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THE INCREDIBLE GROUP OF STUDENTS WHO JOINED UCLA SCHOOL OF LAW IN AUGUST ARE STARTING THEIR LEGAL JOURNEYS DURING A TIME OF SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL TUMULT. Many of the recent legal and policy changes affect our students in ways that are both personal and closely bound to their professional aspirations.

One of the challenges in contentious times is to be a passionate advocate and, simultaneously, a thoughtful listener able to look for common ground. As Paul Watford ‘94, judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, told the Class of 2017 in his Commencement address, it is the task of this generation of lawyers to use their knowledge, skills and commitment to the rule of law to “facilitate constructive dialogue among parties who may strongly disagree,” and to “combat this trend of polarization” while still holding on to core values and commitments.

UCLA Law students are up to this challenge. Our entering class comes in with a great record of academic achievement, professional experience and an eagerness to make a difference. We, in turn, are excited to build upon the strengths that have made us one of the top law schools in the country and deliver an education that is intellectually rich, practical, and that launches students on rewarding pathways.

A key area for action is in clinical and experiential education, which has long been a strength of UCLA Law. Clinical programs allow students to develop concrete lawyering skills while still in school, and we are expanding these offerings in new and exciting ways.

In the spring of 2017, we launched both a Food Law and Policy Clinic and an Immigration Rights Policy Clinic. We are partnering with the Los Angeles Unified School District and UCLA’s Graduate School of Education and Information Systems to open an immigration advocacy clinic in 2018 at a school in Koreatown, one of the most diverse communities in the city. This work is being generously supported by an alum who prefers to remain anonymous but sees the compelling need to address immigration, both for families caught in today’s crossfire and at the level of local, state and national policy.

UCLA Law is also accelerating and expanding on its international human rights work, thanks to the incredible $20 million gift for our new Promise Institute for Human Rights. In January, in the first foreign foray associated with the institute, a group of students will travel to Honduras.

Finally, this spring, we will open a Documentary Film Clinic to support artists seeking to tell stories that might otherwise go untold, and to give students invaluable opportunities to work in areas such as negotiation and intellectual property.

Of course, the work must continue even after students leave our beautiful campus. That, in part, is the mission of UCLA Law Women LEAD.

Formed in 2015 to build a career-long ladder of support for UCLA Law alumnae, LEAD hosted its inaugural summit in February. Highlights are captured in the following pages, as is the wisdom from some of UCLA Law’s most distinguished alumnae. These women are leaders in law, in social justice, in business and in entrepreneurship. Their story is the story of UCLA Law, and they are an inspiration to all of us as we move the school forward.

Warmly,

Jennifer L. Mnookin
Dean and David G. Price and Dallas P. Price Professor of Law
**UCLA LAW: BY THE NUMBERS**

18%
1L students who are first in their families to earn a college degree.

167
Median LSAT score of 1L students — tied for second-highest among California law schools. The median 1L GPA is 3.76.

91%
2016 graduates employed in full-time, long-term, bar-passage required or J.D. advantage jobs 10 months after graduation.

7
Cases briefed by UCLA Law’s Supreme Court Clinic in the last three years that were accepted for argument by the U.S. Supreme Court.

23
Books written or edited by UCLA Law faculty in 2016.

$20 MILLION
The largest single gift commitment in the history of the school, made in 2017 to launch the Promise Institute for Human Rights.

5,457
J.D. applicants to UCLA Law for 2017-18. The school enrolled 298 first-year students.

3,055
UCLA Law alumni who made philanthropic gifts to the school in fiscal 2016-17. Thank you!
Keep the Promise

A $20 million gift launches a major human rights institute at UCLA Law.

Brief Encounters

UCLA Law’s Supreme Court Clinic collects two more wins at the High Court.

Law Fellows for Life

The Law Fellows program marks 20 years of opening doors to students from underrepresented backgrounds.

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

Accomplished Alumnae, from the Bench to the Boardroom

From its earliest days, UCLA Law has been a proving ground for women who are leaders in law and society. Alumnae include lawmakers, scholars, judges, entrepreneurs and Hollywood executives. In February, the school took a giant step toward linking today’s students to the women who can show them the way to the top.
That's Entertainment
The Ziffren Center’s 41st Entertainment Symposium put the focus on adapting to rapid change.
On Saturday, January 28, 2017, just one day after the president signed an executive order suspending refugees’ admission into the United States and temporarily barring entry of citizens from seven majority-Muslim countries, a group of 175 UCLA Law students banded together to form UCLA Law Students Against Deportation.

Chris Homandberg ’17, then a third-year student, and a great many of his peers dove straight into a variety of tasks – supporting lawyers working with detainees at Los Angeles International Airport, translating documents about refugee and detainee rights into Arabic and Farsi, gathering donations of food and water for attorneys on the scene, and more.

While the president said that the executive order was necessary to subdue the threat of terrorism, activists saw it as a ban improperly targeting people on the basis of religion or country of origin.

“I couldn’t bear the thought of trying to explain to my future children why I didn’t stand up and do something while families were being ripped apart a few miles from my home,” Homandberg said later.

Widespread interest in immigration law and policy is nothing new at UCLA Law. The school’s faculty is home to leading thinkers on immigration issues including Hiroshi Motomura, UCLA Law’s Susan Westerberg Prager Professor of Law, and Ingrid Eagly, the faculty director of the David J. Epstein Program and Public Interest Law and Policy.

Eagly focuses much of her research and clinical activity on immigration detention and the treatment of noncitizens in the criminal justice system. Motomura is the author of two acclaimed books, *Immigration Outside the Law* and *Americans in Waiting: The Lost Story of Immigration and Citizenship in the United States* (both Oxford University Press). He was named a Guggenheim Fellow in 2017 for his work in immigration law, one of only two law professors to receive a Guggenheim Fellowship in 2017.

UCLA LAW STUDENTS, FACULTY ARE ON THE FRONT LINES IN IMMIGRATION LAW
Immigration has become a central focus of the school’s clinical and experiential program, as well. In addition to a longstanding clinic on asylum law, run in partnership with Public Counsel, in the Spring 2017 semester Motomura launched a new clinic addressing immigration policy issues, working closely with the National Immigration Law Center.

Separately, UCLA Law is collaborating with the UCLA Graduate School of Education and Information Services and the Los Angeles Unified School District to create an innovative school-based clinic to assist local families. The clinic will be located at a school in Los Angeles’ multi-cultural Koreatown neighborhood.

A UCLA Law alum who prefers anonymity donated significant funds for the new clinic, which is expected to open in 2018.

Ahilan Arulanantham, legal director of the ACLU of Southern California and winner of a MacArthur Foundation “genius” grant for his human rights work, served as the inaugural visiting scholar in UCLA Law’s Critical Race Studies Program during the Spring 2017 semester. His first talk at the law school, just three days after the initial travel ban was issued, drew a standing-room-only crowd in the law school’s largest classroom, and energized many students to volunteer their help.

Cat Zhang ’17, then a third-year student, led more than 100 student volunteers in an initiative to support the ACLU, whose lawsuit in New York resulted in the first of several orders in which federal judges temporarily blocked detention of travelers.

Many of the UCLA Law students who became engaged on the issue in January have formed a new organization, Law Students for Immigration Justice, to carry on the advocacy.
UCLA School of Law has launched a new institute to serve as a national hub for human rights education and advocacy, thanks to an extraordinary $20 million gift.

The Promise Institute for Human Rights at UCLA School of Law is generously supported by proceeds from the 2017 feature film *The Promise*, as well as other donations and university resources. The donation is the largest gift to launch a new institute in the history of UCLA Law.

In its first academic year, the Promise Institute has put together a robust program of classes, guest speakers and events.

In January, a team of students working with Clinical and Experiential Project Director Joseph Berra will travel to Honduras to support communities that have experienced rights violations and oppression in the wake of the 2009 government coup.

Guest speakers at UCLA Law this year will include the makers of the forthcoming Armenian genocide documentary “Intent to Destroy,” as well as leaders from Human Rights Watch, the European Court of Justice and the United Nations. New course offerings will focus on comparative analysis of leading human rights cases from around the globe, and the work of the International Criminal Court.

In the next few years, the Promise Institute will expand its curriculum and clinical programs, create post-graduate fellowships for students, and collaborate with human rights advocates and organizations elsewhere to address current and emerging human rights crises.

"In so many corners of the campus, our faculty and students are focused on identifying and addressing the conditions that create social unrest, displacement and injustice,” said UCLA Chancellor Gene Block. “The Promise Institute will become UCLA’s center for collaboration in this area and will greatly enhance our ability to serve a global leadership role.”

Professor Asli Bâli is the inaugural faculty director of the Promise Institute. An outstanding scholar and teacher in the area of human rights and international law, Bâli is also the director of the multi-disciplinary UCLA Center for Near Eastern Studies and the co-editor of a new book in the field of comparative law, *Constitution Writing, Religion and Democracy* (Cambridge University Press).

Jessica Peake, director of UCLA Law’s International and Comparative Law Program, is the institute’s assistant director.

They are developing research partnerships with organizations such as the Red Cross, the UNESCO Slavery Project, the Armenian Legal Center for Justice and Human
Rights, and International Bridges to Justice, an agency started by UCLA Law alumna Karen Tse ’90.

The gift creating the Promise Institute was announced on April 17, 2017, the same day that UCLA Law’s International and Comparative Law program hosted a conference on “Contemporary Challenges in Human Rights.” (See page 67.)

Four days later, The Promise, which is set during the Armenian genocide that began in 1915 and resulted in the death of 1.5 million people, opened in U.S. theaters. The film was directed by Terry George (director and co-writer of Hotel Rwanda) and stars Oscar Isaac, Charlotte Le Bon, Christian Bale and Shohreh Aghdashloo.

Dr. Eric Esrailian, the lead producer of The Promise and a faculty member at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, spearheaded the effort to establish the Promise Institute.

“The Armenian genocide must never be forgotten, and this need was one reason why we made The Promise,” Esrailian said. “However, human rights tragedies — in Syria, the Congo and South Sudan and a global refugee crisis — continue to unfold today.

“The Promise Institute is so named because UCLA and the UCLA School of Law are making a commitment to keep the promise to the victims of human rights abuses — that we will create the tools and train people of integrity and talent to address these crises.”

Esrailian produced The Promise with Phoenix Pictures chairman and fellow UCLA alumnus Mike Medavoy and veteran film producer William Horberg.

Esrailian and Anthony Mandekic, president and CEO of Tracinda Corporation, are also the co-managers of Survival Pictures, which was founded by the late Los Angeles businessman and legendary philanthropist Kirk Kerkorian. Survival Pictures was established to tell this story of perseverance and human endurance, and it has undertaken a campaign to teach the public about the genocides and mass atrocities of the 20th and 21st centuries.

“This visionary gift is a giant step toward making UCLA Law the premier center for human rights in Southern California,” said UCLA Law Dean Jennifer L. Mnookin.

“While the school already has a strong record of human rights scholarship and activity, the Promise Institute will greatly enhance our program and have an impact felt around the world. Dr. Esrailian and the makers of The Promise have shown extraordinary leadership, and we are thrilled that their commitment permits us to launch an institute that promises to grow into a major academic crossroads for human rights.”

Support for the Promise Institute is part of the $4.2 billion Centennial Campaign for UCLA, which is scheduled to conclude in December 2019 during UCLA’s 100th anniversary year.
Elizabeth Arias graduated from UCLA Law in May 2017 and immediately turned her attention to the first major test of her legal career. It was not the California bar exam.

On June 16, she delivered oral argument before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in French v. Jones, a First Amendment case about election-related speech.

Seizing a rare opportunity for someone just a few weeks out of law school, Arias represented the Center for Competitive Politics, a nonprofit for which UCLA Law professor Eugene Volokh and the students in his Scott & Cyan Banister First Amendment Clinic had filed an amicus curiae brief. That document supported Mark French, a 2014 candidate for justice of the peace in Montana who was barred by state law from saying that the Republican Party had endorsed him.

Arias argued that the Montana law violates French’s constitutional protections of free speech and association.

Under the direction of Volokh, UCLA’s Gary T. Schwartz Distinguished Professor of Law, the four-year-old Banister Clinic has filed friend-of-the-court briefs in more than 50 First Amendment cases. “Speech cases often present issues that have significance well beyond the interests of the parties,” Volokh says. “In the Banister Clinic, exceptional students like Elizabeth get to drill deep into First Amendment law, public interest groups get to express their views even if they don’t have the resources to write a brief themselves, and courts can get helpful insights that the parties are often not in a position to provide.”

French’s attorney, Matthew Monforton ’94, said he turned to his UCLA Law schoolmate Volokh ’92 and the Banister Clinic for two reasons.

“Eugene Volokh is one of the top First Amendment scholars in the nation,” Monforton said. “His presence in the courtroom conveys gravitas.”

Equally appealing was the chance to give a student a turn at the tribunal, Monforton adds. “Courts and attorneys have a duty to help law students transition into practitioners, and participating in a real oral argument before an appellate court is a great way to do that.”

The timing of the argument required Arias to prepare just as she also ramped up her studying for the bar exam.

“Preparing for the argument was actually a nice break from bar prep,” she said of her moot court simulations, in which UCLA Law professors acted as judges and offered tips on the substance of the case, as well as on her posture and pronunciation. “Their feedback was invaluable.”

But nothing compared to the real thing, which played out in 10 minutes in a Seattle courtroom. “The judges asked some questions that I had not practiced in the moots,” she said, “but the moots helped me feel confident that I could discuss the case and handle it.”

The judges agreed. “Ms. Arias,” Judge Jay Bybee said to the courtroom as he concluded the hearing, “this was very nicely done, and I hope you realize how fortunate you are in a big case to have had a professor give you his argument.”

She is well aware. “The experience was amazing,” said Arias, who starts work at O’Melveny & Myers in Los Angeles this fall. “I feel so lucky to have had the opportunity and am so grateful to everyone who helped make it happen.”
SUPREME COURT CLINIC MARKS STRONG YEAR WITH BIG WINS, NEW CASE ACCEPTED

UCLA Law’s Supreme Court Clinic enjoyed a banner year in 2016-17, earning victories in both of the cases that it brought to the high court during the 2016 term and successfully landing at least one more on the 2017 docket.

The seven-year-old clinic handles cases that might otherwise not be brought to the court’s attention, representing criminal defendants, immigrants and others who cannot afford an appeal, and supporting attorneys who are looking for expertise in litigating before the high court. Students research the cases and draft briefs under the direction of Stuart Banner, the Norman Abrams Professor of Law at UCLA Law and a former clerk for Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor.

In April, the high court ruled 7-1 in favor of Colorado citizens who sought the return of court fees and penalties that they had paid before their criminal convictions were erased. The clinic prepared the briefs and Banner delivered oral argument in that case, Nelson v. Colorado — the first time he had argued before the court.

“This case may never have gotten to the Supreme Court if there had not been a clinic,” Banner says. “A lot of cases die because no one has the time or inclination to take them to the Supreme Court. It’s really valuable to have a clinic to fill that gap.”

Then in June, in Matal v. Tam, the justices decided with an 8-0 vote to side with Simon Tam, the leader of a dance-rock band called the Slants, who argued that federal trademark law’s longtime ban of marks deemed disparaging violated the First Amendment. The case drew substantial media attention and could have major impact in other trademark and First Amendment disputes.

Banner did not argue Matal, but he and his students worked on the briefs and argument strategy along with Eugene Volokh, UCLA Law’s Gary T. Schwartz Distinguished Professor of Law.

In August, the clinic saw the Supreme Court accept another of its cases for argument, the seventh in the last three terms. The court granted cert in Murphy v. Smith, brought by Charles Murphy, an Illinois prisoner who was severely beaten by prison guards and awarded more than $300,000 in damages in a subsequent lawsuit. The court is expected to use the case to resolve a split among the circuit courts of appeal on how to apportion responsibility for attorney’s fees awards when prisoners win civil rights cases.

Banner will argue the case in December.
Running the Show

A panel featuring Karen Tse ’90, Nori Gerardo Lietz ’82, Antonia Hernandez ’74, Marcy Morris ’81, Nadia Sager ’96 at the UCLA Law Women LEAD Summit.
UCLA School of Law still occupied a set of Quonset huts behind Royce Hall when Dorothy Wright Nelson began her studies in 1950. One of just four women in the school’s second class, she arrived already a big woman on campus. She was accustomed to getting good grades, and as vice president of UCLA’s undergraduate student body, she had been one of the signatories on the contract that brought John Wooden to UCLA.
Okay, she thought, I can do this.

That determination has echoed throughout Nelson’s career — from USC, where she rose from the faculty to become the first female dean of a major American law school, to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, where she has served as a judge since 1979.

Nelson is hardly alone among UCLA Law alumnae in her determination to succeed. Today, alumnae run movie studios, law firms and technology companies. They are members of Congress and the U.S. Senate. They are advocates fighting the day’s fiercest policy battles. At UCLA Law, they found an environment that encouraged scholarship and leadership from the very start.

‘THIS WAS NOT TOKENISM’

The school’s very first group of graduates included five women, led by Laverne Sagmaster, who finished at the top of the Class of 1952. Sixteen years later, Barbara Brudno (see remembrance on page 90) became UCLA Law’s first female faculty member at a time when women professors were rare at law schools. Then in 1972, Susan Westerberg Prager ’71, who had been one of Brudno’s students, joined the faculty alongside Alison Grey Anderson and Carole E. Goldberg, the nation’s preeminent scholar in Native American law.

“Most of the major law schools hired one woman that year, and we hired three, which showed that this was not tokenism, it was for real,” recalls professor emerita Anderson, who chose to join UCLA Law over Harvard and Yale, among other law schools. “The institution appealed to me instantly. People were genuinely interested in creating a very good place to be a woman faculty member.”

Soon thereafter, professors Grace Ganz Blumberg, Christine A. Littleton and Frances Elisabeth Olsen made the school a hub of scholarship in feminist legal theory and family law. And in the decades since, women professors have continued to reach the pinnacle of legal scholarship in philosophy, critical race studies, criminal law, employment, evidence, environmental law, and human rights, among many other fields.

But law school was different. Nelson still recalls getting rough treatment from her torts professor, and her first set of exams resulted in a number of disappointing marks.

“I was going down the hall to say, ‘I think I’ll drop out for a while,’ and down comes Roscoe,” says Nelson ’53, fondly referring to Roscoe Pound, who had joined UCLA Law following his distinguished tenure as dean of Harvard Law School. “You read Corbin, you read Williston,” her mentor told her. “But you didn’t answer the question! All they want to know is: Should A recover from B?”

ANTONIA HERNANDEZ ’74
President and CEO of the California Community Foundation

Hernandez has overseen the California Community Foundation, a philanthropic organization with assets of more than $1.5 billion, since 2004. For two decades, Hernandez led the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund and previously was counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

A sense of place. In the early 1970s, “UCLA tried very, very hard to really set itself apart and say, ‘We’re an L.A.-based institution and we want to reflect the diversity of the place we’re in.’”

Tough enough. “Know yourself, know your strengths and know your weaknesses. I got to where I got because I worked my tail off; nobody’s going to give you anything. And you’ve got to be able to fight for what you believe in. That doesn’t mean you have to be obnoxious. A smile will get you so much more.”

Bringing balance. “Women bring a sense of compassion — as mothers, as daughters, as wives. I think that makes for a better, more holistic decision-making process. Not that women have all the answers. But we women need to embrace what we bring to the table.”
And leadership. Prager went on to become dean of UCLA Law, serving for 16 years. She was the first of three women to have served in that role. Rachel F. Moran was dean from 2010 to 2015. Current dean Jennifer L. Mnookin succeeded Moran. No other top law school has had as many female deans, and several have never had a single one.

“People were genuinely interested in creating a very good place to be a woman faculty member.”

— ALISON GREY ANDERSON

“I benefitted tremendously from having had faculty members at UCLA law school who were women,” says Martine Rothblatt ’81, founder of SiriusXM Satellite Radio and the biotech company United Therapeutics. “That is like a beacon of light to other women, to see that it is possible for women to achieve these high-prestige positions.”

Antonia Hernandez, the president and CEO of the California Community Foundation, says, “UCLA law school gave me the tools to be an effective person in trying to achieve social change.” Before joining the foundation, Hernandez was counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee, working with Sen. Ted Kennedy and then-committee counsel Stephen Breyer.

MARTINE ROTHBLATT ’81
Chairman and CEO of United Therapeutics

Rothblatt went from doing regulatory work in communications as a practicing attorney to founding Sirius XM Satellite Radio. Now the founder and leader of United Therapeutics, she makes life-saving lung and heart drugs and has ranked as the nation’s highest-paid female CEO.

The UCLA way. “I work my butt off for the people who feel that they are working for me or my organization. I really learned that philosophy at UCLA. It struck me how the entire faculty at UCLA Law seemed to be working for the students.”

Exclusionary rule. Rothblatt transitioned to female in the 1990s. “When I presented as a man, I could tell people automatically assumed that I was in charge. When I go into a group of people who don’t know me or my background and they see a woman, you can feel it. There’s male-male bonding going on, and you get kind of excluded.”

A new view. Being a woman in the male-dominated business world allows Rothblatt “to see things, often, from an outsider’s perspective, and that is key to business success. Great business ideas arise from seeing the things that everybody else has seen but thinking what nobody else has thought.”

WOMEN AND UCLA LAW: A TIMELINE

1952
UCLA Law’s first graduating class includes five women. Laverne Sagmaster finishes first in the class.

1963
Joan Dempsey Gross ’55 (later Klein) becomes the first alumna on a California court when she is named to the L.A. Municipal Court. Later, she is named to the California Court of Appeal and becomes the state’s first female presiding justice.

1968
Barbara Brudno becomes the first woman to join the UCLA Law faculty.
and was the longtime head of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund. “As a woman, UCLA Law forced me to hone my independence and my sense of right and wrong, and realize that I really had to get involved.”

“We were looking to create a network that provides mutual support to advance the careers of our women alumni and students.”
— NANCY L. ABELL ’79

**SHARING SUCCESS**
On a cool Friday in early February 2017, more than 400 students, attorneys and business leaders met for the largest gathering of women in UCLA Law history: the inaugural UCLA Law Women LEAD Summit.

The event was sponsored by UCLA Law Women LEAD, which was launched less than three years ago by Moran and a distinguished board of alumnae, led by founding co-chairs Nancy L. Abell ’79 and Michelle Banks ’88.

“We were looking to create a network that provides mutual support to advance the careers of our women alumni and students,” says Abell, one of the nation’s leading

**WOMEN AND UCLA LAW: A TIMELINE**

- **1978**
  Sondra Berchin ’77 becomes the first UCLA Law alumna to clerk at the U.S. Supreme Court when she is hired by Justice Thurgood Marshall.

- **1982**
  Susan Westerberg Prager ’71 becomes the first female dean of UCLA Law and goes on to serve for 16 years.

- **1985**
  Basketball star Val Ackerman earns her J.D. Later, she becomes the founding president of the WNBA and the first woman to head USA Basketball and the Big East Conference.
JESSIE KORNBERG '07
President and CEO of Bet Tzedek

Kornberg was editor-in-chief of the Women’s Law Journal at UCLA Law, and since leaving has distinguished herself as a driving force for law in the public interest. She served as the inaugural executive director of Ms. JD and now heads L.A.’s leading non-profit law firm, Bet Tzedek, which offers free legal aid to people across Southern California.

The UCLA Law difference. “UCLA has been home to female leaders for longer than any other law school in history. Our campus opened its doors with a goal of gender inclusion and has practiced what it preached ever since. The first female deans in the country, some of the first female professors in the country in each of their respective fields…. I had female professors throughout my 1L curriculum.”

Lean in. A key idea comes from her grandfather: “Be bold. Because it is an incredible privilege to get to do in your job something that is interesting. And most people never get that privilege.”

