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# PUBLIC Record

Spring 2010

## Moot Court and Trial Advocacy Teams Win Top Honors



There is a good reason why Dean Victor Gold refers to Director of Trial Advocacy Susan Poehls '89 as "the Wizard of Olympic Boulevard." In the past 21 years, Poehls has led Loyola's Byrne Trial Advocacy Team to 18 regional wins at the prestigious National

Trial Competition. This year was no different as the Byrne Trial Advocacy Team once again came out strong to take home the regional championship, beating out the largest number of teams ever to participate in the competition.

A total of 26 teams from 13 schools competed, including UCLA, Pepperdine, University of San Diego, Thomas Jefferson and Southwestern. Loyola's team went undefeated, winning 14 out of 15 judges' ballots, and was ranked first in the quarterfinals, semifinals and final round. Team members noted that the secret to their success was their dedicated coaches, many of whom are Loyola alums.

Poehls feels strongly that alumni involvement with the teams really makes a difference and she said, "I feel very fortunate to have so many alums of the program who are willing to come back and offer their time and talents to help prepare our students for their competitions. The alums who return have experience in a wide variety of practice areas, as well as varying levels of experience, which gives our students the advantage of being exposed to a breadth and depth of knowledge that is not available to most young lawyers." Poehls believes that the coaching and interaction students receive from alumni provide a real advantage to Loyola students as they prepare for their careers.

The winning tradition continued this year with Loyola's Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) Moot Court Team, coached by Carlos Cruz '96. Competing against 31 schools, the Loyola team swept this year's HNBA 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Uvaldo Herrera National Moot Court Competition held in March in San Diego, CA to become the 2010 National Champions. Team members Ana Gomez-Garcia, Claudia Perez and Gabriela Ramirez won first place and Best Respondent Brief. Perez won the coveted Best Oral Advocate Award, while Ramirez took home the Runner-Up Best Oral Advocate Award.

Loyola's ABA National Appellate Advocacy team, the Scott Moot Court Team, beat the odds in Las Vegas by defeating 96 competitors from 32 teams representing 20 different law schools at the ABA Regional Appellate Advocacy Competition. The team composed of Ashley Farrell, Peter Klausner and Blake Osborne went undefeated in every round of the competition, and finished first place overall. The team

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## Academic and Student Events Bring Top Legal Minds to Campus

**While Loyola was ranked fifth in 2010 by The Princeton Review for "Best Classroom Experience," the school has also been providing alumni and students with numerous learning opportunities outside of class. Loyola's leading-edge symposia attract expert lecturers, offering students an opportunity to explore their legal interests, as well as providing alumni and other legal professionals an opportunity to share in these experiences and earn MCLE credits. The Law School's thought-provoking panels, led by prominent faculty and legal heavyweights, continue to bring students and alumni together for a true meeting of the minds.**

The legal community flocked to this year's Fidler Institute on Criminal Justice, which took place at Loyola on April 9, 2010, to get current on criminal law topics ranging from snitching to cutting-edge issues in forensic science. Professor Laurie Levenson described the program's strengths by saying, "Once again, the Fidler Institute on Criminal Justice is tackling the toughest issues facing our criminal justice system today: prison reform, prosecutorial misconduct, snitches and how to responsibly handle forensic evidence. The Fidler Institute is the one place where prosecutors, defense lawyers, judges, professors, government officials and students can come together to find solutions. It is amazing to have so many people with such a variety of expertise under one roof. We are proud that Loyola is the go-to place for criminal law."

Loyola hosted the educational and inspirational symposium, "A Journey to Justice," in February 2010, which highlighted topics focused on civil rights law. The symposium included panels on race and litigation and innocence. Exonoree and symposium panelist Herman Atkins described his 12 years in prison before being released from a 45-year sentence after DNA testing confirmed his innocence. The panels were followed by the presentation of the Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr. Public Service

Award to the Honorable Terry J. Hatter, Jr., Senior Judge and Chief Judge Emeritus of the United States District Court, Central District of California.

