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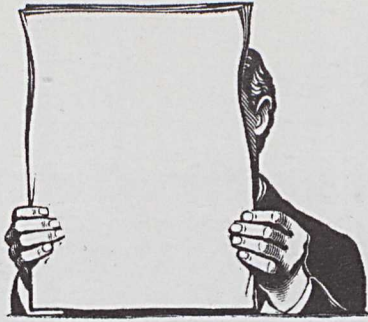
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## The Alumni Newsletter of Loyola Law School Los Angeles

Loyola Law School and the Alumni Association Board of Governors cordially invite you to attend the 2002 annual alumni reception, which has been renamed the **Grand Reunion**, on Wednesday, March 20, at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. The reunion will be held as a gathering for all alumni and to honor **Benjamin J. Cayetano '71**, Governor of Hawaii -- Loyola Law School's "Distinguished Alumnus of the Year." **John T. Gurash**, Chairman, CEO with INACORP (CIGNA), retired, will be a special honoree. A private Champagne Reception also will be held early in the evening on the 20th to recognize the Grand Reunion sponsors and to honor the recipients of the 2002

Board of Governors Award. This year's recipients are Adrienne Byers '89, John P. Miller '70, Hon. Richard Montes '67, David Pasternak '76 and Professor William Hobbs. Also during the reception, a special salute will be given to the

members of the class of 1952. The theme for this year's Grand Reunion is "Strength In Unity," signifying the importance of strengthening alumni camaraderie and strengthening the relationship between alumni and the Law School. We hope that you too feel the importance of uniting and strengthening the alumni



Benjamin J. Cayetano

bond as well as reconnecting with your *alma mater*. Please be sure to reserve March 20, 2002 on your calendar for an evening that promises to be relaxed and festive while providing you with an opportunity to mingle and interact freely with classmates, speak with professors, and

meet other members of the Law School community. We will, of course, have hearty hors d'oeuvres and delicious dessert stations set up throughout the room for your enjoyment during the evening.


 SAVE THE DATE
 

LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL

*Grand Reunion*

CELEBRATING STRENGTH IN UNITY

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2002  
BEVERLY HILTON 6 - 9 P.M.

Look for your printed invitation in February.



Carmen Ramirez

## Ramirez Appointed Director of Alumni Relations

In November, Carmen Ramirez grabbed the reins of Alumni Relations Director for Loyola Law School. She is a familiar face to many alums, as she has helped admit students here for numerous years. More precisely, Ramirez worked in Admissions for 16 years. Ramirez states, "Coming from an admissions background, I truly understand the critical role the alumni play in promoting the Law School. Alumni/ae are the Law School's greatest asset."

Ramirez has a strong sense of loyalty to the Law School. She has witnessed many changes at the Law School over the past 20 years. She recalls when the Rains Building was more than the library building -- it was the entire Law School, and when the Rains Building housed the entire administration, faculty offices, classrooms A, B and C, and Gil's cafeteria. Witnessing Loyola's physical growth to an entire city block has been a rewarding experience to her, and there is no doubt that Loyola students and alums hold a special place in her life. It also is readily apparent that a strong bond exists between Ramirez and the Law School; a bond that will assist her in meeting the challenges of director and also help her plan strategies to better serve you, the alumni.

A priority for the new director is to strengthen the bond between the alumni community and the Law School. One goal is the revitalization of the alumni web site, allowing alumni to communicate effectively with the Law School. Starting this month, alumni will notice significant changes both in appearance and usefulness. The site will provide information on special events including RSVP options, alumni news, and alumni profiles. In addition, interactive features will be provided, allowing for a convenient means of communicating your news, name and address changes, donation opportunities and contacting Loyola faculty and other members of the Loyola community. She also plans on providing lifetime email forwarding service. Within the next year or so, Ramirez hopes to provide alumni with an online directory. Be sure to visit and use the alumni web site at <http://alumni.lls.edu> on a regular basis. Feel free to contact Carmen Ramirez at 213.736.1046 or [carmen.ramirez@lls.edu](mailto:carmen.ramirez@lls.edu) with suggestions about the alumni web site.



