



Digital Commons@

Loyola Marymount University
LMU Loyola Law School

Public Record

Law School Publications

Summer 2003

2003 Summer Public Record

Loyola Law School Los Angeles

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.lmu.edu/public_record

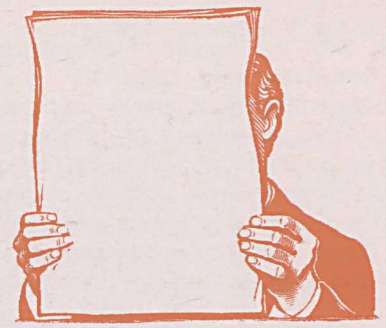
Repository Citation

Loyola Law School Los Angeles, "2003 Summer Public Record" (2003). *Public Record*. 38.
https://digitalcommons.lmu.edu/public_record/38

This Newsletter is brought to you for free and open access by the Law School Publications at Digital Commons @ Loyola Marymount University and Loyola Law School. It has been accepted for inclusion in Public Record by an authorized administrator of Digital Commons@Loyola Marymount University and Loyola Law School. For more information, please contact digitalcommons@lmu.edu.

SUMMER
2003

PUBLIC RECORD



THE ALUMNI NEWSLETTER OF LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL — LOS ANGELES



From Classmates to Law Partners

by Genevieve Wong

There is more to law school than the law itself. Some might say, for example, that law school challenged their intellect or that law school allowed them to realize their life ambitions. They may also say that they met some friends along the way. Somewhere along that path, these friends became more than friends. They became their business partners. Below are four stories of four different firms that share one common spark: a Loyola Law School education.

Allred, Maroko & Goldberg

When **Michael Maroko '74** met **Gloria Allred '74** and **Nathan Goldberg '74** during his second year of law school, he knew that he had found two new friends. By the end of his third year, Maroko realized that he had also found his future law firm partners. "Had it not been for Constitutional Law, I would have never predicted that we'd be partners," Maroko said of Allred and Goldberg. Unable

to deny their "personality mix," Maroko, Allred and Goldberg made a pact to go into business within one to two years. Goldberg decided to gain experience by working in antitrust law. Maroko decided to work in construction and government contracts litigation while Allred took the Bar the next year.

By the time they reunited and put up shop in Hollywood, a new field had gained popularity. There began a surge of cases involving Title XII, a sex and race discrimination act passed in 1967. It was then that the firm began to direct their attention to civil litigation focusing on employment law, civil rights, personal injury and family law.

The firm is now the largest plaintiff employee discrimination firm in the state. They have also been involved in high-profile celebrity cases -- the Nicole Brown Simpson civil case and most recently, representing Amber Fry in the Laci Peterson case. Other noteworthy cases include *Fernandez v. Wynn Oil*, *Birtell v. Lockheed* and *Rolon Kulwitsky*, all landmark civil rights cases that reached the Court of Appeals.

To this day, Maroko is a bit astounded by the constant media attention. He laughs, "We do take a lot of cases that generate a level of debate. I never know what to expect."

Atkins & Evans

Atkins and Evans is the oldest existing African-American owned law firm in Los Angeles. Founded in the late sixties, the firm specializes in providing advocacy at an affordable cost while adhering to the highest of ethical standards. Practice areas include employment, products liability and major tort defense, commercial, entertainment and white collar crime, governmental liability and insurance defense. "We are a family practice," said **Nelson Atkins '64**, who was inspired to start the firm -- initially with famed attorney **Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr. '62** -- in order to fulfill the needs of the minority community. "There aren't really a lot of minority lawyers, but there are more than before," Atkins adds, citing that fewer than 10 percent of lawyers are minorities and fewer than three percent are African-American.

Although the firm has a large private roster of clients such as 20th Century Fox Film Corporation, Coca-Cola and Ford Motor Company, Atkins & Evans maintains that they owe their success to their public

Continued on the Next Page

THIS ISSUE

2

Golf Tournament
featuring the Law Firm Challenge
Sunday, September 7

4

General Wrap Up

6

Direct Examination
Alumni News

cliente. With the advent of affirmative action, co-partner **Irwin Evans '65** and Atkins foresaw that opportunity would come their way. When government agencies were required to contract with minority firms, their phones rang. Some of these clients include the City of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and Southern California Edison.

Lawyer **Kenneth Jones '89** stresses that the firm's service is what really keeps the door open. "We've had a long-standing relationship with a number of notable corporations because of the quality of our work and we'll stack our work up against anyone," Jones said.

