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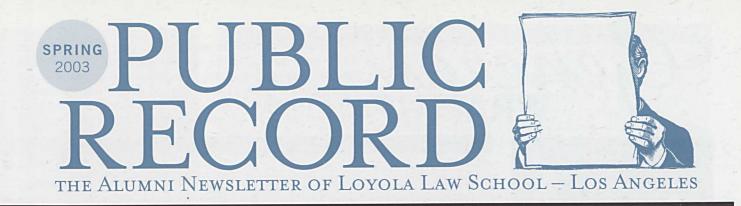
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Thomas J. Nolan '75



Hon. Kathryn Doi Todd '70



6 to 9 p.m.

THE Remion IS APRIL 10TH

Only once a year are you, the alumni of Loyola Law School, provided with the opportunity to gather with more than 600 of your classmates and other alumni, faculty and friends for a relaxing evening of conversation, networking, and just plain enjoyment. So, don't miss out on this year's Grand Reunion on Thursday, April 10, 2003, which will be held at a new location: the Wilshire Grand Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. All alumni and friends of Loyola Law School are cordially invited to attend. Invitations are in the mail.

During the evening, the 2003 Distinguished Alumni Award will be presented to the Honorable Kathryn Doi Todd '70 of the California Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, and Thomas J. Nolan '75 of Howrey, Simon, Arnold and White, Los Angeles.

Upon admittance to the bar in 1970, Doi Todd was one of only three Japanese-American women practicing law in Los Angeles. In 1978, Doi Todd broke entirely new ground when she became the first female Asian-American judge in the country. Intrigued by understanding and construing the law, Doi Todd rose through the judicial ranks; from the Los Angeles Municipal Court she advanced to Superior Court, where she was the presiding judge over the Los Angeles County Juvenile Court, the nation's largest. During her judgeship with the Superior Court, Doi Todd was bestowed with the great honor of an appointment to the California Judicial state's courts. In August of 2000, Doi Todd became an associate justice for the California Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District.

Nolan is managing partner of firm operations for Howrey, Simon, Arnold and White, specializing in antitrust, intellectual property, securities litigation and white collar criminal defense. He has handled several landmark cases, but the one bringing him the most satisfaction was victory in a pro bono case involving 59 plaintiffs and the death of a child due to slum housing conditions. "All of my success has been the result of working with incredibly talented lawyers from whom I draw insight," Nolan says. "Loyola taught me to commit to excellence in life, friendship and work."

The 2003 Alumni Association Board of Governors Recognition Awards will be presented earlier in the evening at a private awards ceremony to: Brian C. Nutt '83 of Thon, Beck, Vanni, Phillipi & Nutt; Robert A. Cooney, former associate dean for business affairs; Cristina Armenta '94 of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP; and Patricia Phillips '67 of Morrison & Foerster LLP.

Initiated in 1997, these awards are bestowed in recognition of outstanding community service to the Law School, the legal profession and the community at large. Also during the awards ceremony, the Class of 1953 will celebrate its 50th year class reunion, and the late Professor William (Bill) C. Hobbs will be honored posthumously with the 2003 St. Thomas More Medallion, which will be presented to his daughter. Hobbs devoted his life to teaching mediation and trial advocacy skills. Hobbs Council, the policymaking body of the served as associate clinical professor at Loyola Law School beginning in 1971, and as the director of The Center for Conflict Resolution at Loyola Law School from 1994 until his passing one year ago.

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A number of alumni events were hosted by the Alumni Relations Office since your last copy of this newsletter. These events included regional reunions, receptions, luncheons and an alumni/student mixer. The staff of the Alumni Relations office enjoyed coordinating these events, which provide alumni an opportunity to reconnect with each other and their *alma mater*.











SAN FRANCISCO RECEPTION

A reception was held at the City Club in San Francisco on Thursday, November 21, 2002. It was a great opportunity for Dean David W. Burcham '84 to bring first-hand news about Loyola Law School to graduates living in the San Francisco area.

SACRAMENTO LUNCHEON

A luncheon was held on Friday, November 22, 2002 at the Firehouse Restaurant in the historic section of Sacramento. Alums enjoyed a wonderful lunch and were provided with a private tour of the restaurant's wine cellar. A special request was made by several alumni to formalize the alumni group by establishing the Sacramento Alumni Chapter. Leading the coordination efforts of the Chapter is **Sergio Diaz '83**, senior staff counsel for the Department of Developmental Services, State of California.