## Academic Awards Breakfast & Swearing-In Ceremony

December 4, 2001 -- What a morning! Starting the day was the Academic Awards Breakfast honoring 41 members of the Class of 2001 who were inducted into The Order of the Coif (see list below). The Coif inductees attained a cumulative grade point average that placed them within the top 10 percent of their class. Special academic-based awards were also presented to the recent graduates: Bernhard W. Rohrbacher received the William Tell Aggeler Award; Francisco Z. Cabada received the Lloyd Tevis Award in Commercial Law; and Michael T. Melo received the Gregory W. Goff Award. Melo was presented with his award, which is newly established, by Sandra Goff, wife of the late Gregory W. Goff. He was a Loyola Law School Class of 1978 graduate and a tax partner with the Law Firm of O'Melveny & Myers.

Immediately following the Academic Awards Breakfast was the Swearing-In Ceremony for new attorneys, which is held twice yearly on campus. More than 200 bar passers were sworn into the state bar by the Honorable Kathryn Doi Todd '70. Honorable Tomson T. Ong '83 of the Los Angeles Superior Court gave the judicial address. Administering the federal oath was the Honorable Manuel L. Real '51 of the U.S. District Court, Central District of California. As the ceremony concluded, Karen Rinehart '96, president of the Alumni Association Board of Governors, extended greetings on behalf of the Alumni Association. A record-size crowd of more than a thousand family members and other guests attended the ceremony and reception -- a positive reflection on the high bar passage rate. Loyola Law School's bar passage rate is 81 percent for first-time takers of the July 2001 California bar exam.



Members of the 2001 class.

### Order of the Coif Inductees

MONICA CHOI • THERESA M. CUMMINGS • SCOTT M. CWIERTNY • GIL M. DOR • SEAN FINN • MEGAN N. GESS • KENNETH A. GLOWACKI • PAMELA KENTOS GRAHAM • PAUL GUELPA • REBECCA E. JONAH JORDAN B. KEVILLE • JOHN W. KIM • GREGORY S. KORMAN • ALLISON J. LATHAM • AMY K. LERNER JOSEPH K. LIU • KEVIN J. LOMBARDO • DAVID R. MAURER • JEFFREY A. MERRIAM-REHWALD • TODD C. MOONEY • LAURA A. MUNDT • LEO P. NORTON • ANTOINE F. RAPHAEL • VIVIAN U. REDSAR • JANE Y. RHO • BERNHARD W. ROHRBACHER • DANIEL H. RYLAARSDAM • BRIAN L. SAENGER • ACK J. SAHAGIAN • SIMONE M. SCHILLER • RICHARD P. SEEGMAN • MATTHEW C. SINGER • JEFFREY A. SKLAR • ROBERT F. SOMERS • SAMUEL N. TIU • JOSEPH J. TORTORELLI • PATRICK F. TOSTADO • PATRICIA P. WANG • MARK H. WEINTRAUB • ROBIN J. WEISS

## Burns Foundation Pledges \$5 Million to Law School

The Fritz B. Burns Foundation has approved a pledge of \$5 million to Loyola Law School – the largest, one-time commitment ever received by the Law School from the Foundation. "The gift will create the Fritz B. Burns Plaza, linking the new advocacy building to the campus. Two million of the pledge is designated for completion of the Albert H. Girardi Advocacy Center itself," Dean David W. Burcham has stated. Slated for completion in fall 2002, the structure will house a 90-person trial court classroom and jury room, a 65-person courtroom, and a 36-person Ethical Lawyering Center classroom – as well as offices, video "studios" and audio/visual control rooms. "The Foundation has pledged the remaining \$3 million for endowment of the Dean's Chair at the Law School," Burcham added. We are exceedingly fortunate to have such loyal and generous benefactors.