Loyola's law reviews have also been at the helm of creating opportunities to learn outside of the classroom. In March 2010, the *Loyola of Los Angeles International and Comparative Law Review* brought together international disability rights policy makers for a three-panel program examining the significance of the United Nations (U.N.) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Speakers including Stephanie Ortoleva, former advisor on disability policy, U.S. Department of State, and Dr. Michael Stein, executive director of the Harvard Law School Project on Disability, discussed their strategies for widespread ratification and implementation of the convention.

Associate Dean Michael Waterstone said, "The symposium on the U.N. Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities was a fantastic success. We were able to hear from many of the people who were directly involved in negotiating the treaty, as well as those who are responsible for implementing it amongst various countries. In addition to these leaders engaging each other, they also engaged our audience, who became an active part of the day's sessions."

Yet another outstanding program presented by Loyola's Civil Justice Program was the March 2010 symposium, "Injuries without Remedies." The program brought together dozens of academics and practitioners alike through four panels examining the many facets of remedies. Professor John Nockleby described the intricacies of the symposium topic noting that, "Many people assume that what the law defines as an 'injury' is constant over time. However, neither 'injury' nor 'remedies' are static, but changing in meaning and content over time. The

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# Direct Examination

**1973 Robert E. Buch** was elected president of the California Worker's Compensation Defense Attorneys Association. **Darrell A. Forgey** was named one of California's "Top 10 Up & Coming Neutrals" by the Los Angeles *Daily Journal* in December. **Carol E. Schatz**, president and CEO of the Central City Association of Los Angeles, was honored for her legal and community work at Alston + Bird LLP's annual Women of Distinction Reception held in March 2010.

**1974 Steven D. Archer** joined Kiesel, Boucher & Larson, LLP as partner, and focuses his practice on plaintiff's catastrophic injury/wrongful death, mass tort and class action litigation. **David W. Levene** expanded his firm, Levene, Neale, Bender, Rankin & Brill L.L.P., by acquiring Robinson Diamant & Wolkowitz, a bankruptcy boutique. **Walter F. Ulloa**, chairman and chief executive officer of Entravision Communications Corporation, was appointed to the National Association of Broadcasters Education Foundation's board of directors.

**1975 Jeffrey S. Kravitz** of Fox Rothschild LLP was recognized in the 2010 *Chambers USA Guide* "Leaders in their Field: Intellectual Property: Trademark, Copyright and Trade Secrets" ranking.

**1977 James J. Braze** was elevated to partner at Borton Petrini, LLP, where he specializes in tax, insurance and healthcare law.

**1978 Pamela S. Duffy** and **Barbara M. Rubin** were named among the 2010 *Southern California Super Lawyers*. **Randy M. Spiro** was listed among the *Southern California Super Lawyers* in the area of estate planning. **Susan L. Steinhauer** was named to the board of directors of the College of Santa Fe in Santa Fe, NM.

**1979 James J. Dragna** was recognized in the February supplement to the Los Angeles *Daily Journal*: Top Defense Verdicts of 2009. **Terry P. Mansky**, chief administrative officer and general counsel to International Coffee & Tea, LLC and CBTL Franchising, LLC, was profiled in the December 14, 2009 edition of the Los Angeles *Daily Journal*.

**1980 Leah M. Gasendo-Nishida**, formerly a partner in the litigation firm of Braden, Hinchcliffe & Hawley LLP, was appointed administrative law judge for the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board. **Paul H. Irving**, co-chair and corporate counsel for Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP, was selected as a 2010 fellow with Harvard University's Advanced Leadership Initiative. **Ann L. Weinman** is retiring from her position as an administrative law judge with the California Public Employment Relations Board.

**1988 Brent Reinke**, who has been practicing corporate law in Westlake Village for 10 years, has formed two organizations: Gold Coast Business Forum and The BioTech Forum. Reinke also has founded Vapur, Inc., which manufactures a reusable, flexible water bottle.

**1990 Salvatore V. Riso, Jr.** was appointed president and chief executive officer of Care Investment Trust Inc., a real estate investment and finance company. **Juliette C. Youngblood** was named Entertainment Lawyer of the Year by the Century City Bar Association at its 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Installation Banquet and Awards Ceremony.

