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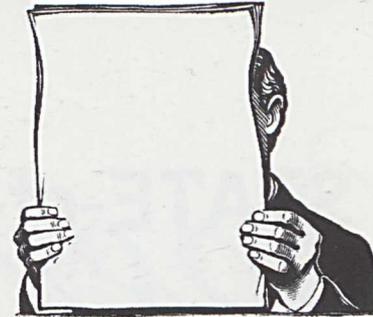
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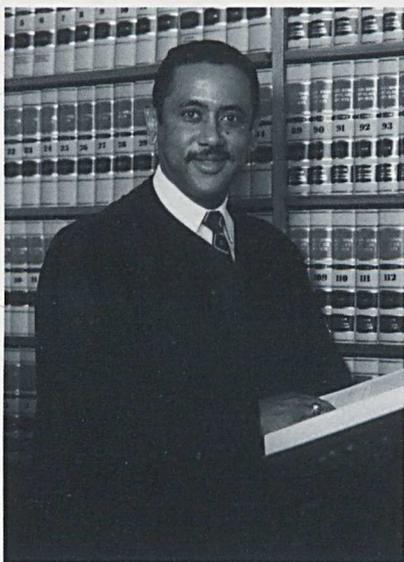
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# PUBLIC RECORD



THE ALUMNI NEWSLETTER OF LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL – LOS ANGELES



Honorable John V. Meigs '78

## SIDEBAR:

I encourage all members of the Alumni Association who have not visited the Law School recently to come out and tour the new campus and witness the exciting things that are taking place on our beautiful campus. The newly dedicated Albert H. Girardi Advocacy Center and the recently expanded Rains Library should be highlights of the tour. I also encourage you to attend the Law School's Grand Reunion in the spring. The event is an excellent opportunity to renew old acquaintances and make new ones. I hope to see you there.

## THE HONORABLE JOHN V. MEIGS '78 Alumni Association Board of Governors President

The Webster's Dictionary defines the word mentor as a counselor, adviser, tutor, teacher and guru. Honorable John V. Meigs '78 is certainly all of these things. The Superior Court judge is also the new driving force behind the Alumni Association's Board of Governors. At the top of his list is to expand the recently reinstated alumni mentor law student program. Oddly, when Meigs first graduated, he had fairly mixed feelings about returning to Loyola. "When I first left, I wasn't overly supportive of the school," confides Meigs. "But then I met Dean McLaughlin and heard about the new perspective he brought to the school and that really invigorated me. Loyola was a good law school when I attended but has now become a great law school. There is a completely different spirit about it."

Some of Meigs' primary responsibilities include presiding over meetings, acting as a liaison between students and alumni, and being a general "goodwill ambassador" for the law school. Meigs adds: "The hardest job for me is making sure that alumni who are involved stay involved. I will also have to get those who aren't involved reacquainted with the law school so that they will want to become involved. It's amazing how many alums haven't seen the new campus."

In addition to his involvement at Loyola Law School, he serves as chair of the California

Judicial Council's Traffic Advisory Committee, mentor for the Angel City Links Achiever program, member of the Board of Directors of the Inglewood YMCA, and on the steering committee for the Metropolitan YMCA Achievers program, just to name a few. He is a frequent speaker at school and community career days.

As a child growing up in Watts, Meigs knew no one in the legal profession and never considered a career in the law until he returned from Vietnam, where he served as a captain in the Army. He believes that it is important to expose young people to legal professionals early by involving them in court visitations, mock trials and participation in career day programs. The first black judge that Meigs saw was Judge Vaino Spencer, who was presiding over a courtroom visited by his senior government class from Fremont High School. It wasn't until much later while he was a lawyer in the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office that he actually met her at a Langston Bar Association function. He considers her to be a friend and role model. Meigs concludes: "It's important to bring students closer to our alums so that they may have a person to discuss their concerns about their future in the profession. Many students want to have this contact and our alums are a valuable resource to help shape these leaders of the future."

## SAVE THE DATE

*Alumni Grand Reunion*

Thursday, April 10, 2003  
Wilshire Grand, Los Angeles  
6 – 9 pm

# Loyola Law School's **STATE-of-the-ART FACILITY**

## CAPACITY CROWD ATTENDS DEDICATION OF ALBERT H. GIRARDI ADVOCACY CENTER • ASSOCIATE JUSTICE KENNEDY GIVES ADDRESS

Despite unexpected blistering temperatures, nearly 800 members of Loyola Law School and the greater legal community attended the dedication of the Albert H. Girardi Advocacy Center on September 23, 2002.