The 2000 - 2001 Honor Roll of Donors and Dean's Report was mailed in December. The Honor Roll reflects and recognizes donors who have made gifts to the Law School from June 1, 2000 to May 31, 2001. Apologies to any donor who may have been inadvertently omitted from the list. If you have not received your copy of the current Honor Roll and Dean's Report, please contact Suzanne Zeimis, Assistant Director of Alumni Affairs, at 213.736.8153.

## Spring 2002 Alumni Calendar of Events

**January 2002**  
24th Long Beach Alumni  
Network and Social Mixer  
Home of Dean  
David W. Burcham

**March 2002**  
20th Grand Reunion  
Beverly Hilton Hotel

**April 2002**  
TBA Hawaii Alumni  
Reception

**May 2002**  
19th Commencement  
Ceremonies

**TBA San Diego Alumni  
Reception**

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## Double National Championship Victories for Byrne Trial Advocacy Team



For the second time in recent weeks, Loyola Law School of Los Angeles' Byrne Trial Advocacy Team has brought home a coveted national championship trophy. Loyola captured first place at NITA's Tournament of Champions, held early in November

at Howard Law School in Washington, D.C. Just two weeks later, the team grabbed the national championship title at Georgia State Bar's William Daniels Mock Trial Invitational Tournament in Atlanta.



The winning team members participating in the Georgia State Bar's William Daniels Mock Trial Invitational Tournament were: (l to r) Alex Medina, Amar Raval, Shawn McCann, Kate Gillespie, Todd Harrison, Daniel Robinson and Tara Gallogly.



The winning team members participating in the NITA's Tournament of Champions in Washington, D.C. competition were: (l to r) Andrew Higgs, Alison Hazan, Anika Harvey and Brett Wolff. The coveted "Best Advocate" award also went to Loyola, to law student Anika Harvey.

In both competitions the team was undefeated in all rounds and were victorious over law schools with the most successful trial advocacy programs in the nation, including Temple, Stetson, Univ. of Texas, Chicago/Kent, Notre Dame and Loyola of Chicago.

### DIRECT EXAMINATION

A report on Loyola Law School Alumni



#### 1960

**E**dward Masry of Westlake Village's Masry & Vittoe will serve as a member of the board of directors, president and chief executive officer of Save the World Air Inc. He will direct the company's expansion of engineering, production, marketing and distribution. The legal expert in environmental tort cases also was profiled in the *Ventura County Star* (3/25/01); among other items the article discussed the film, "Erin Brockovich." Masry is portrayed in the film by Albert Finney, investigator Brockovich's attorney boss.

#### 1962

**J**ohnnie L. Cochran, Jr. will be featured on cable channel A&E's show "Biography" this month of January. Cochran was recently named chairman of the Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone, the economic development organization that has administered \$250 million in federal, state and city funds in Harlem, Washington Heights and Inwood.

#### 1967

**P**atricia A. Lobello-Lamb serves as a civil litigation lawyer in San Dimas and as partner of Lamb, Morris & Lobello.

#### 1968

**L**aurance G. Preble is the new director of development for KUD International, specializing in complex public/private development projects (from architecture and engineering through contracting and construction) including the San Francisco and Philadelphia stadiums and the Tampa and Long Beach aquariums. Preble was previously the senior real estate partner at O'Melveny & Myers.

#### 1971

**F**ormer Nevada Governor Bob Miller, senior partner with Jones Vargas Attorneys at Law since 1999, has been appointed to the advisory board of directors for SSP Solutions Inc. -- which produces data security products and services.

#### 1973

**R**obert R. Anderson was appointed this past summer to Chief Assistant Attorney General of California, in charge of the criminal law division. Anderson has argued more than a dozen cases in the California Supreme Court for the Attorney General's Office, including death penalty cases upheld by the state's high court and earlier in his career, Anderson served in the U.S. Army Security Agency -- including two years in special operations command in Asia. **Patricia Diaz Dennis** was honored this year as one of the "Top 25 Business Women," according to NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund. More recently, Diaz Dennis was elected this past month to the UST Inc. Board of Directors. She is senior vice president for regulatory affairs for SBC Communications, Inc. (telecommunications products and services). UST is a holding company for its principal subsidiaries: U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company and International Wine & Spirits Ltd.