**1991 Sarah M. Hart** was promoted to partner with Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP, where she focuses on products liability and general negligence defense. **Robert J. Koltai**, founder and portfolio manager of Hain Capital Group, LLC, participated in GoldenNetworking.com's Distressed Investing Leaders Forum 2010 held in February in New York City.

**1993 Paul R. Flaherty** was elevated to associate partner with Murchison & Cumming, LLP, where he practices product liability, aviation defense and general tort defense, with an emphasis on cases involving technical issues.

**1994 Gary F. Werner** was elected mayor of Brunswick, OH in November and officially took office on January 1, 2010. His position also includes running the Mayor's Court.

**1995 Alexander H. Cherin**, until recently the managing director of trade relations and operations for the Port of Long Beach, has announced he is returning to private practice after four years with the City of Long Beach. **Steven D. Smelser** was recognized in the February supplement to the Los Angeles *Daily Journal*, Top Defense Verdicts of 2009.

**1996 Carlos A. Cruz**, coach of Loyola's Hispanic National Bar Association Moot Court Team, led the team to a first-place finish at this year's HNBA Moot Court Competition. **Nadia Davis-Lockyer** was appointed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to the California Community Colleges Board of Governors. Davis-Lockyer previously served the Alameda County Family Justice Center as deputy district attorney and executive director.

**1997 Jeremy W. Faith** partnered with **Andrew Goodman '84** to form the law firm of Goodman Faith, LLP, specializing in all aspects of bankruptcy and bankruptcy related litigation. **Maria C. Rodriguez** was named one of California's "Top 20 Under 40" by the Los Angeles *Daily Journal* in January.

**1998 Matthew J. Gaul** was named deputy superintendent with the New York State Insurance Department. **Greg T. Hill** opened Greg Hill & Associates, specializing in criminal defense and civil litigation. **M. David Wilkins** was named vice president of contracts and supply chain with the Raytheon Company, where he has worked since 2002.

**1999 Brian M. Sanders** was elevated to partner at Erickson Arbuthnot, where he focuses on complex construction defect litigation. **Aalok Sharma** was elevated to partner with White & Case LLP, where he practices in the firm's global commercial litigation group. **Jim Winner** was promoted to associate general counsel for ITT Systems Corporation in Colorado Springs, CO.

**2000 Anthony D. Brosamle** was promoted to counsel at Tucker Ellis & West LLP and focuses his practice on mass tort, product liability and commercial litigation. **Victor P. Danhi** joined Arent Fox LLP as an associate, practicing in the firm's automotive group. **Suzanne Martin**, formerly of Lewis and Roca LLP, joined the newly opened Las Vegas office of Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C. as a shareholder. **I. Miriam Rana** was promoted to partner at Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP. Rana practices real estate development and land use law and worker's compensation law. **Erica L. Reilley** joined Jones Day as a partner specializing in appeals. She is also an adjunct professor at Loyola Law School, teaching appellate advocacy. **Polina L. Ross** became a partner at Gibbs, Giden, Locher, Turner & Senet LLP and was also selected as a "Rising Star" in *Southern California Super Lawyers* in 2009.

**2001 Michelle Alarcon** was promoted to MBA director at Hawaii Pacific University in January. Alarcon also serves as a full-time assistant professor for the university, teaching business law and management ethics. Additionally, Alarcon runs a solo practice in the areas of employment and immigration law, with offices in Honolulu and the Big Island of Hawaii. **Pamela K. Graham**, formerly of Irell & Manella LLP, joined Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP as an associate. **John W. Kim** was elected partner at Nossaman LLP, where he specializes in bankruptcy and creditors' rights cases, business litigation, and construction defect litigation. **Steven M. Kroll** was elected to partnership with Ford & Harrison LLP, where he practices employment law. **Charles Lew** was named the Best Up-and-Coming Restaurant Developer by the *Los Angeles Business Journal*. Lew is co-owner of Stout, Crown Bar and the Gasser Lounge. Lew is a named partner with Kagianaris Lew LLP in Hollywood, CA. **Kevin J. Lombardo** became a partner with McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP, where he focuses on federal government procurement law. **Jean C. Michel** is a senior associate at Thomas Whitelaw, where he practices complex business litigation and intellectual property litigation. **Tappan Zee**, managing attorney for the Zee Law Group, was appointed by Gov. Schwarzenegger to the State Board of Pharmacy.