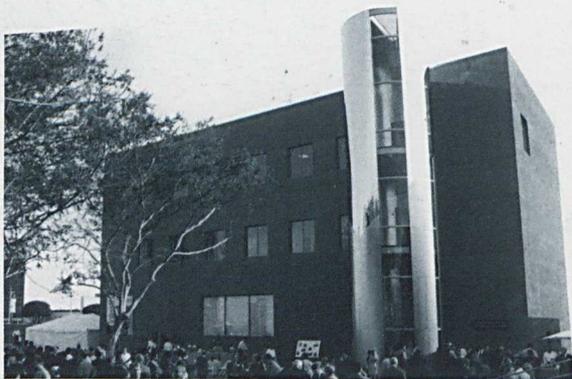
Named for the father of alumnus Thomas V. Girardi '64, the new Albert H. Girardi Advocacy Center was officially dedicated in name – as well as in service, to advocacy skills training and education in ethical lawyering. Built by Turner Construction, the Frank O. Gehry-designed structure serves as home to two trial courtrooms, an audio/video training facility and a laboratory classroom for ethical lawyering. On its third floor, the Girardi Advocacy Center actually houses the Center for Ethical Advocacy, under the direction of Professor Laurie L. Levenson, a former U.S. attorney and former associate dean of academic affairs at Loyola Law School.

The building is finished with three coats of a rust-colored plaster custom chosen by Gehry. A striking **65-foot conical silver tower** punctuates each level of the building, covered in **curved laminated glass** and **120 stainless steel panels** – some with mirrored finish and others with a special matte-like finish known as "angel hair" developed by Gehry. The round tower rooms offer views of the entire campus and downtown Los Angeles. With tower floors constructed of pie slices of structural glass and stainless steel diamond plate sections aligned at each level, the rooms offer views from nearly every angle.

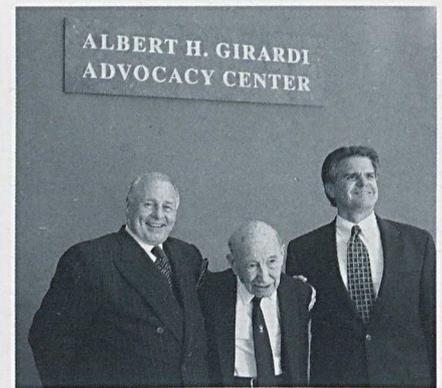
The new structure already has served as the venue to two recent lectures, and will be the site for a national civil trial competition on November 14-16. State-of-the-art presentation technology is built into all three levels.

The ceremony's keynote address was given by the Honorable Anthony M. Kennedy, Associate Justice, United States Supreme Court. Among the distinguished guests were senior circuit judges from the U.S. Court of Appeals, Justice Dorothy W. Nelson and Justice Arthur L. Alarcon; Architect Frank O. Gehry, Albert A. Girardi and Thomas V. Girardi '64, Loyola Marymount University's President Robert B. Lawton, S.J., Vice

President Dr. Joseph Jabbar, and Chancellor Patrick Cahalan, S.J.; president of the Weingart Foundation Fred Ali, Hannon Foundation President Kathleen Aikenhead, W. Kenneth Skinner, Edward Slattery and Joseph Rawlinson '58 of the Fritz B. Burns Foundation, alumni donors John T. Gurash '39, Walter Lack '73; Mark Minyard '76, Mark P. Robinson, Jr. '72, Timothy Wheeler '78; Loyola Law School's Dean David W. Burcham '84, Associate Deans Victor Gold, Robert Bride, Michiko Yamamoto and campus minister Rev. Robert Scholla, S.J.



Associate Justice Anthony Kennedy



(left to right) Benefactor Thomas V. Girardi '64, of Los Angeles Girardi and Keese, and his father Albert H. Girardi with David W. Burcham '84, Dean of Loyola Law School.

# GENERAL WRAP UP



## ALUMNI MENTOR PROGRAM OFF TO A GREAT START

The Alumni Association Board of Governors (BOG) kicked off the Mentor Program with a barbecue on September 8, 2002 at the Law School. More than 50 alumni and students gathered on campus to get to know one another and to enjoy one last summer barbecue. The Mentor Program is designed as a system of support and guidance for second-, third- and fourth-year law students. Students appreciate the opportunity to speak with alumni practicing in the field they plan to follow, who understand their pressures and concerns. For alumni, it is a gratifying way to use their expertise to give back to the Loyola community.