#### 1974

**P**atrick Geary has left his legal gloves behind to assume the role of country music importer to Scotland. An Orange County District Attorney's Office attorney for 14 years, Geary now hosts the morning show on a bare-bones

station in Glasgow, and owns a record shop there specializing in imported British alternative bands.

#### 1975

**R**obert A. Adelman, a certified Family Law specialist, has formed the law firm, Adelman Seide & Gigliotti, LLP, in Encino.

#### 1976

**M**arjorie Friedlander has assumed her new post at Palisades Beautiful. Friedlander, now retired, is dedicated to the beautification of her neighborhood.

#### 1977

**C**raig I. Derooy was appointed last April to the board of directors of The First American Corporation's largest subsidiary, First American Title Insurance Company. **Jon Hayes** has joined Haight Brown & Bonesteel, L.L.P. as a partner and bankruptcy specialist in the Business Solutions Practice Group. His article, "The Bankruptcy Discharge: It's Not as Easy as it Looks" was published in the *Bankruptcy Journal* (Oct. 2000). Hayes, who also is a booking agent for Classroom, a small blues club in Northridge, also writes for *Southland Blues Magazine*.

#### 1979

**M**artha (Marty) Blum is the new mayor of Santa Barbara, as of January 8, 2002. **Gary W. Robinson** has been promoted to senior vice president and assistant general counsel of Tenet Healthcare Corporation, and works from Tenet's Operations Center in Dallas. Robinson's responsibilities now include supervision of a newly formed managed care litigation unit and the claims management unit.

#### 1980

**J**. Scott Bovitz was named executive editor of a forthcoming CEB publication on bankruptcy law. He also has been completing his terms as chair of the Personal and Small Business Bankruptcy Law Advisory Commission and as President of the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum.

#### 1981

**T**homas Hill was named managing partner of the Los Angeles office of

Thelen Reid & Priest; he also was elected to the firm's 12-member partnership counsel.

#### 1982

**M**arilyn Helfend Meyer opened Lisa Helfend Meyer & Associates this past year in Century City. Consisting of six female lawyers, the firm primarily handles family law (child custody, support, prenuptial agreements, etc.). A consultant for television's "Family Law" and a regular guest on Dennis Prager's radio show, Meyer also appeared on 48 Hours with Dan Rather regarding the contested adoption case of "Baby Spencer."

#### 1983

**S**blend A. Sblendorio of Hoge, Fenton, Jones & Appel, Inc., was elected a firm shareholder; his litigation practice focuses on high technology matters. Sblendorio, who sits on the board of directors of the Eastern Alameda County Bar Association and the California Wine Auction, is president of the Livermore Valley Winegrowers Assoc. and chairperson of the Agricultural Advisory Board, Alameda Board of Supervisors. **Alan D. Wallace** has his own law firm, The Law Offices of Alan D. Wallace, Sherman Oaks, which conducts expert witness work in the real estate field. He is also a real estate broker, professor at UCLA Extension, and a real estate instructor. Additionally, he has served as general counsel for two multi-million dollar real estate brokerages. **Mark J. Weinstein** closed a deal this year to build a \$72 million residential/retail development in Downtown Los Angeles' Fashion District.

#### 1984

**A**lan J. Amico added chief privacy officer to his title this year for PeopleFirst.com. **M. Katharine Davidson** has been promoted to partnership with Pillsbury Winthrop's Los Angeles office; Davidson's focus is on tax planning, structuring and business advising.

#### 1985

**J**erry Giaquinta, in collaboration with GCI Group Partners, has created the Giaquinta Group, a consulting firm specializing in strategic marketing and communications for the "Digital Lifestyle." **James J. Sullivan** has been named corporate vice president, legal

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affairs, for The TriZetto Group, Inc. A certified accountant since 1982, Sullivan has worked for Long Beach Financial Corporation, American Savings Bank, F.A., Gibson Dunn & Crutcher and Ernst & Young LLP.

