



Digital Commons@

Loyola Marymount University
LMU Loyola Law School

Public Record

Law School Publications

Spring 2004

2004 Spring Public Record

Loyola Law School Los Angeles

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

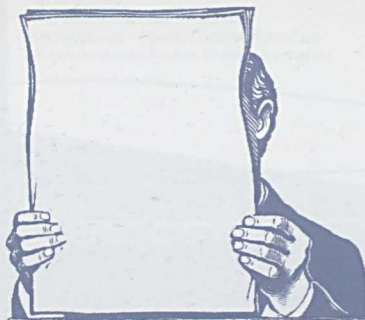
Repository Citation

Loyola Law School Los Angeles, "2004 Spring Public Record" (2004). *Public Record*. 36.
https://digitalcommons.lmu.edu/public_record/36

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.

Spring
2004

PUBLIC RECORD



the Alumni Newsletter of Loyola Law School – Los Angeles

The Grand Reunion is April 28th



John D. Vandavelde '75



Nancy Sher Cohen '78

You're invited to the Grand Reunion
Wednesday, April 28, 2004
5:30 – 9 p.m., Wilshire Grand Hotel

Grab your calendar, turn the page to April 28, and write this down: 2004 Grand Reunion, 5:30 – 9 p.m., Wilshire Grand Hotel. Don't let another year go by without attending Loyola Law School's most spectacular alumni event of the year!

This year's Grand Reunion will begin with an awards ceremony at 5:30 p.m., followed immediately by a "free-to-mingle" reception. The Grand Reunion is a forum where hundreds of alumni unite from a wide range of class years – while also lending itself to specific class year reunions. Gifts will be awarded to alumni representing the class year with the most graduates in attendance. Alumni are encouraged to contact fellow classmates and arrange to meet at the Grand Reunion.

The Grand Reunion not only provides an opportunity to come together as a community, it allows alumni to honor their own. This year's honorees will be **Nancy Sher Cohen '78** of Heller Ehrman White & McAuliffe in Los Angeles, and **John D. Vandavelde '75** of Lightfoot, Vandavelde, Sadowsky, Medvene & Levine, who will be presented with the 2004 "Distinguished Alumni Award." The award is presented annually to graduates who have made substantial contributions to the legal profession, community and Loyola Law School.

The *Los Angeles Daily Journal* listed **Nancy Sher Cohen '78** among the top 30 women litigators in California, and among the state's 100 most influential lawyers. *The Los Angeles Business Journal* also has recognized her in recent years as one of the 50 most powerful women lawyers in Los Angeles. Cohen's history of outstanding

achievement in pretrial and trial work has been recognized by Loyola, too – in 1998 she was named by her law school as "Trial Lawyer of the Year." A litigation shareholder with Heller Ehrman White & McAuliffe in Los Angeles, Cohen is the co-leader of the firm's Product Liability National Practice Group, specializing in the areas of insurance coverage litigation, mass torts, class actions, product liability and general commercial litigation. Cohen has been lead counsel in prosecuting several insurance coverage lawsuits. For example, she is the lead counsel for the lender on the World Trade Center towers in prosecuting claims for insurance coverage for the towers. Equally as noteworthy, Cohen has represented survivors of the Holocaust against insurance carriers who failed to pay life insurance benefits.

"Super Lawyer" is how *Los Angeles Magazine* describes **John D. Vandavelde '75** in its February 2004 issue. The magazine also describes his litigation firm of Lightfoot, Vandavelde, Sadowsky, Medvene & Levine as the top white collar criminal defense firm in Los Angeles. A Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, Vandavelde started his career as an assistant attorney in the Criminal Division of the United States Attorney's Office in Los Angeles. Vandavelde prosecuted white collar crimes in the office's Special Prosecutions Section, and later served as assistant division chief for the Appellate Section and the Complaints Section. Among his cases, Vandavelde has prosecuted a number of executives at the Mattel Inc. toy company for securities fraud. For this, Vandavelde received the "U.S. Department of Justice Award for Outstanding Achievement." Vandavelde has successfully represented

continued on pg. 5

THIS
ISSUE
2

General Wrap-Up
Events

5

Hire Loyola Grads
Career Services

6

Direct Examination
Alumni News

GENERAL WRAP-UP

Special thanks are extended to the loyal alumni and friends who support the Law School by attending events. The Alumni Relations office coordinates events throughout the year in an effort to provide alumni with an opportunity to network and catch-up with fellow alumni. These events are not fundraisers, although any proceeds gained from some events do benefit several scholarships and the Law School's Juris Fund (annual fund). Alumni are encouraged to attend events – the alumni office guarantees you will have a good time while supporting your *alma mater*. Visit <http://alumni.lls.edu> to view a list of upcoming events.