Mentors will be sending care packages courtesy of the BOG to students during the "reading period." Although the packages will be small tokens, they will be sent with a huge message of support to students preparing for exams. Forthcoming events in the spring are planned for mentors and students.

Thus far, nearly 100 students have been successfully assigned to an alumni mentor. We encourage you to become a part of this exciting program! Please visit the alumni web site at <http://alumni.lls.edu> to become a mentor.



## THE LAW SCHOOL'S ANNUAL BOB COONEY TOURNAMENT RAISES \$10,500

This year's tournament benefitting the Cancer Legal Resource Center at Loyola Law School was an unqualified success. Thirty-six foursomes assembled for a noon shotgun start at Coyote Hills Golf Course in Fullerton on Sunday, September 29th. It was a perfect day for golf and everyone came ready to have some fun.

foursome and compete against other firm teams for a perpetual trophy. The trophy is on display at the Law School.

Congratulations are extended to **Liner Yankelevitz Sunshine & Regenstreif LLP**, this year's law firm challenge winner.

Several trophies, gift certificates and cash prizes were presented to individual and team players at the awards banquet sponsored by the Redmond Family. New this year to the tournament was the law firm challenge competition. Alumni were invited to put together their own firm

Don't miss the opportunity to have a great time next year and show off your talent on the greens. Come as a single player or put together a foursome and enter the law firm challenge. Look for more information about next year's tournament in the upcoming months.



## THE LATINO ALUMNI CHAPTER *fiesta*

A group of 80 alumni, family and friends gathered at this year's Latino Alumni Chapter fiesta, held on September 15, 2002 at Camacho's Cantina and Grill in the City of Industry. The event celebrated Latino alumni's accomplishments and contributions to the legal profession and to the Law School community. Some of the alumni recognized at the event include: **Maria Orozco '61**, who was the first Latina admitted to the California State Bar; and **Miguel Garcia '71** and the late **Richard Cruz '71**, who were instrumental in organizing and

establishing the first La Raza law student group at the Law School. Adding to the event's festivities, **Dean David Burcham '84** presented Andrew Camacho, a friend and loyal supporter of the Law School, with a certificate of appreciation for his continued support of Loyola and the Latino Alumni Chapter.

The event also raised \$5,000 for the Latino Alumni Scholarship Fund, which will be awarded to a current law student. Special thanks are extended to **Oscar Acosta '80**, **Julia Almanzan '95**, **Danilo**

**Bercerra '73**, **Sara Campos '00**, **Cindy Lopez '85**, **Ernest Martinez '76**, **Dave McKenna '78**, **Sandra Munoz '97** and **Monica Villafana '97** for their efforts in coordinating the Chapter's fiesta.

If you are interested in joining the planning committee for the next Latino Alumni Chapter event, please contact Carmen Ramirez, director of Alumni Relations at 213.736.1046 or at [Carmen.Ramirez@lls.edu](mailto:Carmen.Ramirez@lls.edu).

# Nominations Needed for Board of Governors Recognition Awards:

The Loyola Law School Board of Governors is accepting nominations for its "Recognition Awards," which will be bestowed on honorees at a private reception preceding the annual Grand Reunion. The purpose of these awards is to recognize outstanding service to the Law School community, the legal profession and the community at large. Loyola Law School alumni, faculty and friends are eligible for awards for **service to the Law School** (including activities that enhance the image of the Law School, mentoring Loyola law students and recent Loyola graduates, leadership in outreach to students and alumni and other service or

support to the Law School), for **service to the legal profession** (including activities that improve the image of lawyers, bar association activity and other service), and for **service to the community at large** (including non-profit and public-sector and other contributions to society.) Service that is deserving of recognition is as varied as our alumni and friends.

The Board of Governors is proud to have initiated these awards in 1997 and even more proud of having honored the following past award recipients:

If you know of anyone you think should be considered for such an award (including yourself), please complete the nomination form below and return it to:

Carmen Ramirez,  
Director of Alumni Relations  
Loyola Law School  
919 S. Albany Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90015  
or fax to 213.384.1659

You may also complete and submit this form at <http://alumni.lls.edu>.

