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Loyola Law School Kicks Off $40 Million Endowment Campaign

GALA CELEBRATION SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2005.

Loyola Law, under the leadership of David W. Burcham '84, Fritz B. Burns dean and professor of law, launches its $40 million endowment campaign with a donor appreciation gala celebration on April 16, 2005.

The funds raised will be used to create five endowed chairs and establish a robust scholarship fund to attract and retain top faculty and students. Dean Burcham noted, “A substantial challenge lies before us. Our goals for the $40 million endowment campaign are clear and worthy. Loyola Law excels in all it does, and I am convinced it can excel at an even wider array of efforts. I hope all alumni will help make this effort a success.”

Victor Gold, associate dean for academic affairs, professor of law and William M. Rains fellow, adds, “Our upcoming endowment campaign will focus on people instead of buildings. Our physical facilities are stellar, but what they house matters more. We need greater resources to attract and retain top faculty and students—that’s what this campaign is all about.”

Burcham concludes, “There is a simple formula for the success of the Law School—the stronger our faculty, the stronger our national reputation. As our national reputation improves, so do our students, who in turn get better jobs. The Loyola Law School diploma on your wall appreciates in value like the sound investment it always was.”

FOR MORE INFORMATION about Loyola Law’s endowment campaign, please see the insert included in the 2005 Loyola Lawyer. To receive a copy or make a donation, please contact the assistant dean of advancement, Ken Ott, at 213.736.1025 or ken.ott@lls.edu.

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

1965 Neal Pereira left retirement and part-time teaching after 18 months to head up the new public defender's office in Shasta County. Pereira was a public defender in Visalia for 25 years.

1959 Lawrence F. Liebenbaum was installed as president of the Los Angeles County Bar Foundation for 2004-05.

1974 Michael C. Denison is the author of the CEB Action Guide, “Making the Opposite SideListen.” He has been on the California Anti-SLAPP Statute, published in 2004. Neal E. Schmale was elected to the Board of Directors of Mobile Scope, Inc., a wireless devices and network operators. Beforehand, Lapin was an associate at the Mobile Scope and is currently serving as the president of U.S.A Waterpolo, overseeing the chuck executive officer and director of Take-Two Interactive Software Inc. and CFO at Sempra Energy in San Diego, and a member of its Board of Directors.

1976 James G. Benjamin was inducted as the chairperson of the Internal Revenue Service Office of the Chief Counsel. In this role, he is the primary advisor to the chief counsel on abusive tax transactions.

1979 Nicholas DeWitt is an arbitrator and mediator with the American Arbitration Association and a litigation partner at DeWitt, Denney & Paul., LLP in Glendale. Mark Stern became of counsel to Beasley, Platt & Schmidt, LLP in 2004.

1980 Barry S. Andrews was appointed to lead the Aladdin Casino and Resort with the American Arbitration Association and a litigation partner at DeWitt, Denney & Paul., LLP in Glendale. He also assumes the additional positions of president and general manager of Unocal Geothermal of Indonesia, Ltd. and vice president and general manager of Maganta Limited. Andrews served as president of Philippines Geothermal, Inc., Unocal’s local subsidiary, since 2002.

1981 Edith L. Bronston, a former member of the California Receivers Forum, a statewide organization of which she is a founding director, produced a two-day seminar in conjunction with Loyola Law School. The seminar, entitled “Receivables in the New Millennium: Part 11,” David Ettinger was one of four delegates elected to represent California’s 24th Congressional District at the Democratic National Convention.

1982 Roach D. Rosenbloom was appointed to the advisory board of Kennan & Associates, the largest privately held brokerage firm in California. Rosenbloom was also one of the leading management. He is the chief executive of California. He also assumes the assistant positions of president and general manager of Unocal Geothermal of Indonesia, Ltd. and vice president and general manager of Maganta Limited. Andrews served as president of Philippines Geothermal, Inc., Unocal’s local subsidiary, since 2002.

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1984 M. Katharine Davidson joined Alschuler, Grossman, Stein & Partners as counsel. The new firm, Kabateck & Becket, specializing in real estate and construction litigation. He was recently named editor of the Real Property Review for the REALTOR® Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

1989 Paul Anderson joined Jeffere, Magnes, Butler & Marnaros as of counsel in its governance, land use, and environmental and energy department in Los Angeles. Consumer attorney Brian S. Katabek merged his practice, Katabek & Garris, with Pasadena’s Brown & Kellner. The new firm, Katabek Brown & Kellner, LLP is located in downtown Los Angeles, and was the program chair for the 22nd Annual Colorado Real Estate Symposium.

1991 Julie Crane was named general counsel of the Alameda County Employees Retirement Association, a $4 billion dollar public pension fund. Kenneth T. Demmerle is a partner at Dineen, Demmerle & Werts in Tucson, Calif. Carroll Hampton was promoted to vice president, litigation counsel, at Universal Studios, Inc. Mark J. Nelson joined Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP as partner. Daniel Persson, who specializes in elder law and estate planning, became a member of Ariano, Hardy, Nyuli, Johnson, Richmond, Lindsfeld & Merry.