Moreno, Becerra, Guerrero & Casillas

Greg Moreno '73 had two callings: one from God and one from the legal profession. Abandoning his seminary studies, he decided to combine both of his interests by starting a Spanish and English-speaking firm in East Los Angeles. Moreno also tapped fellow classmate and honors student **Danilo Becerra '73** and **Michael Guerrero '77** to join him in his crusade. Although the Loyola comrades began as a three man operation, the firm has now grown into a law firm of four partners and four associates. Half of its practice is devoted to civil rights while the other is a combination of personal injury, products liability and criminal law.

With three of the named partners being graduates of Loyola Law School, a natural connection was created between the firm and the Law School. The firm serves as a sponsor for the Grand Reunion and has contributed to the Latino Alumni Scholarship Fund for the past decade.

The firm has an impressive list of victories and clients. Moreno, for example, leads the largest police misconduct settlement in city history when he took on the Los Angeles Police Department, winning \$15 million for his client Javier Ovando. One of Becerra's proudest acquisitions is the Mexican Consulate. "We are lawyers with a strong cultural awareness," said the first generation Mexican-American. "We feel compelled to provide legal services for members of our community who need representation." Moreno and Becerra often discussed while in Law School their sense of responsibility to the Latino community. Looking around the San Gabriel Valley, Moreno noticed that many of the firms were run by one person who "specialized in everything." Immediately, Moreno was inspired to create a professional firm that his clients could trust from the onset.

The firm has a nice balance," Becerra said of his firm's tradition of having two lawyers working as a team on every case. "We understand that in order to provide quality legal services, we have to be able to invest in these cases. We have to get the job done correctly and our *alma mater* set the foundation."

Thon, Beck, Vanni, Phillipi & Nutt

Nestled in a three-story Tudor in Pasadena, Thon, Beck, Vanni, Phillipi & Nutt's approach to law is as traditional as their building's exterior. The firm is one of the largest in Los Angeles County, specializing in the representation of personal injury victims in automobile collisions, products liability, premises liability, construction accidents, medical malpractice and other assorted injury and death cases.

"We pride ourselves on personal legal service. When we charge legal fees, it's for the lawyers work," said attorney **Brian Nutt '83** of the absence of law clerks, paralegals and interns. With the exception of one assistant per lawyer "We do all the work on our own cases." This includes all depositions and paperwork. This type of intimacy has helped the firm enjoy a lower caseload. "We're also very selective," adds **Tom Beck '77**, who founded the firm in 1982 with Bill Thon. "The damages have to be moderate to severe." One indicative example is a case last year where Beck and partner **Greg Vanni '82** won \$23 million for workers crushed in collapsing machinery. One man had died and another was paralyzed on the job. Beck reveals that it is the firm's professionalism and reputation that has led to a referral only business. "We don't believe in advertising," he said.

The firm does believe in brotherhood. Four of its seven attorneys are Loyola graduates. Says **Steve Phillipi '83**, "To some extent, it's coincidental. Our practice requires a nice cross between legal skill, intelligence and people skills. That's the sort of person Loyola tends to produce. We only hire good lawyers and Loyola produces good lawyers."

* * * *

Friendships forged at Loyola Law School are solid. And, that one common spark – a Loyola Law School education – is there, ready to ignite life-long working friendships and partnerships.

L O Y O L A
LAW SCHOOL ❖ LOS ANGELES

Bob Cooney Golf Tournament on Sunday, September 7, 2003 Fullerton, CA

Mark your calendars for the 6th Annual Bob Cooney Golf Tournament benefiting the Cancer Legal Resource Center at Loyola Law School. The tournament will be held at the beautiful and challenging Coyote Hills Golf Course, designed by Cal Olson and PGA Tour legend Payne Stewart. The course is hidden away in the foothills of Orange County and features waterfalls, cobblestone bridges and a spectacular view.

Don't miss an opportunity to play 18 holes and meet up with Dean **David W. Burcham '84** and Loyola Law School faculty members, students and fellow alumni. More importantly, participation in the tournament helps a good cause. The tournament features a

noon shotgun start and a player-friendly "scramble" format. Beginning golfers are welcome! Single players will be matched up with other alumni, students, or supporters of the golf tournament.

Law Firm Challenge

Law firms, corporate, government and public service sector alums can compete out of the legal arena by putting together their own foursome and entering the Law Firm Challenge. The winning team's name will be added to a perpetual trophy along side last year's winner, Liner Yankelevitz Sunshine & Regenstreif LLP. The trophy is proudly displayed year-round at the Law School.



Register now for a fun-filled day of golf followed by an awards reception.

and all of the aforementioned items for your foursome.