## 1997

George R. Barlos '91  
Charles L. Bleck, Jr. '72  
Richard Honn '78  
Ricardo A. Torres II '92  
Ann V. Whyte '69

## 1998

Hon. Carl F. Bryan II '73  
Marta J. Burg '91  
Alfred Jenkins '76  
Dinah I. Perez '95  
Joseph V. Sliskovich '78, Professor  
Robert Sulnick

## 1999

Robert W. Murray, Jr. '91  
Mark J. Spalding '86  
Grace K. Tevis  
Maria C. Vargas-Rodriguez '73  
Maria D. Villa '86

## 2000

Angela Hawekotte '79  
Patricia Diaz Dennis '73  
L. Hunter Lovins '75  
John P. McNicholas '62  
Kathryn E. VanHouten '89

## 2001

Therese Maynard, Professor  
Hon. Beverly E. Mosley '78  
Hon. Geraldine Mund '77  
Lloyd W. Pellman '72

## 2002

Adrienne M. Byers '89  
William C. Hobbs, Professor  
John P. Miller '70  
Hon. Richard Montes '67  
David J. Pasternak '76

## Nomination for Board of Governors Recognition Award

I, \_\_\_\_\_, class of \_\_\_\_\_ nominate \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Please print)

The nominee is a Loyola Law School:  alumnus/a  faculty  friend

I submit the following information and details supporting my nomination of the above named individual.  
(If you need more space, please feel free to submit an attachment with this nomination form.)

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I may be reached at (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ for further information regarding my nominee.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

# DIRECT EXAMINATION

A REPORT ON LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI



1961

**John J. Collins** is incoming senior vice president of the Los Angeles County Bar Association. He splits his time between the South Pasadena and Newport Beach offices of his firm, Collins, Collins, Muir & Traver. He is a member of the state Judicial Council, and a former State Bar Board of Governors member and Pasadena Bar Association president.

1971

**Michael Riback**, the head of the public contract group at Meyers, Nave, Riback, Silver & Wilson, has been named city attorney in Union City. He has been serving as the interim city attorney for almost a year. He was also the city attorney of Pinole for five years and the former president of the Bay Area City Attorneys Association. Riback is also currently serving as general counsel for the Oro Loma and Napa Sanitary Districts. **Richard D. Brew** has recently joined as a senior member of Damrell, Nelson, Schrimp Pallios, Pacher & Silva Attorneys in Modesto. Prior to his recent career change he was a solo practitioner.

1972

**Tony Blankley** is the editor of the editorial page of *The Washington Times*. Blankley has been a Washington newspaper columnist and television commentator since leaving his job as press secretary to former Speaker of the House of Representatives Newt Gingrich. Blankley intends to maintain the momentum of the *Times* editorial and focus on a variety of issues including counter terrorism; morality and law.

1973

**Steven Feldman**, a criminal defense attorney in San Diego, was the lead attorney for David Westerfield. He has been involved in many high-profile cases and has received a public-service award from the San Diego Criminal Defense Bar Association for his work.

1974

**Roland Coleman**, a partner at Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman and Dicker, finished his term last year as Los Angeles County Bar Association president in July 2002. He became the second minority attorney to lead the County Bar when he became president in July 2001. Coleman also served as president of the John M. Langston Bar Association and was a founding member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Inns of Court.

1975

**Mark Weinstein**, a real estate developer, has been involved in restoring the "Deco Moderne" Gerry Building in the downtown Los Angeles fashion district's corner of Ninth and Los Angeles Streets, having recently opened the showroom space. Weinstein purchased his first building while in law school at Loyola; since then, he has been in real estate for 20 years.

1976

**James Benjamin** has been elected chairperson for the term year 2004, of the Colorado Bar Association, Real Estate Section. Benjamin is the second Loyola Law School graduate to be elected to this post; **Anthony B. Lettunich '73**, held the position in 1998.

1977

**Lawrence E. Leone** has been elected to the Los Angeles County Bar Association Board of Trustees. He is currently the

chair of the Executive Committee of the Family Law Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

1978

**Jean M. Lawler**, senior partner of Los Angeles-based Murchison & Cumming, was elected secretary-treasurer of the Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel (FDCC) at the Federation's 2002 annual meeting. Lawler has served as a member of the Federation's Board of Directors since July 1996 and is a former chair of its Excess/Surplus Lines substantive law section.