## 1986

**Christine D. Spagnoli**, partner with Greene, Broillet, Taylor, Wheeler & Panish, is the current president of the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles (CAALA). She also serves on the Board of Governors for the Consumer Attorneys Association of California

## 1987

**Susanne Cumming** is the new president of the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations; she will oversee the 15-member panel until July of this year. Cumming has been a research attorney for the LA County Superior Court, and also works with the county bar association's Dispute Resolution Services School and its mediation program. **Ken Feldman** spent his first 12 years in practice with Bottum & Felton before it joined with Lewis, D'Amato, Brisbois & Bisgaard, where he is a partner and continues to defend attorneys and conduct malpractice and malicious prosecution actions.

## 1988

**Geoffrey D. Chin** opened his own firm this past year, focusing on estate planning, trusts, wills, probate and trust administration; he also has finished writing his Christian science fiction book. **Marc A. Karlin** was profiled in the *Los Angeles Times* (1/10/01). **Eric Y. Nishizawa** has been named president of the Japanese American Bar Association; he is a litigation partner at Tachikawa Yasui & Nishizawa. **Ralph J. Ortolano, Jr.** was named Staff Public Affairs Officer for Naval Reserve Readiness Command Southwest, which serves California, Arizona, and Nevada.

## 1989

**Mark A. Dalla Valle** has been hired by Wildman, Harrold, Allen & Dixon; he concentrates on patent law and intellectual property law for high-tech clients. Dalla Valle has written and prosecuted more than 200 patent applications in semiconductor fabrication, telecommunications and radio frequency circuits and systems, and digital circuits

and computer software. **Neil J. Sheff** opened the doors to The Law Offices of Neil J. Sheff this year; the practice focuses on immigration law, including green cards, visas, citizenship and labor certifications.

## 1990

**John E. Falotico** and his brother **Michael Falotico '84** appeared together before the Nebraska Supreme Court. The brothers won a unanimous ruling in a tax/notice case, *Falotico v. Grant County Board of Equalization*, 262 Neb. 292 (2001). **Raymond Seto** is a member of the \$100 Hamburger Club, as described in the *Los Angeles Times* (2/20/01). The members (part-time pilots) fly in single-prop hobby planes to small airport restaurants for lunch, thinking nothing of the 150 mile or more jaunt — lunch costs about \$100, which includes the cost of the fuel, airplane maintenance and french fries.

## 1991

**David Gyepes, Ph.D.**, is the director of the civil department of the Barrington Psychiatric Center, a group with offices statewide, specializing in forensic psychiatry, neuropsychology and psychology. Gyepes also maintains a clinical practice in Westwood, specializing in issues that affect attorneys, their families and loved ones. **Jason S. Pomerantz** changed firms this past year. Pomerantz is now at Liner Yankelevitz Sunshine & Regenstreif LLP in Santa Monica; he previously was with Dressler Rein Evans and Sestanovich LLP.

## 1992

**Mary Burkin** starred as Zorah in the Christmas comedy, "Inspecting Carol," at the Arroyo Repertory Theatre, Pasadena. The comedy's plot revolved around the regional theater's annual production of A "Christmas Carol", the desperation for another year's federal funding, and an actor who is mistaken for the real National Endowment for the Arts inspector. **Keith A. Schulner** has started his own firm, Mediator.LA. Schulner became an approved mediator for NASD and bankruptcy court, in addition to superior court, and also teaches business negotiation and conflict resolution to Pepperdine MBA students.

## 1993

**Gregory D. Brenner**, formerly of the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office, has opened a private criminal defense practice on Los Angeles' Westside. **Glen T. Jonas'** article, "The Ethics of Criminal Defense," was published in the *California Lawyer* (Jan. 2001). **Robert O'Connor** has been promoted from associate to partner with the Salt Lake City office of Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich & Rosati (a Palo Alto-based securities firm). **Bruce Zucker** was promoted to associate professor of business law at Cal State Northridge. Also, Zucker was named "Volunteer Attorney of the Year" by the San Fernando Valley Bar Association.