Fees

The individual player fee is \$195, which includes tee package, 18 holes of golf, cart and green fees, a box lunch, on-course refreshments and awards reception. Foursome fees are \$780, including all of the above for four players. Tee sponsorships are \$1,000. Tee sponsorship includes on-course recognition with a personalized sign at the tee, special program acknowledgment,

Reserve your spot by registering now! For additional information, please contact Carmen Ramirez, director of alumni relations, at 213.736.1046, or e-mail her at Carmen.Ramirez@lls.edu. Additional sponsorship opportunities at various levels are also available by calling Bob Cooney at 213.736.1046.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2003
COYOTE HILLS GOLF COURSE
 1440 East Bastanchury Rd
 Fullerton, CA

10:30 a.m. - Registration and Tee Packages

Noon - Shotgun Start

Scramble Format. Team prizes in various categories, including gross and net for men, women and mixed teams. There will also be individual prizes for closest to the pin and longest drives for both men and women golfers. Holes-in-one will receive special prizes as well.

5:00 p.m. - Cocktails & Awards Reception

Mail registration form to:

Carmen Ramirez, Director of Alumni Relations
 Loyola Law School
 919 S. Albany Street Los Angeles, CA 90015
 213.736.1046 (fax) 213.384.1659
 carmen.ramirez@lls.edu

6th Annual Bob Cooney Golf Tournament

Tournament Chair: Ami Silverman '87

BENEFITING THE CANCER LEGAL RESOURCE CENTER AT LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL

Registration Form

Name _____ Class Year _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone _____

(\$195) Individual Player (\$780) Foursome (\$1000) Tee Sponsor

FOURSOME (Please print names of your golf foursome below)

1. _____ Class Year _____

2. _____ Class Year _____

3. _____ Class Year _____

4. _____ Class Year _____

Please enter this foursome in the "Law Firm Challenge." The name of our team is: _____

Please charge \$ _____ to my Visa Master Card Amex

Account # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____ Or enclose check payable to: **Loyola Law School**

I am unable to attend, but wish to contribute \$ _____ to The Cancer Legal Resource Center at Loyola Law School.

BOB COONEY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Law firms, corporate, government and public service sector alumni can compete outside the legal arena by putting together their own foursome and entering the Law Firm Challenge. The winning team's name will be added to the tournament's perpetual trophy, joining last year's winner Liner Yankelevitz Sunshine & Regenstreif LLP. The trophy is proudly displayed year-round at the Law School. Enjoy a day of fun and relaxation with fellow alumni while helping a good cause. Proceeds from the tournament benefit The Cancer Legal Resource Center (CLRC), a joint program of Loyola Law School and the Western Law Center for Disability Rights. The CLRC provides information and education on cancer-related legal issues to cancer survivors, their families and others impacted by the disease.

General WRAP-UP



Asian-American Alumni Chapter

The downtown Standard Hotel played host to the Asian-American Alumni Chapter on March 13, 2003. The gathering benefited the Asian-American Alumni Scholarship Fund. Another event will be co-sponsored by both Loyola Law School's Alumni Relations Office and the Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association in February 2004. More information to follow.



Law Day

The St. Thomas More Red Mass Committee sponsored Law Day on April 30, 2003 at the Law School. The event began with Mass in the Student Lounge with Patrick J. Cahalan, S.J., Chancellor at Loyola Marymount University serving as celebrant. Douglas W. Kmiec, a St. Thomas More professor of law at Catholic University of America, was the special guest speaker. Kmiec's lecture focused on, "Can a Catholic Serve in Public Office – What Would Thomas Say?" The event concluded with an outdoor reception in the Burns Plaza.

San Diego Alumni Luncheon

An alumni luncheon was held on March 28, 2003, at The University Club Atop Symphony Towers in San Diego. With more than 300 alumni living or working in the San Diego area, the event provided alumni an opportunity to enjoy the unique spirit of San Diego with a panoramic view of the San Diego skyline. The event also allowed alumni to meet other fellow alumni. A frequent comment heard at the luncheon was "I didn't know you were a Loyola alum."

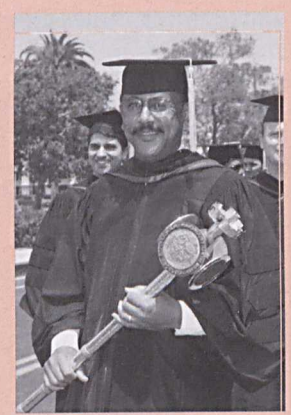
District Attorney's Reception

Professor Laurie Levenson held a reception on April 30, 2003 at her home for alumni working in the District Attorney's Office. More than 50 alumni and co-workers gathered for a relaxed evening of socializing and networking. In attendance at the event were Professors **Stan Goldman '75**, Sam



Pillsbury and **Susan Poehls '89**. A reception for alumni working in the Public Defender's Office is scheduled for this coming fall.