1980

**Michael Kleine** was the keynote speaker at the 14th Annual Idaho Governor's Business Opportunity Conference in April 2002. The topic was "The Role of Small Business in the Jet Propulsion Laboratory Mission." Kleine is a principal acquisition counsel at Jet Propulsion Laboratory, where he has worked for 22 years. **John Krave**, previously a partner with the Los Angeles firm of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Huer & Field, has joined Davis Wright Tremaine's health care practice in Los Angeles. Krave represents hospitals, health systems, medical groups and other health care businesses.

1982

**Ralph J. Novotney, Jr.**, is a professor of law on the full-time faculty of the University of West Los Angeles School of Law, where he teaches courses in Property and Constitutional Law. Novotney was named "Professor of the Year" by the student body for 2000-2001, his first year teaching at the law school. **Richard C. Sauer**, assistant director in the Division of Enforcement for the Securities and Exchange Commission, has responsibility for various enforcement actions. He has recently published an article in *The Business Lawyer*, "Total Financial Statement Fraud: Boundaries of Liability Under the Federal Securities Laws." **Randy S. Bartell** has recently joined Montgomery & Andrews, P.A. He has been practicing civil litigation in New Mexico since his graduation from Loyola.

1983

**Constance Orozco-Morgan** was named the chief prosecutor for the city of Pasadena. Orozco-Morgan has spent the last 15 years as deputy city prosecutor and will now be responsible for the prosecution of all misdemeanor offenses committed by adults in the city and the enforcement of nuisance and truancy programs. **Linda Schermer** is currently a real estate broker.

1984

**Arnold Peter** has joined the Los Angeles office of Lord, Bissell & Brook, where he heads the firm's entertainment law practice. Peter formerly was the vice president of Universal Studios' legal and business affairs, heading a 12-member team and helping to coordinate the expansion of CityWalk. Prior to that position he was an assistant city attorney in Fresno, Calif. **Irene Ziebarth** has joined the D.C. office of JAMS, an alternative dispute resolution group. Ziebarth was recently with JAMS's Southern California panel. She has over 17 years of experience in complex dispute resolution.

1985

**John D. Younesi** is now the president and chief executive officer of Dada Summer Pro League (SPL). Younesi was a senior player on the UCLA men's basketball team, and his aspiration eventually led him to SPL after practicing law for almost two decades.

1986

**Janette Sarmiento Knowlton** and her husband Phil are raising their four-year-old twins, Nick and Kristin in Florida. Knowlton is working as an assistant county attorney for Charlotte County, handling the County's litigation, consisting of mostly land-use matters and personal injury cases. **Stephen M. Lathrop '86** and **Maria D. Villa '86**, who are united in marriage as well as in legal practice, celebrated the 10th anniversary of their firm, Lathrop & Villa, on September 15, 2002. **Tomas R. Gill** is the managing partner of Manning & Marder, Kass, Ellrod, Ramirez LLP in San Francisco.

1988

**Timothy K. Cutler** founded the law firm of Cutler McLeod,

P.C. last March in Boston, Mass., which specializes in commercial and employment law, and bankruptcy. **Greg Priamos** was recently promoted by the Riverside City Council to the position of city attorney. Priamos previously worked as an interim city attorney for 11 months and was part of a team that negotiated for changes within the Riverside Police Department. **Kevin McDonnell** has joined Catalytic Solutions, Inc. as the new chief financial officer and senior vice president. He has over 20 years of financial experience, including positions at Digital Insight Corp. as senior vice president and chief financial officer and at Printrak International and Mobile Technology Inc.

1989

**Alan Rodriguez** has been appointed the senior vice president of E & S Casualty Division of Aon Corp. Prior to his appointment, he was the vice president of the Primary Department with General Star Management Company. Rodriguez has had over 17 years of experience in the casualty insurance field. **Michael J. Wise** and **David P. Devlin '01** will be joining Perkins Coie, a general practice firm, in its patent law practice group. Both Wise and Devlin were formerly with Lyon & Lyon before it closed its Los Angeles office. Wise is active in the Southern California Biomedical Council, where he has served as a board member. Devlin is a board-certified podiatrist, with extensive patient care experience prior to entering law school.