Attorney & the Media "Court of Law v. Court of Public Opinion"

Professor Laurie Levenson graciously opened up her home to host a book signing and brunch for alumni and friends on October 26, 2003. Several media personalities were present at the event, including Sally Stewart, author of *A Guide to Meeting the Press – Media Training 101*. Stewart provided guests with some quick tips on interacting with the media.

Fresno Alumni Mixer

The first mixer for alumni living in greater Fresno was held on November 13, 2003 at the Fig Garden Swim and Racquet Club. Special thanks are extended to **Paul Lerandean '89** for his help in spearheading the mixer. Dean **David W. Burcham '84** and Director of Alumni Relations Carmen Ramirez attended the event, and provided guests with an update of the Law School. Alumni welcomed the opportunity to hear the latest news about their *alma mater* and appreciated the opportunity to gather as a community. Alumni also expressed enthusiasm about coordinating the next Fresno area alumni mixer.

Awards Breakfast and Swearing-In Ceremony

One would think that commencement is the most memorable experience after three or four years of law school. Well, not so for approximately 100 guests who attended the academic awards breakfast and the more than 1,100 guests who attended the swearing-in ceremony on December 3, 2003 at the Law School.

The celebration began with the academic awards breakfast that recognized members of the Class of 2003 inducted into the Order of the Coif. Coif inductees attain a cumulative grade point average that places them within the top 10 percent of their class. The following academic awards were also presented that morning: William Tell Aggeler Award presented to **Steven Elster**; Lloyd Tevis Award presented to **Tamami Yamaguchi** and Gregory W. Goff Award presented to **Harold Jung**.

Immediately following the awards breakfast was the swearing-in ceremony. Judge **Gilbert M. Lopez '76** of the Los Angeles Superior Court administered the state oath. The federal oath was administered by Magistrate Judge **Carolyn Turchin '78** of the U.S. District Court, Central Division of California. Justice **Margaret A. Grignon '77**,

California Court of Appeal, delivered the judicial address. The president of the Board of Governors, **Jeleen Guttenberg '96**, extended congratulations on behalf of the Alumni Association. The day's festivities ended with a reception for the record-breaking crowd who gathered to lend enthusiastic support to the newly sworn-in attorneys.

Entertainment Law Luncheon Series

Professor Jay Dougherty held successful entertainment luncheons on October 10, 2003 and December 5, 2003 at Lunaria Restaurant in Los Angeles. Guest speakers for the October luncheon included **David J. Decker '93**, senior vice president of business & legal affairs at Stone Stanley Entertainment, and **Lee Straus '96**, vice president of business affairs at NBC Studios. The speakers addressed the topic of "Deal Making for Reality TV – for Love or Money?"

Decker and Straus, along with Susan Futterman, director of broadcast standards and practices at ABC Television Network, were the guest speakers at the December luncheon. The discussion focused on "Reality Risks – A Survivor's Guide to Producing Reality TV."

The luncheon series provides alumni working in the entertainment arena an opportunity to hear from experts in the field about current legal issues affecting the entertainment industry. The series also provides alumni with an opportunity to earn MCLE credit.

Long Beach Regional Reception

Approximately 50 alumni and friends gathered at the Long Beach home of Dean **David Burcham '84** and his wife Chris on January 29, 2004. Alumni in attendance represented a span of more than fifty class years. **Louis Knobbe '59**, partner at Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear, represented the earliest class. Also attending the event was newly admitted student **Suzanne Spencer '07**, who welcomed the opportunity to speak



Left to Right
Attorney & the Media
Fresno Alumni Mixer
Awards Breakfast and
Swearing-In Ceremony
Entertainment Law
Luncheon Series

Top to Bottom:
 Long Beach Regional Reception
 Asian-American Alumni Chapter Reception
 African-American Alumni Chapter Reception



with alumni about their law school experiences, and more importantly, the benefits of being graduates of Loyola Law School.