ENTERTAINMENT LAW LUNCHEON

The luncheon was held on January 24, 2003 at Lunaria restaurant in Century City. Jeff Robin '70, senior vice president of worldwide business affairs for the William Morris Agency, was the guest speaker. A series of luncheons featuring speakers who will address cutting-edge issues in a casual and informative setting are planned throughout the year.

LONG BEACH ALUMNI RECEPTION

Dean **David W. Burcham '84** and his wife Chris Burcham graciously opened their home to a number of alumni on Thursday, January 30, 2003. The annual reception provided alumni with the opportunity to gather in a relaxed atmosphere that evening, to network and socialize with fellow alumni who work or like the Burchams, live in the Long Beach area.

African-American Alumni Chapter and Black Law Students Association Jazz Mixer

Kicking off Black History Month the African-American Alumni Chapter and the Black Law Students Association hosted a jazz mixer at the Law School on Tuesday, February 4, 2003. Alumni, students, faculty and friends attended the festive event and enjoyed live entertainment provided by The Winard Harper Quintet. Members of the class of 2003 were also honored and welcomed to the Alumni Association. **Hon. John Meigs '78** and Professor Gary Williams served as hosts that evening. Proceeds from the event benefited the African-American Alumni Scholarship.





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TRIAL LAWYER OF THE YEAR AWARD NAMED

Dennis B. Kass '88 of Manning & Marder, Kass, Ellrod and Ramirez received Loyola Law School's annual "Trial Lawyer of the Year" award for 2003 at the Dean's Forum Dinner on February 20, 2003 at The California Club. The distinguished speaker for the evening was Los Angeles' Chief of Police William Bratton.

Orange County Alumni Reunion

The Orange County Alumni Reunion honoring the Honorable Judith M. Ryan '70 as the "Orange County Distinguished Alumna of the Year" was held on Thursday, February 27, 2003 at the Pacific Club in Newport Beach. Ryan is currently an arbitrator/mediator for Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services. Ryan served on the Orange County Superior Court from 1982 to 1989, after serving one year on the West Orange County Municipal Court. Prior to her appointment to the bench, she was Legal Advisor to the Santa Ana Police Department, from 1977 to 1981, Corporate Counsel for Hunt-Wesson Foods, from 1974 to 1977. Ryan is the recipient of the 1993 Anti-Defamation League Jurisprudence Award; 1989 Woman of Achievement in Law Award to name a few.

Special Thanks

are extended to the following firms for their support and sponsorship of the Orange County Reunion: Barnes, Crosby, Fitzgerald & Zeman LLP; Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear LLP; Minyard and Morris LLP; Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP and Weule, Broyles, Ballard & Mondo LLP. Ryan received a strong show of support from fellow alums and friends who attended the event. A presentation provided by Professor Therese Maynard and Professor Cindy Archer was held prior to the Reunion that evening. The presentation was titled "Ethical Lawyering for Business Lawyers in a Post-ENRON World" and highlighted a review of SEC Rules of Professional Responsibility under §307 of Sarbanes-Oxley.

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NOMINATIONS ACCEPTED

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three year term. You may submit your graduate(s) of Loyola Law School.

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	Name	Class Year

Please submit nomination form no later than May 1, 2003 in 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 919 South Albany Street Los Angeles CA, 90015-1211

Questions? carmen.ramirez@lls.edu or 213.736.1046

Recognition Award Honorees

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Your hosts for the Grand Reunion will be David W. Burcham '84, dean of Loyola Law School, Robert B. Lawton, S.J., president of Loyola Marymount University, and the Honorable John V. Meigs '78, president of the Alumni Association Board of Governors.

Last year's Grand Reunion was an unqualified success due to the generosity of our event sponsors. The list was impressive and we hope you will consider adding your name or firm's name to the list of sponsors for this year's Grand Reunion. For sponsorship opportunities, please contact Carmen Ramirez, director of Alumni Relations, at 213.736.1046.

Please watch the mail for your invitation. If you do not receive your invitation within the next two weeks, please contact Alumni Relations at 213.736.1029.