**2002 Rachel J. [Chun] Lee** was promoted to partner with Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP, where she practices employment and labor law. **Joanna L. Fawzy Morales** was recognized as one of California's "Top 20 Under 40" by the Los Angeles *Daily Journal* in January. **Alfred Fraijo, Jr.** was elevated to partner at Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP and works in the firm's land use and natural resources practice group. **Claudia Gutierrez** moved to Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP, where she continues to practice in the areas of land use and natural resources. **Ali Jahangiri** was reappointed to the California Law Revision Commission. **Amanda F. Vassigh** is working as a law career counselor at Golden Gate University in San Francisco, CA.

**2003 James Gilliam**, formerly a litigation associate and associate pro bono coordinator with Paul, Hastings, Janofsky and Walker LLP, was named deputy executive director of the ACLU of Southern California in April 2010. Gilliam chairs the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Sexual Orientation Bias Committee and teaches Public Interest Law, and Sexual Orientation and the Law at Loyola Law School.

**2004 Michelle Brauer Abidoye** joined the Los Angeles office of Ford & Harrison LLP, a national labor and employment firm based in Georgia.

**2005 Loren J. Beck** was appointed treasurer of the Century City Bar Association.

**2006 Jason Pyrz** is a new associate with the Chicago, IL office of Polsinelli Shughart PC. **Joel Richlin**, along with **Courtney Ryan '09**, coached two Loyola Law School teams participating in the American Bar Association National Appellate Advocacy competition in Las Vegas this spring.

**2007 Farhad Asghar** was presented in January with the Horizon

Award at an IRS awards ceremony in Arlington, VA. The new award, reserved for individuals with less than three years of IRS service, honors those who demonstrate a strong commitment to achieving IRS strategic goals and foundations. **Hooman Kazemi**, deputy public defender at the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office, was named Trial Lawyer of the Year for 2009 by the Private Defenders of California, Inc. **Shannon O.C. Nelson** is a principal in the Law Offices of Shannon O.C. Nelson, in El Segundo, CA, specializing in bankruptcy, family law and contract law. **Naomi L. Svensson** joined Lightfoot & Steingard LLP as an associate. The recently formed firm was founded by former Loyola Law School Professor Michael J. Lightfoot and **Richard M. Steingard '82**.

**2009 Rachael Atamian** joined the Orange County Family Law Center as an associate and mediator. **Lara E. Unger** was named an associate at Ford & Harrison LLP.

**JUDICIAL** Hon. **Douglas M. Elwell '76** was named presiding judge of the California Superior Court, San Bernardino County. Hon. **Susan M. Gill '83**, formerly of the Kern County Counsel's Office, was appointed to the California Superior Court, Kern County. Hon. **Sandy R. Krieger '75**, associate justice for the Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Five, was profiled in the January 27, 2010 edition of the Los Angeles *Daily Journal*. Hon. **William B. Lynch III '81** was appointed by the governor to the California Superior Court, Ventura County. Judge Lynch had been serving as a research attorney for the Santa Barbara County Superior Court. Hon. **William V. McTaggart, Jr. '78** was sworn-in as a commissioner of the California Superior Court, Los Angeles County, by the Hon. **John V. Meigs '78** last year. Hon. **Shellie L. Samuels '84** was appointed to the California Superior Court, Los Angeles County. Judge Samuels has served as a deputy district attorney for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office for the past 25 years. Hon. **Matthew St. George** was appointed a commissioner of the California Superior Court, Los Angeles County. Hon. **Carolyn Turchin '78**, U.S. magistrate judge of the Central District of California, retired on May 1, 2010 after serving as a magistrate judge since 1991. Hon. **William R. Weisman '73** stepped down in May 2010 after 20 years on the bench. Judge Weisman served for 17 years with the California Attorney General's Office and was appointed to the Los Angeles Municipal Court in 1990, then elevated to the California Superior Court in 2000.

