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Loyola Law School Los Angeles
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 filling 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 these youths 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 in its current term of work, 17 more than last year. 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 professors and other staff members that better advise the larger student group. The CJLP expanded its scope, adding the Earlake juvenile courthouse to its current work at the Inglewood courthouse. Next year, the CJLP is slated to open an education clinic, offering even more students practical, deal-oriented skills so they can hit the ground running upon graduation. The CJLP is a competitive for tax positions, but cannot afford to wait for the onerous 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.

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The 3.5-Year Evening Division Program allows part-time students to complete 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 Ordubegian ‘01 Scholarship, plays a pivotal role in making Loyola an affordable education. The Evening SBA Scholarship was founded by former Evening SBA President Lloyd Grief ’84 and his wife Renee L. Grief ’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.

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CONGRATULATIONS
Loyola Law School Alumni
Felipe J. Ponce '91

Named the Benito Juarez Attorney of the Year by the Mexican American Bar Association

1991 Joseph A. Montoya received recognition at the California Bar Association's first ¡Celebrando! Law Day held in Los Angeles.

1995 John H. Brik was induced into the LA County Bar Association's 50-Year Club for his half-century of membership.

2001 Irvin S. Evans was induced into the John M. Langston Bar Association for his dedicated service to minority law practices.

2005 Steven P. Smeltz, a certified family law specialist in Alameda, has completed more than 2,500 family law mediations.

2007 Janet L. Chubb, a member of Jon's Jargon's litigation practice group, was appointed to the Oversight Committee of Delaware's Liquidating Trust, which includes managing actions of the liquidating trustee. Additionally, Chubb was recognized by The Best Lawyers in America as a litigation specialist.

2012 Mark P. Robinson, senior partner with Robinson, Catledge & Robinson, Inc., was named 2008 California Trial Lawyer of the Year by the State Bar of California's Litigation Section.

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Monterey Marriott, Monterey

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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

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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
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STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA SWEARING-IN CEREMONY (F)
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Friday, September 12, 2008
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Guest Speaker Professor Rick Hasen

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Innocent Group from mixed sources

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.

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.

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