DOROTHY WRIGHT NELSON ’53
Senior Circuit Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

In 1967, Nelson became dean of USC’s law school, making her the first woman to be dean at a major American law school. In 1979, President Carter named her, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and eight others to be among the first women to serve on the federal courts of appeals.

Finding purpose. UCLA Law introduced Nelson to the Baha’i Faith, which inspired her to be a trailblazer in alternative dispute resolution. An observation from her mentor, Roscoe Pound, has colored her career: “‘It doesn’t matter what the law is if the access to justice isn’t there.’ That’s why I became interested in mediation, as a way to justice. The adversary system, I really found in law school, is too costly, too painful, too inefficient, really, for a civilized society.”

A successful leader has… “Empathy. It’s just being a human being who cares about other people and looks for how they can serve humanity. As opposed to: ‘How can I get myself ahead on the ladder? How can I make more money?’”

1986
Professor Kimberlé W. Crenshaw joins the faculty. She is the first African-American woman to receive tenure at UCLA Law.

1994
Laura E. Gómez becomes the first Latina faculty member at UCLA Law, and later the first Latina to receive tenure. In 1995, women are a majority (51%) of the entering class for the first time.

1998
Mari Matsuda becomes the first Asian-American woman to receive tenure as a law professor in the U.S.
employment attorneys and a partner at Paul Hastings. She remembers the support she received when she was eight months pregnant and going on the road as a member of UCLA Law’s national moot court team: “That was big, back in 1978 — I think a lot of schools would have said, ‘You’re not traveling, let alone doing this.’”

Through packed-house presentations and panels featuring the likes of California Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye and former U.S. Labor Secretary Alexis Herman, the LEAD Summit addressed everything from the expectations placed on mid-level law firm associates to how to obtain a judicial clerkship to tips for breaking the still-present gender barriers in corporate boardrooms.

In conversation with Mnookin, Cantil-Sakauye described the challenge that continues to face women in the law. Early in her career, she said, she had been denied opportunities because people said she “looked like she couldn’t stand up in a court,” “would be weak in arguing” and “was too pretty.” Even today, she added, “people are surprised to see a woman as chief. … We have many, many … more steps to go to be at the top of our profession.”

Herman, the day’s keynote speaker, implored the assembled women to take risks, expand their reach and “stay engaged,” especially in times when social and political debates are increasingly fierce and fraught. “The role of women will become even more important,” she said. “We need you.”
Students were invigorated by the speakers and the networking opportunities. “It was great hearing from so many women in positions of power talk about their journeys and provide their insights,” says Erin Hallagan ’18, the co-editor-in-chief of the Women’s Law Journal at UCLA. “I’m in awe of the impact that they have made, and I feel energized and inspired to take risks, make meaningful connections, and own my passion and strengths as I begin my legal career.”

UCLA Law Women LEAD is now more than 1,500 members strong, and its ongoing networking events and mentorship opportunities are deepening ties among generations of women who have entered UCLA Law’s building — or Quonset huts.

“It’s great to have knowledge, but you have to have volition, and you have to have action... For me, that all began at UCLA.”

— DOROTHY WRIGHT NELSON

VIEW FROM THE TOP

Now a senior judge on the Ninth Circuit, Dorothy Wright Nelson reflects on the long road from those huts to her grand chambers overlooking the Arroyo Seco in Pasadena, in the same federal courthouse where three other UCLA Law alumnae — judges Kim McLane Wardlaw ’79, Sandra Ikuta ’88 and Jacqueline Nguyen ’91 — have their chambers.

Law students and graduates at a crossroads, Nelson says, have turned to her for advice and assistance on countless occasions over the decades.

“Find something you’re passionate about,” she says she tells them, “and then do something about it. It’s great to have knowledge, but you have to have volition, and you have to have action. And become involved with people who have the same passion you have. For me, that all began at UCLA.”

KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND ’91

U.S. Senator from New York

Since she succeeded Hillary Clinton as U.S. Senator from New York in 2009, Gillibrand has led the way on an array of economic, military, healthcare and women’s rights issues. A former Davis, Polk & Wardwell litigator and member of Congress, she is often mentioned as a possible 2020 presidential candidate.

Listen up. “UCLA Law taught me the importance of listening to constituents … that to represent someone means understanding them and empathizing with their concern or cause. It also taught me to be a passionate advocate who uses the facts and the law to make my best case.”

Clinical education. “I very much enjoyed working at Westside Legal Services in L.A. because it taught me how important it is for everyone, regardless of their income level, to have good counsel.”

On perseverance. “Believe in yourself and never give up. Others may underestimate you or count you out, but if you work hard and stay determined, you will prove them wrong.”

DEBRA ALLIGOOD WHITE ’93

Senior VP and General Counsel of Planned Parenthood Federation of America

A former big firm partner, White is part of the leadership team at the country’s most powerful women’s health organization. She came to UCLA Law with a young daughter after working for eight years in New York City.

Finding her place. “The community that I saw felt like I could instantly find my place as an older, black, mother student. It was a more welcoming environment than those I had seen at other law schools, and my success was all about the fact that I built a really supportive community.”

Stand up. “This is a totally gender-laden term, but know when to be cocky. Know when to be very confident in your position, in your knowledge, in your rightness, in your authority, and do not equivocate on that. We — women more than men, people of color more than white people — tend to apologize for being strong. But that’s something that people actually respect: My ability to stand up when people are bullying me is basically the only thing that’s gotten me through.”
Law Fellows: 20 Years of Opening Doors

Leana Taing ’14 used her UCLA School of Law education to close a circle that had opened half a world away, before she was born. One summer as she worked toward her J.D., Taing — a Stockton native raised by immigrants who had fled the murderous regime of Cambodia’s Khmer Rouge — served an internship at the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia, helping to prosecute war crimes.

It was, she says, an unforgettable experience — one that she owes to the UCLA Law Fellows Program. The program, which just celebrated its 20th year, demystifies law school and gives aspiring lawyers the tools to succeed in law. So far, more than 1,600 undergraduate students from a variety of schools have participated; about 600 fellows have gone on to law schools all over the country, including 159 at UCLA Law. Fellows are overwhelmingly from backgrounds that are underrepresented in the legal profession.

“Without Law Fellows, I would not be where I am today,” says Taing, who now represents indigent parents in Los Angeles’ Edmund D. Edelman Children’s Court.

Each spring, about 100 undergraduates come to UCLA Law for the program. They take in lectures by UCLA Law faculty, are paired with current law students who mentor them, and connect with Law Fellows alumni who have gone on to successful careers at top firms, in public service or in government. Admission is competitive but free of charge. Fellows who complete the coursework receive a free LSAT prep course.

Leo Trujillo-Cox, who earned his J.D. from UCLA Law in 1997, runs the program. After Proposition 209 effectively ended affirmative action in California two years earlier, there was a severe drop-off in minority applicants to law schools. Trujillo-Cox was tapped by then-dean Susan Westerberg Prager to help bolster diversity at a time when non-white applicants with competitive GPAs and LSAT scores were few and rival institutions were unburdened by restrictive state laws.

“My thought was: Why fight over a small pie when we can expand it?” says Trujillo-Cox, who is the school’s Executive Director of Academic Outreach & Development.

The trailblazing initiative has been a model for efforts at other colleges and has garnered widespread support from the non-profit AccessLex; the California Bar Foundation, which recently renewed its annual commitment to back a Law Fellows extension effort for students from California’s Central Valley at UC Merced; and the University of California Office of the President, which is funding three years of LSAT tutoring and
counseling to undocumented undergrads. Law Fellows has also attracted financial support to help former foster children.

‘THIS IS YOU IN A COUPLE OF YEARS’

Early on a Saturday in January 2017, a fresh group of 95 law fellows met at UCLA Law for the first of their semester-long Saturday Academies. Some had made their way from San Diego, Berkeley or New York. At least one crashed on a couch at a sorority house.

Trujillo-Cox welcomed them into the “Law Fellows family” and said that they would know each other for the rest of their personal and professional lives. He previewed the day’s sample lectures from UCLA Law professors and a panel of former fellows who spoke about their paths to becoming successful lawyers.

“This is you in a couple of years,” Trujillo-Cox told the fresh fellows.

Like Taing, many are first-generation citizens or residents, and many are the first in their families to attend four-year universities.

For Paola Dela Cruz, then a senior at UC Santa Barbara, this first taste of legal education had her fully charged.

“Sitting in the classroom where law students learn, I literally felt the blood rushing through my veins,” she said. “It became so much more real. Like, it’s possible: I’m doing it. We’re all doing it.”

Standing Up for Vets, School Launches Clinic at West L.A. VA

Providing legal services to some of the most vulnerable military veterans in Southern California, in August 2017 UCLA Law opened the Veterans Legal Clinic at the VA campus in West L.A.

Students in the clinic are helping veterans gain access to benefits and address criminal justice issues in order to enhance their clients’ opportunities for jobs, housing and stability. Students are providing direct advocacy for vets while exploring topics including critical race theory and client-centered approaches to representation.

Professor Sunita Patel is the faculty director of the clinic, and a new tenure-track faculty member at the law school. Her background involves civil rights, immigration, workers’ rights and criminal justice reform. She most recently taught at American University Washington College of Law’s Civil Advocacy Clinic, and her experience as a practitioner includes policy, class action litigation and direct services with the Center for Constitutional Rights and the Legal Aid Society of New York.

The clinic co-director is Wilbert Watts, who comes to UCLA Law from Public Counsel, where he was the directing attorney for the Homelessness Prevention Law Project. A former partner at DLA Piper in Los Angeles, Watts also has served as a Los Angeles County Commissioner for the Second District and currently serves as a board member of the agency seeking to address and prevent homelessness in Pasadena.

The clinic is part of UCLA’s 10-year, $16.5 million commitment to the Department of Veterans Affairs for new programs and supportive services at the West L.A. facility.
Sports Law Clinic Puts Students in the Game

When Alex Tamin ’95 heads to Dodger Stadium, he is not going to gorge on Dodger Dogs. He is going to work.

As the Los Angeles Dodgers’ Director of Baseball Operations, Tamin works on salary arbitrations, player analysis, and rules and procedures for the boys in blue. It is a dream job rooted in the semester he spent in UCLA School of Law’s sports law clinic. The course uses America’s trillion-dollar sports industry as a foundation for teaching transactional and advocacy skills through mock exercises involving elite athletes and their teams.

“I would not be here today without it,” says Tamin. Now Tamin returns to UCLA Law each year to advise the next generation of aspiring sports executives.

“The clinic is terrific,” he says, “because it’s a real-world exercise.”

That was the vision of UCLA Law lecturer Steve Derian, who founded the sports law course — now part of UCLA Law’s Ziffren Center for Media, Entertainment, Technology and Sports Law — in 1989. Over the years, Derian has honed an innovative curriculum that blends negotiation and advocacy drills with traditional lessons on relevant issues including antitrust, labor law, Title IX and compensation for college athletes.

But the highlights come when Derian brings in industry leaders to coach students. Along with Tamin, execs and agents who have donated their time and expertise include former Lakers general manager Mitch Kupchak; longtime Dodgers general counsel Sam Fernandez; Debbie Spander ’95, who represents high-profile sports journalists; and Jeff Austin ’80, who represents the Golden State Warriors’ Stephen Curry.

Last spring, as his team geared up for another run at an NBA championship, Warriors GM (and forward on UCLA’s 1995 champion basketball team) Bob Myers called in to the classroom to offer instruction.

While some alumni of the course become executives or agents — Merhawi Keflezighi ’06, brother of the famed marathoner Meb Keflezighi, is one — others follow more traditional legal paths. After all, Derian emphasizes, learning how to draft contracts or deliver oral arguments is prized across the legal profession — even if one isn’t dealing with a star athlete.

“I’m giving students the opportunity to participate in experiential education using a subject matter that they’re excited about,” he says. “So they work harder and they learn more.”
Making the LEAP: Legal Ethics and the Profession

Shining a bright light on lawyers’ ethical and professional obligations to advance social justice, Professor Scott Cummings started a new program to ensure that pro bono work, movement lawyering and other forms of public service remain front and center for a new generation of UCLA Law students.

The Legal Ethics and the Profession (LEAP) program builds on decades of work at UCLA Law by scholars including emeriti professors Richard L. Abel, David A. Binder and Gary L. Blasi.

“The obligation to make society better — beyond just representing clients effectively — is an essential part of how students should think about law school and their responsibilities once they pass the bar,” said Cummings, UCLA Law’s Robert Henigson Professor of Legal Ethics.

LEAP sponsored two major events in 2016-17 and is planning a conference and publication on pro bono work in November 2017.

In February 2017, LEAP kicked off with the UCLA Law Review symposium on “Lawyers and Social Movements: Reimagining Theory and Practice.” Co-sponsored by Cummings and Professor Doug NeJaime, the event featured panels on movement lawyering, social movements and the courts, and movement advocacy in Southern California. Participants included ACLU National Legal Director David Cole, California Labor Commissioner Julie Su and leading scholars from law schools around the country.

LEAP also hosted a biannual legal ethics conference in July. The event brought to the law school some of the nation’s most prominent scholars of the legal profession, who offered works in progress on subjects including opportunities for women and minority lawyers, equitable ways to address low-dollar legal disputes, and the rule of law in the era of President Trump.

In November 2017, LEAP will host a forum on pro bono work as it is practiced around the world, with presentations to be published subsequently as a book. This first-of-its kind program, uniting scholars from across the globe, will compare the development of pro bono as a professional ideal and set of law firm practices in countries including Australia, Spain, the United Kingdom, South Africa, China and Nigeria.

Cummings is the co-author of the first public interest lawyering text, Public Interest Lawyering: A Contemporary Perspective, and is co-editor of the casebook Legal Ethics. His book about labor and environmental advocacy at the port of Los Angeles, Blue and Green: The Drive for Justice at America’s Port, will be published in 2018 by the MIT Press.
Prisoners, miners and others are gaining access to justice, thanks to a UCLA School of Law program that offers full scholarships to South African lawyers who then perform work in the public interest at home.

In late 2016, a superior court in Cape Town ordered improvements to intolerable living conditions at Pollsmoor Remand Detention Facility, where pre-trial detainees suffer from overcrowding, assaults by correctional staff, lack of exercise, malnutrition and rampant vermin infestation. It was a breakthrough victory for the plaintiff in the case, Sonke Gender Justice, and for the several Sonke staffers who graduated from the yearlong LL.M. program at UCLA Law, which offers a one-year postgraduate degree to students who are already attorneys and who often have significant international legal experience.

Now in its eighth year, the UCLA Law-Sonke Health & Human Rights Fellowship has brought 13 lawyers from South Africa and neighboring countries to pursue an LL.M. and specialize in public interest law. Students agree to work for a year at Sonke, a Cape Town-based NGO that addresses issues including prisoners’ rights, labor abuses, HIV/AIDS prevention and domestic violence. Sonke means “all together” in the Nguni language that is widely spoken in the region.

Lara Stemple, UCLA Law’s Assistant Dean for Graduate Studies and International Student Programs, started the fellowship in 2011 with an eye toward training advocates for the disenfranchised beyond U.S. borders. “Law and public interest advocacy is becoming more global,” says Stemple, who also directs the school’s Health and Human Rights Law Project. “It’s very exciting to have southern African students at UCLA. UCLA’s J.D. students get a lot out of their interactions with the Sonke students, and the Sonke students get connected to lawyers who are working on similar topics and get trained by excellent professors in the field.”

The UCLA Law-Sonke Fellowship helps fill an important need in South Africa, where public interest lawyers are few and “brain drain,” whereby the nation’s brightest minds go away to school and then stay abroad rather than return home to make a difference, is a problem.

For Thabang Pooe LL.M. ’16, a daily childhood commute from her rural village to school in the city exposed her to the nation’s stark inequalities. That encouraged her to become a lawyer and leader in social justice movements. At Sonke, she engaged in advocacy for dozens of gold miners who have an incurable lung disease called silicosis and are involved in a class action against 32 companies — work that she traces to her UCLA Law education. “The exposure to the school’s Critical Race Studies program has given me the ability to name and explain the genesis of some of the injustices that continue to haunt South Africa,” she says.

Soon, more UCLA Law alumni will join Sonke’s ranks. “The educational experience that you get at UCLA Law is invaluable,” says Nabeelah Mia LL.M. ’17, who plans to pursue prison reform work in South Africa. “I need that exposure to the brilliant minds here, people that have run amazing projects in different aspects of human rights, so that I can take it and be an effective lawyer back home.”
New Programs in Animal and Food Law

UCLA School of Law has launched two new initiatives to promote cutting-edge research in food law and animal law and to build bridges between the two fields.

UCLA Law’s Resnick Program for Food Law and Policy has created the Initiative on Animals in Our Food System. The initiative will include a series of roundtables and symposia exploring issues including standards for care of farm animals; the effectiveness of private agreements between suppliers and advocacy organizations to promote sustainable and humane practices; and related issues in agriculture, economics, moral psychology, law and public policy.

The first three years of the program have been funded with a $225,000 grant from the Animal Welfare Trust, a private foundation whose founder and president is Bradley L. Goldberg.

Separately, UCLA Law has begun an Animal Law and Policy Small Grants Program, providing support to researchers pursuing empirical studies in fields relevant to animal law reform. The program is the only one of its kind at a U.S. university.

Led by UCLA Law Professor Taimie L. Bryant, the program is designed to encourage new empirical research in fields including economics, sociology, medicine, nutritional science, cognitive science, law and public health.

“Advanced work in a number of disciplines can enable animal law and policy academics to develop increasingly sophisticated methods for evaluating and pursuing animal law reforms,” said Bryant. “We know graduate student researchers and others are doing excellent research in related areas, and we want to encourage that activity.”

Grants are supported by a gift from animal rights advocate and television personality Bob Barker.

Cheryl Leahy, a 2006 graduate of UCLA Law and general counsel of animal advocacy group Compassion Over Killing, is coordinator the program. In 2012, Leahy taught the Animals and Agriculture in the Law course at UCLA Law, one of the earliest academic endeavors on the topic at a U.S. law school.

Intensive Learning in UCLA Law’s Short Courses

UCLA Law’s January Term enters its third year with a widening array of opportunities for students to take one- and two-week courses on topics best suited for intensive format, often with distinguished visiting advocates and scholars.

The 2018 J-Term curriculum includes some of the inaugural coursework associated with the Promise Institute for Human Rights at UCLA Law. Richard Dicker, the founding director of the International Justice Program for Human Rights Watch, will offer the course Prospects for International Justice.

Joseph Weiler will teach a short course examining the most challenging cases in human rights law. The European Union Jean Monnet Chair at New York University School of Law, Weiler co-drafted the European Parliament’s Declaration of Human Rights and is a renowned authority on the European Union and the World Trade Organization.

The most popular J-Term course remains the Negotiation Theory and Practice course taught by Russell Korobkin, the Richard C. Maxwell Professor of Law at UCLA School of Law and the school’s Vice Dean for Academic and Institutional Affairs. The class meets for four hours a day and includes lectures, simulations and small discussion groups, giving students immersive opportunities to hone their negotiation skills.

Distinguished Scholar in Residence Lawrence Sager, who taught Religious Liberty during the first UCLA Law J-Term in 2016, returns to offer the course again. One of the nation’s pre-eminent constitutional theorists and the Alice Jane Drysdale Sheffield Regents Chair at the University of Texas Austin Law School, Sager will for the second consecutive year teach during the Spring semester at UCLA law.
Motomura Named a Guggenheim Fellow

Professor Hiroshi Motomura, UCLA’s Susan Westerberg Prager Professor of Law, was named a Guggenheim Fellow for 2017 for his outstanding work in immigration law.

The honor recognizes leaders in educational, artistic and scientific endeavors who improve international understanding through their work. In announcing the award, the Guggenheim Foundation stated that Motomura is “a leading scholar of immigration and citizenship law, with influence across a range of academic disciplines and in federal, state, and local policymaking.”

Widely recognized as an outstanding instructor, Motomura teaches immigration law, immigrants’ rights and civil procedure. He has received several teaching honors, including the UCLA Distinguished Teaching Award in 2014, and was one of 26 professors profiled in the book What the Best Law Teachers Do (Harvard 2013). He is the leader of UCLA Law’s Immigrants’ Rights Policy Clinic, which launched in Spring 2017.

He is the author of two books: Americans in Waiting: The Lost Story of Immigration and Citizenship in the United States (Oxford University Press, 2006) and Immigration Outside the Law (Oxford University Press, 2014), both of which won the Professional and Scholarly Publishing (PROSE) Award from the Association of American Publishers as the best books on legal studies in their respective years of publication.

Motomura will utilize the grant associated with the award to write a new book on immigration policy. Topics will include the implications of policies that offer immigrants no path to citizenship; how mass migrations due to armed conflict, breakdowns in civil society, and environmental degradation impact the immigration conversation; and the impact of economic inequality on immigration policy.

Carbado Honored by AALS

Devon W. Carbado, UCLA’s Honorable Harry Pregerson Professor of Law, won the 2017 Clyde Ferguson Award, the highest honor for senior faculty from the Association of American Law Schools’ Section on Minority Groups.

The award, named for a pioneering African-American faculty member at Harvard Law School, goes to outstanding scholars who have achieved excellence in public service, teaching and scholarship.

Carbado writes and teaches in the areas of constitutional law and identity. He is the co-author of Acting White? Rethinking Race in Post-Racial America and the co-editor of several volumes, including Race Law Stories (with UCLA Law Dean Emerita Rachel F. Moran) and The Long Walk to Freedom: Runaway Slave Narratives.

Carbado was elected Professor of the Year by the UCLA School of Law classes of 2000 and 2006 and received UCLA Law’s Rutter Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2003 and the University’s Distinguished Teaching Award in 2007. In 2016 Carbado was named associate vice-chancellor of BruinX, overseeing research, development and intervention projects in UCLA’s Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.
Philosophically Speaking: Expert Lectures in Law and Philosophy

UCLA’s Law and Philosophy Program hosted a series of events in 2016-17 addressing the nature of law and legal systems and the theoretical underpinnings of areas including constitutional, criminal and contract law, and will bring leading experts to its workshops in the 2017-18 academic year.

In February 2017, UCLA Law hosted Liam Murphy, who offered the fifth biannual Herbert Morris Lecture in Law and Philosophy. The lecture is named in honor of the UCLA Law professor emeritus who is a preeminent scholar on criminal law, morality and psychology.

Murphy, the Herbert Peterfreund Professor of Law and Professor of Philosophy at New York University, focuses his work on the intersection of legal, moral and political theory. He addressed the topic “Illusory Moral Rules: How Law Misleads Us About Morality.”

In the program’s Legal Theory Workshops, leading figures in the field who offered lectures in 2016-17 include Noah Feldman, Harvard’s Felix Frankfurter Professor of Law and an influential figure in scholarship at the intersection of law and religion; Paula Hieronymi, a UCLA professor of philosophy who focuses on moral psychology; Lawrence Solum, Georgetown University Law Center’s Carmack Waterhouse Professor of Law, an expert in constitutional law and the philosophy of law; and Frederick Schauer, a First Amendment scholar and University of Virginia School of Law professor.

In September, the program hosted University of Glasgow Law and Philosophy professor George Pavlakos, who addressed the philosophical grounds of law. His talk built upon and challenged work published by Mark Greenberg, faculty co-director of the UCLA Law and Philosophy Program.

In the 2017-18 year, the program, which is a collaboration between UCLA Law and UCLA’s renowned philosophy department, will host several international leaders in ethics, law and philosophy at its Legal Theory Workshops.

Among the guests will be the influential and widely honored moral and political philosopher Thomas Scanlon, a professor emeritus at Harvard University, ethics scholar and American Academy of Arts and Sciences Fellow and Harvard University Professor law professor Frances Kamm; microeconomics expert and New York University professor Lewis Kornhauser; and Scott Hershovitz, a professor at University of Michigan Law School who focuses on jurisprudence and torts law and is a former appellate specialist at the Department of Justice.