1991

**Michele Rose** has recently joined Latham & Watkins's Northern Virginia office. She has extensive experience in corporate law and is a frequent speaker on corporate law topics. **Bill Wolfe** retired from the practice of civil litigation in 1996 and is currently teaching English and journalism at Taft Union High School. Wolfe also coaches the school's mock trial team and serves as advisor to the school newspaper and the California Scholarship Federation club. His wife Laura Lollar Wolfe served as director of development at Loyola Law School from 1988-93. They have two sons, Matthew (age 10) and Daniel (age 6).

1992

**Leslie Barnett** is now certified as an elder law attorney by the National Elder Law Foundation. Her practice is limited to issues of the elderly, including public benefit issues, estate planning, probate and conservatorships. She is also on the Board of the Alzheimer's Association of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino County, serving as the vice president for public policy. **Ann A. Byun** has been promoted to counsel in Morgan Lewis' intellectual property patent group in Philadelphia. She is the only attorney in the Philadelphia office to be promoted this year. Prior to joining Morgan Lewis, Byun practiced in California with firms in Los Angeles, Newport Beach and the Silicon Valley.

1994

**Chris Chin** has joined Google Inc., a privately held Internet company, as senior corporate counsel. **Judy Lam**, an associate in the Greater China Practice Group at Alschuler, Grossman, Stein & Kahan, has been elected to the Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association. Lam's practice is focused on commercial litigation involving real estate and finance.

1995

**Stephen R. Baker** has accepted employment as tax manager attorney for Fidelity National Financial. Baker specializes in federal and state tax controversy as well as trust and insurance regulatory matters. **M. Shannon Foster** was admitted to the District of Columbia Bar this past July and is currently in private practice in Fort Smith, Ark. **Cristoph T. Nettesheim** has been added to the firm of Cappello & McCann, LLP, a commercial litigation firm in Santa Barbara, Calif. Nettesheim was responsible for medical malpractice defense and construction defect litigation with his former firm, Beach, Procter, McCarthy & Slaughter, based in Ventura.

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# DIRECT EXAMINATION CONT'D

1996

**Kevin E. Rex** has become a shareholder at the law firm of Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro, Marshall & Harlan. He is practicing primarily in the areas of general corporate and business law, with an emphasis on negotiating and handling mergers and acquisitions. **Arlyn Alonza** has recently joined McDermott, Will & Emery as a partner in the intellectual property department. She formerly served as the chief intellectual property counsel at Alsius Corp. in Irvine, and worked as a project engineer for nearly 10 years at Hughes Space & Communications Co. **Lee Straus** has been promoted by NBC to vice president of business affairs after joining the broadcasting company in 2000. Currently, he is also an adjunct professor at Loyola Law School, teaching television programming and production. Prior to joining NBC, Straus was an attorney for Buena Vista Television.

1997

**Anthony Paul Diaz**, as a deputy Los Angeles city attorney, has been assigned full-time to the Los Angeles Police Department's Devonshire Division. He addresses community problems through nontraditional approaches, such as actually patrolling neighborhoods with an officer and keeping an open dialogue with community members. Diaz was sworn in as President of the California Young Lawyers Association at the 75th State Bar Annual Meeting in October, 2002. **Jigna Patel** has been hired as corporate counsel for RIA Telecommunications, Inc., a financial services company. Patel will head the West Coast legal department. **Astrid R. Spain** passed the patent bar exam in October 2000. Since 1999, Spain has served as an associate at Campbell & FloresLLP, a San Diego law firm specializing in biotechnology and intellectual property.

1998

**Lisa C. Phelan**, a litigation associate with O'Neil, Lysaght & Sun LLP, has been reappointed to a one-year term on the board of governors of the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles. **Nicole Janigian**, formerly with White & Case, joined both the Los Angeles and Palo Alto offices of Katten, Muchin, Zavis, Rosenman. Janigian is also a delegate to the Los Angeles County Bar Association's conference of delegates to the state bar. **Blake G. Knczcal** is the chief executive of the Fresno Area Workforce Investment Corporation. The board is designed to implement the Workforce Investment Act in conjunction with the welfare-to-work law. Knczcal has worked for 12 years in economic development, and recently has been serving as deputy and director of the San Jose Office of Economic Development and as the director of the Silicon Valley Workforce Investment Board. **Lauren Raskin** has joined Downey, Brand, Seymour & Rohwer LLP as an associate in the business department. She formerly served as an associate at Brobeck, Phlegher & Harrison LLP in San Francisco. **Timothy K. Cutler** has founded the law firm of Cutler McLeod, P.C. in Boston, Mass. His practice focuses on the areas of commercial law and employment law and bankruptcy law.