Asian-American Alumni Reception

Alumni gathered at the Law School on February 12, 2004 for an alumni reception which benefited the Asian-American Alumni Scholarship Fund. Special recognition was extended to the Honorable **Fumiko Hachiya Wasserman '79** for her contributions to the legal profession and her service to the Law School. The reception was co-sponsored by the Law School and the Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association.



Orange County Reunion

Catherine B. Hagen '78 was presented with the 2004 "Distinguished Orange County Alumna of the Year Award" on February 26, 2004 at the Westin South Coast Plaza Hotel.

Hagen is a partner in O'Melveny & Myers' Newport Beach office. She chairs the Labor and Employment practice for the firm's Orange County office. Her practice includes the representation of employers in all aspects of employment litigation. She has testified as an expert and lectured extensively on the subjects of sexual harassment, gender discrimination, and disability discrimination.

African-American Alumni Reception

Dean **David W. Burcham** presented **Alfred Jenkins '76** with a service award during the African-American Alumni Chapter Reception held on February 19, 2004 at the Law School.



Hagen was recently named among the top 50 most influential attorneys in Orange County. She has an impressive roster of clients that include the Screen Actors Guild, Sears Roebuck & Company, United Airlines and the Long Beach Unified School District, to name a few.

Jenkins, who served as a deputy district attorney for more than 15 years, has captured the true meaning of "giving back to the community." He has dedicated years of his life to furthering the advancement of African-American students through educational *pro bono* tutorial programs that benefit students as they prepare for the California State Bar Examination.

Grand Avenue Gang "Symposium" Luncheon

A luncheon was held on February 25, 2004 for alumni who attended the Law School's Grand Avenue campus. For many of the Grand Avenue graduates attending, the luncheon provided an opportunity for a first visit to the Law School's newly designed campus, which moved in 1964 from Grand Avenue to its current location.

The reunion allowed alumni and friends an opportunity to gather as a community, while paying tribute to Hagen, who has established herself as a distinguished attorney.

Jenkins received a strong show of support from alumni, law students and faculty who attended the event. As entertainment, guests enjoyed the smooth sounds of the Ron Muldrow Trio, a jazz group. Proceeds raised from the event benefited the African-American Alumni Scholarship Fund. Hon. **John V. Meigs '78**, immediate past president, Alumni Board of Governors, and Professor Gary Williams served as masters of ceremonies.

Alumni also were treated to a demonstration of the Girardi Advocacy Center's state-of-the-art technology. Alumni present agreed that although the new campus is a vast improvement over the Grand Avenue campus, the legal education and experience for graduates of the Grand Avenue campus are second to none. Special thanks are extended to the planning committee members: **Henry Bodkin '48**, **Brian Brandmeyer '62**, **David Daar '56**, **Roger Sullivan '52**, **Vincent Thorpe '59** and Robert Cooney (former associate dean for business & development) for their time and effort in coordinating a first-rate event.



Top:
 Grand Avenue Gang
 "Symposium" Luncheon
 Bottom:
 Orange County Reunion



Use Your Power: Hire a Loyola Graduate

by Graham Sherr, J.D., Assistant Dean, Career Services

As I mark my tenth anniversary of employment at Loyola Law School, I marvel at the number of students and alumni I have met. One of the great pleasures of my job is seeing students and new graduates start their careers, and then following their careers and lives over time. In addition to witnessing graduates become successful attorneys, I've had the opportunity to meet their parents and siblings and have also had the chance to see them become spouses and parents. I've seen some of the second-career students send children off to college and in at least one case, send a child here to the Law School. It is truly a privilege to be a sort of midwife to the careers that Loyola students begin here. With annual graduating classes of about 400, I've amassed quite a collection of acquaintances, relationships and contacts. In fact, I can hardly go to any public place in the Los Angeles area without running into a member of the Loyola alumni community (my teenage daughters despair of our frequent "run ins" with Loyola people!).

A notable example involved my being summoned to jury duty not too long ago. As I entered the courtroom for *voir dire*, I immediately recognized the prosecutor as an alumna (who informed me of her recent nuptials). When the judge announced the names of expected witnesses, I recognized the name of the arresting police officer who had attended the evening program while working full-time as a police officer. Suffice to say I was quickly excused from that panel! My point in describing the growing size and ubiquitousness of our alumni community is that it presents an immense resource for job placement of students, new graduates and experienced attorneys.