Action! UCLA Law to Launch Documentary Film Clinic

Combining education in entertainment law and opportunities to advance social justice, UCLA Law will debut a Documentary Film Legal Clinic in 2018.

The clinic will serve as a hub where independent filmmakers can receive free legal services in areas such as contracts, licensing, intellectual property and First Amendment law from students who gain valuable training for careers as entertainment attorneys.

Professor Dale Cohen — co-author of the text Media and the Law, special counsel for the PBS series Frontline, and a former legal advisor to organizations including NPR, the Tribune Co. and Radio Free Europe — will be director of the clinic.

BAR RESULTS: Dean Jennifer L. Mnookin has helped spearhead efforts by 20 California law school deans to reform State Bar policy on bar exam scoring.
TAKING THE FIFTH:

UCLA Law Review earned fifth place in a ranking of the nation’s top law journals.

Shiffrin Delivers Tanner Lectures on Human Values

Seana Valentine Shiffrin, the Pete Kameron Professor of Law and Social Justice and chair of the Department of Philosophy at UCLA, delivered the prestigious Tanner Lectures on Human Values at UC Berkeley in April 2017.

The Tanner Lectures, founded in 1978, are a pre-eminent collection of discussions in education and science relating to human values. Previous Tanner lecturers include several U.S. Supreme Court justices, authors Toni Morrison and J.M. Coetzee, philosophers John Rawls, Barbara Herman, Frances Kamm and K. Anthony Appiah, and scientists David Baltimore and Richard Dawkins.

The lectures were endowed by and are named for religion and philosophy scholar Obert C. Tanner, and they take place at one of nine participating universities in the United States and England.

In lectures titled “Speaking Among Ourselves: Democracy and Law,” Shiffrin addressed democracy’s intrinsic communicative value and law’s role in expressing that value, and the democratic values of the common law and a democratic approach to constitutional balancing. Audio files of Shiffrin’s lectures and seminar can be found in the Tanner Lectures online archives.

Shiffrin is co-founder and co-director of the UCLA Law and Philosophy Program. A UCLA faculty member since 1992, she was elected a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2010. Her book Speech Matters (Princeton University Press, 2014) explores the ethics of communications and the connections between freedom of speech, the prohibition on lying and moral progress.

Carlson Named UC Sustainability Champion

UCLA School of Law professor Ann Carlson received the University of California’s 2017 Sustainability Champion award for her research, teaching and public service in environmental law, and for her work in support of the UC’s Carbon Neutrality Initiative.

The award is California’s only individual honor recognizing sustainability leadership in higher education. Nominees are from the state’s public and private colleges and universities.

The award was presented by David Phillips, UC’s associate vice president for energy and sustainability, who cited Carlson’s membership on the Global Climate Leadership Council, a task force created by University of California President Janet Napolitano to help the UC system achieve its goal of carbon neutrality by 2025, and her role as chair of the UC Carbon Neutrality Financial Management Taskforce. The task force is focused on overcoming organizational, financial and communication obstacles to implementing UC’s 2025 goal.

“Ann knows full well how hard it will be to achieve this ambitious goal. She has been concerned, but not discouraged,” Phillips said. “Leaders like Ann make me confident that we as a society can tackle the wicked problem of climate change, and that we as universities can show the rest of the world how to do it.”

Carlson, one of the nation’s most esteemed environmental scholars, is the Shirley Shapiro Professor of Environmental Law and faculty co-director of the Emmett Institute on Climate Change and the Environment at UCLA Law. Her work includes the leading casebook Environmental Law, with Dan Farber, and law review articles that have been selected as among the best in their field. She is widely cited by major media organizations and by environmental leaders throughout academia and government.

She is also a member of the UCLA Institute of the Environment and Sustainability, serves on a panel examining the nation’s energy systems for the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and has won several teaching awards at UCLA.
Babbe, Donald Share 2017 Rutter Award

Faculty members David Babbe ’81 and Skye Donald first collaborated in private practice at Morrison & Foerster, and then as instructors in UCLA Law’s experiential skills courses. In March 2017, the two were paired one last time as they were awarded the 2017 Rutter Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Babbe, the former managing partner of Morrison & Foerster’s Los Angeles office and chair of the firm’s L.A. litigation practice, teaches Trial Advocacy and Negotiation, and he has served as a mentor for UCLA Law’s award-winning moot court team. Donald taught first-year Lawyering Skills and upper-level clinical courses at UCLA Law for seven years before losing her battle with brain cancer in October 2016 (See remembrance, page 91).

The award, founded by famed law-guide publisher William Rutter in 1979, honors professors who best serve law students at five top California law schools. At the award ceremony at UCLA Law, Rutter’s son, Paul Rutter ’78, a member of the UCLA Law board of advisors, said his father created the award because “he really appreciated the pure art of teaching.”

Babbe was joined at the ceremony by his wife, Edie, whom he credited with pulling him through law school and then legal practice. “It’s overwhelming and humbling to receive this award,” he said. “It’s like admiring the Dodgers as a kid and then growing up to play on the team and then in the World Series.”

Donald — whose husband, Rafael Jimenez, and other family and friends joined in the celebration — was remembered as a smart, savvy and funny mentor. A sample student evaluation about Donald states, “Not only is she an expert in legal research and writing and a very gifted teacher, she is also a very supportive, hilarious, and genuinely empathetic human being. We are all completely devoted to her.”

In Donald’s honor, UCLA Law has established the Skye Donald Memorial Fund and the Skye Donald Spirit of Community Award to recognize students who exemplify her dedication to the law and service.

Tolbert Wins UCLA Inclusion Award

Tony Tolbert, UCLA Law’s Director of Learning Environment and Academic Affairs, was named the recipient of the 2017 UCLA Faculty Student Development Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Award.

The award, given by the UCLA Academic Senate and its Committee on Diversity and Equal Opportunity, goes to students, staff and faculty in recognition of their “contributions to furthering a diverse, impartial, and inclusive environment at UCLA.”

Tolbert, who has received several honors from UCLA and community groups for his leadership in diversity and other initiatives, engages with individual law students, student organizations, staff and faculty to ensure that UCLA Law provides a welcoming and supportive environment for all students.

Tolbert spent 14 years co-directing the law school’s Academic Outreach & Development Program, which prepares high-potential undergraduate students and college graduates from diverse backgrounds for careers in law. In his current role, he leads the school’s efforts to provide training on cultural competence and awareness; directs the school’s Street Law program, in which UCLA Law students teach law-related topics at local high schools; and offers training in restorative justice, a non-adversarial form of conflict resolution.
FAREWELL, CATHY MAYORKAS!
After 22 years, the beloved leader of UCLA Law’s public interest law program retired.

PULSE@UCLA Law Wins $1.5 Million Grant to Research AI and the Law

UCLA Law’s Program on Understanding Law, Science and Evidence (PULSE) received a $1.5 million grant from the Open Philanthropy Project to study disruptive societal and legal changes stemming from artificial intelligence.

The grant supports PULSE Fellowships in Artificial Intelligence, Law, and Policy — full-time academic positions dedicated to research and writing on the social, economic and legal implications of artificial intelligence and machine learning. PULSE will also organize workshops, exercises and publications that explore the rapidly advancing field of artificial intelligence safety and its legal and policy dimensions.

Professors Edward A. Parson and Richard M. Re are heading the project.

"Technological innovation stands to deliver broad, significant, and as yet not-fully-imagined societal changes in the years to come, and forward-looking scholarship into how we and the law must adapt has never been more important," said Parson, UCLA Law’s Dan and Rae Emmett Professor of Environmental Law and faculty co-director of the Emmett Institute on Climate Change and the Environment.

Added Re, “This project offers a tremendous opportunity to engage students and scholars in unexamined questions that go to the heart of PULSE’s interdisciplinary mission, to explore the complex connections between law and new technologies.”

Founded in 2009, PULSE@UCLA Law engages in cutting-edge research and programming to uncover the ways in which innovations in science and evidence influence law and policy making. Re and UCLA Law Dean Jennifer L. Mnookin are the program’s co-directors.

The Open Philanthropy Project identifies outstanding giving opportunities, makes grants, follows the results and publishes its findings. The Open Philanthropy Project recently made a separate grant to UCLA Law in 2017 for a study of climate engineering technology and its legal and policy impacts (see page 54).

Leading Environmental Law Scholar
William Boyd to Join UCLA Law

William Boyd, one of the nation’s foremost scholars of energy and environmental law, will join UCLA Law’s faculty on July 1, 2018. Boyd will hold joint appointments with UCLA Law and the Institute of the Environment and Sustainability at UCLA. He will also play an instrumental role with the law school’s Emmett Institute on Climate Change and the Environment.

Boyd comes to UCLA Law from the University of Colorado Law School, and his work focuses on the impacts of government regulation, science and technology on energy, environmental and climate law and policy. He is an award-winning author of multiple articles and a 2016 book, *The Slain Wood: Papermaking and Its Environmental Consequences in the American South* (Johns Hopkins University Press), which won the Edelstein Prize from the Society for the History of Technology.

Boyd also is also spearheading important work in the area of climate policy. He serves as the project lead for the Governors’ Climate and Forests Task Force, an international collaboration of 35 nations and states that are working to develop regulatory frameworks to reduce emissions from deforestation and land use.

Boyd received a J.D. with Distinction from Stanford Law School. He also holds a B.A. from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and earned M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the Energy and Resources Group at UC Berkeley. Boyd served as a law clerk to the Hon. Diana Gibbon Motz of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. He then worked in Congress as Democratic minority counsel for the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, and in the energy and environmental law group at Covington & Burling.

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Yu Named UCLA Alumni Volunteer of the Year

Steve Yu, UCLA Law’s Assistant Dean of Operations and Chief Financial Officer, was named the 2017 Volunteer of the Year award by the UCLA Alumni Association.

The award recognizes Yu’s tireless efforts to benefit the university and to encourage other alumni to volunteer and stay engaged with UCLA. Yu was president of the largest UCLA regional alumni network, the UCLA Los Angeles Westside Network. In that role, he reinvigorated the network with new programs and collaborative efforts with other alumni groups. He also is an active mentor and presenter in the Bruin Leaders Project, Bruin Toastmasters for UCLA-affiliated members and True Blue Toastmasters for employees in the UCLA External Affairs department. He is also a presenter in the UCLA Anderson School of Management’s Riordan Programs on leadership and management training.

Yu helps spearhead UCLA Law’s annual contributions to the Food for the Bar campaign, in which students, staff and faculty make contributions to and volunteer at the L.A. Food Bank. In 2017, UCLA Law volunteers completed more shifts helping at the food bank than any of the other law firms or law schools participating in Food for the Bar.


Eagly Receives UCLA Distinguished Teaching Award

Professor Ingrid Eagly was honored with UCLA’s Distinguished Teaching Award for 2017, the highest honor for academic instruction at the university.

Eagly, the faculty director of UCLA Law’s David J. Epstein Program in Public Interest Law and Policy, has been a leader in UCLA Law’s clinical and experiential program and its public interest specialization since she joined the law school faculty in 2010. Her evidence class, Criminal Defense Clinic and Sentencing Advocacy Clinic are among the school’s most popular and impactful course offerings.

In 2017, last year, Eagly led a group of students to Dilley, Texas, to assist detained families seeking asylum (see page 58).

In 2016, Eagly co-led a team of UCLA Law students who helped a man sentenced to life in prison for a nonviolent drug offense receive a clemency grant from President Obama.

Before she joined UCLA Law, Eagly practiced for 10 years as a federal public defender and public interest attorney.

In a strong show of support, nearly 30 of Eagly’s students and colleagues wrote to recommend her nomination for the award.

A graduate of Princeton University and Harvard Law School, Eagly is the 29th member of the UCLA School of Law community to receive this honor.

The Distinguished Teaching Award was first granted in 1961. It aims to inspire students and faculty by recognizing the most outstanding representatives of UCLA’s leadership in teaching and public service.

WOODEN WOULD BE PROUD: UCLA Law’s basketball team celebrated a win in the annual game against USC Gould School of Law.
UCLA Law Faculty Books in Brief

Stephen M. Bainbridge (with M. Todd Henderson)
*Limited Liability: A Legal and Economic Analysis*
Edward Elgar Publishing (2016)

The modern corporation has become central to our society. The key feature of the corporation that makes it such an attractive form of human collaboration is its limited liability. This book explores how, by allowing those who form the corporation to limit their downside risk and personal liability to only the amount they invest, there is the opportunity for more risks taken at a lower cost. This comprehensive economic analysis examines the policy debate surrounding the laws governing limited liability in an American context, as well as in Britain, Europe and Asia.

Bainbridge is the William D. Warren Distinguished Professor of Law and teaches business associations, mergers and acquisitions, and corporate governance.

Asli Ü. Bâli (with Hanna Lerner)
*Constitution Writing, Religion and Democracy*
Cambridge University Press (2017)

What role do and should constitutions play in mitigating intense disagreements over the religious character of a state? And what kind of constitutional solutions might reconcile democracy with the type of religious demands raised in contemporary democratizing or democratic states? Tensions over religion-state relations are gaining increasing salience in constitution writing and rewriting around the world. This book explores the challenge of crafting a democratic constitution under conditions of deep disagreement over a state’s religious or secular identity.

Bâli is a professor of law, director of the UCLA Center for Near Eastern Studies, and the faculty director of the Promise Institute for Human Rights at UCLA Law.

Stuart Banner
*Speculation: A History of the Fine Line Between Gambling and Investing*
Oxford University Press (2017)

What is the difference between gambling and speculation? This difficult question has posed a legal problem throughout American history. Many have argued that periodic failures by regulators to differentiate between the two have been the proximate causes of catastrophic economic downturns, including the Great Depression and the 2008 global financial crisis. In *Speculation*, Banner provides a sweeping history of how the fine lines separating investment, speculation and outright gambling have shaped America from the 1790s to the present.

Banner, the Norman Abrams Professor of Law, teaches property and the Supreme Court Clinic, and is an expert in American and British legal history.

Scott L. Cummings
*Blue and Green: The Drive for Justice at America’s Port*
The MIT Press (2018)

*Blue and Green* examines a campaign by the labor and environmental movements to transform trucking at America’s largest port, in Los Angeles. Tracing the history of struggle in an industry at the epicenter of the global supply chain, Cummings shows how federal deregulation created interrelated economic and environmental problems at the port and how the campaign fought back by mobilizing law at the local level. He analyzes the use of alternate legal frameworks to promote labor organizing, and explores lessons for building movements to regulate low-wage work in the gig economy.

Cummings is the Robert Henigson Professor of Legal Ethics and Professor of Law and teaches on the legal profession, public interest law, social movements, and community economic development.
A History and Defense of the Administrative State: A Q&A on Constitutional Coup with Professor Jon Michaels

Professor Jon Michaels’ Constitutional Coup (Harvard University Press 2017) makes the case that the modern administrative state, long pilloried by an American public distrustful of “big government,” is constitutionally legitimate and virtuous — and should be celebrated rather than demonized and deconstructed. Michaels’ book offers a textured history and vigorous legal defense of an enduring, evolving understanding of separation of powers that carries forward from the Framers to the New Dealers to those who clamor today to privatize government and run it like a business.

What is the “constitutional coup” that this book discusses?
The coup is the toppling of the federal administrative state and the replacing of that bureaucratic governance scheme with a privatized one. Modern federal agencies wield vast powers, command inconceivably large budgets and directly affect our lives in countless big and small ways. In the book, I explain why the administrative state is a natural and faithful extension of the Framers’ original scheme and show how the very structures and practices that give the administrative state its constitutional legitimacy are the ones most affected (and subverted) by the forces of privatization.

How did we get here?
The coup is many decades in the making. Disillusionment with the modern welfare state of FDR, LBJ and — yes — Richard Nixon came hard on the heels of Watergate, Vietnam, stagflation and, for some, resistance to the civil rights and the feminist movements. Enter Ronald Reagan, who promised to tear down government and opened the door to privatized governance. But the big move came when Bill Clinton doubled down on privatization, converting it from a far-right initiative into a technocratic, bipartisan one that every president since has advanced. Needless to say, the push to privatize has accelerated dramatically under President Trump.

What is stopping us from reversing the constitutional coup?
The biggest challenge is not President Trump and his explicit, aggressive hostility to the administrative state, but rather the fact that the privatization revolution has been several generations in the making. The American people are not naturally disposed to come to the defense of bureaucracy. That said, Trump may well be an example of American libertarianism (or, if you prefer, neoliberalism) jumping the shark. His over-the-top attacks have made us more sympathetic to the plight of demonized civil servants and more appreciative of the role played by the bureaucracy, particularly in times of political instability. By being so strident and ham-fisted, Trump may be the unwitting savior of the American welfare state.

Máximo Langer, editor (with David Alan Sklansky)
Prosecutors and Democracy: A Cross-National Study
Cambridge University Press (2017)

Focusing squarely on the relationship between prosecutors and democracy, this volume throws light on key questions about prosecutors and what role they should play in a democracy. Internationally distinguished scholars draw on experiences from the United States, the UK and continental Europe to discuss how prosecutors can strengthen democracy, how they can undermine it, and why it has proven so challenging to hold prosecutors accountable while insulating them from politics.

Langer is a professor of law, the director of the UCLA Transnational Program on Criminal Justice, and the faculty director of the Criminal Justice Program at UCLA Law.
Changing the Conversation on Criminal Justice: Q&A With Professor Sharon Dolovich

The New Criminal Justice Thinking (New York University Press, 2017), co-edited by UCLA Law professor Sharon Dolovich, includes 14 essays by scholars, sociologists and criminologists who train their eyes on the criminal justice system. “I see this book as a vital step toward understanding the reality on the ground,” says Dolovich, who directs UCLA Law’s Prison Law and Policy Program. “We can’t even begin to think about reform until we fully confront what the system is.”

**So what is the criminal justice system?**
A form of governance. Think about its reach: Add up how many people have been arrested, in custody, on probation or on parole; their families; their communities; and the intersections with public institutions like schools, welfare, hospitals and public housing. For many disadvantaged people and especially poor people of color, the criminal justice system is actually the governance strategy.

**Your essay in the book ponders the disconnect between the Supreme Court’s promise to protect the rights of criminal defendants and prisoners, and its willingness to let stand plainly unconstitutional conduct. What drove this analysis?**
I have been wondering: How is the promise of justice so empty when we have this almost regal judicial system that everybody takes so seriously? The Supreme Court presents its work as if it’s crafting standards that courts will then apply seriously to root out unconstitutional treatment. Yet when you look closely at these standards, they’re designed to almost guarantee that courts will rubber stamp government conduct as constitutional regardless of what actually happened on the ground. We should be troubled by a system of constitutional review that works like this.

**What gives you hope?**
Once improvements are framed as a matter of exercising the extreme coercive power the state is entrusted with in a way that recognizes that the subjects of its power are human beings who deserve to be treated like human beings, that’s when you begin to see the possibility of real change.

Adam Winkler

*We the Corporations: How American Businesses Won Their Civil Rights*  
W.W. Norton & Company (forthcoming 2018)

*We the Corporations* chronicles the revelatory story of one of the most successful, yet least known, “civil rights movements” in American history: how American businesses won equal rights and transformed the Constitution to serve the ends of capital. Corporations — like minorities and women — have had a civil rights movement of their own, and now possess nearly all the same rights as ordinary people. Uncovering the deep historical roots of *Citizens United v. FEC*, Winkler shows how that controversial 2010 Supreme Court decision was the capstone of a 200-year battle over corporate personhood and constitutional protections for business.

Winkler is a professor of law who teaches constitutional law, constitutional theory, professional responsibility, and the Supreme Court Simulation.

Stephen C. Yeazell

*Lawsuits in a Market Economy: The Evolution of Civil Litigation*  
University of Chicago Press (forthcoming 2018)

Deeply embedded in our political and economic systems, civil litigation is both a system for resolving disputes and a successful business model, a fact that both its opponents and its fans do their best to conceal. *Lawsuits in a Market Economy* explains how contemporary civil litigation in the United States works and how it has changed over the past century. Yeazell argues that today’s system has in some ways overcome disparities between the rich and poor in access to civil justice, even though we continue to witness enormous disparities in wealth and power.

Yeazell is UCLA’s David G. Price and Dallas P. Price Distinguished Professor of Law Emeritus and a fellow of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences. He teaches the history, theory and dynamics of civil litigation.
KHALED ABOU EL FADL
Omar and Azmeralda Alfi Professor of Law

The Royal Islamic Strategic Studies Center in Amman, Jordan, again named Professor Abou El Fadl one of the World’s 500 Most Influential Muslims in 2017. He offered the keynote address “The Promises and Perils of Shari’ah in the Modern Age” in a public lecture hosted by the Department of Political Science and Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies at the University of Alberta in November 2016. He delivered the keynote “Shari’ah Law: Reasoning with God and the Challenge of the Unreasonable” at the University of Indiana in April 2017. The Islamic Center of Southern California in Los Angeles also played host to his public lectures “The Future of Muslims in a Trumpian World” in December 2016 and “The New Laws and Persecution of American Muslim Organizations including CAIR and MPAC” in January 2017.

Publications


E. TENDAYI ACHIUME
Assistant Professor of Law

In the spring of 2017, Professor Achiume traveled to Geneva to serve as an invited expert for the United Nations’ Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of Complementary Standards in Geneva, and then for the U.N. Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights’ Expert Meeting on Building Partnerships to Promote Inclusion and Counter Anti-Migrant Narratives. She was also an invited expert for the World Bank KNOMAD Workshop “Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism: The Role of Migrants and Migration” in September 2016 in Washington. She also presented her work on xenophobia and international law and served on panels at scholarly meetings, workshops and symposia in England, Italy, South Africa, Canada and several law schools and universities across the U.S.

Publications


IMAN ANABTAWI
Professor of Law


Publications


DAVID BABBE
Lecturer in Law
Director of Student Competitions

David Babbe won the law school’s Rutter Award for Excellence in Teaching for 2017.
STEPHEN M. BAINBRIDGE
William D. Warren Distinguished Professor of Law

Professor Bainbridge organized the February 2017 conference “Can Delaware Be Dethroned? Evaluating Delaware’s Dominance of Corporate Law” at UCLA Law. Other speaking engagements of note include: being one of the panelists for “A Conversation with Delaware Chief Justice Leo E. Strine” at the California Club in January 2017; moderating the program “New Issues for Corporate Governance Under Delaware Law,” hosted by the Southern California Chapter of the National Association of Corporate Directors and the Lowell Milken Institute for Business Law and Policy in February 2017; and presenting the working paper “The Parable of the Talents” at the Herbert and Elinor Noootbaar Institute on Law, Religion and Ethics Conference at Pepperdine University School of Law in March 2017, and the working paper “Interest Group Analysis of Delaware Law: The Corporate Opportunity Doctrine as Case Study” at a BYU School of Law Workshop in March 2017. He continues to serve as a member of the board of advisers of the Green Bag Almanac & Reader, and as a featured expert contributor for the Washington Legal Foundation Legal Pulse, frequently writing 1,000-word columns on Supreme Court decisions and SEC regulatory actions in the securities regulation area. His new book Limited Liability: A Legal and Economic Analysis, which he co-wrote with M. Todd Henderson, received special discussion in the Economist’s Schumpeter column and drew praise from economist Tyler Cowen, who called it “probably the best extant treatment of corporate limited liability and one of the best books on the corporation from a law and economics point of view.”