1992 Rick Distaro is a senior deputy district attorney with Stanislaus County in California. Paul Estuar was a partner at Litt, Estuar, Harrison, Miller & Kitson, LLP of Los Angeles, where he specializes in civil rights litigation. Molly White was appointed trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice, Consumer and Governmental Affairs.

1994 Jonathan Zeilik was named acting senior counsel for the Internal Revenue Service Office of the Chief Counsel. In this role, Zeilik is the primary advisor to the chief counsel on abusive tax transactions.

1995 Alan R. Diamante, an immigration attorney, was elected president of the Mexican American Bar Association. Shawn Radd Reeder was named as general counsel and regulatory counsel for Fidelity National Financial, Inc.

1996 This year, R. J. Comer became a partner at the Los Angeles office of Allen, Matkins, Leck, Gamble & Mallory. Cary Hall was appointed as associate general counsel at The Hall International in Phoenix, Ariz., where he will manage product liability and commercial litigation.

1997 Olegario “Ollie” Cantos VII now serves in the Civil Rights Law Center. Under this appointment, he was the first ever general counsel and director of programs for the American Association of People with Disabilities. Greg Garman is a bankruptcy attorney at Gordon & Silver, Ltd. in Las Vegas, helping to revive ailing businesses, ranging from the Stratosphere Hotel Casino to the Aladdin Casino and Resort.

1998 Nancy Miramontes works in commercial real estate law with Grubbs & Ellis in San Diego, specializing in multi-family investments. She is a top 10 producer in the company. Zach Wechsler, formerly a deputy attorney general with the California Department of Justice, opened The Law Offices of Zachary D. Wechsler near LAX. The firm will focus on employment law, business and real estate transactions, general litigation, appeals and DUI defense.

1999 Steven Avila is serving as co-director of Citibank’s Latino Initiative in California. James M. Winner, U.S. Air Force captain, was promoted to major. Major Winner is on active duty with the Air Force JAG Corps, serving as an appellate defense counsel and representing clients before the Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces and the U.S. Court of Military Review.

2000 Barak J. Berlin joined Keller Williams Realty in Marina Del Rey, Calif., the fifth largest real estate agency in the county.

2001 Katherine Harwood was elected to the California Bar Association, CYLA Board of Governors for District 7.

2002 James Gilliam chairs the Sexual Orientation Bias Committee for the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

2004 and was the program chair for the 22nd Annual Colorado Real Estate Symposium.

2007 James G. Landess was appointed independent counsel of Broadleaf Capital Partners Inc. Lawrence E. Leone is serving his second year as a trustee of the Los Angeles County Bar Association. He formerly chaired its Family Law Section. Leone was also named an editor of The Family Law Section News and Review and a contributor to California Family Law Monthly.

2009 Sharon Mason ’75 and Robert Masino ’75 celebrated their 30th anniversary. Scholl plans to marry Dana Lawson ’96 this November. Rice is the senior counsel at Western Digital. Deter is senior counsel at Western Digital. Deter is senior counsel at Western Digital.
Restaurant in Old Town Sacramento on October 8, 2004. Professor Stan Goldman of Loyola Law School addressed guests, speaking about his second career as a legal analyst for Fox News and providing an insider's perspective on recent celebrity legal cases.

STATE BAR ANNUAL GATHERING
Several Loyola alumni participating in the annual meeting of the State Bar of California also attended an informal mixer at the Monterey Marriott Hotel on October 9, 2004. Next year's gathering will be in the San Diego area in early September, during the 2005 annual meeting.

2004 at Le Meridien in Beverly Hills. Dr. Khaleed Mohammed, professor of religion at San Diego State University, spoke on the relationship between Jewish and Islamic law. Rabbi Yitzchok Adlerstein, who holds the Sydney M. Irmas Chair in Jewish Law and Ethics at Loyola Law School, also spoke, offering his perspective from the Jewish tradition.

THE CENTER FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY
The Center for Conflict Resolution celebrated its decade of service on October 14, 2004 at an on-campus reception. The Center launched in 1994 as a way for Loyola Law School to reach out to the community following the riots a year earlier. Since then, the Center assisted nearly 25,000 people without access to the traditional justice system, working to resolve disputes through its mediation and conciliation services.

DINNER AND DISCUSSION ON JEWISH AND ISLAMIC LAW
Alums gathered at dinner on October 13, 2004 to announce the birth of their first child, Ryan Timothy Whitaker, born on October 12, 2004. Christina Krescanko Whitaker '90 and her husband, Jim Whitaker, announce the arrival of their third child, JJ.

At the San Fernando Valley Bar Association for Lunch on October 23, 2004, Loyola Law School launched an Iranian Alumni Chapter with a celebration at the home of Farzad Abdollahi '01 in Newport Coast. Three hundred-fifty law school alumni, students and friends attended the kick-off, which also served as a scholarship fundraiser. Ali Jahangiri '02 chairs the committee that established the chapter, co-chaired by Farzad Abdollahi '01, Jeffrey Sklar '01, Nick Ebrahimian '01 and Roksana Ghodsian '00.