## 1994

**David E. Lehman** has left his post of legislative director to Rep. Goodlatte's office for the Washington D.C. public affairs firm of Hall Green & Rupli. Lehman handles technology and tele-communications issues in his new position. **Gary Park** was assigned by Mayor Jim Hahn and City Councilman Alex Pedilla in September to the Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission. Park, who is a senior associate at Barbosa Garcia law firm, represents the Wilshire District. **Eric Perrodin** was elected mayor of Compton; he most recently served as a Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney. **Sean Rice** was recently appointed to the E-City board of directors. Rice currently serves as the principal of Site Acquisition Ventures, which provides contract services to the wireless industry. **Lavetta Willis** and her company Dada Footwear (Los Angeles), was profiled in the *Los Angeles Business Journal* (7/23/01). The company has been making a transition from urban fashion sneakers to athletic performance footwear, and among its celebrity endorsers is rap star Snoop Dogg. **Gary F. Werner**, an associate at Kahn, Kleinman, Yanowitz & Arnson Co., L.P.A., has been selected as an arbitrator for the Better Business Bureau's "Auto Line" program; designed to settle customer-manufacturer disputes.

## 1995

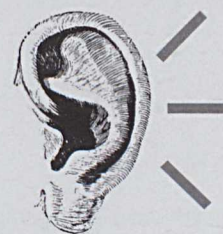
**Lisa Baird** has been promoted from associate to partner with Los Angeles' Crosby, Heafey, Roach & May; Baird is an appellate attorney dealing with state and federal appeals. **Kathleen M. Collins** has been named special counsel, responsible for assisting in the development of joint venture arrangements with select customers, at The First American Corporation. **Gina M.**

**Crocker** opened a collectibles boutique called "Lil' Bit's Speciality Merchandise," in Orange, last May. She invites alumni to come by and just say "hello." **Steve S. McKeag**, who owns his own consulting firm handling emerging-growth companies, has been named as an outside board member of Entertainment Boulevard, Inc. **Gary Pfister** was sworn into the Florida State Bar this past July. **David Weil** has joined with Marva Jo Wyatt to form Weil & Wyatt, an admiralty law firm in Long Beach focused on the representation of California's commercial maritime and yachting industries, and its recreational boating and yachting communities.

## 1996

**Allison Aquino**, a partner at Aquino & Aquino in Covina, became certified this year as an immigration law specialist by the California State Board of Legal Specialization. **Kevin Duffis**, actor-turned-trial attorney, was profiled in the *Los Angeles Daily Journal* (3/19/01). **Karen M. Shoting** was named corporate secretary of 3D Systems in Valencia this past May; she took this position after attaining general counsel at the same firm.

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### 1997

**Jennifer Hanks Painter** was appointed in October as general counsel to Cadiz Inc. Previously with the Corps of Engineers and most recently the Los Angeles offices of Sullivan & Cromwell, the West Point graduate will work with Cadiz's water resource management and agricultural projects. **Jules Thompson** appeared on the "Oprah Winfrey Show" earlier this year. Thompson was invited to the show to discuss his work with the Inner City Law Center and with the founder of the public interest foundation Nancy Mintie.

### 1998

**Rigoberto J. Arrechiga** was appointed to the position of Deputy Public Defender I in late July with Los Angeles County. **Linda A. Gullledge** joined the Sacramento office of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP office in April as an employment law litigator; she also is a member of the ABA's Labor and Employment Litigation Sections. **Mario Vega** and **Gustavo Zarate '97** opened the doors to Zarate & Vega, Prof. Corp. this year.