It is my ongoing quest, and that of the entire Career Services team, to mine that collection of contacts and relationships for the mutual benefit of graduates (especially the newest

graduates) and current students. As is well known, Loyola Law School alumni are a mighty group; mighty in number (13,000 strong) *and* influence (comprising the largest number of judges in Southern California, among other things).

I have written before in the *Loyola Lawyer* of the immense power alumni have to jumpstart students' careers (and also advance lateral careers) by simply contacting Career Services to apprise us of openings in your offices. Another vital way alumni can help is to lobby their firms to recruit on campus. If it already does so, persuade your firm to recruit deeper in the class. Involve yourself in recruiting to ensure that Loyola students get offers during every recruitment season. No one has more power to advance the fortunes of the Law School and our students than the alumni.

As the song goes: "You've got the power!"
So please use it!

Do You Have Job Information to Share?



Referring Alumnus/na: _____

Employer Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Part-time Position Full-time Position

Job Description: _____

Let Us Hear From You

Return to:
Office of Career Services
Loyola Law School, 919 S. Albany St.
Los Angeles, CA 90015-1211
Fax (213) 385-5133 Email careerservices@lls.edu



Arthur Greenberg '76



Cindy Lopez '85



Barbara Schwerin '87

Grand Reunion cont. from pg.1

defendants in securities fraud, environmental, antitrust matters, murder and manslaughter cases. His clients have included attorneys, accountants, doctors, actors, law firms, NYSE companies, foreign corporations, millionaires and paupers.

The 2004 Alumni Association Board of Governors Recognition Service Awards also will be presented during the awards ceremony to three deserving graduates of Loyola Law School. The recipients for 2004 are **Arthur Greenberg '76, Cindy Lopez '85 and Barbara Schwerin '87.**

The community and civic involvement of Greenberg, a managing partner at Greenberg & Bass, LLP in Encino, Calif., has spanned more than 30 years. Greenberg commits time and legal expertise for the benefit of the less fortunate through the United Jewish Federation, Bet Tzedek and the Los Angeles Jewish Home for the Aging. He also raises major gifts for Los Angeles' Ronald McDonald House, and coaches youth soccer. Lopez, deputy attorney general with the Office of the Attorney General in Los Angeles, mentors young women and girls from disadvantaged backgrounds – encouraging them to pursue undergraduate and graduate degrees. Lopez is also actively involved with several bar associations. Schwerin, a member of the full-time faculty and founding director of the Cancer Legal Resource Center – a joint venture of Loyola Law School and the Western Law Center for Disability Rights – has devoted her career to providing information and educational outreach on cancer-related legal issues to persons with cancer and others impacted by the disease.

"The Grand Reunion provides a unique evening for Loyola graduates who've lost touch with some of the people who made law school experiences memorable," says **Gregory Rose '95**, committee chair. "We've set aside extensive time to give alumni the opportunity to see and talk with old friends and favorite professors in a relaxed, informal atmosphere, free from the constraints of assigned table seating, while enjoying a variety of first-rate *hors d'oeuvres* along with premium wines and cocktails."

Special discount tickets are available for alumni working in public interest organizations and firms, and to members of the Classes of 2001, 2002 and 2003. Invitations for the 2004 Grand Reunion will be mailed shortly. Please watch your mail and make plans to attend and enjoy an evening of networking and camaraderie.

Last year's Grand Reunion was immensely successful due to the generosity of the event sponsors. The list for 2003 was impressive, and members of the Alumni Association Board of Governors hope you will consider adding your name or firm's name to the list of sponsors for the 2004 Grand Reunion. For sponsorship opportunities, please contact Carmen Ramirez, director of alumni relations, at 213.736.1046.

SPECIAL THANKS TO LAST YEAR'S GRAND REUNION SPONSORS

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



1967

J. Anthony Bryan has received the "Atticus Finch Award" for 2003 – Kern County Bar Association's annual award for outstanding criminal defense work. The award was given to the tenacious attorney, who never gives up, because Bryan embodies a quote from the book, *To Kill a Mockingbird*: "Simply because we were licked a hundred years before we started is no reason for us not to try to win."

1968

Gerald M. Singer is the author of the book, *How to Go Directly Into and Manage Your Own Solo Law Practice and Succeed*, which is now in its 28th year of publication by West Group.

1975

Ron Collins' next book, *We Must Not Be Afraid to Be Free*, has been accepted for publication by Oxford University Press (trade division). The paperback edition of Collins' last book, *The Trials of Lenny Bruce* (2002) was hailed by the *Los Angeles Times* as one of the best books for 2003. This March brings the second edition release of *The Death of Discourse*, which he co-authored with David Skover.

