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Loyola Programs
Give Back to Community

A down economy can mean more work for Loyola's clinical programs as cited in the following examples:

Last year's income tax refund, a part of the Federal Economic Stimulus Act of 2008, has resulted in an increased demand for free income tax services like Loyola's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA). Low-income LA residents who couldn't afford professional tax preparation services turned to Loyola Law students for help in filing their taxes to qualify for the refunds. The program proved to be mutually beneficial: The students made great strides in their pro bono requirements while gaining real-life experience in dealing with clients. For their part, these LA residents received accurate tax refunds.

At the Center for Juvenile Law & Policy (CJLP), students represent youth clients in the LA County court system. The program is especially vital for families who cannot afford private attorneys to represent their children. The CJLP ensures that youth receive quality representation while furthering the center's mission of juvenile justice reform.

Twice as many students worked on juvenile cases in 2008 when compared to the program's launch four years ago, and the CJLP caseload has quadrupled. In short, as the center has grown, so has its success: The Center represented 45 new clients last year, compared to 20 in 2007. Thanks to Loyola Law students' work, 20 percent of the cases were dismissed, and 11 percent were adjudicated.

The CJLP recently moved into a remodeled space that mimics the feel of a real law firm, and it also received a boost in numbers of clinical professor and other staff. The CJLP trains students to better advise the larger student group. The CJLP expanded its scope, adding the Eastlake juvenile courthouse to its current work at the Inglewood juvenile courthouse. Next year, the CJLP is slated to open an education clinic, offering even more students much-needed clinical opportunities.

Loyola's Center for Conflict Resolution helps members of the community resolve arguments without spending money on legal counsel. The center trains community leaders in alternative dispute resolution and provides referrals for pro bono services.

Other practical on-campus initiatives include the Business Law Practicum, which teaches students practical, deal-oriented skills so they can hit the ground running upon graduation. The program provides simulations that imitate real-life situations faced by practicing business lawyers.

Finally, at the Cancer Legal Resource Center, Loyola Law students work with individuals to help them with their cancer-related legal issues.

In a Turbulent Economy, a Loyola JD is a Sure Thing

Home values and the stock market may have plummeted, but the value of a Loyola JD continues to rise, thanks to new and continuing initiatives that make the degree an ever-appreciating asset for alumni.

Accelerated degree programs and scholarships make a Loyola JD less of a financial burden for students, freeing them up to pursue a diverse array of career options without the burden of paying off as much accumulated debt. Added to this, increasingly prominent symposia enhance the school's prestige. All of that adds up to a degree that is worth more than ever to its holders.

A QUICKER PATH TO A TOP JOB

Students will be able to complete their studies and enter the workplace faster, thanks to two new Loyola programs: the 3-Year Joint JD/Tax LLM Program and the 3.5-Year Evening Division Program.

The unprecedented 3-Year Joint JD/Tax LLM Program—the first of its kind in the country—allows students to complete both a JD and a Tax LLM in the time it normally takes to earn a JD. Joint-degree students will be better positioned for employment in their second year as they will have a credential—the completion of the program’s intensive summer tax session—not available from any other law school in the US.

"Employers increasingly require the new tax lawyers they hire to hold Tax LLM degrees,” said Tax LLM Director Jennifer Kowal. "Many students want to earn a Tax LLM in the time it normally takes to earn a JD. Joint-degree students will be better positioned for employment in their second year as they will have a credential—the completion of the program’s intensive summer tax session—not available from any other law school in the US.

The 3.5-Year Evening Division Program allows part-time students to reduce the traditional four-year program by one semester, thereby lowering their tuition obligation and getting them into the workplace faster.

SCHOLARSHIPS REDUCE JD COST

Loyola prides itself on providing economic opportunities to those who might not otherwise be able to attend law school. Traditionally, 85 percent of Loyola students have received some form of financial aid, and Loyola is in the process of introducing new opportunities. The scholarship component of the Military Veterans Justice Project will make it easier for members of the nation’s armed forces to pursue a law degree through exclusive awards.

An extensive list of alumni-funded scholarships, like the Martin ‘01 and Ordubagian ’81 Scholarship, plays a pivotal role in making Loyola an affordable education. The Evening SBA Scholarship was founded by former Evening SBA President Lloyd Greif ’84 and his wife Renee L. Greif ’84. The award, up to 50 percent of tuition, goes to a student who ranks in the top 30 percent in each of the second, third and fourth years.

Approximately 100 alumni- and foundation-funded scholarships are awarded to deserving law students each year—scholarship amounts range from partial to full tuition.