### 1999

**Lucia Maria Gonzalez** received an appointment to the position of Deputy Public Defender I this past year in Los Angeles County. **Robby Kumar**, the new legislative fellow for healthcare policy in the office of Rep. Michael Bilirakis (R-Fla.), may be the only Capitol Hill staffer who grew up in Saudi Arabia. Kumar spent 10 years there as a child, where his father worked as an engineer.

### 2000

**Stuart Waldman** was named one of "The 25 Emerging Leaders in the San Fernando Valley," by the *San Fernando Valley Business Journal*.

Superior Court bench. Now Judge Chotiner will focus on his hobbies including finishing, his stamp-collecting book, and he will devote more attention to his outdoor recreation activities. **Hon.**

**Richard Spann '74** is retiring from the seat of Lancaster Superior Court. Spann was appointed by Gov. George Deukmejian as Antelope Municipal Court's fourth judge in 1989. He previously had worked as a private attorney for 15 years, and before that as a chemical engineer for the Air Force and Proctor & Gamble Co. In 1996, he was the first Antelope Valley jurist in 24 years to head the 189-member Los Angeles County Municipal Court Judges' Association. **Hon. Gary E. Daigh '77** was profiled in the *Los Angeles Daily Journal* this past year; he serves as a judge with the Los Angeles Superior Court, South Central District, Compton, focusing on the special gang units. **Hon. Donald R. Alvarez '79** was appointed to the San Bernardino bench by Governor Gray Davis



in April. **Hon. Lisa Lench '79**, deputy chief of the narcotics section of the U.S. Attorney's Office since 1991, has been appointed by Gov. Gray Davis to the Los Angeles Superior Court. Lench has served on the Los Angeles High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Executive Board and previously worked at the California Attorney General's Office. **Hon. John P. Martin '84** was recently appointed an Administrative Law Judge with the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board at the Inglewood Office of Appeals. **Hon. Christine E. Stancill '89** was sworn in as the 23rd Immigration Justice, Los Angeles, last March; there are roughly 200 federal immigration judges nationwide.

## JUDGES' (IN) MOTION

**Hon. Paul Metzler '68** has retired from the Los Angeles Superior Court this year following 22 years on the bench. Metzler now plans to relax and focus on his aviation interest before a possible return to the bench on assignment. **Hon. Kenneth L. Chotiner '69** has retired upon spending 20 years on the Los Angeles

## MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES

**Robert A. Adelman '75** has married **Andrea Cohen**. **Jennifer R. Schrack '97** married Thomas M. Dempsey on Dec. 29. Schrack is an attorney with the firm of Lebovits & David in Century City. **Edward Bahny '96** married Janna Copley on Aug. 25, 2001 in Beverly Hills, Calif.; the couple honeymooned in Belgium and Italy, and



make their home in Hermosa Beach. Bahny practices probate and elder law in Long Beach, and Copley is in production with TNT original movies. **Daniel (Walanka) Siegel '98** and **Sara Trivedi '98** were married in August. The couple met at their swearing-in for new attorneys ceremony.

## In Memoriam

**Frank T. Morris '36** passed away on Oct. 26, 2001. A WWII veteran, Morris' tour of duty with the United States Marine Corps took him to Okinawa and North China, where he worked with the special weapons regiment. The Kansas native worked with the U.S. Postal Service as director of mail services in Santa Monica and for a time worked with mail services at Loyola Marymount University, his undergraduate *alma mater*.

**Mark P. Robinson '50** passed away on Nov. 17, 2001 at the age of 76. A Southern California trial lawyer who brought more than 300 jury trials to verdict, Robinson was founding president of the American Board of Trial Advocates and served as an Orange County Superior Court judge. Robinson first practiced law on his own before trying federal criminal cases as an assistant U.S. attorney in Los Angeles. He later switched to private civil practice. He is the father of alumnus Mark P. Robinson, Jr. '70 and grandfather to Loyola law student Daniel Robinson.

**Frank Gile Tiffany Jr. '50** passed this July with his family by his side. Tiffany celebrated his 50th year of practicing law in Ventura County the month before. For 45 of those years, he was founding partner of Tiffany, Hunt and Brown. Tiffany enjoyed spending time outdoors, golfing, fishing and the like. He

was a member of the local Kiwanis club and a member of the Ventura County Museum of History and Art.