Publications


ASLI Ü. BÂLI
Professor of Law
Faculty Director of the Promise Institute for Human Rights

Professor Bâli was named the inaugural faculty director of the Promise Institute for Human Rights at UCLA Law. She also continues her work as faculty director of the UCLA Center for Near Eastern Studies, co-chair of the executive committee of the Human Rights Watch Middle East Advisory Council, national board member of the Middle East Studies Association, and co-chair of the UCLA Chancellor’s Advisory Council on Immigration Policy. She organized the conference “Contemporary Challenges in Human Rights,” presented by UCLA Law’s International and Comparative Law Program in April 2017. There, she discussed the keynote address on Armenian Genocide Accountability by Geoffrey Robertson, founder of Doughty Street Chambers and a leading human rights litigator. She also organized or co-organized several events held across UCLA: “The Global Refugee Crisis” in April 2017; “Traces of History: A Conference on Race, Indigeneity and Settler Colonialism” in March 2017; “From 9/11 to Trump,” a lecture by Ahilan Arulanantham of the ACLU of Southern California, in January 2017; “Academic Freedom at Risk: Turkey, the Middle East and Beyond” in January 2017; and “Obama’s Drone Legacy” in October 2016. She presented her scholarship on international law and human rights at numerous symposia and meetings at UCLA, University of Chicago School of Law, Kent State University, Scripps College, Harvard Law School, Yale Law School, and USC’s Annenberg School of Communications, as well as before the City Club of Cleveland, the Middle East Studies Association’s annual conference in Boston, and the Hammer Museum Forum and Human Rights Watch in Los Angeles.

Publications

STEVEN A. BANK  
**Paul Hastings Professor of Business Law**  
Professor Bank presented the paper “Tax Planning in an Era of High Tax Rates” at the conference “Global Histories of Taxation and State Finances Since the Late 19th Century,” presented by the Institute for European Global Studies at the University of Basel, Switzerland, in December 2016.  
**Publications**  

STUART BANNER  
**Norman Abrams Professor of Law**  
Professor Banner’s Supreme Court Clinic won two cases during the U.S. Supreme Court’s October Term 2016. In *Nelson v. Colorado*, which Banner personally argued before the justices in Washington in January, the court held in a 7-1 decision that a state law violated due process because it prevented people whose criminal convictions were erased from immediately recouping money that they had paid in fees and penalties. In *Matal v. Tam*, the justices voted 8-0 that federal trademark law’s prohibition of disparaging marks violates the First Amendment.  
**Publications**  

PAUL BERGMAN  
**Professor of Law Emeritus**  
Professor Bergman gave film-clip presentations based on his book *Reel Justice: The Courtroom Goes to the Movies* before the annual conference of South Carolina judges in Columbia, South Carolina; UCLA Law alumni groups in San Diego and Orange County; the UCLA Entertainment Symposium; and the Saint John’s Health Center Physicians Alumni Association. In addition, he showed and discussed the film *Young Mr. Lincoln* (1939) in a public event in the auditorium of the Pasadena Central Library.  
**Publications**  

STUART BIEGEL  
**Lecturer in Law**  
Senior Lecturer, Graduate School of Education and Information Studies  
Stuart Biegel moderated the panel “Vergara v. California: Implications for Teacher Tenure, Student Equity, and Future Litigation” at UCLA Law’s Education and Law Society Event in November 2016. He participated in the student-faculty dialogue “Free Speech on Campus” for UCLA Intergroup Relations in February 2017. He moderated the panel “L.A. Public Education in the Era of Trump and DeVos” at UCLA Law’s Education and Law Society Event in February 2017. He was a featured speaker at a symposium on the California FAIR Education Act, organized by Library and Archive OUTreach at UCLA in April 2017. He was also a panelist and featured speaker at the symposium “Moving Forward in Education: Responding to the Challenges of the Next Four Years” for the UCLA Educational Leadership Program in April 2017.

SAMUEL L. BRAY  
**Professor of Law**  
Professor Bray was awarded the University of Texas at Austin’s Harrington Faculty Fellowship for the 2016-17 year. He presented “Textualism, Not Literalism” before the annual conference of South Carolina judges in Columbia, South Carolina; UCLA Law alumni groups in San Diego and Orange County; the UCLA Entertainment Symposium; and the Saint John’s Health Center Physicians Alumni Association. In addition, he showed and discussed the film *Young Mr. Lincoln* (1939) in a public event in the auditorium of the Pasadena Central Library.  
**Publications**  
Reforming the National Injunction” in faculty workshops at Notre Dame Law School in February 2017 and the University of Texas School of Law in November 2016. And he delivered “Form and Substance in the Fusion of Law and Equity” at Cambridge University in August 2016.

Publications


Publications

- “Specific Relief in Bankruptcy,” 34 Emory Bankruptcy Developments Journal (forthcoming 2018).

Publications

ANN E. CARLSON
Shirley Shapiro Professor of Environmental Law
Faculty Co-Director, Emmett Institute on Climate Change and the Environment
Professor Carlson won the UC Sustainability Champion Award for her research, teaching and public service in environmental law, and her work in support of the UC’s Carbon Neutrality Initiative at the California Higher Education Sustainability Conference in Santa Barbara in June. She continued her chairmanship of the Carbon Neutrality Management and Financial Task Force, and her membership on UC President Janet Napolitano’s Global Climate Leadership Task Force, which included several meetings in Oakland at the UC Office of the President, as well as meetings at UC Santa Barbara, UCLA and UC San Francisco. She also joined the board of the Environmental Law Institute, an NGO based in Washington, D.C. In April 2017, she delivered the Garrison Lecture at Pace Law School. She organized and led the American Academy of Arts and Sciences workshop “Designing Durability and Adaptability for Long Term Energy Policy” in Washington, D.C., in October 2016. She participated in the Duke and Colorado Law works-in-progress in Boulder, Colorado, in August 2016. She appeared on panels at the “Navigating the American Carbon World” conference, held by Climate Action Reserve in San Francisco in April 2017, and at the “State Climate Policy in the Trump Era: California and Beyond” symposium, hosted by UCLA Law’s Emmett Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, in May 2017.

Publications

BETH A. COLGAN
Assistant Professor of Law
Professor Colgan was a panelist at the UCLA program “‘To Protect and Serve’: Strategies for Law Enforcement Reform 25 Years After Rodney King,” at the Hammer Museum in Los Angeles in May 2017. She was an invited author and commentator at “Bridging the Gap: A Conference on Scholarship and Criminal Justice Reform,” held at Arizona State University Sandra Day O’Connor School of Law in February 2017. She was a speaker at UCLA Law Review’s Fall Scholar Forum, “Taking Back Juvenile Confessions,” in November 2016. She participated in the panel “Race and the Supreme Court: Critical Race Perspectives on the 2015-16 Term” at UCLA Law in September 2016. And she appeared on the panel “Privatized Probation and Modern Debtors’ Prisons” at the “Practicing Public Interest Law in the South” conference at Vanderbilt Law School in September 2016.

JULIE CRAMER
Lecturer in Law
In addition to remaining as faculty in the legal research and writing and clinical programs, Julie Cramer has been named coordinator of the Legal Research and Writing program at UCLA Law. In August 2017, she presented “Bridging the Gap Between the First Year Legal Research and Writing Program and Live Client Clinical Work” at the Western Regional Legal Writing Conference in Seattle.

KIMBERLÉ W. CRENSHAW
Distinguished Professor of Law
Professor Crenshaw received an honorary doctorate from John Jay College of Criminal Justice in June 2017, and she will receive the Gittler Prize from Brandeis University in October. She spent her second year as the Centennial Professor at the London School of Economics, and she delivered the 22nd Annual Douglas W. Bryant Lecture at the British Library in May 2017. Her organization, the African American Policy Forum (AAPF) also celebrated its 20th year, with awards presented to Keith Ellison, Eve Ensler, Joy-Ann Reid and Barbara Smith.

SCOTT L. CUMMINGS
Robert Henigson Professor of Legal Ethics
Professor Cummings offered his work and insight on public interest law and legal practice as a presenter, participant or commentator at conferences and symposia around the world. These included international summits in Mexico City and Bogota, Colombia; meetings of the Association of American Law Schools in San Francisco and Denver, and the American Bar Foundation in Chicago; presentations at events at Harvard Law School, Indiana University Maurer School of Law, UC Irvine School of Law, and UCLA, where served as the faculty co-chair of the UCLA Law Review symposium “Lawyers and Social Movements: Reimagining Theory and Practice.”
Publications


Review of Nietzsche’s *Culture of Humanity: Beyond Aristocracy and Democracy in the Early Period*, by Jeffrey Church, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2016).

SHARON DOLOVICH
Professor of Law
Faculty Director, UCLA Prison Law and Policy Program

Professor Dolovich organized the UCLA Prisoners’ Advocates Conference at UCLA Law in September 2016. The two-day event brought together more than two dozen scholars and experts in the area of prisoners’ rights, and featured a keynote address by Heather Ann Thompson of the University of Michigan, author of the book *Blood in the Water: The Attica Prison Uprising of 1971 and Its Legacy*. In addition, her Prison Law & Policy Program welcomed speakers to a series of informal conversations with students about a variety of issues central to the criminal justice system. She presented her work on prisons and criminal justice in conferences or workshops at UCLA, Columbia Law School, UC Irvine, the University of Michigan and the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law at Arizona State University, and before the Criminal Justice Section of the Association of American Law Schools at its annual meeting.

Publications


INGRID V. EAGLY
Professor of Law
Faculty Director, David J. Epstein Program in Public Interest Law and Policy

Professor Eagly received the 2017 UCLA Distinguished Teaching Award, the highest teaching honor that the university bestows. She presented her work on immigration at numerous meetings, including the Law and Society Association’s annual conference in Mexico City, the Los Angeles Law Library’s Law Week 2017, the Winter Bench and Bar Conference of the Federal Bar Council of the Second Circuit, the annual conference of the California Federation of Interpreters, and the CINETS conference at the
University of Maryland. She also offered her scholarship at Boston College Law School, the University of Denver's Sturm College of Law, and faculty colloquia at UC Davis School of Law and the University of Texas at Austin School of Law.

Publications

KRISTEN EICHENSEHR
Assistant Professor of Law

Professor Eichensehr presented her scholarship and insight on cybersecurity at events at Stanford University, Harvard Law School, UCLA Law, Duke Law School and the University of Texas at Austin, as well as before the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Bar Association’s 26th Annual Review of the Field of National Security Law, and the Advanced Operational Law Conference of the U.S. Strategic Command at Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue, Nebraska. In the foreign-relations sphere, she presented the paper “Political Commitments as Strategic Choices” at the Yale-Duke Foreign Relations Law Roundtable at Yale Law School in October 2016, and another paper at the Southern California International Law Scholars Conference at USC in February 2017 and at the Junior Federal Courts Workshop at Emory University in March 2017.

Publications

STEPHEN GARDBAUM
MacArthur Foundation Professor of International Justice and Human Rights

In October, Professor Gardbaum participated in the Montpelier Comparative Constitutional Law Roundtable at the estate of James Madison in Virginia. In December, he chaired one of the two panels and served as commentator on papers at the international conference on Constitutional Dialogue at the University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law. Later that month, he presented his paper “Constitutional Interpretation and Reinterpretation in Japan: The Case of Article 9” at the War on Japan’s Pacifist Constitution Symposium held on the Komaba Campus of the University of Tokyo. At the Association of American Law Schools’ annual meeting in January in San Francisco, he gave a talk evaluating the power of the Indian Supreme Court for the panel on Fundamental Rights and Constitutional Transitions in South Asia. At the International Society of Public Law (ICON-S) 2017 Conference in Copenhagen in July, he participated on five separate panels and presented his paper, “What Makes for Stronger or Weaker Constitutional Courts?” at one of them. Professor Gardbaum was also elected by the members of the International Society of Public Law to serve on its General Council in June 2017.

Publications

CAROLE E. GOLDBERG
Jonathan D. Varat Distinguished Professor of Law

Following the end of her term as UCLA’s Vice Chancellor for Academic Personnel, Professor Goldberg was on sabbatical for the 2016-17 year. During this time, she worked on completing a book focused on the history and legal struggles of the indigenous people whose ancestral territory encompasses most of the San Fernando Valley, with Professor Duane Champagne. In November, she also delivered the 10th Annual Rennard Strickland Lecture, “Native Youth, Juvenile (In)Justice, and 'A Roadmap for Making Native America Safer,'” at the University of Oregon School of Law.

Publications

LAURA E. GÓMEZ
Professor of Law

Professor Gómez has completed a one-year term as Interim Dean of the Division of Social Sciences, UCLA’s largest academic unit. In June, she attended the annual meeting of the Law and Society Association in Mexico City, where she shared lessons learned to increase the pool of men of color and women of all races for faculty jobs, presented critical commentary on a legal history book, and chaired a plenary session on the conference theme, “Walls, Borders and Bridges: Law and Society in an Inter-Connected World.” This coming December, a second edition of her book Manifest Destinies: the Making of the Mexican American Race
will be published by New York University Press on the book’s 10-year anniversary. Widely used in ethnic studies, American studies and history courses, *Manifest Destinies* reveals the forgotten history of the nation’s original Mexican Americans — the 115,000 Mexican people who lived in what was then northern Mexico, but who became U.S. citizens overnight in 1848, when Mexico ceded half of its territory to the U.S. — and excavates the fascinating social and legal history that arose when the Spanish-Mexican legal system clashed with the Anglo-American legal system.

**Publications**

**MARK F. GRADY**
*Distinguished Professor of Law*

Professor Grady led a team of UCLA Law students who studied the feasibility of using markets to help solve California’s groundwater problem. He recently presented their multi-chapter report at a conference at UC Santa Barbara. The study was funded by UC President Janet Napolitano.

**MARK GREENBERG**
*Professor of Law*
*Professor of Philosophy*

Professor Greenberg delivered talks on legal interpretation at Columbia University, UC Santa Barbara, and Yale University.

**Publications**

**CHERYL I. HARRIS**
*Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Professor in Civil Rights and Civil Liberties*
*Faculty Co-Director, Critical Race Studies Program*

Professor Harris served as the first chair of the UCLA Department of African American Studies, which grew from an interdepartmental program to a recognized department in 2014. She delivered numerous presentations at universities and in other settings. Her talk “The Afterlife of Slavery: Race, Property and Debt” was the keynote at symposia in the United States, Europe, Australia and New Zealand. Harris also convened a two-day workshop at UCLA Law on Derrick Bell’s seminal textbook, *Race, Racism and American Law*, as a prelude to its forthcoming revision, the first in eight years.

**Publications**

**SEAN B. HECHT**
*Co-Executive Director, Emmett Institute on Climate Change and the Environment*
*Evan Frankel Professor of Policy and Practice*
*Co-Director, UCLA Law Environmental Law Clinic*

Sean Hecht presented his work on environmental law and policy as a panelist, presenter or moderator at Law Seminars International’s Land Use in California seminar in Los Angeles in September 2016; the Environmental Law Institute in October 2016; the Environmental Law Conference at Yosemite in Fish Camp, California, in October 2016; the Los Angeles County Bar Association in November 2016; the “California’s Coastal Act: The Next 40 Years” conference at UC Berkeley School of Law in November 2016; UCLA Law in November 2016, April 2017 and May 2017; and the California Preservation Conference in Pasadena in May 2017. He filed amicus briefs on related issues in cases before the California Court of Appeal and the U.S. Courts of Appeal for the D.C. Circuit and Ninth Circuit.

**Publications**
JILL R. HORWITZ  
Professor of Law

As co-reporter of the American Law Institute’s Restatement of the Law, First, Charitable Nonprofit Organizations, Professor Horwitz’s Tentative Draft 2 was approved by the ALI’s membership in May 2017. She delivered the talk “Technology Regulation Reconsidered: The Effects of Certificate of Need on MRI Access, Quality, and Cost” at University of Virginia School of Law in March 2017 and at UCLA Law in November 2016. Also in November 2016, as part of a panel discussion for Zócalo Public Square in Los Angeles, she presented “Can Anything Stop America’s Opioid Addiction?”

JERRY KANG  
Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion  
Professor of Law  
Professor of Asian American Studies  
(by courtesy)  
Korea Times–Hankook Ilbo Chair in Korean American Studies and Law

Vice Chancellor Kang’s numerous engagements include presentations at several UCLA divisions and at the Los Angeles Superior Court Judicial Education Seminar in Alhambra, California, where he delivered the keynote in May 2017; the 2017 Fifth Circuit Judicial Conference in Grapevine, Texas, in May 2017; RAND Corporation in Santa Monica in May 2017; the Association of American Universities 2017 Spring Partners’ Meeting in Washington, D.C., in April 2017; the UCOP Council of Vice Chancellors Diversity Retreat in Oakland in April 2017; University of Southern California in March 2017; Yale University in January 2017; PEN America Convening in Philadelphia in November 2016; the UC Santa Barbara Multicultural Forum in November 2016; the Mentoring the Next Generation Conference of UC Berkeley Law, the Korea Law Center and the Council of Korean Americans in Berkeley in October 2016; the UCOP Diversity Leaders’ Retreat in Irvine, California, in September 2016; the National Medical Association Annual Convention and Scientific Assembly in Los Angeles in July 2016; and the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Los Angeles County in July 2016.

SUNG HUI KIM  
Professor of Law  
Faculty Director of the Program on In-House Counsel, Lowell Milken Institute for Business Law and Policy

Professor Kim delivered the keynote lecture “Do Corporate Lawyers Have Responsibilities to the Public?” to the Symposium on Legal Ethics for Corporate Lawyering at the Amsterdam Centre on the Legal Professions of the University of Amsterdam and the Free University of Amsterdam in June 2017. She presented her works “The Supreme Court’s Fiduciary Duty to Forego Gifts” at the Fiduciary Government Conference at UCLA Law in June 2017, and “The Failure of Federal Incorporation: A Public Choice Perspective” at the UCLA Law conference “Can Delaware Be Dethroned? Evaluating Delaware’s Dominance of Corporate Law” in February 2017. In addition, she moderated the panel “How to do Business in Emerging Markets with Integrity: The Role of the CEO and of Top Corporate Officers?” at the UCLA Anderson School of Management’s Global Business & Policy Forum in November 2016.

Publications


RUSSELL KOROBKIN  
Vice Dean for Academic and Institutional Affairs and Richard C. Maxwell Professor of Law

Vice Dean Korobkin presented a draft of “Bargaining with the CEO: The Case for Negotiate First, Choose Second” at the Lowell Milken Institute for Business Law and Policy’s Experimental Methods in Legal Scholarship Workshop at UCLA Law in November 2016 and at the 12th Annual International Conference on Contracts in February 2017.

Publications

MÁXIMO LANGER
Professor of Law
Director of the UCLA Transnational Program on Criminal Justice
Faculty Director of the UCLA Criminal Justice Program

In September 2016, Professor Langer was named the inaugural faculty director of the new Criminal Justice Program at UCLA Law. He also serves as the chair of the program committee for the annual meeting of the American Society of Comparative Law. He presented his work at global conferences, symposia and meetings in Argentina, at Universidad Nacional de Tres de Febrero, National University of Litoral, University of Buenos Aires School of Law, Austral University School of Law, and the University of Palermo; in Mexico City; and at the law schools at Arizona State University, Georgetown University, Stanford University and UCLA.

Publications

DOUGLAS LICHTMAN
Professor of Law

As part of the Los Angeles Intellectual Property Law Association’s Judges’ Night Gala in March 2017, Professor Lichtman participated in a panel discussion with Judge Alex Kozinski ’75 of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Judge Andrew Guilford ’75 and Magistrate Judge Gail Standish ’93 of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California. He delivered the keynote address “Where Lawyers Fail” at the Lightspark Media Summit at the University of Utah’s S.J. Quinney College of Law in March 2017. That month, he also presented his work “Patient Patents” at UC Berkeley’s Law and Economics Workshop.

LYNN M. LOPUCKI
Security Pacific Bank Distinguished Professor of Law


Publications

TIMOTHY MALLOY
Professor of Law
Faculty Director, UCLA Sustainable Technology & Policy Program

Professor Malloy was appointed director of the Environmental Science and Engineering graduate program in UCLA’s Institute of the Environment and Sustainability. In June 2017, he testified before the Department of Toxic Substances Control Independent Review Panel on progress in implementing California’s Safer Consumer Products program. That month, he also planned and participated in the symposium “Toxics in Everyday Life” at UCLA’s Center for Occupational and Environmental Health.

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In addition, he presented his work at the Society for Risk Analysis Policy Forum: Risk Governance for Key Enabling Technologies in Venice, Italy, in March 2017; Danish Technical University in January 2017; the Society for Risk Analysis Annual Meeting in San Diego in December 2016; UC Santa Barbara’s Bren School of Environmental Management in October 2016; and the National Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods in September 2016.

Publications

JON D. MICHAELS
Professor of Law
Professor Michaels delivered talks on administrative law, constitutional law, the federal bureaucracy, and presidential powers at the American Constitution Society’s national convention; the University of Wisconsin Law School; the Ohio State University’s Moritz College of Law; and the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools.

Publications

JENNIFER L. MNOOKIN
Dean and David G. Price and Dallas P. Price Professor of Law
Faculty Co-Director, PULSE @ UCLA Law (Program on Understanding Law, Science & Evidence)

Dean Mnookin took part in several conferences addressing issues regarding forensic science, technology and the law. As part of other leadership endeavors outside UCLA Law, she helped spearhead efforts by the deans of California’s 20 accredited law schools to seek reforms in the State Bar’s policy regarding bar exam passage rates, and joined the advisory board of the Electronic Privacy Information Center. She also serves on the deans’ steering committee of the Association of American Law Schools. In 2016, Mnookin co-chaired an advisory group of judges and academics to the President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST), which in September 2016 issued a report on actions to strengthen the reliability of forensic science used in the courtroom. In March 2017, she moderated the panel “Fake News: The Role of Technology and Law” before the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine’s Committee on Science, Technology, and the Law. She also spoke about the PCAST report in an address to participants at the Innocence Network Conference. In April 2017, Mnookin gave the keynote address on expert evidence, science policy and the law at the conference “Evidence: An Interdisciplinary Conversation About Knowing and Certainty” at Columbia University’s Center for Science & Society. In June, Mnookin served on a panel addressing "The History and Future of Forensic Science" at the Judicial Conference of the Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. Mnookin co-chaired the organizing committee for the ABA’s annual Deans’ Workshop, where she served on a panel addressing the future of the bar exam and co-moderated a question-and-answer session with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan. In July 2017, she participated on a panel discussion on “The Future of Science in the Courtroom” at the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference. In July, she participated in an American Academy of Arts & Sciences workshop on “Science and the Legal System” in Cambridge, Massachusetts, delivering her paper on “The Future of Expertise in Forensic Science.” This article will be included in a special issue of Daedalus, the journal of the AAAS, forthcoming in 2017.

RACHEL F. MORAN
Michael J. Connell Distinguished Professor of Law and Dean Emerita

Dean Emerita Moran served as the Austin Wakeman Scott Visiting Professor of Law at Harvard Law School and as a member of the advisory board of the Academic Engagement Network. She was an active participant in leading conferences across the country, including at the American Bar Association’s...
annual meeting in San Francisco in August 2016; the Aspen Institute in Los Angeles in August 2016; the Association of American Law Schools’ annual meeting in San Francisco in January 2017; the annual policy conference of the California Latino Legislative Caucus in Calistoga, California, in March 2017; the Academic Engagement Network’s national conference in Chicago in May 2017; as well as at the University of Washington School of Law, Harvard Law School, Yale Law School and the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law.