The 82nd Commencement Ceremony for Loyola Law School was held on May 18, 2003 at the Loyola Marymount University campus in Westchester. More than 6,000 friends and family attended the festivities and witnessed the confer-



Commencement

ral of nine master of laws in taxation, 10 juris doctor/master of business administration and 437 juris doctor degrees. The Honorable Ming W. Chin, associate justice, California Supreme Court, delivered the commencement address. The Honorable **John V. Meigs '78** of the Los Angeles County Superior Court and then-president of the Alumni Association Board of Governors, served as grand marshal and also presented J.D. candidates **James W. Gilliam '03** and **Deborah Cheung '03** with the 2003 "Alumni Association Award." The award is bestowed upon exceptional members of the graduating class – from the Day Division and from the Evening Division – who have demonstrated scholastic achievement, integrity and high moral character, and equally important, a commitment to service while attending Loyola Law School.



2nd Annual Hawaii Alumni Reunion

The second annual Hawaii alumni reunion was held on April 4, 2003 at the Pacific Club in Honolulu. Dean **David W. Burcham**

'84 presented Dr. Edison H. Miyawaki and wife Sallie Miyawaki with a keepsake memorializing their support of the Girardi Advocacy Center. The Miyawakis, residents of Hawaii, are loyal friends of Loyola Law School. Alumni enjoyed an evening of camaraderie with fellow alumni, and heard first-hand about many of the happenings at the Law School from Professor Christopher May, who also was in attendance. With the help of technology, alumni and guests were provided with a virtual tour of the Law School campus -- truly bridging the distance between alumni and their *alma mater*. Next year's reunion will be held at the home of the Honorable **Benjamin Cayetano '72** and his wife Vicky Cayetano.



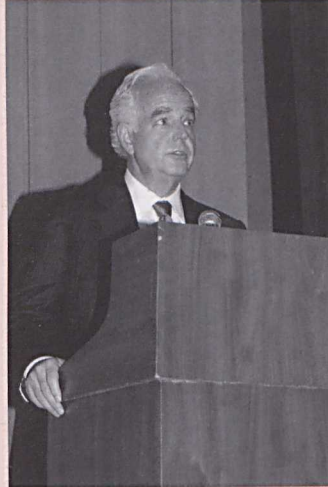
Hon. Kathryn Doi Todd '70



Dean David W. Burcham '84 with recipients of the Board of Governors Award



Class of 1953



Thomas J. Nolan '75

Grand Reunion

"A change is as good as a rest," goes the old saying, and it never rang more true than at this year's Grand Reunion. A new location at the Wilshire Grand Hotel in downtown Los Angeles only added to the good food, enjoyable music, and great company. Several hundred alumni, friends and professors attended the Grand Reunion, filling the Wilshire Grand's ballroom with a low hum of laughter and enjoyment as guests spent an evening catching up with old friends and making new acquaintances.

The following members of the alumni community were honored at the event: Honorable **Kathryn Doi Todd '70**, California Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District and **Thomas J. Nolan '75**, Howrey Simon Arnold & White, LLP. The two were presented with the 2003 "Distinguished Alumni of the Year" award that evening. **Cristina Armenta '94**, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom; **Robert A. Cooney**, Former Associate Dean of Business at Loyola Law School; **Brian C. Nutt '83**, Thon, Beck, Vanni, Phillipi & Nutt; **Patricia Phillips '67**, Morrison & Foerster were presented with the Alumni Association Board of Governors Award at an awards ceremony earlier that evening. The 2003 St. Thomas More Medallion was presented post-humously to Professor **William (Bill) Hobbs**. Special recognition was also extended to members of the **Class of 1953** as they celebrated their 50th class reunion.

A new addition to this year's Grand Reunion was the unveiling of the "Distinguished Alumni Series," which are 18" x 24" black-and-white posters of Loyola alumni. The posters include a photograph and short biography highlighting personal and professional accomplishments. The posters provided a visual reminder of the great individual accomplishments in the alumni community.

The framed posters are also proudly displayed throughout the classrooms and hallways at Loyola Law School, serving as a source of inspiration to current law students. Dean **David W. Burcham '84** notes, "It is important students understand the value and benefit of being a graduate of Loyola Law School. Loyola Law School is fortunate to count thousands of great attorneys and individuals among its ranks. Students are being provided with a visual reminder of the rich history and success of our alumni who, like them, began their path to success by receiving a first class legal education at Loyola Law School."

If you did not have an opportunity to attend the 2003 Grand Reunion, please plan on attending next year's event planned for April 2004. Join the hundreds of fellow alumni in having a good time while supporting the Law School.

LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL
EXPRESSES ITS SINCERE
APPRECIATION TO THE
FOLLOWING SPONSORS FOR
THEIR SUPPORT OF THIS
YEAR'S GRAND REUNION:

Hosting Firm \$5,000

Greene, Broillet, Panish & Wheeler, LLP
Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi, L.L.P.

Platinum Level \$2,500

Baker, Keener & Nahra, LLP
Girardi & Keese
Moreno, Becerra, Guerrero & Casillas
Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP

Gold Level - \$1500

Christie, Parker & Hale LLP
Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP
Gilbert, Kelly, Crowley & Jennett LLP
Howrey Simon Arnold & White, LLP
Jones Day
Lightfoot, Vandavelde, Sadowsky, Medvene & Levine
Liner Yankelevitz Sunshine Regenstreif LLP
Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker LLP

Silver Level - \$1000

Alumni Association Board of Governors
Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP
Grant Parking
Law Offices of Oscar A. Acosta
McNicholas & McNicholas, L.L.P.
Morrison & Foerster LLP
O'Melveny & Myers LLP
Pillsbury Winthrop LLP
Thon, Beck, Vanni, Phillipi & Nutt
Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc.

Bronze Level - \$500

Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, L.L.P.
Ami Silverman '87
Arnett Electric, Inc.
Brandmeyer & Stanton
California Document Shredding, Inc.
Cheong, Denove, Rowell & Bennett
Crest Office Furniture
Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P.
Greenberg & Bass, LLP
Greenberg Glusker
Gunderson, Schlichter, Shonack & Handel, LLP
Hagen, Streiff, Newton & Oshiro, Accountants, P.C.
JCM Facilities Planning and Management
Katten Muchin Zavis Rosenman
Minyard and Morris, LLP
Olivo & Plascencia
Rosenberg & Koffman
Stubbs Alderton & Markiles, LLP
Sullivan, Workman & Dee, LLP
The Copy Group
Towle, Denison, Smith & Tavera, LLP
York Photo Imagery

DIRECT EXAMINATION

A REPORT ON LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI



1961

Gerald Flavin, who is now retired from the law, is a tourist guide in Sydney, Australia. Flavin recently attended the World Federation of Tourist Guides Association in Dun Blane, Scotland.

1964

Tom Girardi was honored in April by the litigation section of the State Bar, which inducted him into the "Trial Lawyers Hall of Fame."

1969

Richard Troop has joined the entertainment, media and communications team at Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton, LLP as senior advisor.

1973

Norman Gregory Young is a professor at Cal Poly Pomona in the College of Business. Young specializes in international economic & business law.

1974

Stewart Spivak, a member of the State Bar Committee on Legal Professionals with Disabilities, is co-chair of the subcommittee on Accommodations for Bar Examination Applicants with Disabilities. **Roman Silberfeld** was recently elected to the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, an organization of 500 attorneys from the United States.

1976

David J. Pasternak has been elected president of the Bet Tzedek Board of Directors. Pasternak is a partner in the law firm of Pasternak, Pasternak & Patton.

1977

Thomas P. Beck has been elected president of the Irish American Bar Association. Additionally, the firm he co-founded -- Thon, Beck, Vanni, Phillippi & Nutt -- celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2002.

1978

Patrice Motz has joined the Washington, D.C., office of Katten Muchin Zavis Rosenman as special counsel. She will be part of the firm's new anti-money laundering practice, concentrating on helping businesses protect assets, and meet anti-money laundering and anti-terrorist finance obligations imposed by the U.S.A. Patriot Act.

1979

Jean M. Lawler, senior partner at Los Angeles-based Murchison & Cumming, was elected to the position of secretary-treasurer of the Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel in 2002. The federation is an international organization established to further the principles of knowledge, justice and fellowship.

1980

Michael Kleine is a principal acquisition counsel at Jet Propulsion Laboratory, where he has been employed for the past 23 years. In March 2003, Kleine presented a workshop entitled, "Writing Winning Proposals: Tips, Traps and Techniques" to more than 200 participants at the 15th annual JPL/NASA/SBA High Technology Conference in Los Angeles.

1981

Bruce R. Fuhrer specializes in the representation of plaintiffs in matters of construction defect, personal injury, product liability, professional malpractice and general civil litigation at his own law firm. **Andrea M. Johnson** is now partner at the law office of Powers and Frost, LLP in Houston, Texas. **Jamee J. Patterson** was named "2002 California Lawyer Attorney of the Year" in recognition of her significant work in environmental law. A supervising deputy attorney general with the California Attorney General's Office in San Diego, Patterson was recognized for her representation of the State and the California Coastal Commission in *California v. Norton*; the Ninth Circuit upheld the Commission's right to review undeveloped oil and gas lease extensions for consistency with the State's coastal management plan. **Dorothy B. Reyes** has opened the law offices of Reyes & Wolfe in Claremont after leaving Lafollette Johnson, where she worked for 19 years. Reyes continues to specialize in employment and general litigation.