**Thomas Workman, Jr. '57** died at 73 this past April. Workman is remembered for his successful defense of corporations such as R.J. Reynolds, Standard Oil and Amgen Inc. Workman was an attorney for Music, Peeler & Garrett, before retiring from the bar at 65 and assuming the positions of vice president, secretary and general counsel for Amgen, Inc.

**Norman M. Dolin '59** was a divorce and family law attorney to the stars. Dolin is remembered for his jovial disposition and civility. He was the president of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyer's Southern California Chapter, and a fellow of the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

**Carl Ellis Ward '64** passed away this July in Ventura. Ward was an attorney for Nordman, Cormany, Hair & Compton for 19 years before he retired. Ward was a beloved member of the Ventura County community as well as at the San Buenaventura Mission, where he was a parishioner.

**Joseph Posner '74** passed in November 2000. Posner shook up the employment law scene in Los Angeles over his career, making employment law favor the employee rather than the employer.

**Jenine Meltzer '82** passed away on Oct. 22, 2001. "Jenine was a special person and an inspiration to all those who knew her," stated Dean David W. Burcham '84. For more about Jenine's life, go to: [www.lis.edu/media/news/20011101-meltzer.html](http://www.lis.edu/media/news/20011101-meltzer.html)

**Riscilla Peralta '96** passed away on Nov. 12, 2001.

# Nominations Accepted

## Loyola Law School Alumni Association Board of Governors



The Loyola Law School Alumni Association Board of Governors serves as an advisory group to the Dean of the Law School. The purpose of the Board of Governors is: to cooperate with and assist Loyola Law School in maintaining and improving the high quality of legal education offered by the Law School; to promote legal scholarship; and to assist students and graduates of Loyola Law School in advancing their legal careers. Board members are elected to a three-year term. You may submit your name as a candidate for the Board of Governors and/or nominate any other graduate(s) of Loyola Law School:

Name ..... Class Year .....

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PLEASE SUBMIT NOMINATION WITHIN FIVE BUSINESS DAYS OF RECEIPT by one of three ways:

- 1.) Go to <http://alumni.lls.edu> (the form is attainable on LLS' alumni web site)
- 2.) Fax this completed form to Alumni Relations at 213.384.1659
- 3.) Mail this completed form to: Loyola Law School Alumni Relations Office  
919 South Albany Street Los Angeles, CA 90015-1211



Questions ?? [carmen.ramirez@lls.edu](mailto:carmen.ramirez@lls.edu) or 213.736.1046





Irene E. Ziebarth

## Ziebarth Honored by Her Orange County Peers

**M**ore than 50 alumni/ae working and/or living in the Orange County area attended a reception in November honoring Irene E. Ziebarth '84. Ziebarth works for JAMS in its Irvine office on cases revolving around construction, real estate, business contracts, class action, personal injury and homeowner disputes. JAMS

stands for Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services. On the side, Ziebarth teaches law courses at Western State University College of Law and gives instruction on alternative dispute resolution through a variety of organizations; she is also a part-time pilot. In addition to honoring Ziebarth, the event provided

graduates with a great opportunity to network and socialize with their fellow Loyola classmates. Alumni/ae representing graduating years from 1959 to 2001 were in attendance. Proceeds from the event benefit the Law School's Orange County Alumni Scholarship Fund. The current Orange County Alumni Scholarship recipient, Stephanie Richer, is a fourth year evening law student at Loyola. Unable to attend the event due to class conflict, Richer expressed her continued appreciation for the scholarship award and the support provided by the Orange County Alumni Association. Next year, the scholarship will be awarded to a new student. For more information about the Orange County Scholarship Fund, please contact **Carmen Ramirez, Director of Alumni Relations at 213.736.1046** or by email at [carmen.ramirez@lls.edu](mailto:carmen.ramirez@lls.edu).

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