Brian C. Nutt '83



Cristina Armenta '94



Robert A. Cooney



Patricia Phillips '67

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DIRECT EXAMINATION A REPORT ON LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI



1970

Kenneth R. Warner has been appointed to a two- Association, Southern California Chapter; Pierce Riordan joined the firm in 1995, and has been year term as president of The Jewish has served on ACCA-SoCal's Board of Directors for practicing in the Litigation Department. Federation/Valley Alliance, which includes San four years. Fernando Valley, Conejo, Simi Valley, Santa Clarita and Antelope Valley. The Federation, a major 1988 charity for the Jewish community, represents Bob Conti, formerly a partner with Berger Kahn, is general counsel for The Midtown Niki Group, a 250,000 persons.

1975

Sharon Mason recently joined WMC Mortgage Corp as counsel and loss mitigation manager.

1980

J. Scott Bovitz of Bovitz & Spitzer in Los Angeles is the editor of the new 2003 CEB publication, Personal and Small Business Bankruptcy Practice in California. Bovitz is a former adjunct professor at Loyola Law School (1982-87). Current Adjunct Professor Joel B. Weinberg '81, David A. Tilem '81, and Timothy J. Yoo '91 were contributing authors for the publication.

1981

firm of Cameron, Pearlson & Foster, was recently appointed to a four-year term as a mediator with the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), which is responsible for resolution of international sporting disputes.

1982

Kohn & Bentley, for its Los Angeles office.

1983

from UC-Berkeley. Following her graduation from and hour actions. Loyola Law School, Schermer practiced law for a few years and then handled all aspects of real 1993 estate; she is now combining her marketing and Arif Alikhan is the chief of the Computer Crimes negotiating expertise as a real estate broker, at her Section of the United States Attorney's Office, firm LJS Realty, Brentwood.

1985

senior counsel from the Los Angeles office of the guest on KPCC's "Talk of the City" regarding global law firm, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, cybercrime. LLP. The new firm specializes in business and technology law, and combines in a corporate and 1994 securities boutique law firm, the technical excellence that can be found at major regional and downtown law firm Leal, Olivas, Abich & national law firms with a consistent, highlyresponsive and service-oriented entrepreneurial attitude that is the hallmark of the firm.

1987

honored in September by the Beverly Hills Bar member of the firm's Corporate Department, Association at its annual Entertainment Law Linder specializes in corporate finance and Awards dinner for his legislative efforts in seeking securities matters. passage of pending federal legislation giving film- specialist in information technology out sourcing and television-production companies financial transactions, has joined the Los Angeles office of incentives to film their projects in the U.S., rather O'Melveny & Myers LLP as a partner in the firm's than in foreign countries. Julie Pierce (Perkal), who Global Intellectual Property and Technology is counsel for Toshiba America, has been Department; Peters previously was a partner at appointed for the second year in a row as vice Shaw Pittman LLP. Thomas M. Riordan has been president of the American Corporate Counsel appointed partner of O'Melveny & Myers LLP.

now a partner in the Newport Beach firm of Scott San Diego-based real estate investment firm, and & Whitehead. He continues to specialize in labor has an article appearing in Restaurant Finance and employment law, and recently obtained a Monitor. Gary F. Pfister, who practices with defense verdict on behalf of a school district in a Fitzgibbons & Pfister P.L. in Orlando, Fl., was federal reverse-discrimination case.

1991

Stephen G. Hammers has joined with Gregory Ryan '81 and Wayne Brosman to form Ryan, Brosman & Hammers in Los Angeles. The firm practices in the areas of real estate transactions and litigation, estate planning, commercial and civil litigation. Matthew P. Lewis has been named a partner in the Los Angeles office of the international law firm of White & Case LLP. A litigator with the 1600lawyer firm for the past nine years. Lewis' focus has been in the areas of intellectual property and Richard J. Foster, a partner in the Long Beach law accounting malpractice for the industries of music, telecommunications, pharmaceuticals, other entities.