1982

Richard Sauer has joined the Washington, D.C. office of Vinson & Elkins, LLP, as a partner. In addition, Sauer, who also holds an S.J.D. from Harvard Law School, is joining the adjunct faculty of Georgetown University Law Center.

1983

Lisa Aronson is the director of the Center for the Study of Mind and Human Interaction in the School of Medicine at the University of Virginia. **Constance Orozco-Morgan** was named chief prosecutor for the city of Pasadena. Orozco-Morgan will be responsible for the prosecution of all misdemeanor offenses committed by adults in the city and enforcing nuisance and truancy programs.

1984

Therese A. Cannon has been named the new dean of the John F. Kennedy University School of Law located in San Francisco, Calif.

1986

Steven L. Krongold has been elevated to partner at the Irvine office of the national law firm Arter & Hadden. **Daniel M. Cislo** is the managing partner of Cislo & Thomas LLP, a full-service intellectual property firm located in Santa Monica, Calif., specializing in patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret, and domain name matters.

1988

Anthony H. Kaufman is general counsel of P&O Princess Cruises, an international cruise vacation company listed on the London and New York Stock exchanges.

1990

Stephen P. Jones recently became a shareholder in Beck, De Corso, Daly and Kreindler, where he has practiced in the fields of federal and state white-collar criminal defense since 1999.

1991

Anne E. Wells, in January 2003, was named a partner at Levene, Neale, Bender, Rankin & Brill, LLP, a Los Angeles bankruptcy firm. Wells specializes in Chapter 11 reorganization work, successfully representing FAO Schwartz in its Chapter 11 reorganization case. **Neil J. Sheff** has been appointed 2003 Young Lawyers Division liaison for the Southern California Chapter of American Immigration Lawyers Association.

1992

Keith Schulner is teaching conflict resolution and legal subjects at the University of Phoenix and Concord Law School. He also passed his real estate broker exam to increase his ability to mediate and arbitrate real estate conflicts through his company Mediator LA.

1993

Alex W. Craigie was promoted to partner in the Pasadena office of the Michigan-based law firm Feeney Kellett Wiener & Bush. **Gary D. Weinhouse** has been working for the last year and a half as the general counsel and chief financial officer for a local Southern California mobile electronics company, Al & Ed's Autosound, LLC. Weinhouse is in charge of all legal, financial and operational affairs of the company's 32 retail locations, and is supervising the conversion of Al & Ed's stores into franchise outlets. **Bruce Zucker** is a full-time business law professor at Cal State Northridge, where in 1998 he founded the Justice Center, a hands-on program where students earn course credit by helping low-income people with landlord-tenant disputes.

1994

Maritoni A. Acosta, a partner at the offices of Feinberg, Mindel, Brandt & Kline, LLP in West Los Angeles, is now a certified family law specialist. **Leigh Otsuka Linder**, who focuses on intellectual property litigation, has joined the Los Angeles office of Bingham McCutchen LLP.

1995

Alan R. Diamante was presented with the "Attorney of the Year Award" from the Mexican American Bar Association on February 22, 2003. **Benjamin Soffer** has been promoted to partner at Perkins Coie, LLP. Soffer is a general litigator at their Santa Monica, Calif., office, with an emphasis on products liability defense in the areas of aviation and industrial equipment. **Carolyn M. Walsh** has joined the New York office of Cozen O'Connor's Insurance Litigation Group.

DIRECT EXAMINATION

1996

André K. Campbell has become partner at McDonough, Holland & Allen, one of Northern California's leading law firms. **Shaun Clark** has joined the entertainment, media and communications team of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP. **Matthew D. Kaplan** opened his own practice this year, focusing on torts and criminal defense.

1997

Astrid R. Spain joined McDermott, Will & Emery as an associate in the Life Sciences Intellectual Property Group in the San Diego office. Spain counsels clients in developing and protecting their intellectual property rights and concentrates her practice on patent prosecution, with particular emphasis on biotechnological and pharmaceutical technologies.

1998

Lilly Kim has joined the Los Angeles office of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey as a corporate associate. **Carlee McCullough** has opened The Ivy, the first African-American owned private membership club in Memphis, a place where urban professionals can mix and mingle. **Hamid Namazie** has joined Pircher, Nichols & Meeks.