Publications


HIROSHI MOTOMURA
Susan Westerberg Prager Professor of Law

Professor Motomura received a Guggenheim Fellowship for 2017, as one of the nation’s leading experts on immigration law and policy. He will continue to work on a new book, Migrants, Refugees, and Citizens, which examines immigration policy matters, such as whether immigrants’ rights are best understood as a matter of civil rights or human rights, how mass migrations due to armed conflict, breakdowns in civil society, and environmental degradation impact the immigration conversation; the implications of policies that offer immigrants no path to citizenship. He was also honored as the presenter of the 20th Annual Bell Distinguished Lectureship in Law at the College of Wooster in Ohio in April 2017. His speaking schedule took him to more than 40 events in 2016-17, including 10 talks on his book in progress and more than 25 lectures and presentations on various aspects of immigration law, policy or history throughout the United States and in Japan. He is an active member of UCLA’s Chancellor’s Advisory Council on Immigration Policy; the board of directors of the Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network in Denver; and the board of directors of the National Immigration Law Center in Los Angeles, where he is also vice chair. He was a volunteer consultant on amicus curiae briefs in nine federal court cases, and remains on the editorial board of the International Migration Review, a leading, peer-reviewed multi-disciplinary journal on migration studies. During the Spring 2017 semester, he planned and taught, with Professor Joseph Berra, UCLA Law’s new Immigrants’ Rights Policy Clinic.

NEIL W. NETANEL
Pete Kameron Professor of Law

Professor Netanel delivered talks on his book From Maimonides to Microsoft: The Jewish Law of Copyright Since the Birth of Print at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law and the Jewish Theological Seminary in January 2017. He also participated on the panel “Responsa as a Historical Source” at the Association for Jewish Studies’ annual conference in December 2016.

BENJAMIN NYBLADE
Director, Empirical Research Group

Publications


JASON OH
Professor of Law

Publications


FRANCES ELISABETH OLSEN
Professor of Law

Professor Olsen participated in a small, invitation-only program at Oxford University titled “Advanced Seminar on International Extradition and the European Arrest Warrant” in August 2016. After the seminar she went to London and was able to have a private 45-minute meeting
with Julian Assange at the Ecuadorian Embassy. She also presented a keynote speech on “Gender, Sexuality and Law” at the second annual conference on Sexual and Gender Diversity at the Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, in October 2016.

**Publications**

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**JAMES PARK**  
**Professor of Law**  
**Faculty Director, Lowell Milken Institute for Business Law and Policy**

Professor Park presented “Delaware and Santa Fe Industries v. Green” as a panelist at the UCLA Law conference “Can Delaware Be Dethroned? Evaluating Delaware’s Dominance of Corporate Law” in February. He also presented his business law scholarship in meetings and workshops at Yale Law School, Tulane University Law School, Duke University School of Law, the University of Oklahoma College of Law, UC Irvine School of Law and the University of Illinois College of Law.

**Publications**

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**EDWARD A. PARSON**  
**Dan and Rae Emmett Professor of Environmental Law**  
**Faculty Co-Director of the Emmett Institute on Climate Change and the Environment**

Professor Parson has initiated two new three-year research projects, both funded by the Open Philanthropy Project. The first of these will examine the potential contributions, risks, and regulatory and governance needs of controversial new proposals for engineered interventions to partially offset the climate-change risks being caused by elevated greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, either by removing and stably sequestering atmospheric carbon dioxide or by altering the radiation balance between the earth and the sun. The second project, which Parson jointly leads with Professor Richard M. Re, examines societal impacts, risks, and potential legal, regulatory, and other governance responses for artificial intelligence and machine learning. During 2016-17, Parson spent short periods as visiting faculty at Harvard University and at ETH-Zurich. He convened and led a session on “Policy and Legal Issues in Deep Decarbonization” at the inaugural symposium for the new UCLA Luskin Conference Center, and convened and co-chaired a Forum on U.S. Solar Geoengineering Research at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington, D.C., with sponsorship from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. His invited lectures and seminars included presentations at the Michigan Legal Theory Workshop, at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, at Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, at the Oxford Martin School of Oxford University and in Zócalo Public Square. Beginning in 2017-18, Parson will co-direct UCLA’s new Ph.D. program in Environment and Sustainability.

**Publications**

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**KAL RAUSTIALA**  
**Professor of Law**  
**Director, UCLA Ronald W. Burkle Center for International Relations**  
**Faculty Director, UCLA International Education Office**

Professor Raustiala renewed as director of the UCLA Ronald W. Burkle Center for International Relations for another five-year term. He delivered talks at National University of Singapore; the University of Pennsylvania; the Social Trends Institute in Barcelona, Spain; the Technical University of Munich, Germany; U.S. Pacific Command at Camp H.M. Smith in Hawaii; and the American Society of International Law’s annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

**Publications**
RICHARD M. RE
Assistant Professor of Law
Faculty Co-Director, PULSE @ UCLA Law (Program on Understanding Law, Science & Evidence)

Professor Re received the AALS Federal Courts Section Prize for the best paper on federal courts by an untenured professor at the Association of American Law Schools’ annual meeting in San Francisco in January 2017. He was also honored as Professor of the Year by the UCLA Law Class of 2017 and spoke at the school’s commencement ceremonies in May 2017. As faculty co-director of PULSE @ UCLA Law, he helped secure a $1.5 million grant to fund an ambitious and innovative research project, studying disruptive societal and legal changes stemming from artificial intelligence, which he will head with Professor Edward A. Parson.

Publications

ANGELA R. RILEY
Professor of Law
Director, MA/JD Joint Degree Program in Law and American Indian Studies
Director, Native Nations Law and Policy Center

Professor Riley organized, co-chaired and was a speaker at the symposium “The Indigenous Rights Movement: Tribal, Domestic & International Law Dimensions,” at Harvard Law School in October 2016. She was also invited to participate in the “Race, Whiteness and Indigeneity” international conference at Queensland University of Technology in Australia in June 2017.

Publications

JAMES SALZMAN
Donald Bren Distinguished Professor of Environmental Law


Publications

RICHARD H. SANDER
Professor of Law

The Center for Independent Thought awarded Professor Sander its 2016 Thomas S. Szasz Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Cause of Civil Liberties.

Publications
JOANNA C. SCHWARTZ
Professor of Law
Vice Dean for Faculty Development

Professor Schwartz was named UCLA Law’s Vice Dean for Faculty Development, starting in the 2017-18 school year. In Spring 2017, she visited at Harvard Law School. She also presented her work at Duke University, the University of Chicago and Harvard Law School.

Publications

SEANA VALENTINE SHIFFRIN
Professor of Philosophy
Peté Kamerson Professor of Law and Social Justice

Professor Shiffrin received the 2016 Rutter Award for Excellence in Teaching. Shiffrin presented “Democratic Law” and “Common and Constitutional Law: A Democratic Legal Perspective” when she delivered the prestigious Tanner Lectures on Human Values at UC Berkeley in April 2017. She also served as keynote speaker at the 12th Annual International Conference on Contracts in February 2017. Her other presentations included participation in the freedom of speech panel “Free Expression in the Trump Era” at the American Bar Foundation event at UCLA in June 2017; “Love in Times of Injustice: Reply to Lebron” delivered in absentia before the Stanford University conference in honor of Joshua Cohen in January 2017; “Deontology and the First Amendment” for a panel on Steven Shiffrin’s “What’s Wrong With the First Amendment?” at Cornell Law School in November 2016; and “Democratic Law” at the University of Pittsburgh in November 2016. She is the co-founder and co-director of the UCLA Law and Philosophy Program and has served as the chair of UCLA’s Department of Philosophy since 2016.

Publications

KIRK J. STARK
Barrall Family Professor of Tax Law and Policy

Professor Stark’s presentations include “Multistate Dimensions of Income and Sales Taxation” at the Conference of State Tax Judges in Portland, Oregon, in September 2016; “Upward Mobility and State-Level EITCs: Evaluating California’s Earned Income Tax Credit” at the Sixth Annual NYU/UCLA Tax Policy Symposium, “Tax Policy and Social Mobility,” in October 2016; “Regional Public Financing and Affordable Housing in Southern California” at the Southern California Association of Governments’ Summit on Affordable Housing in Los Angeles in October 2016; “Targeted Tax Incentives Versus Comprehensive Reform in State Tax Policy” before the State Government Affairs Council in Dana Point, California, in November 2016; “Are Federalism an Obstacle to Fundamental Tax Reform?” at the Association of American Law Schools’ annual meeting in San Francisco in January 2017; “Tax Reform in the Trump Era” at the Society of Trusts and Estates Practitioners in Newport Beach, California, in January 2017, and at the Beverly Hills Bar Association in March 2017; and “Implications of Federal Tax Reform for California” to the legislative staff at the UC Center in Sacramento in June 2017.

Publications

RICHARD H. STEINBERG
Professor of Law
Professor of Political Science

In the last year, Professor Steinberg has delivered several invited talks, including at Stanford University on patterns of international criminal sentencing; at the University of Ljubljana on the effects of international criminal justice on the demobilization of African militias; and at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative on potential trade remedies for state-sponsored cyber-theft of U.S. companies’ trade secrets. He continues to serve as editor-in-chief of ICCForum.com, a collaboration with Fatou Bensouda, Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court. Recent issues addressed on the forum consider how African states’ withdrawals from the ICC might
affect the emerging system of international criminal justice and ways to measure the performance of the ICC.

**Publications**

LARA STEMPLE
*Assistant Dean for Graduate Studies and International Student Programs*
*Director, Health and Human Rights Law Project*

In November 2016, Assistant Dean Stemple presented “Conflict, Rape, and Gender: Overcoming Taboos” at the European Center for Survivors of Torture in Germany. She also delivered talks in April 2017 at the UCLA Global Health Networking Night and the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health’s Sustainable Development Goals lecture series, where she spoke on “Gender, Health, and the Sustainable Development Goals.”

**Publications**

KATHERINE STONE
*Anjay and Frances Miller Distinguished Professor of Law*

Professor Stone was awarded the 2017 LLRN Bob Hepple Award for Lifetime Achievement in Labour Law by the Labour Law Research Network, the leading international organization of labor law scholars, at the LLRN annual meeting in Toronto in June 2017. Also at the LLRN annual meeting, she organized and presented on the panel “New Forms of Work: How Can They Be Regulated” and participated in “Trends in EU Labor Law: Is There an ‘Amerizanization’ of Models?” Her many other presentations on labor law and its emerging issues in the gig economy included “The Status of Mandatory Arbitration Agreements and the Future of the Joint Employer Doctrine Under a Changing NLRB” and “Forced Arbitration and Why It Matters: Contemporary Arbitration Debates” at the annual meeting of the Labor and Employment Research Association in Anaheim, California, in June 2017; “Does Globalization Only Help Elites? Trade Agreements and Rising Inequality” at Zócalo Public Square in Los Angeles in March 2017; “Labor and Trade” at UCLA Law’s 2017 *Journal of International Law & Foreign Affairs* Symposium on “U.S. Trade Policy in the New Administration,” where she served as a moderator and commentator, in March 2017; “Employment Law During the Trump Administration. Where Is It Headed?” at the UCLA Law Women LEAD Summit in February 2017; and “Gigs, On-Demand, and Just-in-Time Workers: What Can Unions Do?” at the Cornell University School of Industrial and Labor Relations in October 2016.

**Publications**

REBECCA STONE
*Assistant Professor of Law*

Professor Stone presented “Private Law as Self-Defense” at the Analytic Legal Philosophy Conference at the University of Michigan School of Law in 2017; “Promises,

**Publications**

**ALEXANDER STREMITZER**  
Professor of Law  
Professor Stremitzer is associate director of the UCLA Center for Law & Economics. The center co-sponsored the Experimental Methods in Legal Scholarship Workshop at UCLA Law in November 2016.

**Publications**

**SHEROD THAXTON**  
Assistant Professor of Law  
Professor Thaxton served on the planning committee for the Association of American Law Schools’ Mid-Year Meeting at American University Washington College of Law in June 2017. There, he moderated the discussion on “Criminal Justice Metrics.” He also moderated a panel on “Racialized State Violence” at UCLA Law’s 9th Critical Race Studies Symposium, “From Colorblindness to White Nationalism: Emerging Racial Formations in the Trump Era,” in March 2017. In addition, he presented his work at Duke University, UCLA, UC Irvine and Stanford University. He also served as a peer reviewer for Law and Social Inquiry and Law and Society Review.

**Publications**

**EUGENE VOLOKH**  
Gary T. Schwartz Distinguished Professor of Law  
Professor Volokh ’92 was named UCLA Law’s Alumnus of the Year for Professional Achievement in May 2017. His Scott & Cyan Banister First Amendment Clinic enjoyed ongoing success, filing amicus briefs in dozens of state and federal courts nationwide. For the clinic, he delivered oral arguments before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit in Tobinick v. Novella, in which he argued that a medical commentator’s criticism of a doctor was fully protected speech; the Utah Supreme Court in Butt v. State, in which he argued for a narrow reading of the obscenity exception, as applied to supposedly “harmful-to-minors” speech; the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in Frudden v. Pilling, in which he argued that a school district violated the First Amendment by requiring students to wear T-shirts containing a school motto; and the Mississippi Supreme Court in Mississippi Commission on Judicial Performance v. Polk-Payton, in which he argued in favor of a broad reading of elected judges’ rights to communicate with their constituents via books and social media.

**Publications**

**ALEX WANG**  
Assistant Professor of Law  
Professor Wang’s article “Explaining Environmental Information Disclosure in China” was selected for the 2017 Stanford / Yale / Harvard Junior Faculty Forum at Stanford Law School in June 2017.

**Publications**

**ADAM WINKLER**  
Professor of Law  
Professor Winkler appeared on many panels, including “Meeting the Moment: ACS Leaders Reflect on the Legal Resistance” at the American Constitution Society National Convention in Washington, D.C., in June 2017; “Does the Expansion of Presidential Power Threaten the Constitution?” at Zócalo Public Square in Los Angeles in April 2017; “The Hot-Button Constitution: Examining the Issues that
Divide Us in Both Law and Politics” at the Indiana Law Journal symposium on “The Future of the U.S. Constitution” in March 2017; and “Trumping Democracy” at UCLA Law in February 2017. His lectures included a My Daily Constitution talk on the Emoluments Clause and Trump at the Hammer Museum in Los Angeles in June 2016; a presentation on corporations and the Constitution to the Adam Smith Society of the UCLA Anderson School of Management in February 2017; and a lecture on the future of gun rights at the UC Berkeley Human Rights Center in February 2017. He also created and taught a new experiential course at UCLA Law, Supreme Court Simulation.

Publications
- We the Corporations: How American Businesses Won Their Civil Rights, W.W. Norton & Company (forthcoming 2018)

PAVEL WONSOWICZ
Lecturer in Law
Director, Academic Support Program

Publications

JONATHAN M. ZASLOFF
Professor of Law

A noted commentator on social-justice issues including the impact of fair housing practices, Professor Zasloff also offered insight in his work as a columnist for the Jewish Journal.

Publications

NOAH D. ZATZ
Professor of Law
Faculty Co-Director, Critical Race Studies
Associate Director, UCLA Institute for Research on Labor and Employment

Professor Zatz received a prestigious Open Society Fellowship for 2017-18 to advance his “Get to Work or Go to Jail” project on the impact of incarceration on job opportunities and to build on collaborations with the UCLA Labor Center and A New Way of Life Reentry Project. The initial research report was cited by the Prison Policy Initiative as among the most notable criminal justice research of 2016.

Publications

ERIC M. ZOLT
Michael H. Schill Distinguished Professor of Law


Publications
- “Wealth Taxes in Developing Countries,” in Winning the Tax Wars: Global Solutions for Developing Countries, with Richard Murphy, World Bank (2017).

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**BLAKE EMERSON**  
*Assistant Professor of Law*  
Blake Emerson’s primary interests lie in administrative law, legislation, anti-discrimination law, torts and legal theory. He currently is completing a book, *The Public’s Law: A Progressive Vision of American Democracy* (Oxford University Press), which examines the American Progressives’ theory of the administrative state. His other publications have appeared or are forthcoming in the *Minnesota Law Review, Buffalo Law Review, Quaderni Fiorentini,* and *Review of Politics,* among others. Emerson currently is a Research Fellow with the Administrative Conference of the United States in Washington, D.C.  

He received his B.A. magna cum laude with Highest Honors from Williams College, his M.A. and M.Phil. from Yale University, his Ph.D. from Yale University, and his J.D. with Honors from Yale Law School. In 2017, he received an American Constitution Society prize for regulatory and administrative law scholarship.

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**SUNITA PATEL**  
*Assistant Professor of Law*  
*Faculty Director of the Veterans Legal Clinic*  
Sunita Patel’s primary areas of research include police misconduct, social movement theory, and the intersection of migrant rights and criminal procedure.  

Prior to joining UCLA Law, she held clinical teaching positions with the Civil Advocacy Clinic at American University and the Transnational Legal Clinic at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. She has practice experience with notable public interest institutions, including the Center for Constitutional Rights, the Legal Aid Society of New York, and the Southern Center for Human Rights. An experienced litigator, she has appeared before administrative bodies; state, federal, and appellate courts; and human rights tribunals. She has engaged in significant litigation and advocacy on a range of issues including policing, criminal justice processes, racial profiling, immigration detention, employment law and international human rights, and has also provided legal counsel to numerous grassroots social justice organizations.

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**FACULTY :: ADDITIONAL NEW FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATORS**

**DALE COHEN**  
*Director, Documentary Film Legal Clinic*  
Dale Cohen’s research interests include media and communications law. He is special counsel at *Frontline,* an award-winning newsroom PBS documentary series where he educates, counsels and leads the news team and producers on legal, ethical and quality control issues. His extensive experience as a media lawyer, litigator and executive includes positions as vice president at Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, senior director at NPR, associate general counsel of Media at Cox Enterprises, Inc., and various positions at Tribune Company. Dale was also a litigation partner at the law firm of Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal in Chicago. He teaches News Media Law in the Digital Age at UCLA Law. His teaching experience includes media-related courses at University of North Carolina School of Law, Emory College, University of Maryland, and Northwestern University. He is also a frequent speaker at media law conferences. He earned his B.A. cum laude at Syracuse University and his J.D. cum laude at Northwestern University School of Law. He is co-author of leading textbook *Media and the Law* (LexisNexis, 2d Edition, 2014).

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**JOCELYN SAMUELS**  
*Executive Director, Williams Institute on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Law and Public Policy*  
Jocelyn Samuels joins UCLA Law from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, where from 2014 to 2017 she was the Director of the Office for Civil Rights. In that role, she oversaw civil rights enforcement with respect to hospitals, healthcare providers, insurers and human services agencies.

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A winner of the Soros Justice Advocacy Fellowship, Patel served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Ivan L. R. Lemelle in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. She earned her J.D. magna cum laude at American University Washington College of Law, and her B.A. at Tulane University. Her scholarship has appeared in *Wake Forest Law Review* and *UCLA Asian Pacific American Law Journal.*
Previously, Samuels served as Acting Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Justice and held other positions as a political appointee within the department. She oversaw work across a range of civil rights issues, including voting rights, systemic reform of police departments, prosecution of hate crimes, protections for individuals with disabilities, and extension of Title VII and Title IX protections against sex discrimination to LGBT people. Earlier in her career, she worked as a senior policy attorney at the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and as Labor Counsel to Sen. Ted Kennedy. She is a former Vice President for Education & Employment at the National Women’s Law Center. Samuels earned her bachelor’s degree magna cum laude with Phi Beta Kappa honors from Middlebury College and her J.D. from Columbia Law School.

WILBERT WATTS
Co-Director, Veterans Legal Clinic
Wilbert Watts’ focus is legal advocacy on behalf of veterans, their caregivers and families. His teaching includes the Veterans Legal Clinic and Introduction to the Lawyer-Client Relationship.

Watts joins UCLA Law from Public Counsel, where he served as the Directing Attorney for the Homelessness Prevention Law Project. In this role, he sought to address the needs of both veterans and non-veterans throughout the City and County of Los Angeles who are homeless or at high risk of becoming homeless. Prior to joining Public Counsel, Watts was a partner at DLA Piper, where he practiced in all areas of real estate representing major financial institutions, investment funds, developers of major projects throughout Southern California and insurance companies.

His numerous board and civic activities include serving as a Los Angeles County Commissioner on behalf of Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas.

Watts earned his A.B. in English and Psychology magna cum laude from Georgetown University and his J.D. from Harvard Law School.

FACULTY FOCUS :: NEW APPOINTMENTS & VISITING PROFESSORS

PETER REICH
Lecturer in Law
Peter Reich will teach LL.M. courses at UCLA Law. He is the former Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Law at Whittier Law School, where he directed the Study Abroad Programs in Spain and Mexico and the Environmental Law Concentration. Reich has published books and articles on the legal history and natural resources law of Mexico and the U.S. Southwest, which have received awards from the Pacific Coast Council on Latin American Studies and the Western History Association. He has litigated cases applying Mexican law in the United States and has addressed the Senate of Mexico three times on California water law and federalism. Reich’s forthcoming book, The Law of the United States-Mexico Border: A Casebook, will be published by Carolina Academic Press. He received his J.D. from UC Berkeley School of Law and his Ph.D. in modern Latin American history from UCLA.

TODD SCHNEIDER
Lecturer in Law
Todd Schneider teaches Legal Research and Writing and assists in teaching upper division clinical courses. From 2008 to 2017, he worked in the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. Prior to that, he spent six years with the U.S. Department of Justice, first with the Special Litigation Section of the Civil Rights Division, then with the Human Rights and Special Prosecutions Section of the Criminal Division. Upon receiving his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center, he clerked for the Hon. John M. Steadman on the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

SARAH WETZSTEIN
Lecturer in Law
Sarah Wetzstein teaches Legal Research and Writing and assists in teaching upper division clinical courses. Prior to joining UCLA Law, she was an attorney at Hope4Families, a special education program in San Francisco.
law firm, where she represented special-needs students from low-income families in connection with their educational rights. She spent the first eight years of her career as a litigator at Gibson, Dunn, & Crutcher.

She earned her B.S. from Cornell University and her J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School where she served as a senior editor of the *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*.

**FACULTY :: NEW FELLOWS**

**MEREDITH HANKINS**
*Shapiro Fellow in Environmental Law and Policy*

Meredith Hankins earned her B.S. in Chemical Engineering from USC and her J.D. from UC Davis School of Law. At UC Davis, she was elected to the Order of the Coif and received certificates in Environmental Law and Public Interest Law. She also served as co-editor-in-chief of *Environs Environmental Law and Policy Journal*, co-chair of the Environmental Law Society, and as a research and teaching assistant.

Before joining UCLA Law, she clerked for the Hon. Michael D. Wilson of the Supreme Court of Hawaii. Prior to law school, she worked as an air quality engineer for the South Coast Air Quality Management District, where she worked on petroleum refinery permitting and enforcement programs under the Clean Air Act and other federal, state and local air quality regulations.

**NATHANIEL LOGAR**
*Emmett/Frankel Fellow in Environmental Law and Policy*

Nathaniel Logar clerked for the Hon. Eric A. Aarseth on the Anchorage Superior Court in Alaska. He earned his B.S. in Geology from Brown University, his Ph.D. in Science and Technology Policy from University of Colorado, and his J.D. from University of Colorado Law School, where he was lead articles editor for the *Natural Resources, Energy, and Environmental Law Review*. During law school, he received the Colorado Law Merit Scholarship and the Gordon and Welda Allott Scholarship.

**K-SUE PARK**
*Critical Race Studies Fellow*

K-Sue Park earned her B.A. summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa honors from Cornell University, her M.Phil with Distinction from University of Cambridge, her J.D. cum laude from Harvard Law School, and her Ph.D. from UC Berkeley. She was an Equal Justice Works fellow from 2015 to 2017. Her publications have appeared or are forthcoming in *The History of the Present, Law and Social Inquiry*, and *Law & Society Review*.