1977

Patricia (Stearns) Eyres, founder and president of Litigation Management & Training Services, Inc., has earned the National Speakers Association's "Certified Speaking Professional" designation. Eyres is also president of the Long Beach Civil Service Commission, where she serves as a hearing officer on disciplinary appeals. **Richard Hayes** has joined the law firm of Marshack, Shulman, Hodges & Bastian LLP. Hayes' focus is on estate planning, probate, trusts and other tax matters.

1978

Ramon Lopez has been named "Top Gun' Product Liability/Mass Tort Trial Attorney of the Year" by the Orange County Trial Lawyers Association (OCTLA). Lopez is founder and managing partner of Newport Beach-based Lopez, Hodes, Restaino,

Milman & Skikos, where he handles complex medical malpractice and products liability actions. Presently, Lopez spearheads the firm's efforts in mass tort litigation now pending throughout the U.S., including cases involving the drugs Rezulin, "Fen-phen" and Ephedra.

1979

Fred Timothy Winters made partner with the Costa Mesa, Calif. firm of Miles & Bauer, LLP (now known as Miles, Bauer, Bergstrom & Winters, LLP). The firm represents residential mortgage lenders and other secured and non-secured creditors in default and regulatory compliance matters.

1981

Larry D. Lewellyn represents Mark Penniman, long-time friend of the late, legendary jazz singer Nina Simone, in a last will and testament estate suit filed recently with the Los Angeles Superior Court. Simone's music includes song classics such as "I Loves You Porgy."

1982

Alison Minet Adams joined the Chase Law Group of Studio City as an appeals and writs attorney. Adams and her husband Boris Young will make their home in Studio City as well as in Santa Barbara, where they have lived for the past 20 years. **Richard Sauer**, following 13 years with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, has joined the international law firm of Vinson & Elkins as partner in its Washington, D.C. office. During his tenure as senior attorney with the SEC, Sauer's cases involved major domestic and international financial fraud, as well as groundbreaking market manipulation and insider trading cases.

1983

Michael R. Tyler has been appointed senior vice president and general counsel of Gateway, Inc., the consumer electronics company.

1984

David J. Miclean has been named managing principal of Fish & Richardson P.C.'s Silicon Valley office. Miclean specializes in intellectual property litigation involving trademark, copyright and patent infringement.

1987

Mark D. Larsen has joined Lindquist & Vennum of Minneapolis, Minn. Formerly a U.S. attorney for the District of Minnesota and with the Central District of California, Larsen has expertise in criminal defense with a specific emphasis in working with state and federal regulatory and law enforcement agencies.

1989

Brenda L. Diederichs served as the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's chief labor negotiator in the 2003 mechanic's strike. **Sandra R. Klein** has

been appointed as regional criminal coordinator for the United States Trustee Program's (USTP) newly created Criminal Enforcement Unit. Klein serves central and southern California, Arizona and Hawaii. The USTP identifies potential bankruptcy crimes to the Department of Justice for prosecution.

1991

Guy Gruppie has been elevated to senior partner at Los Angeles-based Murchinson & Cumming. Gruppie, a former journalist, specializes in the defense of product liability, catastrophic injury and business litigation matters.

1992

Daniel Rozansky has made partner with Stroock & Stroock & Lavan at its Los Angeles office. Rozansky practices in the areas of entertainment, defamation, complex business and real estate litigation, and handles legal issues related to the apparel industry.

1993

Craig Cardon has joined Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP in San Francisco as partner in the Intellectual Property Practice Group. Cardon's focus is e-commerce, media, entertainment and advertising counseling and litigation. **David Peim** gave up partnership in the Los Angeles firm of LaFollette, Johnson, DeHaas, Fesler, Silberberg and Ames to accept a position with Honda North America, as a senior staff counsel. Peim handles the company's product liability matters. **Margy Eastman** presently serves as president of the Women Lawyers of Long Beach.

1994

Christopher Dueringer has made partner with Bryan Cave LLP at its Santa Monica office. Dueringer first joined the firm shortly following graduation from Loyola Law School. **Leigh (Otsuka) Linder** joined the Los Angeles office of Bingham McCutchen LLP, as counsel. Linder's practice consists primarily of intellectual property and commercial litigation.