1999

**Raymond Perez, Jr.**, after being sworn-in to practice law in California in 2000, passed the Illinois and Nevada bar examinations as well as the District of Columbia bar in 2001. Perez is currently working as an associate with The Hill Law Firm, which has offices in Southern California and Nevada. **Tish Loeb** recently left the estate planning group of Cooley Godward LLP in Palo Alto, Calif. to start her own estate planning practice: The Law Office of Tish Loeb. **Lesla Slaughter** has been elected vice president of the governing Board of Directors for the Los Angeles Convention & Visitors Bureau. Slaughter is currently a litigation associate with Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meager & Flom LLP, and was formerly the chief of staff to Mayor Richard J. Riordan. She will be returning to Loyola to teach franchise law as an adjunct faculty member. **Margaret P. Stevens** was elected by the California Young Lawyers Association as its representative for a one-year term on the State Bar Board of Governors. She took the oath of office in October 2002 during the State Bar's Annual Meeting in Monterey.

2000

**Vincent Polmeier** has joined Quinn, Emanuel, Urquhart, Oliver & Hedges, LLP as an associate. **Stuart Waldman** was named a board member of the California Board of

Accountancy, by the speaker of the California Assembly; his term is through 2005. **Jorje Chica** recently completed a two-year clerkship for **Associate Justice William F. Rylaarsdam '64** at the California Court of Appeal in Santa Ana, Calif. In October, Chica started as an appellate associate with Horvitz & Levy of Encino.

2001

**Damian Elahi** is the latest addition to the roster of attorneys at Dina LaPolt's boutique entertainment law firm. While studying at Loyola Law School, Damian worked for a record label, a film production company, and a television production entity.

## JUDICIAL AGREEMENTS

1967

**Hon. Gary Klausner** of the Los Angeles Superior Court has been nominated by President Bush to federal district court judge. Early in his career, he worked as a prosecutor in the district attorney's office and, after promotions, became a superior court judge five years ago. He has campaigned to reform the jury system and fought for the unification of the municipal and the superior courts in Los Angeles County.

1976

**The Honorable Raoul Thorbourne** was the subject of a judicial profile that appeared in a spring 2002 issue of the *Los Angeles Daily Journal*. Thorbourne is currently in Sacramento, working with the **Honorable Jeff Gunther '71**, who is also on the Sacramento Superior Court.

1978

**The Honorable Fumiko Hachiya Wasserman** of the Los Angeles Superior Court received the 2002 "Joan Dempsey Klein Distinguished Jurist Award" from California Women Lawyers. She was chosen for her judicial excellence and long-term vigorous service and inspiration to California's women lawyers.

1979

**The Honorable Lisa B. Lench** was recently sworn in as a Los Angeles Superior Court Judge. Announcements of Lench's and four other's appointments were made in November 2001 by Gov. Gray Davis. Prior to her recent appointment, Lench was the deputy chief of the Narcotics Unit in the U.S. Attorney's Office, handling drug-trafficking cases.

1989

**Charalaine Olmedo**, an assistant U.S. attorney, was recently appointed to Los Angeles Superior Court by Governor Gray Davis. She served on the Organized Crime Strike Force and has handled prosecutions arising out of her investigations.

## BIRTH CERTIFICATES

**Doris R. Perl '90** and husband Glen D. Brunswick announce the birth of their son Shane Asher Brunswick, born March 21, 2002.

**Juliet (Fisher) Grossman '94** is enjoying an open-ended maternity leave from the Law Office of Scott Grossman, A.P.C., which specializes in estate planning, asset protection and business succession planning. The firm, established by her husband Scott in 1999, has a main office in Riverside, and branches in Ontario and Temecula. The couple's child Eva was born on April 27, 2002.

**Michael Meehan '95** and his partner Tomas Dysarz welcomed their quadruplets, Michael, Jacob, Tristan and Taylor, on July 26, 2002.

**Lisa Anne Coe '98** and husband Grant welcomed the arrival of their son, Clayton Allen Coe, on August 4, 2001. In March of 2002, Lisa Anne Coe joined the firm of Hosp, Gilbert, Bergsten & Phillips in Pasadena, Calif.