1992

Heather C. Beatty has been elevated to partner at the West Coast office of the newly merged 80-James Potepan has been hired by Ropers, Majeski, Jawyer-firm Bingham McCutchen LLP. Beatty practices labor and employment litigation, representing management clients discrimination, harassment, breach of contract, Linda Schermer has earned her business degree wrongful termination, unfair competition and wage

where he leads a team of prosecutors who investigate and prosecute complex computer crimes. Alikhan also is an adjunct professor at Scott Alderton and Greg Akselrud 'OO have formed USC Law Center, where he teaches the course the law firm of Stubbs Alderton & Markiles, LLP Criminal Procedure, and is a frequent lecturer on

together with several other former partners and computer crime issues; Alikhan was recently a

Yvette M. Abich has become partner of the Dominguez, and continues to serve as city attorney for the City of Commerce. Craig D. Linder has been promoted to partner at the 110-attorney based Miami office of Steel Hector & Davis LLP, a fullservice international law firm, with offices Kevin Murray, state senator, D-Los Angeles, was throughout Florida, Latin America and Europe. A William (Bill) Peters, a

1995

Kirk Cypel is the chief operating officer and elected in December to vice chairman of the Republican Party of Orange County (Florida). Earlier in the year, he received the "2002 Man of the Year" award from the Orange County Republican Executive Committee.

1996

Paul Clendening is employed by Countrywide Financial Corporation as the Legal Department's first vice president of business planning. Miranda Dempsey works in Costa Mesa, Calif., at Buckner, Alani, Khouri, Chavos & Mirkovich, specializing in white collar criminal defense, and the representation of medical health care professionals before their respective boards. Luan K. Phan has insurance, accounting firms, movie production and been elevated to partner at O'Neill, Lysaght & Sun LLP of Santa Monica, Calif. As a trial attorney, Phan has tried complex commercial, employment, insurance coverage, bankruptcy and construction defect cases.

1997

Kristie Cruz Chang, an associate with Gerson & in Hieneman (Honolulu), is president of the Young Lawyers Division of the Hawaii State Bar Association for 2003. Chang is responsible for carrying out the public service projects of the Hawaii State Bar as well as providing projects specifically for young lawyers on improving their practice, court rule changes, and balancing their professional and personal lives. Andrew Watkins begins his second year with the Los Angeles Dodgers in the Asian Operations Department, focusing on community and business development.

DIRECT EXAMINATION

1998

Kenneth Wang is an associate at McNamara, Dodge, Ney, Beatty, Slattery & Pfalzer of Walnut Creek, Calif., in the Bay Area.

2000

Cecily Brewster recently joined the Domestic Violence Unit of the San Francisco District Attorney's Office, where she has worked as a prosecutor since April of 2001. Stuart Waldman was named chief of staff to Assembly member Lloyd Levine. A member of the California Board of Accountancy, Waldman previously served as chief of staff to the Speaker of the Assembly Robert M. Hertzberg.



JUDICIAL REVIEW

Hon. Madge Watai '67, former Los Angeles Superior Court judge, has been appointed for the second time by the California Supreme Court as a judge for the State Bar Court Review Department. Her new term expires in 2008.

Hon. Manuel Covarrubias '77, past president of the Mexican American Bar Association of Ventura County, has been brought up from commissioner (since 1994) to judgeship by Gov. Gray Davis. At the East County Courthouse in Simi Valley, Judge Covarubias will continue to preside over the family law calendar. Covarrubias got his start representing indigent clients and eventually opened his own firm. His volunteer efforts included participation in teen court and school outreach programs.

Hon. Thomas M. Goethals '77, a partner at Laguna Hills' Pohlson, Moorhead & Goethals, has been named to a seat on the Orange County Superior Court. At Pohlson, Moorhead, he specialized in criminal defense, plaintiffs' personal injury and business litigation, and has handled more than 150 jury trials as both prosecutor and defense attorney in criminal cases. Previously, Goethals was with the Orange County district attorney's office, where he headed the homicide section and appellate section.

Hon. Richard A. Honn '78 of Honn Kasai in Los Angeles was notified by the California Supreme Court in mid-November of his appointment as a hearing judge to the State Bar Court. He will be one of five judges hearing cases in the State. April 2002, Rozell formed the firm of Colantuono, Honn has been in private practice since Levin & Rozell in Los Angeles.

graduating from Law School. He has volunteered as a mediator at the Pasadena courthouse, has served as a judge pro tem for Los Angeles Superior Court, and has sat as a hearing officer for hospital cases. Honn's term expires in 2004.