1999

Betina Baumgarten has joined the insurance practice group for the law firm of Carroll, Burdick, & McDonough. Baumgarten specializes in insurance coverage consulting and litigation. **Phillip Gharabegian** has accepted the position of director of business & legal affairs at Fox Cable Networks Group in Century City, providing corporate and transactional expertise for a wide range of deals involving Fox run cable channels. **Karriann Farrell Hinds** has started her own practice providing services in family law, including dissolutions, custody and child support matters, guardianships, adoptions, domestic partnerships, probate, estate planning and general civil litigation. **David B. Koo** has been hired at the law firm of Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison in the Intellectual Property Group. **Brian M. Sanders** accepted an associate position at Ericksen, Arbutnot, Kilduff, Day & Lindstrom in Oakland, Calif. The firm's primary practice areas include insurance defense, construction defect, auto liability and real estate. **Joe Valenti** joined the law firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson located in Los Angeles. Captain **James M. Winner** was recently awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal for his work as an Area Defense Counsel for the Air Force Legal Services Agency. He now has been reassigned to the Air Force Appellate Defense Division, where he represents military members before the AF Court of Criminal Appeals, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces and the U.S. Supreme Court.

2000

Kristin Hiibner of Sheldon & Mak organized a *pro bono* adoption day in conjunction with Public Counsel and Loyola Law School. Attorneys **Pam Case '01**, **Shauna Emmons '01** and **Vince Gustafson '98** paired with Loyola Law School students Miles Harris, Sally Pai, and Laurie Temple. The adoption day project completed the long involved process of moving the children from foster care to permanent adoption by completing the necessary legal

documentation to finalize the adoptions; advocating on behalf of the adopting parents and appearing with them at the finalization hearing.



Judicial Review

1970

Hon. Hurschell D. Christian, long-time Covina practitioner, has been elected as a Los Angeles Superior Court commissioner.

1979

Hon. Darlene R. Seligman has served on the bench for over seven years as a federal immigration judge with the Department of Justice, Executive Office for Immigration Review. She retired on October 31, 2002. This past spring, Seligman was an adjunct professor at Loyola Law School teaching immigration and criminal law.

1983

Hon. Michele D. Levine was appointed as judge of the Riverside County Superior Court by Governor Gray Davis on March 28, 2003.

1985

Hon. Kimberly Menninger Sloan was elected to the bench in March of 2002 and took office as a Superior Court judge in Orange County as of January 6, 2003.

Marriage Proposals and Vows

Nadia Maria Davis '96 recently married California Attorney General Bill Lockyer. **Angela Sonico '99** was married to Thuc Miyashiro in Honolulu, Hawaii on January 18, 2003. The couple lives in Los Angeles. Sonico is an associate at Kern & Gonzalez. **John D. DeFrance '99** married Jane W. Kim in Los Angeles on February 15, 2003. Kim is an associate at Weston & McElvain, while DeFrance works as in-house counsel for Kenquest, Inc. **Raymond Perez, Jr. '99** and Sandra Contreras were married on May 17, 2003. Perez practices with the firm of Pierce & Weiss, LLP as a new associate. **Roger Vega '00** and **Reem Nazo '02** have plans to marry in October 2003. Nazo specializes in worker's compensation defense while Vega practices construction defect litigation at the law firm of Collins, Collins, Muir & Stewart.

Birth Certificates

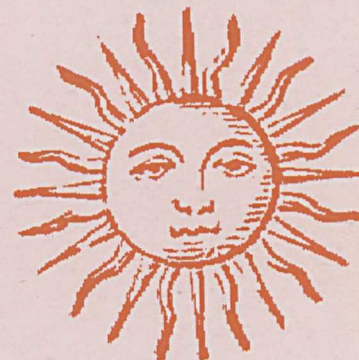
Karen Holloway-Smith '79 and Gary Smith were blessed with their third child, Aidan McRae, on June 30, 2002. **Neil J. Sheff '91** and his wife Rachel announce the birth of their daughter Rebekah, born October 16, 2002. **Daniel Sanchez '93** and his wife Shelley recently had their first child, Xavier Daniel Sanchez. **James Eckart '97** and **Monica Guizar Eckart '98** announce the birth of their baby girl, Isabella Nicole.

In Memoriam

Leonard Green '65 passed away unexpectedly October 23, 2002. Green and two partners launched a New York-based merchant bank called Gibbons, Green, Van Amerongen in 1969. By the mid-1980s the firm was involved in many important purchases including Budget Rent-A-Car from Transamerica Corp. In 1989, Green moved to the West Coast to launch Leonard Green & Partners with a \$215 million inaugural fund. At the time of his death, Green was serving as a senior advisor to the firm and serving on a number of corporate boards.