INCREASED PROMINENCE AND VALUE

Loyola continues to increase its local and national prominence by adding symposia and enhancing existing event series. The inaugural "Crime Prevention through Effective Juvenile Justice Programming: Ideas and Implementation," hosted in April by the Center for Juvenile Law & Policy, was a major event. It drew speakers and attendees from across the country to discuss reforms in the juvenile justice system.

The school reprised its highly publicized annual Fidler Institute on Criminal Justice in April. This year's roster featured several prominent speakers: LA District Attorney Steve Cooley, California Supreme Court Justice Carol A. Corrigan, Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano and US Attorney Thomas P. O'Brien.

Other programs included the Civil Justice Program's Third-Annual Journalist Law School in June. This year's fellowship was the largest yet with 40 journalists from news outlets including ABC, CBS, Reuters, the Associated Press and NPR. Added to this, the CJP's Advanced Trial Institute in October drew nationally recognized jury experts David A. Ball and R. Rex Parris.

These exciting, high-profile events will continue into next year, when the newly launched Center for the Study of Law & Genocide will feature classes and symposia dedicated to the study of legal issues surrounding genocide and other human rights violations.
1991 Joseph A. Montoya received recognition at the California Bar Association Annual Dinner. He is a past president of the County Bar Association of San Diego.

1995 John H. Birk was inducted into the LA County Bar Association’s 50-Year Club for his half-century of membership.

1996 Irving S. Evans was inducted into the John M. Langston Bar Association of California Hall of Fame.

1997 Steven P. Smith, a certified family law specialist in Alhambra, has completed more than 2,500 family law mediations.

1997 Janet L. Obb, a member of Jon's Jevins's litigation practice group, was appointed to the Oversight Committee of the Deserti Liquidation Proceeding. This proceeding includes more than 100 actions of the liquidating trustee. Additionally, Obb was recognized by The Best Lawyers in America for her work in bankrutcy practice.

1997 Gordon E. Bossom joined Spillman Silverman Co., a law firm that co-chairs the litigation department. Jeffery G. Sheldon, a patent attorney and certified mediator, heads an alternative dispute resolution group at the Pasadena-based intellectual property boutique, Sheldon Malt Rose & Anderson.


1997 Ross D. Kort is a partner with Arbitration Mediation Lianconian Center, which offers mediation services in the Los Angeles area.

1997 Thomas F. Bisk served as the general counsel for the 2008 L.A. Law School commencement ceremony. He is a member of the Loyola Law School Board of Overseers and Loyola Marymount University's Board of Regents.

1998 Charles L. Crouch joined Magna Carta Companies, a New York-based property insurance carrier. He is a senior vice president, general counsel and secretary. Jeffery D. Diamond relocated to Los Angeles and opened a law office as a partner, focusing on tax, real estate and tax credit transactions. Diamond is a former managing shareholder of Heller Ehrman LLP. His office is now with Proust & Rose LLP.

1998 Scott S. Bovitz, a dual-certified specialist in bankruptcy, was joined in Los Angeles by the Los Angeles Business Journal magazine of Southern California "Super Lawyer" for the fifth running year. Paul M. Hodge, a partner with Bovitz & Co., an L.A.-based out-of-home video company.

1998 Robert B. Hubbard, the former managing partner for Heller Ehrman LLP joined O'Melveny & Myers LLP as a security, corporate and plaintiff-side management attorney. He specializes in intellectual property.

1998 Cheryl L. McDermott was promoted to senior vice president of business operations at Comcast International Media Group (CIMG), which she joined in 2004. McDermott is now responsible for all the company's joint ventures and business operations for all Comcast cable television properties in the U.S. and Canada.

1998 Adam Nimsy moved to Los Angeles. He is an associate in the Los Angeles office of The Standard, a division of Standard & Poor's.

1998 John J. Bee, senior managing director and head of investment at the American College of Bankruptcy.

1999 Alisa M. Chevalier joined Lock, Lord, Bixler & Liddell LLP as a partner in the firm's L.A. office, practicing management and defense of labor relations cases. She joined Shipstead, Mullins, Richer & Hamilton LLP's Orange County office as a partner in the firm's labor and employment practice group.

1999 John D. Shat was named assistant dean of student affairs at George Washington University law school. Kevin S. Kim was appointed to Center Financial Corporation's board of directors, serving on the audit committee, and as a finance expert. Michelle Williams Court, Bet Tzedek's director of litigation, received the 2008 Distinguished Service Award from the Women Lawyers' Association of L.A. at its annual award dinner.