1995

Kirk Dizon has been named partner with Cooley, Godward LLP. Dizon is a business attorney in the firm's San Francisco, Calif. office. **Brett Hayes** made partner at Holland & Knight LLP, Los Angeles. Formerly an associate with the firm, Hayes is a member of the Real Estate Section, practicing in the areas of commercial, industrial and retail property leasing, acquisition, disposition, financing, development, redevelopment, entitlements, land use and zoning law. **Ted Jordan** has joined the General Counsel Division of the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, specializing in intellectual property and technology procurement matters. **Thomas R. Rouse** has been named vice president, patent counsel and patent portfolio manager at QUALCOMM Incorporated, a Fortune 500 wireless networks and technology company in San Diego, Calif.

1997

Gary Hiller has been named president and chief executive of Studio Systems, Inc. in Los Angeles, which provides web-based database information to the movie industry. During his legal career, Hiller has lobbied foreign policy issues in Washington, D.C., and worked for Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP in Century City.

1999

Tish Loeb, a solo practitioner in estate planning, is also a lecturer at Santa Clara University Law School, teaching federal gift and estate tax. **Brian M. Sanders** works in the Construction Defect/Professional Responsibility and Insurance Defense Unit at Ericksen, Arbuthnot, Kilduff, Day, & Lindstrom, Inc. in Oakland.

2000

Kellie Ann Moore is a product liability litigator with Sedgwick, Detert, Moran & Arnold in Los Angeles. A specialist in FDA regulatory matters, Moore recently joined the USC School of Pharmacy as an associate course director for the Masters in Regulatory Science Program – lecturing on legal issues involving medical and consumer products. Classmate **Vincent Pollmeier**, who practices with Quinn Emanuel in Los Angeles, also lectures on intellectual property at USC's School of Pharmacy. Major **R. Todd Zink** of the United States Marine Corp has returned from active service in Iraq, and practices with Manning, Marder & Wolfe in Los Angeles.

2001

Stacy S. Smith has joined the litigation team at Engelman Berger, a commercial law firm in Phoenix, Ariz.

2002

Joseph E. Manahan has been promoted to the rank of captain with the United States Air Force. He is a judge advocate in Mountain Home Base, Idaho.



SPRING 2004

JUDICIAL REVIEW

Hon. John L. Martinez '68 of the Los Angeles Superior Court in Alhambra retired this past fall following 22 years on the bench. Martinez's first appointment, from former Governor Jerry Brown, was to the Alhambra Municipal Court. Earlier in his legal career, he was a senior attorney with the Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice, and later a solo practitioner in Los Angeles.

Hon. Manuel Covarrubias '77 was profiled in the *Ventura County Star* [Nov. 3, 2003] as one of three Latino jurists among 32 on the Ventura County bench. A court commissioner beginning in 1994, Covarrubias was elevated to the Superior Court in 2002 by former Gov. Gray Davis.

Hon. Janet M. Frangie '79, most recently of the Sherman Oaks firm of Narvid, Scott, Schwartz & Frangie, was appointed by former Gov. Gray Davis last October to the San Bernardino Superior Court. Prior to her appointment, Frangie also had served as a family law mediator and a judge *pro tem*.

Hon. Frederick C. Shaller '79, until recently a partner in Shaller, McMilan & Wright of Pasadena, was appointed by former Governor Gray Davis last September to the Los Angeles Superior Court. Shaller began his career handling insurance defense work, and has represented plaintiffs in medical malpractice and personal injury actions. In 1988, he and another partner formed Carr & Shaller, where he practiced until 1991, upon the founding of the aforementioned firm in June 2003.

Hon. Michael A. Latin '85 was appointed to the Los Angeles Superior Court in early November by former Governor Gray Davis. Until recently, Latin was a deputy district attorney, a title he has held since 1987. Latin was part of the prosecution team against Kathleen Soliah for her 1975 involvement with the Symbionese Liberation Army in its attempt to murder three Los Angeles police officers.

CERTIFICATES OF BIRTH

Jennifer Davy '99 and her husband Jas Dhillon announce the arrival of twin sons. Curran Singh and Aidan Singh Dhillon were born on August 27, 2003.

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

David W. Burcham, Fritz B. Burns Dean & Professor of Law
Kenneth Ott, Assistant Dean for Advancement
Mary Dettmers, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations
Suzanne Zeimis, Alumni Relations Assistant

MARRIAGE PROPOSALS AND VOWS

Ronald M. Lebow '78 married Renee Ilani Mitchell on September 20, 2003 in Malibu, Calif.

