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Public Record received a facelift! In the future, the Public Record will be issued in Winter, Spring and Summer. Send your comments or questions to alumni.office@lls.edu.

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.

1969 Lawrence F. Liebenbaum was installed as president of the Los Angeles County Bar Foundation for 2004-05.


1976 James G. Benjamin was inducted as the chairperson of the National Association of State Bars of the U.S. in 2004 and was the program chair for the 22nd Annual Colorado Real Estate Symposium.

1977 Jason 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.

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

1980 Barry S. Andrews was appointed to lead Unocal Corporation's worldwide geothermal businesses. He also assumed the additional positions of president and general manager of Unocal Geothermal of Indonesia, Ltd. and vice president and general manager of Magmaterra Limited. Andrews served as president of Philippine Geothermal, Inc., Unocal's local subsidiary, since 2002.

1982 James Bevins continued to serve as the executive director 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 in October entitled, "Receiverships in the New Millennium: Part 1." David Ettinger was one of four delegates elected to represent California's 24th Congressional District at the Democratic National Convention.

1983 Jeffrey Lapin was appointed to Mobile Scope’s board of directors. He also assumed the additional positions of president and general manager of Mobile Scope of the Philippines. He continues to serve as the chairman of the company and acts as its chief executive officer.

2001 Barak E.关联人 was named Los Angeles County’s Judge Pro Tempore of the Year in 2004. Hanson is a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army, the highest ranking female officer in the Army. He was recently named editor of The California Professional Lawyer, a publication of the California State Bar.

2003 Jonathan Zelnik was named acting senior counsel for the Internal Revenue Service Office of the Chief Counsel. In this role, Zelnik is the primary advisor to the chief counsel on abusive tax transactions.

1986 Giselle Acevedo-Franco was appointed president of the U.S. based nonprofit, the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB), a position she currently holds. She is the first Latinx woman to hold this position.


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 Tustin, Calif. Carol Hampton was promoted to vice president, litigation counsel, at Universal Studios, Inc. Mark J. Kelson joined Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP as partner. Daniel Parsons, who specializes in elder law and estate planning, became a member of Ariano, Hardy, Nyuli, Johnson, Richardson, Parsons & Goettel.

1992 Rick Distano is a senior deputy district attorney in Stanislaus County in California.

1993 Paul Estuar is 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’s Pacific Regional Office in Los Angeles.

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1995 Alan R. Diamante, an immigration attorney, was elected president of the Mexican American Bar Association. Sheryl Reed Baker was named deputy and regulatory counsel for Fidelity National Financial, Inc.

1996 Earlier this year, R.J. Comer became a partner at the Los Angeles office of Allen, Matkins, Leck, Gamble & Mallory. Cary Hall was appointed as a partner, managing partner for the Mountain View office of Cravath, Swaine & Moore.

1997 Olegario "Ollie" Cantos VII now serves in the Civil Rights Division at the Department of Justice.

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1999 Steven Avila is serving as co-director of Citibank’s family law practice.

2004 Joni Schimke is named vice president, litigation, at DeWitt, Denney & Schmidt, LLP in Phoenix, Ariz., where he will manage product liability and commercial litigation.

2004 George G. Smith, a volunteer with the American Association of People with Disabilities, was named one of the leading healthcare attorneys in the U.S. by U.S. News & World Report.

2004 M. Katharine Davidson joined Alschuler, Grossman, Stanger & Rutter as a partner.

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to announce the birth of their first child, Ryan Timothy
attorney for Fox News and providing an
speak at the San Diego area in early September, during
on October 9, 2004. Next year's gathering will be
in downtown Los Angeles.
3200 South Figueroa Street between 7th and 8th
Sanchez is an attorney with the National Labor
Sanchez is also a graduate of the
their son Conor Ronan, born on August 10, 2004. The couple
in Family Law.
Sanchez was recently featured in the
tv show "The Closer" as a legal analyst. She is now

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There are several components to LAWnet. "My Account" provides a summary of your contact and employment information. You can update/edit information in this section, including your areas of practice, whether you are sole practitioner and the mailing address at which you would like to receive information from the Law School. This section can ONLY be viewed by the Office of Alumni Relations and you.

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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