputy executive director for homeland security and law enforcement at Los Angeles World Airports, which includes Los Angeles (LAX), Van Nuys and Ontario international airports in California.

**1994 Gary W. Park** joined Ezra Brutzkus Gubner LLP as a partner specializing in litigation, banking and bankruptcy. **David B. Newdorf** of Newdorf Legal was included in the 2011 *Northern California Super Lawyers* magazine. **Lt. Col. Kurt Schlichter** of Schlichter & Shonack, LLP in Manhattan Beach, CA, received his master's of strategic studies from the elite U.S. Army War College in July.

**1995 Grace Y. Horoupian**, a partner at Fisher & Phillips LLP specializing in employment law, was appointed to the Huntington Beach, CA Chamber of Commerce's board of directors, serving as vice chair and general counsel.

**1996 David Noble** was elevated from counsel to commissioner of the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada. **David Rosmann**, former vice president of intellectual property litigation at Broadcom Corp., is now senior vice president at Newport Beach, CA's Acacia Research Group LLC, a patent licensing company.

**1997 Stephen Mesi**, a deputy attorney general for the California Department of Justice, co-authored a chapter on the Government Claims Act and Government Immunities in California Public Sector Employment Law, a Labor & Employment Section of the California State Bar periodical. Mesi is also president-elect of the Italian American Lawyers Association of Los Angeles. **Maria Rodriguez** left Winston &

Strawn LLP to become a partner at DLA Piper's Los Angeles office; Rodriguez advises on matters of employment law.

**1998 David R. Albers** has left BioEnergy Solutions, LLC to join the staff at State Fair Community College as the coordinator and instructor for its Renewable Energy Technology program.

**1999 Tom K. Ara** left the West Los Angeles office of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP to join Reed Smith LLP in Century City, CA as a partner, specializing in entertainment labor matters, entertainment industry transactions, and intellectual property.

**2001 Ara A. Babaian** recently started his own law practice, Encore Law, representing clients with business law needs. **Regis Guerin** was named partner at Assayag Mauss Legal Group in Costa Mesa, CA, representing financial institutions in commercial litigation.

**2002 Katherine Cheng Arnold** was elevated to partner at Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP in Los Angeles, where she defends insurance companies, uninsured employers, and self-insured firms in worker's compensation matters. **Megan Tunnel O'Rourke** took over as the 103rd President of the Rotary Club of Los Angeles; she is the youngest president in the club's history and only the fourth woman to hold the position. **Erik Syverson** joined Miller Barondess LLP's Century City, CA office as a partner, specializing in Internet and e-commerce issues.

## WHO'S WHO IN LA LAW 2011

**John A. Laco '92**

**Chelsea A. Grayson '98**

**Christopher J. Kelly '98**

**Matthew Ertman '99**

Source: *Los Angeles Business Journal*, Oct. 10, 2011

**2003 Jonathan C. Sandler** is an associate in the litigation department at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP, specializing in commercial and real estate law and entertainment litigation. **Darren Brenner**, a member of Lewis and Roca LLP's commercial litigation practice group, was elevated to partner.

**2004 Billie D. Hausburg** returned to Carroll, Burdick & McDonough LLP as of counsel, specializing in civil appeals, class actions, and complex claims. **Emily E. Terrell** joined Clearspire Law Co., LLC as of counsel.

**2006 Christopher G. Lai** recently became a member of the business litigation and healthcare groups as an associate at Silicon Valley Law Group in San Jose, CA. **Katherine Macfarlane** joined the New York City Law Department's Special Federal Litigation Division as assistant corporate counsel.

**2007 Julian Freeman** joined Cox, Castle & Nicholson in August as a member of the firm's

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TOP 50 WOMEN

**Angela C. Agrusa '87**

**Nancy S. Cohen '78**

**Amy Fisch Solomon '87**

**Lisa Helfend Meyer '82**

**Janet I. Levine '80**

**Linda Miller Savitt '80**

**Ellen A. Pansky '77**

**Lisa Perrochet '87**

**Patricia Phillips '67**

**Sussan H. Shore '76**

**Christine D. Spagnoli '86**

**Teresa R. Tracy '79**

Source: *Southern California Super Lawyers Magazine* 2011

Orange County real estate and land development teams. **Douglas T. Lane** left McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP's Los Angeles office to join Winstead PC in Dallas, TX, focusing on commercial finance.

**2008 James Parker** joined Wilshire Associates, a global advisory company specializing in investment products, consulting services, and technology solutions. **Guiselle Torres** joined Major League Soccer as legal counsel.