**MARRIAGES** **Amanda Vassigh '02** married Shahar Sigal on July 5, 2009. **Michelle Brauer '04** married Kunle Abidoye on June 13, 2009; classmate **Hellen Y. Hong '04** served as a bridesmaid.

**BIRTHS** **Scott K. Behrendt '98** and wife, Evelyn Acosta Behrendt, (LMU '96) announce the birth of their second son, Adacio.

**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.

**Barton B. Beck '55**

**Harold H. Gartner III '72**

**Francis A. Gately, Jr. '71**

**Max A. Goodman '48**

**Frank L. Hirst '41**

**Elizabeth Hoult Fontaine '99**

**Andrew D. Stein '63**

**John E. Stockdale '54**

**Joseph T. Thompson '49**

**Welford R. Wilson II '51**



**13th Annual Bob Cooney Golf Tournament**

Sunday, September 12, 2010  
Coyote Hills Golf Course  
Fullerton, CA

*Benefiting the Cancer Legal Resource Center at Loyola Law School*

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10:30 am Registration & Putting Contest  
Noon Shotgun Start with Scramble Format  
5:00 pm Reception, Awards and Dinner

**Special Contests & Prizes**

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**1981 John D. Bronstein** joined Arent Fox LLP as a partner, practicing in the firm's automotive group. **Steven Crosby** serves as senior vice president at Frontier Communications Corporation, handling regulatory, legislative and public relations matters. **Jan (Frankel) Schau**, an alternative dispute resolution professional, was named on the list of 2010 *Southern California Super Lawyers*. **Laura J. Snoke** opened her own firm and continues to specialize in community association law, real property and business litigation and matters, construction law, and professional liability defense and mediation.

**1982 Rod Berman**, chair of the Intellectual Property Group at Jeffer Mangels Butler & Marmaro LLP, was named one of the "Top 100 Lawyers in Los Angeles" by the *Los Angeles Business Journal* in its 2009 list of "Who's Who in L.A. Law." **Richard M. Steingard**, along with former Loyola Law School Professor Michael J. Lightfoot, founded Lightfoot & Steingard LLP, which focuses on criminal defense, civil rights, trials and appeals in all state and federal courts. **Michael L. Ziering**, chief executive officer of Diagnostics Products Corporation, was elected to serve on the board of directors for Caldera Medical, Inc.

**1984 Andrew Goodman** partnered with **Jeremy W. Faith '97** to form the law firm of Goodman Faith, LLP, specializing in all aspects of bankruptcy and bankruptcy related litigation.

**1985 Albro L. Lundy, III** received the 2009 Consumer Attorney of the Year award from the Consumer Attorneys of California in November.

**1986 Mark Adams** and **Monica Vu '01** won a verdict recovering \$6.5 million dollars, including \$2.5 million dollars in punitive damages for their plaintiff Scott C. Moody, Inc. Adams also won another jury verdict of \$4.9 million for plaintiff, Parallax Medical Systems, Inc. **Rodell R. Fick** recently retired from the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office as a senior trial lawyer in the civil division, and is maintaining a small legal practice serving municipal agencies in various appellate hearings.

**1987 Hon. Kevin G. Murray**, formerly of the California State Assembly and Senate, was appointed to the board of directors for California American Water.



David P. Leonard  
1952-2010

## Loyola Law School Mourns the Loss of Associate Dean David Leonard

Submit a comment to Associate Dean Leonard's tribute blog  
[http://blog.lls.edu/facultyblog/2010/02/memories\\_of\\_david\\_leonard.html#comments](http://blog.lls.edu/facultyblog/2010/02/memories_of_david_leonard.html#comments)

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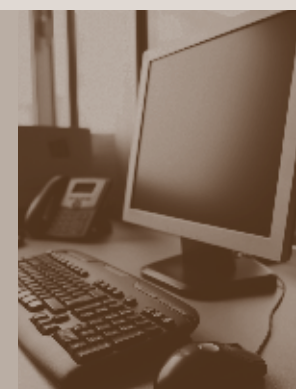
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# EVENTS WRAP-UP