**ALICIA SOLOW-NIEDERMAN**
*PULSE Fellow in Artificial Intelligence, Law and Policy*

Alicia Solow-Niederman earned her B.A. with distinction from Stanford University and her J.D. cum laude from Harvard Law School, where she was an editor of the *Harvard Law Review*. Before attending law school, Solow-Niederman worked for three years as a project manager at the Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University. While attending law school, she continued her affiliation with the Berkman Klein Center and contributed to scholarship on governance of artificial intelligence, as well as digital privacy and security.
UCLA LAW LAUNCHES
Climate Engineering Study

The potential and pitfalls of climate engineering technologies are the subjects of a new research project led by UCLA School of Law’s Emmett Institute on Climate Change and the Environment.

Climate engineering includes a variety of interventions — examples include reflecting a little sunlight to cool the Earth or recapturing carbon dioxide from power plants or the atmosphere — that could help to offset harm caused by elevated greenhouse gases and resultant climate change. But the possible impacts of such technologies are poorly understood and are likely to cross international borders, raising questions of governance.

“Climate engineering technologies have the potential to significantly reduce climate-related risks,” said Parson. “They could also make climate risks worse or introduce serious new risks, depending on how they are developed, tested, used, and governed — and who gets to decide these things.”

The project will examine issues including the risks posed by small-scale climate engineering research; international coordination and oversight of climate engineering projects, and the interaction of climate engineering with other elements of climate policy.

A NEW EDITION OF DRINKING WATER: A HISTORY

James Salzman, the Donald Bren Distinguished Professor of Environmental Law at UCLA and UC Santa Barbara, authored a second edition of his book Drinking Water: A History (Overlook Duckworth), which received accolades when first published in 2012. The revised edition includes new material addressing the crisis with the public water supply in Flint, Michigan. Salzman is also the author of the leading casebook International Environmental Law and Policy and has served on advisory boards to the Environmental Protection Agency and numerous nonprofit advocacy groups.
**BANK ON US:** UCLA Law faculty and staff helped get 31,000 pounds of food to the needy during L.A. Regional Food Bank’s Food for the Bar event.

California’s Third District Court of Appeal defending the authority of the California Air Resources Board to implement cap-and-trade, which allows companies to swap carbon emission allowances but limits overall emissions in the state. CARB’s authority was challenged by industry groups. The court sided with the state and upheld the program in May 2017.

**CLIMATE POLICY IN THE TRUMP ERA: SPRING SYMPOSIUM**

With global leadership on climate change in flux, in May the Emmett Institute’s 2017 Spring Symposium focused on the topic “State Climate Policy in the Trump Era: California and Beyond.”

More than 150 people attended the event, which featured presentations by Alice Reynolds from the office of California Gov. Jerry Brown; Mary Nichols, Chair of the California Air Resources Board; as well as other state officials and leaders of environmental advocacy groups. Emmett Institute faculty members moderated panels on the implementation of California’s new climate laws and the future of environmental progress under President Trump.

Videos of the event are available on the Emmett Institute website.

**ENVIRONMENTAL FELLOWSHIPS LEAD TO FULL-TIME POSTS**

The Emmett Family Public Service Fellowship in Environmental Law and fellowships offered by state agencies and nonprofit groups provide UCLA Law graduates with opportunities that often lead to rewarding full-time positions. Recent examples include:

Geneva Thompson ’16 worked as an Emmett Fellow at the Ventura-based Wishtoyo Chumash Foundation, which seeks to preserve coastal habitats and the history and culture of coastal communities. After completing her fellowship, Thompson was promoted to staff attorney.

Jaimini Parekh ’16 received a Vietnamese American Bar Association of Northern California (VABANC) Law Foundation Fellowship to work with Communities for a Better Environment to protect residents facing health risks caused by industrial pollution. After her fellowship, she accepted a position as an associate attorney with Earthjustice.

Heather Leslie ’15 gained a fellowship with the Environment Section of the California Department of Justice through the California Attorney General’s Honors Attorney Program. She has now secured a permanent position as a deputy attorney general.
$100,000 in Prizes

LMI-SANDLER COMPETITION REWARDS BUDDING ENTREPRENEURS

UCLA students developing a new type of orthodontic braces took top honors in the UCLA School of Law’s Lowell Milken Institute-Sandler Prize for New Entrepreneurs on April 19. With $100,000 at stake — $70,000 for first place and $30,000 for second place — the LMI-Sandler Prize is the largest competition for entrepreneurs at any law school in the nation.

Twenty teams of UCLA Law students and colleagues from other schools at UCLA offered presentations on their innovative companies to a group of experienced venture funders and business attorneys in the second annual contest. Judges narrowed the field to six before a “Shark Tank”-style final event in April.

Mechanodontics, led by UCLA Law students Angela Li ’17 and Jenny Chen LL.M. ’17, and dentistry resident Mehdi Roein-Peikar, won first place. They say their product shortens treatment times, reduces pain, and is more aesthetic and hygienic than currently available braces. Roein-Peikar and Li told judges that they are performing clinical trials, seeking financing and working to address legal, regulatory and patent matters with outside counsel.

“This competition has given us the opportunity to meet some really experienced and well-connected people in the startup world,” said Li. “It was a humbling experience, and we are grateful to have won the competition.”

The second-place finisher was YT AG., which includes UCLA Law student Sofia Beltran ’17, alum Jared Xu ’16, and engineering student Tim Yingtian Yu. The firm combines proprietary hardware, software and artificial intelligence analyses to help commercial farmers preserve bee populations, which are critical to maintaining a healthy food supply.

The final-round judges included Lowell Milken ’73, the philanthropist and financier whose $10 million gift in 2011 established the Lowell Milken Institute at UCLA Law; Sandler, a partner at Maron & Sandler and executive vice president and a trustee of the Milken Family Foundation, whose gift established the prize; Josh Green ’80 of Carbon3D and Mohr Davidow Ventures; Jules Miller of LunaCap Ventures and Evolve Law; and Michael Silton of Act One Ventures, who is chair emeritus of the UCLA Venture Fund.
PARKED TAPPED TO LEAD LOWELL MILKEN INSTITUTE

Professor James Park was named faculty director of the Lowell Milken Institute for Business Law and Policy in July 2017. Park teaches classes in civil procedure, as well as securities regulation and securities law. His research examines the public and private enforcement of securities laws, as well as federal regulation of governance in public corporations.

Under his direction, the Milken Institute is studying long-term trends among Los Angeles law firms and is planning a conference on Silicon Beach and the Law, among other activities.

Park received his J.D. from Yale Law School, and then clerked for Judge John G. Koeltl of the U.S. District Court for Southern District of New York, and Judge Robert A. Katzmann of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Formerly in private practice and an assistant attorney general for the state of New York, he joined the UCLA Law faculty in 2013.

STUDENT TEAM WINS BEST DRAFT IN NATIONAL COMPETITION

A UCLA Law student team won Best Draft in the national championship of the 2017 Transactional LawMeet competition.

Kimberley Johnson ’17, Reema Kapoor LLM ’17 and Christine Ristow ’17 drafted the winning document. They were coached by Michael Woronoff, a partner at Proskauer Rose and an adjunct professor at UCLA Law, Payom M. Pirahesh ’11 and Jeffrey Brandt ’16, both associates at Sidley. A second UCLA Law team — Stephen Bandrowsky ’17, Adam Don- doyano ’18 and Tyler Dodge ’17 — also competed in the finals. They were coached by Scott Timpe ’11, an associate at Cox Castle, and Tim Najera ’13, an associate at Houlihan Lokey.

In the Transactional LawMeet, practicing attorneys judge students who are working on a simulated business deal. The 2017 competition required teams to represent either the buyer or the seller in a simulated purchase and sale of a beverage company.

An early round of the 2017 competition, which drew 84 teams from around the country, was hosted at UCLA Law by the Lowell Milken Institute for Business Law and Policy.

CAN DELAWARE BE DETHRONED?

This spring, the Lowell Milken Institute partnered with the Southern California Chapter of the National Association of Corporate Directors to present a conversation with Myron T. Steele, the former Chief Justice of the Delaware Supreme Court, on “New Issues for Corporate Governance under Delaware Law.”

Chief Justice Steele was joined by Arnold Pinkston, director of Janus Capital. The discussion was moderated by Stephen M. Bainbridge, UCLA Law’s William D. Warren Distinguished Professor of Law.

The event was part of a symposium featuring professors and practitioners from around the country who addressed how Delaware came to dominate the corporate law world and whether it will sustain that dominance in the future.

Papers written for and first presented at the conference have been collected and published as a book entitled Can Delaware Be Dethroned? Evaluating Delaware’s Dominance of Corporate Law (Cambridge University Press).
STUDENTS LEND A HAND to Detained Families Seeking Asylum

Providing vital legal assistance to women and children who are seeking asylum in the United States, Professor Ingrid Eagly and students in the David J. Epstein Program in Public Interest Law and Policy traveled to Dilley, Texas, in June 2017. Professor Eagly, Katrina Landeta ’19, Kelly Miller ’19, Sasha Novis ’19 and Heejin Hwang ’19 helped prepare mothers and their children incarcerated at the South Texas Family Residential Center for their Credible Fear Interviews, the first step of the asylum process.

“It was heartbreaking to see so many mothers — many of them younger than us — and their children in detention,” Novis said. “People are generally aware of the flawed immigration system, but it is relatively unknown that hundreds of immigrant women and children are being cycled through these prisons.”

The U.S. government created “family detention centers” to hold children and their mothers fleeing dangerous conditions in their home countries. The Dilley facility is the largest of three family detention centers still operating in the U.S. The group worked with the CARA Family Detention Pro Bono Project, an initiative that provides free legal representation for those held in Dilley.

“It was rejuvenating to step away from the books and connect with fierce legal advocates and strong mothers who have come here seeking safety for themselves and their children,” Miller said.

Eagly and the students, along with a CARA staff attorney, offered their perspectives on the work at a September 2017 panel, hosted by the Epstein Program and the UCLA Prison Law and Policy Program.
THREE STUDENTS RECEIVE SKADDEN FELLOWSHIPS

Three third-year students in UCLA School of Law’s David J. Epstein Program in Public Interest Law and Policy received prestigious Skadden Fellowships for 2017.

This marks the second time that three UCLA School of Law students received Skadden Fellowships in one year, making UCLA Law students among the most honored by the program.

Ariana Cernius ’17, Veryl Pow ’17, and Vivian Wong ’17 are working in public interest law positions in Los Angeles and Washington, D.C., as part of the Skadden Fellowship Program, which supports graduating law students who provide legal services to poor, elderly, disabled or otherwise disadvantaged people. Fellows receive a full salary and benefits for two years.

Cernius is at Bet Tzedek Legal Services in Los Angeles. She is working with clients who have developmental disabilities. At UCLA Law, she served as co-chair of the Disability Law Society and chief organizer of the 2016 Disability Law Symposium.

Pow works at the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights in Washington, D.C. He is helping to represent indigent individuals who are being sued by bail bond companies, and is collaborating with advocates to end the use of money bail in the criminal justice system in Maryland. At UCLA Law, he served as a co-chair of the Reentry Legal Clinic, Criminal Justice Society, and student chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, and he volunteered at the Venice Beach Homeless Clinic.

Wong is at the Learning Rights Law Center in Los Angeles, providing special education legal services to youth who face school discipline due to unaddressed mental health needs. At UCLA Law she worked with the El Centro Public Counsel CARES and Education Rights clinics, the National Lawyers Guild’s Homeless Clinic, and the Youth & Justice Clinic.

GIDEON FELLOW HEADED TO ALABAMA

Travis Bell ’17 was selected as the UCLA Gideon Fellow for 2017 and will work at a public defender office in Alabama as part of the Gideon’s Promise Law School Partnership Program.

Gideon’s Promise, named for the Supreme Court case Gideon v. Wainwright, is a non-profit organization that seeks to strengthen representation of indigent defendants across the country. The Law School Partnership Program provides employment and training to recent law school graduates committed to public defense.

Bell will work in the Office of the Public Defender in Montgomery, Alabama. He previously held internships at the Baltimore County Office of the Public Defender in Maryland; the Colorado Public Defender in Colorado Springs, Colorado; the Bronx Defenders in New York; and the Mecklenburg County Public Defender in Charlotte, North Carolina, where he was a Gideon’s Promise Summer Fellow. At UCLA Law, Bell co-founded the Criminal Justice Law Review.

The Law School Partnership Program is a joint effort of Gideon’s Promise, the Department of Justice’s Bureau of Justice Assistance, participating law schools and public defender offices across the nation. It is a three-year program that supports recent graduates who are committed to public defense with training and permanent employment in a public defender office in the deep South.

YOUNG LIONS: Students from the UCLA Lab School participated in a moot court trial, Hammurabi v. Nebuchadnezzar II, in UCLA Law’s A. Barry Cappello Courtroom.

Two students in the David J. Epstein Program in Public Interest Law and Policy have been awarded Peggy Browning Fellowships in labor law. About 400 applicants seek 80 Peggy Browning Fellowships each year. Named in honor of leading union-side attorney Margaret Browning, the fellowships provide stipends and summer job placements for students pursuing careers in labor law and the public interest.

Daysi Alonzo ’18 is working at the union-side law firm Murphy Anderson in Washington, D.C. A daughter of Mexican immigrants, she plans to practice law as an advocate for low-wage workers.

Ysabel Jurado ’18 is working at the Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy in Los Angeles. A daughter of undocumented immigrants, she has been a community organizer and policy aide to Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti.
Resnick Program Launches Food Law and Policy Clinic

The Resnick Program for Food Law & Policy launched a Food Law and Policy Clinic to improve the health, safety and sustainability of the food production and distribution system. Through the clinic, UCLA Law students provide legal services to organizations and develop policy proposals in areas including food insecurity, public health, workers’ rights, urban agriculture, land use, animal welfare and social entrepreneurship. The clinic is the first of its kind in California.

Two projects formed the core of the pilot program in the Spring 2017 semester. Students collaborated with the Los Angeles Food Policy Council to assess the city’s efforts to work with restaurants, stores, waste haulers and nonprofits to donate unused, edible food to people in need. Clinic students also are working with the advocacy group Compassion Over Killing to help purveyors of plant-based products get healthier meals integrated into school programs that currently rely on pre-packaged meals.

Allison Korn, who joined UCLA as the Resnick Program’s clinical director and is now the school’s Assistant Dean for Experiential Education, supervised their work. “Given its diverse food cultures and consumers, and its steadfast commitment to social justice, I can’t think of a more exciting or dynamic setting than Los Angeles for students to take on the role of food policy advocate,” Korn said. “They not only contribute meaningfully to local communities in need but also gain real understanding of the role of lawyers in influencing law and public policy.”
RESNICK PROGRAM HOSTS CONFERENCE ON FOOD MARKETING TO CHILDREN

Addressing longstanding concerns about children’s health, the third annual UCLA-Harvard Food Law and Policy Conference focused on “Food Marketing to Children: The Current Reality and What Can Be Done.”

Held at UCLA in October 2016, the conference featured scholars, public health officials, scientists and others who addressed legal considerations and social impacts of food and beverage marketing to children in the United States. The event was co-sponsored by the Resnick Program on Food Law & Policy at UCLA and the Food Law Lab at Harvard Law School.

Kelly Brownell, dean of Duke University’s Sanford School of Public Policy, delivered opening remarks, and former Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin gave the keynote address.

WHITE PAPER OFFERS STRATEGIES TO COMBAT FOOD FRAUD

With attention on so-called food fraud — in which elements of food products are diluted, substituted, omitted or concealed for the purpose of economic gain — on the rise, UCLA Law’s Resnick Program for Food Law & Policy jumped into the conversation in March 2017 with the white paper, “The Pursuit of Food Authenticity: Recommended Legal & Policy Strategies to Eradicate Economically Motivated Adulteration (Food Fraud).”

Resnick Program representatives wrote that the FDA should enforce existing laws against food fraud and collaborate with science experts and the food industry.

Written by Resnick Program Executive Director Michael T. Roberts and food law scholar Whitney Turk, the paper noted that such fraud routinely causes food safety incidents and cheats consumers. It further recognized that convoluted regulations render government enforcement weak on the issue, and that the current political climate will not support new controls.

Roberts and Turk recommended that the FDA enforce the existing statutory mandate against food fraud and collaborate with science experts and the food industry.

They also recommended that the food industry address food fraud by embracing the norm of food authenticity and by establishing self-governance rules as it did with sustainability.

RESNICK PROGRAM ADVISES ON FOOD SAFETY IN CHINA

The Resnick Program for Food Law & Policy has taken a leading role in assisting public officials and academics in China, where a system that regulates food safety and quality is now being modernized at a rapid pace.

In that nation, academics play an important role in shaping food policy, a fact that has made partnerships with Chinese universities key to the Resnick program’s advisory role. Two new proposed rules in China spurred the Resnick program’s activity there.

The first rule involved the regulation of food fraud. Following the publication of its white paper, “The Pursuit of Food Authenticity: Recommended Legal & Policy Strategies to Eradicate Economically Motivated Adulteration (Food Fraud),” the Resnick program organized a roundtable in Beijing in May 2017 to address the proposed food fraud rule. Senior government officials from China’s FDA, along with law professors from China University of Political Science and Law, as well as other leading law schools in China, participated in the roundtable. Resnick program executive director Michael T. Roberts delivered a keynote speech.

The second emerging rule in China involved the regulation of food safety of edible agricultural products before they get to market. Roberts was invited by Yale Law School’s Paul Tsai China Center to be the lead academic presenter at a series of roundtables in Beijing, Wenzhou and Shenzhen. There, he presented a comparative analysis of U.S. and Chinese regulations of edible agricultural products.
Jocelyn Samuels Joins Williams Institute as New Executive Director

Jocelyn Samuels has been selected as the new executive director of UCLA School of Law’s Williams Institute on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Law and Public Policy.

From July of 2014 through the beginning of 2017, Samuels was the director of the Office for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, where she oversaw civil rights enforcement with respect to hospitals, healthcare providers, insurers and human services agencies. In that role, Samuels spearheaded development of regulations implementing Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act — the first broad-based federal law to prohibit sex discrimination in federally-funded healthcare. The regulations that she developed represented a groundbreaking development for LGBT equality, protecting LGBT individuals by prohibiting discrimination based on sex stereotyping and gender identity.

Earlier in her career, she worked as a senior policy attorney at the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and as Labor Counsel to Sen. Ted Kennedy. Samuels’ service in the Obama Administration came after years as Vice President for Education & Employment at the National Women’s Law Center.

There she led efforts to promote gender equality that, among other accomplishments, resulted in the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, the first bill signed into law by President Obama.

FOUNDING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BRAD SEARS MOVES TO NEW ROLE

Brad Sears, the founding executive director of UCLA Law’s Williams Institute, has shifted to a new role at the school after completing a remarkable 15-year tenure. He is now the law school’s Associate Dean of Public Interest Law.

Under Sears’ leadership, the Williams Institute’s annual budget grew from $100,000 to more than $4 million. The initial $2.5 million endowment grew to nearly $30 million.

Importantly, the institute made remarkable and substantive contributions to LGBT equality, shaping laws, policies and decisions protecting the rights of LGBT people at the international, federal, state and local levels. The institute’s research into issues including marriage equality, LGBT people in the military, HIV/AIDS, workplace protections, homeless youth, transgender rights, LGBT families and more was widely cited — including by President Obama and the Supreme Court — and the institute has long stood as the go-to source of information on LGBT issues for scholars, experts, officials and media outlets nationwide.

In announcing his transition, UCLA Law dean Jennifer L. Mnookin remarked on Sears’ visionary leadership. “Brad has been a veritable force of nature, able to marshal people, resources, and ideas to build something bigger and more meaningful than anyone could possibly have imagined,” she said. “It is hard to imagine the Williams
Williams Institute Study Estimates

U.S. IS HOME TO 150,000 TRANSGENDER YOUTH

In January 2017, the Williams Institute released a study that found that an estimated 0.7 percent of youth ages 13 to 17 — or 150,000 people — identify as transgender in the United States. This study was the first to provide population estimates for youth who identify as transgender in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

“Age of Individuals Who Identify as Transgender in the United States” was authored by Jody L. Herman, Ph.D.; Andrew R. Flores, Ph.D.; Taylor N. T. Brown, MPP; Bianca D.M. Wilson, Ph.D.; and Kerith J. Conron, Sc.D. It found that the youngest age group of the population studied, people aged 13 to 17, has the highest estimated percentage of individuals who identify as transgender. The authors utilized data from the Centers for Disease Control’s Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, a national, state-administered survey, which collected data on transgender identity among adults in 19 states for the first time in 2014.

The report also found that, in the U.S., 0.7 percent of people 18 to 24, 0.6 percent of adults 25 to 64, and 0.5 percent of adults 65 and older identify as transgender; about 1.4 million adults identify as transgender; and the largest populations of youth that identify as transgender are in California, Texas, New York and Florida, while the smallest populations are in North Dakota, Vermont and Wyoming.

“Current policy debates in several states have involved legislation that would impact transgender students,” said Herman. “Our estimates suggest that thousands of youth could be negatively impacted by laws that would limit their access to school facilities and undermine protections against discrimination.”
More than 500 entertainment lawyers, business executives and other industry leaders participated in UCLA Law’s 41st Annual Entertainment Symposium on March 17 and 18.

Titled “Entertainment Madness: Keeping all the Balls in the Air,” the event featured a keynote address by UCLA Law alumna Stacey Snider ’85, Chairman and CEO of Twentieth Century Fox Film, in conversation with Kenneth Ziffren ’65, founding partner of leading entertainment law firm Ziffren Brittenham and the guiding force behind UCLA Law’s Ziffren Center for Media, Entertainment, Technology and Sports Law.

As the head of a major Hollywood studio, Snider confronts everything from the economics of filmmaking and marketing to a new generation of consumers to the advent of technologies, such as virtual reality and augmented reality. “One size fits all doesn’t work in today’s marketplace,” Snider said. “We have to expand our thinking to include more choices and more variety.”

Eight other presentations focused on a mix of issues at the heart of today’s media landscape, including evolving approaches to content distribution, new modes of intellectual property licensing and emerging technological trends. The program included more than two dozen speakers from film and television studios, law firms, talent agencies, new media powerhouses and venture capital companies.

The impact of streaming platforms like Netflix dominated much of the conversation. One panel dove into the question of what television is in this new era. “The consumer answer to that question is: It doesn’t matter,” said AwesomenessTV president Brett Bouttier. “I’ll tell you what TV isn’t,” he added, “a screen on the wall, anymore.”
**EXTERNSHIPS ON THE RISE**

The Ziffren Center for Media, Entertainment, Technology and Sports Law more than doubled its externship opportunities in the 2016-17 academic year, providing students with nearly two dozen placements in a variety of media, entertainment and music companies. Notable placements include:

- Activision Blizzard
- BBC
- CBS Television Studios
- Lionsgate Entertainment, Inc.
- MGM Studios, Department of Finance
- Platform One Media (formerly Slingshot Global Media)
- SAG-AFTRA
- Warner/Chappell Music, Inc.

**UCLA LAW TOPS 2017 LIST OF ENTERTAINMENT LAW SCHOOLS**

UCLA School of Law is the No. 1 entertainment law school in America, according to *The Hollywood Reporter*. UCLA Law has held the top position in the magazine's annual ranking of entertainment law schools since 2014.

Overall, 19 UCLA Law alumni appeared on the magazine's annual lists of leading lawyers in the entertainment industry and the music business in 2017.

**IN THE KNOW: ZIFFREN LAUNCHES SPEAKER SERIES**

Launching a new series of talks and events focused on sports law and business, the Ziffren Center for Media, Entertainment, Technology and Sports Law held its first IN Sports event in September.

A robust panel discussion on the business of sports featured Karen Brodkin, executive vice president at WME|IMG and UCLA Athletic Director Dan Guerrero. They addressed the complexity of the issues in the latest Pac-12 Network TV deal with Fox, as well as the value of major licensing deals such as the $280 million agreement forged between UCLA and Under Armour in 2016.

Panelist Jordyn Wieber, a 2012 Olympic Gold medalist, led a discussion about the difficult decisions young athletes must make.