1999 David B. Newdorf left the San Francisco City Attorney's office to form a private practice. He is currently serving as landlord building owner and public entity. Newdorf was also recently appointed by the California Supreme Court to the Advisory Committee for the Criminal Law Section.

1999 Wendy Chang was elevated to partner with the L.A. office of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, practicing complex litigation with a focus on intellectual property law. She has represented clients in several high-profile cases.

2000 David Ackery joined a L.A. based firm, which provides services for the private sector. The firm’s practice is to secure government benefits and improve living conditions for individuals with disabilities. The firm is currently conducting a Mediation Concentration, which recently merged with The Mediation Center of Southern California.

2000 C. Wilk, formerly of Morrison & Forester LLP, joined the L.A.-based public law firm of Squire Sanders & Partners. Wilk works at CGT, focusing on business litigation and commence litigation. Peter Sirinek was named to the Los Angeles County Bar Association's Legal Building. Sirinek board works at CGT, focusing on business law.

2000 Clint Breyton became a named partner at the San Francisco-based Schneider Wallace Cottle Breyton LLP. Donald Potter opened South Law Company, focusing on plaintiff-side employment litigation. Potter was a labor and employment law associate and was named employment law partner at Burke, Williams & Soares LLP.

2001 Kirk Clayton was named to the board of directors for the Chinese American Museum of Los Angeles. He has been a strong supporter of the museum's educational programs.

2001 Koorooch Chopp's law firm, Littler, Everest, Inc., a legal process outsourcing company, is located in the magazine and featured in the L.A. Daily Journal. Linda G. Jefferson's Ventura County Superior Court was named to the California Judicial Council's 25 in-house counsels in Asia by the Asian Legal Business.

2001 Devan F. Coburn was elected shareholder of Keltin, Tibor & Trach, APC, in L.A., in 2002. Michael H. Goldstein was promoted to managing director, empowering young professionals and promoting leadership.

2002 Mark Austin was elected to partner with the Costa Mesa office of Baker & Tuttler. Partnership management level with an emphasis on business, labor, real estate and tax. Joseph Buonanno, formerly of Sayre Shaw LLP, became partner with Jones, Bell, Anderson, a Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, financial institutions, insurance and energy. Casey [| Connolly] served as executive director of the Office of Independent Appearances. The firm has been appointed the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

2002 Michael C. Fischer, an associate at Liebert Casidoff White, was recognized as a 2008 Southern California "Rising Star" for the third consecutive year. Fischer is described as an attorney who represents clients in a variety of matters, including in the entertainment industry.

2003 Seth A. Aronson '81 was appointed by the Governor to the LA County Superior Court. His biography can be found at alumni.law.edu. Visit alumni.law.edu to read about marriage and birth announcements.

2003 Jonathan D. Cohen '81 was named partner with Gordon & Rees LLP as a technology litigation attorney. Ben Joffe joined Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, in L.A. Caroline M. Horvath was named to partner with Wood & Bender LLP, a venture-capital based specialist in insurance policy enforcement and complex business litigation.

2003 Jason E. Berlin was appointed by the Governor to the LA County Superior Court. Hon. Elizabeth Allen White '81 recently had her book "Women's Law in California," published by The Daily Journal. Hon. Tom P. Anderle '64 was inducted, along with other former LA Bar presidents, to the California Hall of Fame. The 2002 ceremony was held at the California State Capitol. Hon. Victoria J. Conner '90 was appointed by the Governor to the LA County Superior Court. Hon. Elizabeth Allen White '81 recently had her book "Women's Law in California," published by The Daily Journal. Hon. Lisa迎'B'1984 recently had her book "Women's Law in California," published by The Daily Journal. Hon. Lisa迎'B'1984 recently had her book "Women's Law in California," published by The Daily Journal.
EVENTS WRAP-UP

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY ALUMNI LUNCHEON (A)
Friday, September 12, 2008
Cafe Bizou, Sherman Oaks
Guest Speaker Professor Rick Hasen

ALUMNI MENTOR & STUDENT BRUNCH (H)
Sunday, September 14, 2008
Loyola Law School

ORANGE COUNTY ALUMNI LUNCHEON (E)
Friday, September 19, 2008
The Center Club, Costa Mesa

11TH ANNUAL BOB COONEY GOLF TOURNAMENT (C)
Sunday, September 21, 2008
Coyote Hills Golf Course, Fullerton
Law Firm Challenge Winner
Arbitration Mediation Conciliation Center