Charles H. Smith '85 is engaged to be married to Barbara L. DeLoa on August 6, 2004. Smith teaches business law at Cal State Fullerton, and DeLoa is a third grade teacher at Carden Academy in Fountain Valley.

Molly White '93 married Ricardo Munoz on November 8, 2003; the newlyweds have made Santa Monica their home. White practices law with the Enforcement Division of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Lena (Smith) Bacani '00 married Dan Bacani on July 4, 2003. Smith serves as a litigator with Jones Days in Los Angeles.

IN MEMORIAM

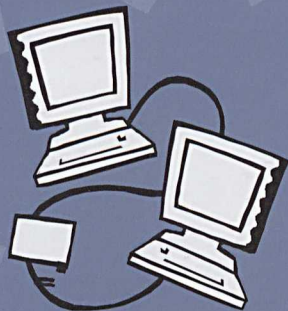
John T. Gurash '39, former chairman and chief executive officer of INA Corp., an insurance carrier, passed away in Pasadena on October 21, 2003. He was 92. According to the *Los Angeles Daily Journal* [Oct. 25, 2003], "Gurash helped implement the merger of INA and Connecticut General Life Insurance Co. to create Cigna Corp. Gurash later held positions as president, chairman or CEO of eight other companies, and served on many boards of directors."

Fred J. Martino '39, a Beverly Hills solo practitioner and a long-time supporter of Loyola Law School, passed away January 5, 2004. The World War II veteran was 87. Martino started his legal career at the age of 23, when he simultaneously earned his law degree and his bachelor's degree from Loyola. Starting his practice in the entertainment industry, he later switched to real estate law. Martino served as a member of the Loyola Law School Board of Governors and as president of the Board. He also served as chair of the Law School's annual golf tournament.

John Judson Taylor II '42 passed away on October 18, 2003, in San Mateo, Calif. He was 94. Prior to retirement, Taylor served as Western Airlines president, chief executive officer, and member of the board. Taylor began his career with Western Airlines in 1942 as an accountant, and over the years he rose to treasurer and then president and CEO. He is credited for bringing Western back from the brink of bankruptcy and oversaw a period of substantial growth.

Hon. J. Wesley Reed '52 of Altadena passed away on December 31, 2003. He was 87. Reed served a tour of duty during World War II in the United States Navy. Following law school, Reed served for 39 years as a judicial officer, first as a juvenile court referee, later as a Superior Court commissioner, and finally as a judge of the Superior Court.

STAY CONNECTED



Take advantage of the e-mail forwarding service for alumni. This e-mail service is being provided to better serve our alumni and is not linked to any outside commercial entity. The School will retain exclusive control over all account information. Sign up now and receive your monthly online alumni newsletter. It is a convenient way to stay informed about upcoming seminars, symposiums, reunions, panel presentations, networking mixers, community activities, and more.

Your address will be very easy to remember: **"your.name@alumni.lls.edu."** This is a great way to stay connected with your alma mater, classmates and friends. It's also a lifetime address: while other e-mail addresses may change as you change jobs or Internet providers, your alumni address remains the same.

Sign up now at <http://alumni.lls.edu/e-mails> and provide us with any existing e-mail address so we can create your alumni e-mail account. Your alumni mail will appear along with other mail in your existing mailbox. Don't get left behind...stay connected!

Visit the Alumni Relations Office website <http://alumni.lls.edu>

LMU|LA
L O Y O L A
LAW SCHOOL ♦ LOS ANGELES

919 South Albany Street
Los Angeles, CA 90015-1211

Presorted
First Class Mail
U.S. Postage
PAID
Mercury Mailing
Systems Inc.

Save the date

March

24 Public Interest Reception
(Law School Campus)

April

- 14 Patent Law Dinner
(Law School Campus)
- 16 Hawaii Alumni Reception
Home of Ben & Vicky Cayetano
(Honolulu, HI)
- 21 Stephen O'Neil Lecture
(Law School Campus)
- 22 Estate Planning Dinner
& Panel Discussion
(Skirball Center)
- 23 Shakespearean Moot Court:
Shylock's Appeal
(Law School Campus)
- 28 Grand Reunion
Wilshire Grand Hotel
(Los Angeles, CA)
- 29 Law Day Program
(Law School Campus)

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