Dan Beckerman, president and chief executive officer of AEG, served as keynote speaker. Beckerman discussed in detail the issues AEG confronted in bringing the Chargers NFL franchise to the StubHub Center, and noted that with the increasing complexities of these deals, lawyers play an ever more important role in the business of sports.

In 2018, IN Sports will host an event focused on the 2028 Olympic Games, which will be held in Los Angeles.

**LUNCHTIME TALKS OFFER KEYS TO THE CRAFT**

Gathering students for focused conversations with in-house lawyers and law firm attorneys working in entertainment law, in 2016-17 the Ziffren Center launched the Supplemental Practical Legal Education (SPLE) Program. Offering a twist on the MCLE concept, this program features lunchtime presentations addressing the projects entertainment lawyers face early in their careers, such as chain-of-title review of material to be turned into a film or television show or handling the closing of a transaction.

Several UCLA Law alumni served as featured speakers, including Helen Y. Hwang '11 of Covington & Burling, Nathaniel Bach '06 and Corey Singer '14 of Gibson Dunn & Crutcher. Other speakers came from law firms including Sidley Austin and O'Melveny & Myers, as well as entertainment companies Participant Media, The Weinstein Company and William Morris Endeavor.
UCLA Law Launches Criminal Justice Program

Coordinating the school’s wide-ranging curriculum and clinical offerings in criminal justice, in 2016-17 UCLA School of Law has launched a Criminal Justice Program.

Professor Máximo Langer, who already serves as director of the UCLA Transnational Program on Criminal Justice, is the faculty director for the new program. Langer said the program is designed to build on the range of classes, clinics and other experiential endeavors at UCLA Law that focus on topics including police conduct, the death penalty, immigration enforcement, prison conditions, critical race studies and more.

More than 30 faculty members and lecturers are part of the program, including Devon W. Carbado, the Honorable Harry Pregerson Professor of Law and a leading figure in Critical Race Studies; Sharon Dolovich, faculty director of the school’s Prison Law & Policy Program; Ingrid Eagly, faculty director of the David J. Epstein Program in Public Interest and Policy; and Joanna Schwartz, the school’s Vice Dean for Faculty Development and leader of the school’s Civil Rights Clinic.

Funding for the program comes in part from a generous gifts of $600,000 from the Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation.

THE SYSTEM: CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN ARGENTINA, MEXICO

UCLA Law Professor Máximo Langer played a lead role in studies of two criminal justice systems in major cities in South America, the beginning of a wide-ranging look at criminal justice in Central and South America.

The first study to be completed focused on Buenos Aires, Argentina. Examining 400 random cases with the cooperation of Argentine authorities, Langer and researchers from CIDE University in Mexico and Universidad Tres de Febrero in Argentina determined that the quality of police investigations in Buenos Aires is low and that the system focuses on easy cases in which defendants with prior records are arrested for the commission of robbery and similar crimes.

While Argentina does not have an adversarial system of justice comparable to the United States, the report determined that prosecutors and investigating judges exert a measure of control over the work done by the police, and that defendants’ rights are respected to a certain degree.

The study arrives at a timely moment for the Buenos Aires criminal justice system, which is transitioning to a more adversarial criminal process. The work of Langer and his colleagues provides not only a picture of how the system currently operates but also a baseline against which the results of the reforms may be compared.

A separate study focused on 1,145 criminal cases in the state of Mexico, the most populous of the 13 states in the country and one where an ambitious criminal justice reform effort began in 2009. The report, widely covered in the Mexican press, found that the reforms have spurred more expeditious processing of criminal cases, but that they present deficiencies regarding respect of defendants’ rights, the quality of defense, and the quality and control of police investigations.

“My colleagues in Mexico, Argentina and I launched this study in an effort to measure the fairness and effectiveness of criminal proceedings all over Latin America,” said Langer. “Our goal is to heighten awareness of flaws, as well as policies and procedures that work, so that police, lawyers, judges and ministries of justice that are undertaking reforms in the region can make their criminal justice systems more transparent, trustworthy, efficient and just.”
HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE CONFRONTS GENOCIDE AND ITS AFTERMATH

Genocide, the risks to civilians in war zones and the unforeseen effects of the security state were among the issues addressed by leading figures in human rights law and policy at a UCLA School of Law symposium on April 17, 2017.

The Contemporary Challenges in Human Rights conference, presented by the law school’s International and Comparative Law Program, drew more than 220 attendees, including several UCLA Law faculty members who are leaders in the field.

Keynote speaker Geoffrey Robertson, a leading British human rights barrister and author who represented Armenia before the European Court of Human Rights as part of that nation’s effort to get formal recognition for the mass killings of the 1910s, addressed the history and aftereffects of the Armenian genocide. “It wasn’t just a tragedy; it was a crime, the worst of all crimes,” Robertson said.

Other sessions examined accountability for genocide and other mass atrocities, national security and civil liberties, and health and human rights in conflict and humanitarian settings.

Dr. Paul Wise of Stanford University School of Medicine focused on the child victims of conflict zones. “The death of any child is always a tragedy,” he said. “But the death of any child from preventable causes [like war] is always unjust.”

STUDENTS SCORE IN INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITIONS

In March 2017, two teams of students from UCLA Law’s International and Comparative Law Program participated in the 2017 Clara Barton International Humanitarian Law Competition, in which students play the roles of lawyers, negotiators and government officials addressing a simulated armed conflict.

The fourth annual competition at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C., gave students the opportunity to work with experienced practitioners, national security experts and leading academics.

Kiana Banafshe LL.M. ’17, Taylor Markey ’17 and Ayan Sharma LL.M. ’17 reached the semifinals. Paulina Gonzales LL.M. ’17, Patrick Hulme ’17 and Nobu Zulu LL.M. ’17 also took part in the competition.

Both UCLA Law teams were advised by Jessica Peake, director of the International and Comparative Law Program at UCLA Law.

Then, in April 2017, ICLP students from UCLA Law traveled to Vienna, Austria, to participate in the 24th Annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot.

Emily Michael ’17, Shirin Tavakoli ’17, Andrej Novakovski ’17 and Brady Granger ’17 represented UCLA Law in the prestigious international competition.

PEAKE TRAVELS TO AFGHANISTAN TO JUDGE JESSUP COMPETITION

Jessica Peake, director of the International and Comparative Law Program, traveled to Kabul in January to serve as a judge at the Afghanistan National Rounds of the Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, the world’s largest such event, with teams from more than 550 law schools in more than 100 countries.

Teams from 18 law schools across Afghanistan competed. Peake — who has deep experience in moot tribunals — judged several preliminary rounds in Kabul and was the only female judge on a panel of five for the final round between Balkh and Kandahar universities.
ALUMNA RECEIVES ARYAH NEIER FELLOWSHIP

UCLA School of Law alumna Jasmine (Phillips) Sankofa ’15 has been named a recipient of the 2017-2019 Aryeh Neier Fellowship, awarded by Human Rights Watch and the ACLU. Sankofa is the first graduate of UCLA Law to receive the honor.

Fellowship recipients investigate and address human rights violations in the United States in areas including criminal justice, immigration and national security. Fellows are salaried and spend one year at each of the sponsoring organizations.

Sankofa is a graduate of the Critical Race Studies program and the David J. Epstein Program in Public Interest Law and Policy at UCLA Law. While at UCLA Law she co-chaired the International Human Rights Law Association, the Reentry Legal Clinic, and the Education Rights Clinic, and earned numerous fellowships and awards. She is also an alumna of the Law Fellows Program at UCLA Law.

“UCLA Law is where I became intentional about my interest in domestic and international human rights,” Sankofa said. “Professors affirmed that my work around the U.S. criminal legal system was indeed human rights work, and encouraged me to pursue opportunities abroad. As someone who had never traveled abroad, I needed the push and support — and I got it. From that point on, I’ve been adamant about applying a human rights lens to domestic abuses.”

Human Rights Watch and the ACLU created the fellowship in 2002 to honor the legacy of Aryeh Neier, former president of the Open Society Institute and former director of both the ACLU and Human Rights Watch. Previous Neier fellows have advocated for reform on issues ranging from government surveillance programs to solitary confinement of youth.
HUMAN RIGHTS CLINIC TAKES ACTION IN HONDURAN MURDER CASE

In July 2017, Honduran human rights activists and UCLA School of Law’s International Human Rights Clinic, under the direction of Clinical and Experiential Project Director Joseph Berra, filed a petition on behalf of Nery Geremías Orellana and his family before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

The effort is part of the expanding clinical and experiential program under the Promise Institute for Human Rights.

Geremías was a 26-year journalist and social communicator before he was murdered in July 2011. An outspoken critic of the 2009 Honduran coup d’état, he was the director of Radio Joconguera, a community radio station located in the small city of Candelaria, and also served as correspondent for Radio Progreso, a nationwide station run by the Jesuits of Honduras. The week before his death, Geremías broadcast reports about public protests over deficiencies in local public health services and the related use of public funds. He also raised questions about the management of international funds received by the local water authority.

Six years have passed since he was shot in the head by unknown assailants while traveling by motorcycle to Radio Joconguera, and no one has been held responsible. Local Honduran authorities have suggested that the motive of the murder was robbery, even though nothing was taken from the victim, and their scant investigation has included several other errors or omissions. Nery Geremías is one of 69 members of the media who have been murdered between 2001 and 2017, and 91 percent of those cases remain unsolved.

“Since the coup, Honduras has stood silent about the murders and disappearances of dozens of perceived political opponents, with journalists being particularly vulnerable,” says Berra, whose human rights clinic supported the petition brought by the Team of Reflection, Investigation and Communication of the Society of Jesus in Honduras.

“Honduras has created a culture of impunity for those seeking to silence critical voices through violence. We are taking his case to an international forum that can shine light on this injustice and hold Honduras accountable.”

PRISON REFORM LEADERS PLAN FOR PROGRESS AT CONFERENCE

A Pulitzer Prize-winning historian led a group of exceptional scholars at the UCLA Prisoners’ Advocates Conference in September 2016.

Acclaimed author Heather Thompson, a professor in history and Afro-American and African studies at the University of Michigan, whose 2016 book *Blood in the Water: The Attica Prison Uprising of 1971 and Its Legacy* won the Pulitzer Prize for History, delivered the keynote address to an audience largely made up of prisoners’ rights lawyers from around the country, including representatives of the U.S. Department of Justice, Human Rights Watch and the ACLU National Prison Project. More than 200 activists, attorneys, students and scholars attended the two-day event.

The program focused on issues including medical and mental health care for prisoners, solitary confinement, use of force, race and prisoners’ rights, multi-pronged strategies for challenging conditions, and decarceration and disability. Some attendees also embarked on an illuminating tour of Los Angeles County’s Men’s Central Jail.

Professor Sharon Dolovich, faculty director of the UCLA Prison Law & Policy Program, organized the event along with UCLA Law’s Critical Race Studies Program. Professor Beth Colgan served on the steering committee.

In 2017 Dolovich also co-edited *The New Criminal Justice Thinking* (New York University Press).
Full-Tuition Scholarships Attract Top Students, Generous Donors

In the first year of full-tuition scholarship programs designed to attract top student talent to UCLA Law, the school accepted 13 exceptional students through its Distinguished Scholarship and Achievement Fellow programs.

UCLA Law Distinguished Scholarships are designed for students with top academic records who commit to UCLA Law early in the admissions process. The UCLA Achievement Fellowships are also for talented students, favoring those who have overcome economic and domestic hardships to attend college, are the first in their families to complete college or have otherwise shown remarkable achievement in order to pursue their advanced studies.

In the program’s first year, two generous donors gave a total of $3 million to support the programs. Recipients in the Class of 2020 promise to be strong additions to the UCLA Law community. They include a Fulbright Fellow; staffers for members of Congress; and advocates with strong accomplishments in seeking education equality for underserved communities, rights and opportunities for people with disabilities, justice for the children of undocumented immigrants, and more.

Several are the first in their families to attend a university. Many come from single-parent homes or have demonstrated resilience through their academic achievement while overcoming poverty, domestic abuse and the burdens of supporting their families while very young.

As one student wrote in an application for a scholarship, “My academic success stands as an act of defiance against the financial circumstances that challenged me and my family, and I intend to maintain this standard as a law student and a public interest lawyer in the future.”

Several of the students have enrolled in UCLA Law’s David J. Epstein Program in Public Interest Law and Policy.

The endowed gifts of $3 million from UCLA Law alumni will support additional Distinguished Scholars and Achievement Fellows in future years. The donations also qualify for the UCLA Chancellor’s Centennial Scholars Match, a program started by UCLA Chancellor Gene Block in 2017 to boost the value of qualified scholarship gifts at UCLA Law and other UCLA professional schools.

A. Barry Cappello Gives $1 Million to Transform Trial Advocacy Program

UCLA Law alumnus A. Barry Cappello ’65 has donated an additional $1 million to transform the school’s trial advocacy program, providing scholarship support and extensive training opportunities for students interested in pursuing careers as trial attorneys.

Bolstering his longstanding commitment to UCLA Law, Cappello’s donation will create the A. Barry Cappello Program in Trial Advocacy, a signature curricular program that will develop innovative advanced course offerings for future trial advocates at UCLA Law; and will enhance scholarship funds for high-achieving students with the passion, talent and drive to become trial attorneys.

The gift, which builds on Cappello’s 2006 donation of $1.25 million to the law school, will also permit the inauguration of the Cappello Certificate in Trial Advocacy. To receive a Cappello certificate, students must complete significant coursework in trial advocacy and participate successfully in multiple mock trial competitions, including at least two competitions external to the school.

The scholarship portion of Cappello’s gift qualifies for additional funding from the Chancellor’s Centennial Scholarship Match, extending the impact of the gift.

“Trial skills are vital for students who want to hit the ground running when they graduate, and UCLA Law has the faculty and resources to offer one of the best programs in this area of law,” Cappello said. “I am delighted to provide funding that will fortify UCLA Law’s trial advocacy program. UCLA Law is where it all started for me, and I feel it is essential to give back in order to help others succeed.”

Cappello, who earned his undergraduate and law degrees at UCLA, has handled hundreds of jury trials and has earned in excess of $1 billion in verdicts and settlements for his clients. The managing partner of Cappello & Noël, founded in 1977 in Santa Barbara, California, Cappello has litigated major cases in the areas of mass torts, environmental class actions, discriminatory banking practices, and intellectual property. He previously served as Santa Barbara City Attorney, assistant district attorney in the Santa Barbara County District Attorney’s office and deputy attorney general for the State of California. He is a member of the UCLA Law Board of Advisors.

Thanks to Cappello’s earlier generosity, UCLA Law opened the A. Barry Cappello Courtroom in 2009.
Gift from Dr. David Sanders Endows Scholar Positions, Journal

UCLA School of Law received a $2 million gift from longtime supporter Dr. David Sanders to create and endow the position of David Sanders Distinguished Scholar and provide support in perpetuity for the Dukeminier Awards Journal, which recognizes the best sexual orientation and gender identity legal scholarship. In honor of UCLA Law alumnus Judge Rand Schrader ’73, the donation also supports research and scholarship into civil rights, LGBT rights, women’s rights and diversity.

Sanders has been a member of the UCLA family for more than 40 years. A former lecturer and associate clinical professor of psychiatry at UCLA, he has also held prominent roles at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. His late and longtime partner Jesse Dukeminier, for whom the journal and UCLA Law’s Jesse Dukeminier Chair are named, was a professor at the law school for more than 40 years and a leading light in the area of property law. The late Los Angeles County Municipal Court Judge Rand Schrader was a pioneering civil rights activist, leading member of the California Bar and one of the first openly gay judges in California.

“UCLA School of Law has had a profound impact on legal scholarship and advocacy, particularly in areas of importance to Jesse, Rand and myself,” Sanders said. “I am pleased to support this effort and ensure that it continues and grows even more robust in the years and decades to come.”

Gift from Eugene Kapaloski Endows New Position at Williams Institute

The Williams Institute at UCLA School of Law received a $2 million gift from longtime supporter Eugene Kapaloski to endow a policy and research lawyer position in honor of Daniel H. Renberg. The donation aims to further the institute’s mission of conducting research on current issues in sexual orientation and gender identity law and public policy that have a real-world impact.

The holder of the position will be an attorney who will conduct research and analysis related to litigation, legislation, and policy developments related to sexual orientation and gender identity.

Kapaloski and Renberg were partners for 53 years and were married from 2008 until Renberg’s death in 2014. Along with Renberg, who founded Renberg Capital Management in Beverly Hills, Kapaloski has been a staunch supporter of organizations promoting LGBT equality, including the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center and The Advocate. Together, Kapaloski and Renberg won the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network in 2010.

Greenbergs Boost Support for Law Review Fellowships

Encouraging UCLA Law Review members who plan to seek careers in academia, longtime UCLA School of Law supporters Bernard and Lenore Greenberg donated $1 million in 2017 to endow a fund that supports two-year teaching fellowships at UCLA Law.

The Greenberg Fellow program, which launched in 2013, requires fellows to teach at least two courses and produce two publishable academic works during the fellowships. Applicants must have completed their JD at UCLA Law and served as member of UCLA Law Review.

Past participants in the program include Maureen Carroll, an expert in civil rights litigation who is now an assistant professor at University of Michigan Law School, and William Wood, an expert in federal Indian law who is now a visiting associate professor at Southwestern Law School.

As a student, Bernard Greenberg ‘58 served as editor-in-chief of UCLA Law Review. A Beverly Hills-based practitioner who focuses on entertainment law and estates, Greenberg is a former adjunct professor at UCLA Law and is a member of the school’s board of advisors. He and his wife Lenore, significant patrons of the arts in Los Angeles, both earned their bachelor’s degrees at UCLA.
Partners Rise to the 15th Law Firm Challenge

Alumni participating in UCLA School of Law’s 15th annual Law Firm Challenge raised more than $1.2 million to support students and programs at the school in 2017. Founded by James D.C. Barrall ’75, a longtime partner at Latham & Watkins who is now a senior fellow with UCLA Law’s Lowell Milken Institute for Business Law and Policy, the friendly competition has grown from four participating firms in 2002 to 91 today. At 53 of those firms, every alum who is a partner made a contribution during the fiscal year that ended June 30. Overall, 78 percent of alumni at the 91 firms, a total of 1,003 people, participated.

2017 also saw growth in winners of the gold star, awarded to firms in which at least half of partners who are UCLA Law alumni made leadership gifts of $1,000 or more. Twenty-five firms earned gold stars in 2017 — 16 returning firms and nine new members of the club.

**Firms with 100 Percent Participation in 2017**

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld  
Allen Matkins  
Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer  
Baker Burton & Lundy  
BakerHostetler  
Ballard Rosenberg  
Bonne Bridges Mueller O’Keefe & Nichols  
Brown Moskowitz & Kallen  
Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck  
Bryan Cave  
Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft  
Cooley  
Cox Castle & Nicholson  
Cravath, Swaine & Moore  
Daniels Fine Israel Schonbuch & Lebovits  
Duane Morris  
Enenstein Pham & Glass  
Garrett & Tully  
Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher  
Glaser Weil Fink Howard Avchen & Shapiro  
Greenberg Gross  
Hirschfeld Kraemer  
Hoffman, Sabban & Watenmaker  
Hueston Hennigan  
Irell & Manella  
Jaffe & Clemens  
Latham & Watkins  
Levene, Neale, Bender, Yoo & Brill  
Lewis & Llewellyn  
Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie  
Liner  
Manatt, Phelps & Phillips  
Maron & Sandler  
McDermott Will & Emery  
Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCloy  
Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp  
Novian & Novian  
O’Melveny & Myers  
O’Neil  
Osborn Maledon  
Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones  
Parsus  
Paul Hastings  
Pircher, Nichols & Meeks  
Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan  
Seyfarth Shaw  
Shartsis Friese  
Shumener, Odson & Oh  
Sullivan & Cromwell  
Susman Godfrey  
The Cook Law Firm  
Valle Makoff  
Venable

**Additional Gold Star Firms**

Simpson Thacher & Bartlett  
WilmerHale

*Gold Star Firm: At least half of partners who are UCLA Law alumni give $1,000 or more*
Chancellor’s Match Boosts Endowed Scholarship Gifts

UCLA Chancellor Gene Block has created an exceptional opportunity for friends and alumni of the school to expand the impact of their gifts. Through June 30, 2018 — or until matching funds are exhausted — the UCLA Chancellor’s Centennial Scholars Match program will add 50 percent to the value of all qualifying gifts for endowed scholarships. With the Chancellor’s Match, a $250,000 gift automatically becomes $375,000 to support high-achieving law students. A $1 million scholarship gift automatically becomes $1.5 million.

Generous donors have already created more than $1.25 million in additional scholarship funding for the school through this program.

Miguel Guerra ’17, was the first in his family to attend college and the first to graduate from law school. Now working at Netflix, he says it was a scholarship from a generous alum that helped cement his decision to attend UCLA Law.

“My journey at UCLA Law was possible because of the generosity of Ken ’74 and Betty Gibbs,” said Guerra. “As the Gibbs Scholarship recipient, I have had the pleasure to get to know Ken and Betty, and I not only appreciate their support but also cherish our friendship. The students, faculty, staff and alumni at UCLA Law truly changed my life for the better, and the Gibbs’ generosity is what gave me this opportunity.”

The Chancellor’s Centennial Scholarship Match is part of the Centennial Campaign for UCLA — a seven-year, $4.2 billion effort to prepare UCLA for a second century of leadership as one of the greatest public universities in the world — and it will help strengthen UCLA Law for decades to come. For more information, contact Margo Thole, Senior Director of Development, 310.206.1061, Thole@law.ucla.edu.

Here’s how the Chancellor’s Centennial Scholarship Match works:

• Qualifying gifts of $250,000 to $1 million will be matched at 50 percent.

• Gifts eligible for matching funds must support new or existing endowments that are specifically designated to support scholarships at UCLA Law.

• Pledges are payable over a maximum of five years.

Theshia Naidoo, Legal Director of Criminal Justice, Office of Legal Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance, Oakland, California

“My career as a public interest lawyer began at UCLA Law, where I found inspiring faculty and brilliant fellow students. The scholarship I was awarded came at a critical time in my legal studies, and it allowed me to stay at UCLA; I can trace a direct line from that generosity to my legal work on behalf of marginalized communities.”

Invest in UCLA Law’s Future

Private philanthropy is critical to preserving the law school’s excellence in research and teaching, its accessibility to all students and its legacy of service to the community and greater good. Your gifts help support urgently needed scholarships, exceptional professors and vital academic programs, centers and institutes. The time to act is now — your guidance, your support, your passion and your involvement are essential to our future success.

WAYS TO INVEST IN UCLA LAW

UCLA Law Annual Fund The Annual Fund provides the law school with unrestricted gifts that allow the dean to respond to the school’s most critical needs as they arise.

Law Firm Challenge The Law Firm Challenge supports the school’s fundraising efforts while building a permanent network between the school and its alumni at the nation’s law firms.

Reunion Challenge The Reunion Challenge is an opportunity for alumni to honor their reunion class with a financial commitment to the law school.

Planned Gifts Planned giving options are tools to help maximize the personal benefits of charitable giving through advantageous state and federal laws.

To learn more, please call 310.206.1121 or visit law.ucla.edu/giving.
Dean’s Circle Gala Honors Karin Krogius

Karin Krogius ’82 has been a member of the UCLA Law Alumni Association Advisory Board for 14 years. She has made financial contributions — to support scholarships, an endowed chair, the construction of the Hugh and Hazel Darling Library, and more — every year for 35 years. She even sent her son, Scott Andrew Mason ’17, to attend UCLA Law.

In March the school recognized Krogius’ many and varied contributions by naming her 2017 Dean’s Circle Donor of the Year. UCLA Law Dean Jennifer L. Mnookin toasted Krogius and other members of the Dean’s Circle — a group of alumni who make impactful contributions to the school — at a dinner celebration held at the SLS Beverly Hills Hotel.