Charlaine F. Olmedo '89, assistant U.S. attorney. has been appointed by Gov. Gray Davis to what is generally regarded as the world's largest trial court: the Los Angeles Superior Court. Olmedo, who began her career as a district attorney serving Los Angeles' Hardcore Gang Unit, was until recently assigned to the U.S. Attorney's Office --Crime Strike Force.

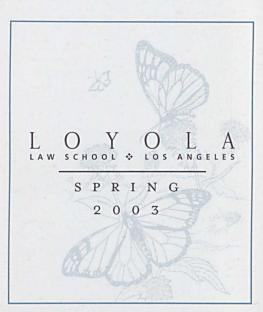
Edward Bahny '96 and wife Janna were blessed with their first child, Jessica Rose, on August 28, 2002. The family resides in Hermosa Beach, Calif. Bahny is an associate with the Law Office of Larry B. Close in Long Beach, practicing probate and elder law.

Randi Frisch '81 and Paul Green '81 announce the birth of their daughter Kristin Kelly Green, born December 5, 2002, who joins the family's fouryear-old daughter Lily Green.

In Memoriam

Al Logan Slagle '78 passed away on November 30, 2002 in Tucson, Ariz. at the age of 50. Originally from Glendale, Calif., Logan was a member of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee in Oklahoma, and worked as an attorney at law for the Association on American Indian Affairs. He was politically active in support of Native American medical care issues. He also helped develop the Privileges and Immunities Technical Amendment Act of 1994, which U.S. Senator John McCain claims to be one of the most significant statutes for the protection of Native American tribal governments.

Nancy Esack, mother of Justine Esack '96, passed away on November 2, 2002



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MARRIAGE PROPOSALS AND VOWS

Arif Alikhan '93 married Judee Guzman on August 17, 2002.

Kevin Rex '96 and Carissa Lee were married on November 9, 2002 in San Francisco, Calif. Rex is a shareholder at the law firm of Lewitt. Hackman, Shapiro, Marshall & Harlan, practicing within the firm's corporate department.

Judy Barnwell '98 married Thomas Roditis on November 9, 2002. The wedding was held in San Francisco.

Whelma Llanos '99 and Dominic Messiha '99 are engaged to be married in September 2003. Llanos is a deputy district attorney for Los Angeles County, and Messiha is practicing managementside employment law at Littler Mendelson in Century City.

Carmen Chavez '00 became engaged to Matthew Agostinelli on New Years Eve 2002. A September 2003 wedding in San Diego is planned. Chavez has also completed her NAPIL Fellowship at Casa Cornelia Law Center, a public interest firm in San Diego, Calif. She has accepted a permanent position with the firm.

Helen C. Kwon 'O1 and James J. Kim were married in Newport Beach, Calif. in October 2002. Kwon works for the Barristers Consulting Group, a jobsearch company.

Amy K. Lerner '01 married Charles B. Hill on November 9, 2002. Lerner is a litigation associate for Jeffer, Mangels, Butler & Marmaro.

BIRTH AND ADOPTION CERTIFICATES

Kenneth D. Rozell '91 and his partner Michael Neuwirth announce the adoption of their son Joshua Rozell-Neuwirth on July 24, 2002. In

Alumni Ambassadors Program Launched

nation and in several U.S. territories. Out-of-state alumni provide an invaluable resource for the Law School. As alumni of the Law School they serve as ambassadors, making Loyola's name and reputation known in other parts of the country. In an effort to take full advantage of the wonderful resource that out-of-state alumni can provide, a new program has been developed by the

Alumni can be found in every state in the Alumni Relations and the Admissions offices. Both offices have teamed together in creating the Alumni Ambassadors Program. Alumni will be paired with newly admitted students from around the U.S. Alumni will be able to share their insight about law school and specifically about their experience at Loyola. This information will be extremely helpful to newly admitted students who may be accepted

at several law schools and who are making that important decision of where to enroll. If you are interested in volunteering for the Alumni Ambassadors Program or interested in hosting a regional alumni event, please contact Carmen Ramirez at 213.736.1046 or by email at Carmen.Ramirez@lls.edu.

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March 28

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