**Sara Trivedi '98** and **Daniel (Walanka) Siegal '98** welcomed their son Jack Daniel Siegal, on August 6, 2002.

**Marijoy Ganzon Arguelles '99** and **Randolf Arguelles** announce the birth of their first child Alexander, who was

born on March 10, 2002.

**Paul Guelpa's '01** and his wife Sarah announce the arrival of their first child, Stephen Leonard Edward Guelpa, born on May 13, 2002.

## MARITAL AGREEMENTS

**Joseph Vargas '00** and **Jennifer Ann Zepeda '00** were married on March 2, 2002 in Newport Beach, Calif., honeymooned in the Bahamas and now reside in Silverlake. Vargas is an associate at Buchalter, Nemer, Fields & Younger, practicing real estate finance law. Zepeda is an associate at Brown, Winfield & Canzoneri, Inc., practicing litigation and municipal law.

On September 8, 2001, **Monica T. Guizar '98** and **James C. Eckart '97** were married in Whittier, Calif. Guizar is a union-side labor lawyer and immigration lawyer with the law firm of Van Bourg, Weinberg, Roger & Rosenfeld. Eckart is a city prosecutor with the law firm of Dapeer, Rosenblit & Litvak.

On August 31, 2002, two classmates from the year of 2001 **Agnes Ordubegian** and **G.Thomas Martin III** were married. Ordubegian is currently with Manning, Leaver, Bruder & Berberich and Martin is with Berman, Berman & Berman LLP.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Ralph Dills '46** California State senator, passed away at the age of 92 on May 16, 2002. Dill formerly was a Compton Municipal Court judge, serving on the bench for 18 years, and was best known as California's second longest-serving lawmaker. He was one of only two legislators to protest the internment of 120,000 Japanese Americans during World War II, protesting President Roosevelt's order even when targeted for expulsion. In his commitment to education, Senator Dill authored a bill that created California State University at Long Beach and El Camino College.

**Thomas W. Le Sage '37** passed away at the age of 88 on May 30, 2002. Le Sage sat on the Superior Court bench from 1968-82, presiding over many high profile cases including the murder trial of "the Onion Field" killer. Le Sage began his legal career as deputy city attorney for the city of Pasadena. He interrupted his legal career to serve in the Navy during World War II. Le Sage was honored with many prestigious awards, including the "Father of the Year" by *Pasadena Star News*. He is survived by all nine of his children, sixteen grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

**Michael J. Clemens '51** passed away at the age of 81 on May 24, 2002. Clemens was a former attorney and special California prosecutor who investigated the San Diego County assessor's office in the 1950s. In 1953, he was named the deputy attorney general for Los Angeles shortly after finishing law school. Prior to entering law school, Clemens served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, earning a citation from the Navy and a Marine Corps medal before his discharge. In addition to his many accomplishments, Clemens remained involved with Loyola Law School and served as the president of the Loyola Alumni Association Board of Governors.

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# A Message From Carmen Ramirez

DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

I want to share some exciting news and provide you with an update of the latest things occurring in the Alumni Relations Office. Recently, the Law School converted to a new alumni database system. The new system allows us to maintain more complete information regarding your area(s) of practice(s), types of employer, size of firm and many more areas relating to your employment. This information is extremely helpful in planning future programs, seminars and events that are worthwhile to you.

I am also pleased to inform you that more than 4000 alumni are currently receiving the monthly electronic alumni

newsletter titled *Inbrief*. The newsletter is in an easy-to-read format and contains news about fellow alumni, upcoming community and Law School events and much more.

Many of you have also signed up for the email forwarding service provided at no cost to you by the Law School. If you have not signed up for your email forwarding service, be sure to do so now at <http://alumni.lls.edu>. Take advantage of this service which allows a fellow alumni to contact you with minimal effort. Your email address is easy to remember:

**firstname.lastname@alumni.lls.edu.**

Next spring, we will be implementing an online global community, which includes a secured alumni directory. The directory will allow you to search for a fellow classmate by class year or even by area of practice. The global community will be password protected and you will determine what information you want to make available to other alumni. Look for additional information on the web community in upcoming months.

I am very excited and encourage you to take advantage of these technological services. Please visit the alumni web site regularly and stay connected.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**December 4, 2002**  
Swearing-In Ceremony

**January 4, 2003**  
Washington, DC Alumni Reception

**January 24, 2003**  
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**January 30, 2003**  
Long Beach Alumni Reunion

**February 13, 2003**  
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