**2009 F. Phillip Hosp** left Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP to join the Los Angeles office of Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP, where he specializes in insurance litigation/arbitration and capital markets/securities litigation. **Marissa Kase** is an attorney at Kulik Gottesman & Siegel in Sherman Oaks, CA, focusing on general civil litigation and entertainment law, with specialty in sweepstakes and contests. **Aniya Salehi** left Paul Hastings LLP to join Snell & Wilmer LLP's Los Angeles office as an associate, specializing in real estate transactions.

**2010 Robert L. Hernandez** recently entered into insurance recovery law practice at Anderson Kill & Olick in Ventura, CA. **Erin Huang** is a new associate at the Law Offices of Nigel Burns. **Shira Moses** joined Greenberg Traurig, LLP as an associate in its litigation department.

**JUDICIAL Hon. Richard G. Vogl '68** was recognized in October by the Orange County Child Abuse Prevention Center with the 2011 Champion of Children Award in recognition of his achievements; Vogl also was the recipient of the Legal Leader Award from Whittier Law School Orange County Alumni Association. **Hon. Judith L. Champagne '74** of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles retired from the bench in August. **Hon. David C. Velasquez '78** of the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, retired from the bench after presiding for 23 years. **Hon. Rita J. Miller '79** has been awarded the Trial Judge of the Year Award by the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles. **Hon. Michael A. Latin '85** of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, retired and joined ADR Services, Inc. as a mediator and arbitrator in civil disputes. **Hon. Arlene E. (Medina) Dorfman '00** was investitured as an immigration judge in Los Angeles, CA in mid-August. Dorfman

joined the immigration judge corps from the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, where she served as senior attorney.

**IN MEMORIAM** The Law School regretfully announces the passing of the following alumni. Please visit [alumni.lls.edu](http://alumni.lls.edu) to read about their lives and contributions.

**Swan C. Pierson '46**

**John E. Anderson '50**

**Paul Augustine, Jr. '55**

**William D. Jennett '58**

**Joseph E. Rawlinson '58**

**Professor John V. Gallagher '61**

**Larry M. Greenblat '62**

**Julius A. Dix '65**

**Stephen T. Swanson '69**

**Richard L. Robins '70**

**Anthony Bellino '71**

**Stanley Silberman '71**

**Robert R. Anderson '73**

**Kim (Wegelius) Sellars '88**

**Wayne Rozenberg '91**

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## Loyola Posts Huge Gains in Federal Clerkships

With mentoring from Professor Laurie Levenson and a committee of clerkship veterans, Loyola alumni are landing federal clerkships in unprecedented numbers.

A decade ago, Loyola placed only a handful of students in post-graduation clerkships each year, but a push to offer focused advice and networking opportunities has led to enormous gains. In 2005, 10 alumni landed clerkships. Last year marked a "banner year," Levenson said, with 17 clerkships.

"Judges like our students, trust our students and feel like Loyola students are getting the education they need to make them useful," she said.

Levenson and members of the clerkship alumni committee advise students on the application and interview processes. Those who get offers are put through a boot camp style class on memo writing, research, ethics and other issues before they start.

"I am a match maker. It's my job to match the students with a judge," said Levenson. She says she offers judges a "money-back guarantee: If the judge doesn't like the Loyola alum, I'll quit my job and finish the clerkship out."

The past success of Loyola alumni breeds new successes—which is why a group of Loyola alumni clerks works with Levenson to help mentor and provide advice to would-be clerks. The committee was the idea of Katherine MacFarlane '06, who served as a clerk in the U.S. District Court of Arizona before landing a position with Judge Arthur L. Alarcón in the U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit.

She and Joel Richlin '06, who worked in U.S. Bankruptcy Court before transferring to the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California and eventually becoming an elbow clerk for Judge Suzanne H. Segal, realized that Loyola students and alumni could benefit from a clerkship network. The alumni committee holds events to promote clerkships to students. Members also offer advice to applicants and assign each applicant a mentor to answer questions and give realistic advice, said Richlin, the committee chairman.

"It's up to the students to take our advice or not, or to chart their own path, but I hope that students are at least better informed," he said.

Levenson takes what, at times, may be a less diplomatic approach as she combs through resumes, cover letters and writing samples.

"I look at everything. I'm their mom. I'm their mentor," and she adds, with a grin, "I'm their tormentor."



The Hon. Arthur L. Alarcón, senior circuit judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit (center) at the dedication of the Alarcón Advocacy Center in September 2011 with several of his clerks who are Loyola alums: (l to r) Jeffrey Payne '11, Cassie Palmer '09, Paula Mitchell '02, Christina Goodrich '08 and Joel Liberson '92.

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