## 2010 LAW DAY PROGRAM

### AWARDS DINNER AND LECTURE (A)

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

Loyola Law School – Los Angeles, CA

**Honorees:** Assoc. Prof. Paula Pearlman, executive director, Disability Rights Legal Center – St. Ignatius of Loyola Award recipient; Fr. Donald P. Merrifield, SJ – St. Thomas More Medallion recipient

**Speaker:** Hon. Janine P. Geske, Wisconsin Supreme Court (ret.); Distinguished Professor of Law, Marquette University Law School

### A JOURNEY TO JUSTICE

#### SYMPOSIUM AND AWARDS RECEPTION (B)

Friday, February 19, 2010

Loyola Law School – Los Angeles, CA

**Honoree:** Hon. Terry J. Hatter, Jr., United States District Court, Central District of California – Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr. Public Service Award recipient

### WESTSIDE ALUMNI HAPPY HOUR

Thursday, February 25, 2010

X Bar – Los Angeles, CA

### SAN JOSE ALUMNI RECEPTION (G)

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

LB Steak/Left Bank – San Jose, CA

### SAN FRANCISCO ALUMNI RECEPTION (D)

Thursday, March 4, 2010

Constellation Wines U.S. – San Francisco, CA

**Host:** Ken Minami '86

### SACRAMENTO ALUMNI LUNCH (E)

Friday, March 5, 2010

Esquire Grill – Sacramento, CA

### LOYOLA DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS BRUNCH (F)

Sunday, March 7, 2010

At the home of Professor Laurie Levenson – Los Angeles, CA

**Guest of Honor:** Hon. Steve Cooley, Los Angeles District Attorney

### DEAN'S BRUNCH (C)

Sunday, March 14, 2010

At the home of Dean Victor Gold – Los Angeles, CA

**Speaker:** Stanley Goldman, Loyola Law School professor and director of the Center for the Study of Law and Genocide

### FIDLER INSTITUTE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE (H, I)

Friday, April 9, 2010

Loyola Law School – Los Angeles, CA

**Honorees:** Michael Judge, Public Defender for Los Angeles County; the Hon. Carolyn Turchin '78, United States District Court, Central District of California; and the Hon. Michael Tynan, Los Angeles Superior Court

### LATINO ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION AND

#### HISPANIC NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION MOOT COURT COMPETITION AWARDS CEREMONY (J)

Saturday, April 10, 2010

Suede Lounge – Los Angeles, CA

### 1989 EVENING DIVISION REUNION (K)

Sunday, April 11, 2010

Rock'N Fish @ L.A. LIVE – Los Angeles, CA

### SALUTE TO LEADERSHIP-TRIBUTE DINNER & ROAST (L)

Friday, April 16, 2010

Montage – Beverly Hills, CA

**Honoree:** Hon. Frederick J. Lower, Jr. '64

### PUBLIC INTEREST LAW FOUNDATION (PILF)

#### AWARDS DINNER (M)

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Loyola Law School – Los Angeles, CA

**Honorees:** Clinical Prof. Cyn Yamashiro '93, Jo Kaplan and Larry Feldman Executive Clinical Director, Center for Juvenile Law & Policy – Public Interest Award recipient; Jennifer MikoLevine '04 – Pro Bono Award recipient



## Academic and Student Events Bring Top Legal Minds to Campus

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symposium featured leading scholars thinking hard about what counts as 'injury,' as well as the symbiotic relationship between injury and remedy."

Less formal lunch-and-learns have also given students the chance to learn outside the classroom and connect with alumni throughout the school year. Countless alumni have come back to campus this year, as in years past, to lead learning opportunities for a variety of student groups. The list includes: Gloria Allred '74, Robert Baker '71, Amy Fisch Solomon '87, Mark Geragos '82, Thomas Girardi '64, Brian Kabateck '89, Walter Lack '73, Judge Michael Nash '74, Felipe Plascencia '93, Gary Singer '77 and David Youssefyeh '95, to name a few.