EAST COAST ALUMNI GATHERINGS
DC Alumni Dinner
Monday, September 22, 2008
1789 Restaurant, DC
NY Alumni Dinner
Wednesday, September 24, 2008
Patroon, New York

STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA ANNUAL ALUMNI MIXER
Saturday, September 27, 2008
Monterey Marriott, Monterey

CHAMPIONS OF JUSTICE TRIBUTE DINNER (G)
Friday, October 3, 2008
The Beverly Hills Hotel, Beverly Hills
Honorees
Raymond Boucher partner, Kiesel, Boucher & Larson, LLP
John Collins '61 (ret) founding partner, Collins, Collins, Muir & Stewart LLP

JAMES IRVINE SWINDEEN SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON (B)
Tuesday, October 28, 2008
Loyola Law School

FRITZ B. BURNS SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON
Thursday, October 30, 2008
Loyola Law School

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON
Friday, November 14, 2008
Loyola Law School

SACRAMENTO ALUMNI LUNCHEON (D)
Friday, November 21, 2008
Lucca Restaurant & Bar, Sacramento

ACADEMIC AWARDS BREAKFAST
Thursday, December 4, 2008
Loyola Law School

STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA SWEARING-IN CEREMONY (F)
Thursday, December 4, 2008
Loyola Law School

2008 Alumni Grand Reunion

NOVEMBER 6, 2008, SONY PICTURES STUDIOS,
CULVER CITY – Distinguished Alumni Award Honorees: Mary Craig Calikis '81, Howrey LLP and Larry R. Feldman '69, Kaye Scholer LLP
Alumni Association Board of Governors Recognition Award Honoree: Brian Kabateck '89, Kabateck Brown Kelner LLP, Jo Kaplan, Los Angeles County Probate Commission and the Loyola Law School Military Veterans

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INCREASED PRESTIGE:

Loyola’s rankings

Second, "Best Public Interest Law Schools," National Jurist magazine, November 2008 and PreLaw magazine, Fall 2008


Sixth, "Professors Rock (Legally Speaking)," 2009 edition of the Princeton Review’s Best 174 Law Schools


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Endowed Chairs

Conceived by an anonymous visionary in the Roman Empire, endowed chairs reward excellent teachers and scholars and indicate the depth and stability of an educational institution.

Loyola Law School received its first endowed chair in 1983, a gift of Harriet and James Bradley ’37. An endowed chair allows Loyola Law School to appoint a professor who is a recognized scholar and to bring to the school’s students an excellent teacher who inspires confidence through an outstanding record of scholarship.

Endowed chairs are one of the benchmarks by which schools are measured—at Loyola Law School, endowed chairs will help to recruit top faculty, who will raise the level of teaching and research for all faculty.

An endowed chair has many benefits: It stimulates teaching, enhances scholarship and encourages recognition for the holder. For students, it enhances resources, expertise and the level of dialogue. For other faculty, it sets the pace, challenges and inspires.

Presentation of the James P. Bradley Chair in Constitutional Law to Professor Kurt Lash, The California Club, Los Angeles, Thursday, October 23, 2008

A Yale Law School graduate, Kurt Lash clerked for the Honorable Robert R. Beezer on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Since joining the faculty at Loyola Law School in 1993, Professor Lash has taught a variety of courses on the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, including seminars on the First Amendment, religious liberty and the US Supreme Court.


He has been married to Kelly Colleen Lash (MSN, NP) for 22 years. They have three children: Katherine, Nathaniel and Benjamin.

Presentation of the Christopher N. May Chair to Professor Allan Ides ’79, Loyola Law School, Thursday, December 4, 2008

Allan Ides graduated summa cum laude from Loyola Law School. Upon graduation, he served as a law clerk to the Honorable Clement F. Haynsworth, Jr., chief judge of the US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. He then clerked for the Honorable Byron R. White, associate justice of the US Supreme Court.

Professor Ides first joined the Loyola faculty in 1982, after working as an associate with Hufstedler, Miller, Carlson & Beardsley following his clerkships. At Loyola, Professor Ides served as associate dean for academic affairs from 1984-87. He then joined the law school faculty at Washington & Lee in Lexington, VA, in 1989. Professor Ides rejoined the Loyola Law School faculty in the fall of 1997.

Professor Ides has published extensively in the areas of constitutional law and civil procedure, including three books co-authored with Christopher N. May. Professor Ides has also engaged in a wide range of pro bono projects and was presented with the ACLU of Southern California 2007 Distinguished Professor Award.

He and his wife, Cindi, have been married 34 years and have three children.