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WINES TASTING IN WEST LOS ANGELES
Alumni and friends gathered at The Wine House in West Los Angeles on October 23, 2004 for a wine tasting. It was hosted by Loyola Law School alumna Catherine Hagen '78 and her husband Steve Pepe, founders of the Clos Pepe Vineyard in Santa Barbara. The gathering allowed guests to taste and learn about Clos Pepe chardonnays and pinot noirs, and other selected wines.

STATE BAR ANNUAL GATHERING
Loyola Law School were recognized on October 26, 2004 at a luncheon at Nieuport 17 Restaurant in Tustin. Dean David Burcham '84 also gave an update on the Law School. This gathering of Santa Ana graduates will be an annual event. Among the members of the judiciary attending were the Hon. Francisco P. Brieno '68, Hon. Dennis S. Choate '72, Hon. Patrick H. Donahue '83, Hon. Robert J. Moss '73, Comm. Richard E. Pacheco '83, Hon. Peter J. Polos '90, Hon. Gary P. Ryan '72, Hon. William F. Rylaarsdam '64, Hon. Kimberly K. Sloan-Menninger '85, Hon. Richard F. Tooney '76 and Comm. Richard G. Vogl '68.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY LUNCHEON ON ELECTION LAW
On October 29, 2004, Loyola Law Professor Richard Hasen addressed San Fernando Valley-area alumni at a luncheon held in Sherman Oaks. A nationally recognized expert in election law, Hasen spoke about potential problems at the polls during the 2004 election. Loyola Law thanks Greenberg & Bass LLP, Horvitz & Levy LLP and the San Fernando Valley Bar Association for co-sponsoring the event.

BIRTH CERTIFICATES
Lisa M. Kitagawa '82 and James R. Ebert '79 welcome their daughter and second child, Lisa Tetsumi Sydney Kitagawa, born October 8, 2003. Their son J.J. Zentaro Ebert is now 12 years old. The couple married 21 years ago in Kyoto, Japan, where Kitagawa was the third and last American lawyer to have earned an LL.M. from Kyoto University. Kitagawa and Ebert work together in Irvine, and their firm serves many Japanese companies in the U.S. Christina Krescanko Whitaker '90 and her husband, Jim Whitaker, announce the arrival of their third child.

DAVID PECK '94 and his wife, Jana, celebrate the birth of their son Trevor Gordon Peck on September 30, 2004. Peck is a partner in the San Diego office of Manning & Marden, Kait, Ellrod, Ramirez, Ronette Ramos '97 and her husband, Tim Bazyounis, are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Ryan Timothy Bazyounis, born on June 12, 2004. Ginger Gonzales-Sotelo '00 and her husband, Herman, welcome the arrival of Herman Joseph Sotelo II, born October 15, 2003. Jerry Chils '01 and his wife Erin Rhames-Chils announce the birth of their son Connor Ronan, born on August 10, 2004. The couple recently opened their firm Childs & Childs, which specializes in family law, real estate law and civil litigation. Christopher Diulio '03 and his wife, Christiana, celebrate the birth of their first child, Anthony, born June 21, 2004. The family recently returned to California after Diulio's completion of a clerkship with the Hon. Christine O.C. Miller of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims.

IN MEMORIAM
Steven M. Martin '49 passed away on September 24, 2004 in Tustin, California. Martin handled cases for the state's insurance department. He was 71. Marner handled cases for the state's insurance commissioner and tax agencies. In addition to the law, Marner also loved thoroughbred horses and became a horse-owner after retirement.

Ernest E. Sanchez '58 passed away on October 20th in Fullerton, Calif. He was 71. Marner handled cases for the state's insurance commissioner and tax agencies. In addition to the law, Marner also loved thoroughbred horses and became a horse-owner after retirement.

Corporation. Sonia Sanchez '99 married Ruben Garcia in August 2004. Sanchez is an attorney with the National Labor Relations Board in Los Angeles and her husband is a probation officer with Los Angeles County. Dan M. Gilbert '01 and Marit Kralm '02 were married in September 2004 in Marina Del Rey, Calif. Gilbert is a partner at Gilbert & Stern, LLP in Century City and focuses on personal injury and real estate litigation. Kralm practices entertainment litigation at Stroock, Stroock & Lavan, LLP, also in Century City. Rachel Goodman, who holds the Sydney M. Irmas Chair in Jewish Law and Ethics at Loyola Law School, also spoke, offering her perspective from the Jewish tradition.

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To select the information you would like classmates to be able to view, click "My Preferences." Alumni are encouraged to display employment information and areas of practice—this information will allow fellow alums to communicate, network and provide referral opportunities through the alumni online directory.

Another component of LAWnet is "My Giving," which provides a current overview of your history of giving to Loyola Law. Also, online giving is now available. Through LAWnet, you can select from a number of giving options and donate securely and confidentially.

Perhaps the most useful component is the "Directory." The success of the directory, however, depends on alumni participation—the directory is a great resource and convenient tool to locate fellow alumni by name, class year, area of practice or geographic location.

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