David C. Haber '71 lost his life in an automobile accident in Mexico in 2002. Haber was a litigator for 30 years, trying more than 100 cases throughout his career. After graduating from Loyola Law School, he went to work for Brill, Hunt, Debuys & Burby. In 1982, Haber joined Knapp Petersen where he primarily handled litigation defense, specializing in product liability, aviation and negligence suits.

Jonathan I. Hackman '75 passed away on March 1, 2003.



S U M M E R 2 0 0 3

The *Public Record* is published by Alumni Relations, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles.

Eloise Teklu, Editor: eloise.teklu@lls.edu, 213.736.1045

Carmen Ramirez, Associate Editor, Director of Alumni Relations: carmen.ramirez@lls.edu, 213.736.1046
Staff Writers Walter S. Lothian '05 and Genevieve Wong

David W. Burcham '84, Dean of Loyola Law School
Kenneth Ott, Assistant Dean for Development
Mary Dettmers, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations
Suzanne Zeimis, Alumni Relations Assistant

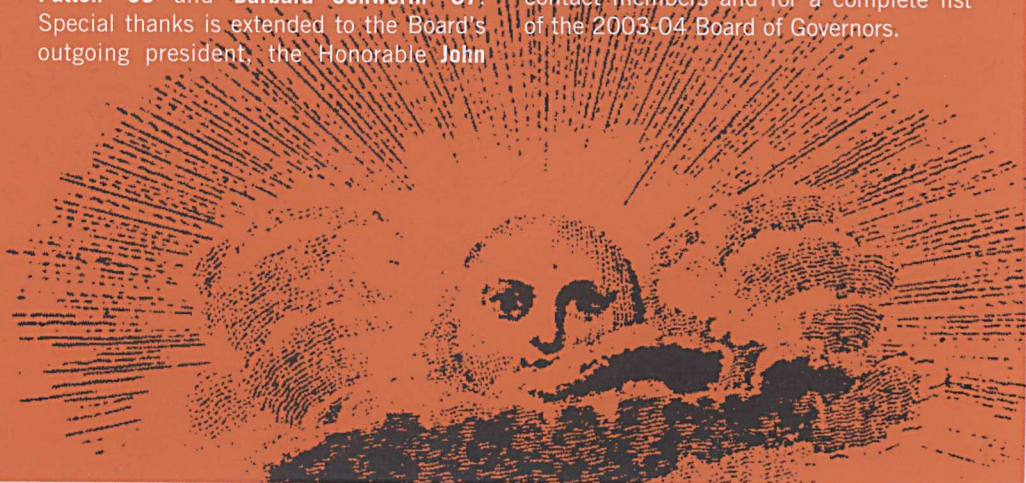
Board of Governors Under New Leadership

The Alumni Association is well represented under the leadership of the Board of Governors (BOG). The BOG serves as an advisory group to the Dean in promoting the Law School, providing support to fellow alumni and students and in strengthening the bond between the alumni community and Loyola Law School. Members of the BOG include: **Jeleen Guttenberg '96**, president; **Mike**

Conway '95, vice president; **Jeff Lewis '96**, secretary; and **Gregory Rose '96**, treasurer and chairperson for the 2004 Grand Reunion. Also joining the Board are newly appointed members, **Christopher Andre '95**, **Leslie Barnett '92**, **Michael Denison '74**, **Carolyn Hampton '91**, **John Horn '96**, **Andrea Patton '99** and **Barbara Schwerin '87**. Special thanks is extended to the Board's outgoing president, the Honorable **John**

Meigs '78, for his leadership, and outstanding commitment and service to Loyola Law School. Judge Meigs will continue to serve on the 2003-04 executive board as immediate past president.

Please visit <http://alumni.lls.edu> to contact members and for a complete list of the 2003-04 Board of Governors.



L O Y O L A
LAW SCHOOL ❖ LOS ANGELES

919 South Albany Street
Los Angeles, CA 90015-1211

SAVE THE DATES!

August

- 7 Ventura Regional Luncheon
- 21 Orange County
Alumni Summer Mixer

September

- 6 Alumni Reception at
State Bar Annual Meeting
- 7 Bob Cooney Golf Tournament
- 18 Las Vegas Regional Reception
- 21 Alumni and Student Mentor BBQ
- 24 Sacramento Alumni Gathering
- 28 Latino Alumni Chapter Family Picnic

Visit <http://alumni.lls.edu> for additional details on upcoming events

Presorted
Standard
U.S. Postage
PAID
Mercury Mailing
Systems Inc.