Joe Escalante '92 joined the Entertainment & Sports Law Society (ESLS) over Chinese food to discuss his multi-faceted career as the host of "Barely Legal Radio" on Indie 103.1 FM, a program in which he dispenses free legal advice for professionals working in the entertainment industry. Escalante also serves as a judge pro tem for the Superior Court of Los Angeles, paddle surfs and is the bassist for two bands. Student Owili Eison added, "Having Joe Escalante come in and speak at our ESLS event was both an inspiring and informative experience. As a student, it is always great to have these opportunities to converse with an accomplished alum who obtained most of his success outside of the traditional practice of law."

The SBA and the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association brought alumnus Luan Phan '96 on campus to give insight on his experiences as a renowned civil trial attorney in Los Angeles. As managing partner of the Phan Law Group, Phan was listed by *Southern California Super Lawyers* magazine for seven consecutive years. Samuel Liu, speaker chair for the SBA, loves the idea of bringing alumni like Phan back to campus. "Loyola has produced some of the best trial attorneys in the nation; they are leaders in every aspect of the law, and as students, we can really benefit from their experience and wisdom," noted Liu.



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PRESIDENT'S PROFILE

## Board of Governors Presidential Profile – John Horn '96

John Horn's involvement with Loyola Law School's Alumni Association Board of Governors began long before he was elected president of the group. He had his first experience with the board as a student while serving as SBA president. "I was an ex-officio member so I had attended several board meetings as a student," Horn noted.

Of his continued involvement with the school, Horn added, "I have always been involved in the Loyola community, serving on the SBA for four years, including two as president, as well as teaching dispute resolution as an adjunct professor." As a professional, Horn felt that there was a tremendous need for alternative dispute resolution (ADR) to be taught from a practitioner's perspective rather than a philosophical model. Horn approached Loyola with his ideas and a course plan, and for the past decade he has shared his expertise with Loyola students.

As president of the Board of Governors, Horn has projects in motion to bolster the alumni network through technology. When asked about his plans as president, Horn elaborated, "My primary goal for the year is to establish Loyola Connect as a viable and useful way for

the Loyola alumni community to grow stronger and more valuable. Since content and connections are the most important keys to our success, now that the site has officially launched, my objective for this year is to drive as much traffic through the site as possible."

Horn received his Juris Doctor from Loyola in 1998, his Master of Business Administration from the University of Southern California and his Bachelor of Arts from the University of California, Berkeley. He sits on multiple committees of the Dispute Resolution Section of the ABA. He is currently president-elect of the California Dispute Resolution Council and participates in the activities of numerous other bar-and ADR-related organizations.



John Horn '96 plans to make alumni networking a cornerstone of his presidency.

## Moot Court and Trial Advocacy Teams Win Top Honors

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consisting of Jonathan Burke, Danielle Claxton, and Brian Hong had only one loss in the five rounds of the competition.

With these wins under their belts, the teams went on to participate in the ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition in Chicago in April 2010. At the national final, the team of Peter Klausner, Ashley Farrell and Blake Osborn placed 12<sup>th</sup> in the country out of 201 teams with Peter Klausner being named the number three oralist in the country. The team of Jonathan Burke, Danielle Claxton and Brian Hong placed 18<sup>th</sup> in the country out of 201 teams. The winning teams were coached by Joel Richlin '06 and Courtney Ryan '09 with the direction of faculty advisor Rebecca Delfino.

The Jessup Moot Court Team was also on a winning streak, placing third in the U.S. Pacific Super Regionals. The team consisting of Diana Rivero, Jessica Rankin, Sonya Servin, and Tatyana Gomeran beat out teams including Stanford, Hastings, UC Davis, Cal Western, USC and UCLA. Servin and Gomeran received Outstanding Oralists Awards out of 114 participants. Judith Weston '99 coached the Jessup team.

The training and preparation of these competitions has given Loyola students an edge that helps them hit the ground running when they begin their legal careers. Gabriela Ramirez described the advantage gained by her participation on the HNBA Moot Court Team: "This experience has taught me so much about the art of appellate advocacy. Not only have I improved my writing and oral advocacy skills, but I have also had the experience of arguing before prominent judges and attorneys. All of this makes me feel ready and eager to begin my legal career."