Krogius spent 11 years working in real estate law at Rutan & Tucker, the Orange County firm she first joined in the summers between law school years. She later went into real estate development and management. At the event, Krogius offered heartfelt thanks to her husband, Scott Mason, and family. Afterwards, she reflected on the impact of her law school experience, from participating in professor emeritus Ken Graham’s annual theatrical parody “Carcinoma!” to gaining the skills that made her successful.

“I would have never been a partner at a law firm without the legal education I received at UCLA,” she said. “I would have never had my second career in the corporate world nor learned the business side of real estate development without having first been a partner at an established law firm.”

Clockwise from top left: Dean’s Circle Donor of the Year Karin Krogius; Krogius with Dean Jennifer L. Mnookin; entertainment attorney David Boyle; Mnookin and Melanie Cook ’78; Toshka Abrams, Chuck Williams and Stu Walter; Jim Prager ’71, Kirk Dillman ’83, Dean Emerita Susan Westerberg Prager ’71 and Keenan Behrle ’69; Alicia Lovelace and Alicia Mihana de Lovelace ’87.

Juliette Kayyem, a lawyer, homeland security expert and author of Security Mom: An Unclassified Guide to Protecting Our Homeland and Your Home, was the guest for the latest installment in UCLA School of Law’s Conversations with the Dean series.

On Oct. 6, 2016, Kayyem and Dean Jennifer L. Mnookin addressed issues ranging from the changing homeland and cybersecurity landscape since 9/11 to paths for law students to pursue in order to practice in the area of national security and cybersecurity.

Kayyem served as the Department of Homeland Security’s Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs under President Obama. She has also served as a member of the National Commission on Terrorism, a legal advisor to former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, and a trial attorney and counselor in the Civil Rights Division at the Department of Justice.

In 2013, she was named a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for her editorial columns in the Boston Globe, which advocated for ending the Pentagon’s rule excluding women from combat. She is the Belfer Lecturer in International Security at Harvard Kennedy School of Government, where she provides instruction to new leaders in emergency management and homeland security.

Watford and Volokh Named 2017 Alumni of the Year

Paul Watford ’94, a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and Eugene Volokh ’92, UCLA Law’s Gary T. Schwartz Distinguished Professor of Law, were honored as the school’s 2017 Alumni of the Year on May 4.

At the request of the honorees, Ninth Circuit Judge Alex Kozinski ’75, for whom both Volokh and Watford served as law clerks, offered introductory remarks at a luncheon with fellow alumni, faculty, friends and family.

The Alumnus of the Year for Public and Community Service, Watford also clerked for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, served as a federal prosecutor and was a partner focusing on appellate litigation at Munger, Tolles & Olson. He was nominated by President Obama to the Ninth Circuit in 2012. A longtime champion of the school’s Law Fellows Program, Watford also served as a board member for Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County.

He credited UCLA Law for providing the access and opportunities he needed to succeed: “I know for a fact that if UCLA had not admitted me, I would not be on the Ninth Circuit today.”

The Alumnus of the Year for Professional Achievement, Volokh also clerked for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor and is one of the leading constitutional scholars and most-cited law professors in the country. He runs the popular blog the Volokh Conspiracy and leads UCLA Law’s successful Scott and Cyan Banister First Amendment Clinic.

“UCLA Law has been home for more than 25 years,” he said, “and I’m very grateful for all it has done for me.”
UCLA School of Law alumni who graduated 50 or more years ago gathered to reconnect and remember at the school’s Golden Reunion, held at the InterContinental Los Angeles in June 2017. The annual event offers alumni and their family members a chance to meet with the school’s current leaders, learn about school accomplishments and endeavors and look back on their school days.
UCLA Law Celebrates 66th Commencement

More than 2,000 people gathered on the UCLA campus to celebrate the Class of 2017

Judge Paul J. Watford ’94 of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit offered the keynote address as 545 graduates of the school’s J.D. and LL.M. programs gathered with family, friends, faculty, staff and distinguished guests at the school’s 66th Commencement on May 12, 2017.

Watford called on the graduates to use their sense of purpose and new-found skills to act as leaders.

“We live in very polarized times right now, where more and more people seem to be locked into their own narrow view of the world,” he said.

“By virtue of the training that you have received in law school, you have the skills necessary to combat this trend of polarization. ... You have the capacity to facilitate constructive dialogue among parties who may strongly disagree with one another, and perhaps in the process help them to see that they share common ground.”

UCLA Law Dean Jennifer L. Mnookin welcomed attendees, expressing pride in the graduates’ accomplishments and emphasizing the importance of the rule of law, especially in times of social and political tumult.

“You have learned that mysterious but critical skill of thinking like a lawyer,” she said, “and I hope that in some part of your professional life, you will, as John Adams asked of all of us, use it to redress wrong and advance right, however you understand those terms.”

The 2017 Class President was Carlos Almendarez, and Ina Perez sang the national anthem. Linda Zhang, the Student Bar Association President for 2017, presented the award for Professor of the Year, an honor voted on by students, to Richard M. Re.
EVENTS ::

FEDERAL CIRCUIT PANEL COMES WEST TO MEET WITH UCLA LAW STUDENTS

Judges and clerks from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit came to UCLA School of Law in November 2016 to hear a slate of cases and talk to students about intellectual property, clerkships and careers in the federal judiciary.

Judge Raymond Chen, who earned his bachelor’s degree at UCLA, and judges Kimberly Moore and Evan Wallach began the day in UCLA Law’s A. Barry Cappello Courtroom, hearing argument in a slate of IP cases, In Re Datatreasury Corp.

Then they turned their focus on the students who packed the courtroom. The judges answered questions on how they approach oral argument and writing opinions. Judge Moore then asked the Federal Circuit clerks, who occupied the jury box during argument, to tell the audience what they do and why they decided to seek clerkships. The message: Clerkships provide an unmatched vantage point on the law and create non-stop opportunities for applied writing and research.

Finally, the judges and clerks networked with students and faculty over lunch.

“It was an eye-opening experience,” said Natasha Babazadeh ’17. “How many students get to know judges personally? It was really important for me to just see the relationships that judges and clerks have with each other, and to gain insight into appellate procedure.”

IRVING H. GREEN MEMORIAL LECTURE HOSTS MASS TORTS EXPERT MOSES LEOBIVITS

UCLA Law alumnus Moses Lebovits ’75 shared his expertise on how technology, clear communication and civility combine to make a top trial attorney at the 2017 Irving H. Green Memorial Lecture on Feb. 21, 2017. Lebovits, a partner in Daniels Fine Israel Schonbuch & Lebovits and one of the nation’s leading lawyers specializing in catastrophic injury and death cases, appeared in conversation with Dean Jennifer L. Mnookin. In surveying Lebovits’ career representing plaintiffs in a series of mass tort and product liability cases — from the first major unintended acceleration case in the U.S. to a number of lawsuits stemming from airplane disasters — they unpacked and explored the ingredients of a successful case before a jury. “What you need to be able to do is tell them a story that resonates,” Lebovits told the packed room of students, faculty, alumni and friends. “Tell them a story that they can understand.”

NIMMER LECTURE EXPLORES FAIR USE

The 2016 Nimmer Lecture celebrated 30 years of cutting-edge presentations on trends in copyright law, honoring the legacy of UCLA Law professor Melville Nimmer, author of the quintessential treatise Nimmer on Copyright. Niva Elkin-Koren, professor of law at the University of Haifa in Israel and one of the world’s top scholars of the law and cyberspace, spoke on “Fair Use by Design,” offering assembled guests a vivid take on the legal impact of technology today.
EX-SG VERRILLI LEADS
WHITHER THE COURT

A docket packed with big cases and the emerging role of Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch dominated the discussion among UCLA Law faculty experts and former Solicitor General Donald Verrilli, Jr. at Whither the Court: The Allan C. Lebow Annual Supreme Court Review at UCLA Law.

Held in September 2017 before an audience of 200, the event focused on forthcoming blockbuster cases including the challenge to the Trump administration’s travel ban. Verrilli, who served as President Obama’s solicitor general from 2011 to 2016, was joined by Stuart Banner, Norman Abrams Professor of Law; Hiroshi Motomura, Susan Westerberg Prager Professor of Law; and Jocelyn Samuels, executive director of the Williams Institute.

Professor Sharon Dolovich moderated the panel.

In 2016 the Lebow family made a generous gift in honor of the late Allan C. Lebow ’72, to permanently endow the annual forum.

UCLA LAW ALUMS NAMED TO PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE, EEOC

Two UCLA Law Alumni have been nominated for leadership positions by President Donald Trump.

Andrei Iancu ’96, a lecturer at UCLA School of Law and managing partner of Irell & Manella, was nominated in August to serve as Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office and Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property. The PTO is the primary federal agency in charge of regulating intellectual property, issuing patents for inventions and trademarks for products and services.

At UCLA Law, Iancu teaches an intensive seminar on patent law with fellow Irell & Manella partner Alan Heinrich. Iancu also maintains a robust practice in IP litigation, and notably represented TiVo in its successful efforts to secure settlements totaling more than $1.6 billion in patent cases against numerous other communications and technology firms.

In addition to his law degree, Iancu holds an M.S. in mechanical engineering and B.S. in aerospace engineering, both from UCLA. Before entering law school, he was an engineer at Hughes Aircraft.

In June the president nominated Janet Dhillon ’91 to serve as chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Dhillon most recently was executive vice president and general counsel for Burlington Stores Inc. and previously served as general counsel for US Airways and JCPenney Co. Earlier in her career, she spent 13 years at Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom.

In February Dhillon returned to campus as a member of a panel addressing in-house work at the inaugural UCLA Law Women LEAD Summit.

CAPPELLO COURTROOM SERIES SHINES LIGHT ON LITIGATION

Students soaked in valuable insight on litigation practice at lectures in the Cappello Courtroom Series: The Art of the Trial. On Nov. 2, 2016 A. Barry Cappello ’65 joined distinguished trial lawyer Marc S. Cohen for “The Economics of Litigation: Should You Go to Trial,” which zeroed in on how firms decide to accept cases, the nuances of fee structures, what aspiring litigators should remember as they shift into practice, and why, as Cohen said, “economics drives law firms.” Then, on April 12, 2017 Cappello offered a behind-the-scenes look into his work in the headline-making Santa Barbara News-Press free speech dispute.
1960 to 1969

Leon Coleman ’61 is chairman of the Democratic Party of Oregon’s First Congressional District Committee. In that position, he is an elector in the Electoral College.

Ron Rowen ’66 joined Oasis, an information technology and cybersecurity company based in Camarillo, CA, as vice president of operations.

The Hon. Leland Tipton ’66 retired from the Los Angeles Superior Court bench on July 31, after nearly 30 years of service, all at the Bellflower courthouse. Previously, Tipton served as a deputy Los Angeles public defender from 1971 to 1987.

Kenneth Kleinberg ’67 of Kleinberg Lange Cuddy & Carlo was featured in Variety’s 2016 Dealmakers Impact Report.

1970 to 1979

Marc Seltzer ’72, partner at Susman Godfrey, was appointed to the board of the American Constitution Society for Law and Policy.

Rodney Lewis ’72 was appointed to the Central Arizona Water Conservation District board of directors by Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey. He previously served as general counsel for the Gila River Indian Community.

Hon. Joe Hilberman [Ret.] ’73 is the proud grandfather to a new Bruin, Max, who was born in 2015 and looks forward to joining the UCLA Law class of 2039.

Lynn Miller ’74 was selected as a 2016 Women Leader in Tech Law by The Recorder. She is Associate General Counsel and Chief of Litigation and Privacy at Tesla Motors.

Judith O’Brien ’74, was selected as a 2016 Women Leader in Tech Law by The Recorder. She is a partner in the Silicon Valley office of King & Spalding.

S. Alan Rosen ’74, formerly of Horgan Rosen Beckham & Coren, joined the banking industry group at Duane Morris’ Los Angeles office.

Mel Aranoff ’75, formerly of Horgan Rosen Beckham & Coren, joined the banking industry group at Duane Morris’ Los Angeles office.

Margaret Levy ’75, a partner at Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, was elected chair of the Los Angeles County Beach Commission. The 20-member body appointed by the Board of Supervisors reviews Department of Beaches and Harbors policies, capital projects and contracts. Levy was originally appointed to the commission in 2015 by Supervisor Sheila Kuehl.

The Hon. Audrey Collins ’77 of the California First District Court of Appeal was honored by the Friends of the Los Angeles County Law Library with the 2017 Beacon of Justice Award. She was the first African-American woman to become head deputy and assistant district attorney in the Los Angeles District Attorney’s Office before being appointed to the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California in 1994, serving as Chief Judge from 2009 through September 2012. In 2014, Gov. Jerry Brown appointed Collins to the California Court of Appeal.

Rickey Ivie ’77 and W. Keith Wyatt ’77, of Ivie, McNeill & Wyatt, announced the opening of Ivie, McNeill & Wyatt’s Leimert Park office. Ivie, McNeill & Wyatt is the largest black-owned law firm in the nation.

Howard E. King ’77 of King, Holmes, Paterno & Soriano in Los Angeles was named one of California’s Top Entertainment Lawyers by the Daily Journal and was named to The Hollywood Reporter’s annual Power Lawyer list recognizing the top 100 legal minds in Hollywood.

The Hon. Ann Kough (Ret.) ’78 was named as one of California’s Top Neutrals by the Daily Journal. Prior to joining JAMS 13 years ago, Kough served on the Los Angeles Superior Court.

Bill Gausewitz ’79 was named a shareholder at Greenberg Traurig. He is a member of the firm’s Government Law & Policy and Insurance Regulatory & Transactions practice in Sacramento.
Sandra Stern '79, president of Lionsgate Television Group, was honored by Multichannel News for her extraordinary achievements at the 2017 Wonder Women Luncheon in New York.

Nancy Abell '79, a partner at Paul Hastings, was recognized in the Daily Journal’s 2017 Top Women Lawyers list and also served as the co-chair for the inaugural UCLA Law Women LEAD Summit.

Peter J. Anderson '79 recently represented rock ’n’ roll band Led Zeppelin during the high-profile copyright trial Skidmore v. Led Zeppelin.

1980 to 1989

William Dato '80 was appointed to Fourth District Court of Appeal by Gov. Jerry Brown. Dato previously served on the San Diego County Superior Court and before that was a partner at Milberg, Weiss, Bershad, Hynes and Lerach.

Ruth Fisher '80 of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher was featured in Variety’s 2016 Dealmakers Impact Report.

Mark Green '80 has been made Vice Dean for Administration and Finance for the University of Washington School of Medicine. Previously, Mark was general counsel and chief operating officer of Seattle Public Schools.

Laurel S. Terry '80 was named the H. Laddie Montague Jr. Chair in Law at Penn State University’s Dickinson School of Law in honor of her contributions to instruction, research and public services in the broad areas of legal ethics and lawyer regulations.

John Crittenden '81, an adjunct faculty member at UCLA Law and a partner at Cooley, served as the UCLA School of Law Reunion Challenge National Chair for 2016, speaking at the September 2016 Law Reunion.

Antoinette Sedillo Lopez '82 is running for New Mexico’s 1st Congressional District seat in 2018. Sedillo Lopez runs Enlace Comunitario, a nonprofit organization supporting immigrant women who have experienced domestic violence. Previously, Sedillo Lopez was a professor at University of New Mexico Law School.

Jay Palchikoff ‘82 joined the UCLA Foundation Board of Directors in September 2016. A partner at O’Neil, Palchikoff serves as chair of the UCLA Fund and is a member of the UCLA Law Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Bruce Rosenblum ’82 joined the Disney|ABC TV Group as President of Business Operations. Previously, Rosenblum worked at Warner Bros for 26 years.

Bruce Tobey ’84, co-head of O’Melveny & Myers’ Entertainment and Media Practice, was featured in Variety’s 2016 Dealmakers Impact Report and named one of The Hollywood Reporter’s Top 20 Dealmakers of 2016.

Kent Brockelman ’84, managing partner of Coppersmith Brockelman in Phoenix, was named one of Arizona’s Top 100 Lawyers for 2017 by AZ Business magazine.


Margarita Paláu-Hernández ’85 served as co-chair for the inaugural 2017 UCLA Law Women LEAD Summit.

Indrajit Obeysekere ’85 joined Meridian Property Company as Vice President of Client Services in the San Ramon area. Previously, he was president of SL Realty Advisors.

The Hon. Kevin Brazile ’83 was elected Assistant Presiding Judge for the Los Angeles Superior Court, and will next serve a two-year term as Presiding Judge for another two-year term. He is the first African American to hold either position.

Business litigator Marilyn Martin-Culver ’83, formerly with the Costa Mesa office of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, joined the former Robertson & Olsen, now Robertson & Culver.

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Patrick Harder ’86, was named chair of the Infrastructure Practice Group at Nossaman in Los Angeles.
Sandra Goldberg ’88 was appointed technical advisor at the California Public Utilities Commission by Gov. Jerry Brown. She previously served as senior counsel at the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research.

Susan van Keulen ’88 was named a U.S. Magistrate in the Northern District of California’s San Jose Division. She was previously a litigation partner at O’Melveny & Myers.

Andrew Gilford ’89, a litigator specializing in complex business and commercial disputes, joined Weintraub Tobin as a shareholder in the Los Angeles office. Gilford most recently practiced with Baute Crochetiere & Gilford, and previously was a partner with Alston & Bird and Weston Benshoof.

Brian Williams ’89 was appointed the first executive director of the Los Angeles County Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission. The commission, established by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, seeks to boost law enforcement transparency and increase trust between communities and the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department. Williams is a former director of government affairs for the Southern California Association of Governments, former Deputy Mayor of Los Angeles for Transportation, Environment and Infrastructure and former assistant city manager for the city of Pasadena. He worked in the Los Angeles City Attorney’s Office before opening his own firm.

1990 to 1999

Hal Biagas ’90 was elected to lead the first e-sports players association in North America by the North American League of Legends Championship Series players. A former assistant general counsel at the National Basketball Players Association, Biagas is general counsel for Sideline Sports Management.

Laurence B. Frank ’90, president of Los Angeles Trade-Technical College, was honored with the UCLA Tom Bradley Local Leader of the Year Award for 2016.

Stephen Going ’90 has been appointed chief financial officer at OLED production equipment firm Kateeva. Going also serves as executive vice president and general counsel for Kateeva. Before joining Kateeva he held leadership positions at Planar Systems, Inc. and Merix Corporation, and was a partner with Perkins Coie in Portland, Ore.

Harriet Pearson ’90, a partner at Hogan Lovells, was named the winner of the Financial Times Most Innovative Lawyer Award in North America for 2016. Head of the firm’s cybersecurity practice, Pearson is an internationally recognized data privacy and cybersecurity pioneer who joined Hogan Lovells in 2012 from IBM, where she was Vice President Security Counsel and Chief Privacy Officer.

Jeffrey D. Goldberg ’91 was appointed to join the board of directors at Millennium Health LLC.

Kathy Bazoian Phelps ’91 of Diamond McCarthy was elected to the American Bankruptcy Institute board of directors. She is co-chair of ABI’s Commercial Fraud Committee.

Edward Sabin ’91 was appointed Executive Managing Director and Co-Head of International at A+E Networks. Sabin, based in Los Angeles, will oversee activity in Latin America, Canada, Asia, Australia and New Zealand. He joined A+E last year as managing director of the Americas and head of commercial operations.

Robert Scott Silver ’91 has joined the Los Angeles firm of Kaufman Dolowich & Voluck as partner. He previously was with Nemecek & Cole in Sherman Oaks.

David Simantob ’91 has joined Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker as partner in Los Angeles. He joins from Tressler.

M. C. Sungaila ’91, partner at Haynes and Boone in Orange County, was awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor. The award is given annually by the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations to a U.S. immigrant or native-born citizen who has made significant contributions to their local communities, the nation or the world.

Lisa Hone ’92 was appointed as legal advisor to the chairman of the Federal Communications Commission with responsibility for wireline telecommunications issues. She previously served in other leading positions at the FCC; conducted and supervised federal litigation and rulemaking proceedings at the Federal Trade Commission; and practiced at Davis Polk & Wardwell in New York City.

Paul Luehr ’92 joined Faegre Baker Daniels as a partner in the Intellectual Property Group. He will lead the firm’s Data Privacy and Cybersecurity practice areas.
James Witz ’92 has been appointed chair of the Unfair Competition and Trade Secrets practice at Littler Mendelson, where he is a shareholder. Witz has obtained multiple seven-figure trial verdicts in high-profile trade secret and restrictive covenant cases across several jurisdictions.

Laurie Yoo ’92 has been reappointed to the California Commission on Disability Access, where she has served since 2014. Yoo has been associate general counsel at Westfield LLC since 2007.

The Hon. John Early ’93 was named a U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Central District of California. Previously, Early served as an assistant U.S. Attorney for the Central District, was a litigator at White & Case in Los Angeles and Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher in Orange County, and most recently, headed his own firm in Irvine.

Brian Grossman ’93 co-founded Tesser Grossman in Los Angeles. The firm focuses on business, entertainment and real estate litigation. Grossman has previously handled entertainment-related litigation involving the Buddy Holly estate, the television show Criminal Minds and other matters.

Dean Schefrin ’93 has joined Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices California Realty.

Danny Wan ’93 was appointed by California Gov. Jerry Brown to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy in January 2017. He serves as port attorney for the Port of Oakland.

Adam Miller ’94 was appointed to the board of directors of Mindbody Inc., a developer of cloud-computing software. Miller is the founder and CEO of cloud-based HR management software firm Cornerstone OnDemand.

Heather Morgan ’94 joined Grube Brown & Geidt in Los Angeles as partner. She joins from Paul Hastings, where she was the global chair of the firm’s Workforce Data and Technology practice.

Brad Small ’94 joined entertainment law firm Rosenfeld Meyer & Susman as a partner in its Beverly Hills office. A transactional attorney, Small is a former executive vice president at The Weinstein Company, and a former partner at Greenberg Glusker and Bloom Hergott Diemer Rosenthal LaViolette Feldman Schenkan & Goodman.

Cynthia V. Dixon ’95 was appointed as State Bar Hearing Judge for the City of Los Angeles. She was previously the Criminal Justice Act Supervising Attorney for the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, where she oversaw the Federal Indigent Defense Panel.

Rachel E Goslins ’95 was named director for the Arts and Industries Building at the Smithsonian Institute, where she was formerly director of the President’s Committee of the Arts and Humanities, appointed by President Obama. Goslins also worked with the Smithsonian, UNESCO and the U.S. State Department on the Haiti Cultural Recovery Project.

Melissa McCormick ’95 was appointed to the Orange County Superior Court by Gov. Jerry Brown. She was previously a partner at Irell & Manella.

Josh Meyer ’95 was named Head of Business Affairs, Television at DreamWorks Animation. He was previously General Counsel and Senior Vice-President, Business & Legal Affairs at the Hub Network.

Jennifer Scullion ’95 joined Seeger Weiss as partner in its New York office. A specialist in complex business litigation, arbitration and appeals who also leads an active pro bono practice focusing on election law and voting rights, she formerly was a partner at Proskauer Rose.

Thomas Ciampa ’96 LL.M. was named Senior Vice President of Distribution and New Theatrical Ventures at Warner Bros. Italy, where he handles Warner Bros. and Sony releases in Italy. He formerly served as Warner Bros. Italy Vice President Theatrical Distribution.

Donna Dean ’96 was honored in October 2016 as an exemplary California Department of Justice employee at the 25th Annual Attorney General Awards. Dean, who specializes in civil law, was recognized for demonstrating the highest professional standards in client representation or prosecution.


Ruben Garcia ’96 was appointed Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Research at the the University of Nevada- Las Vegas Boyd School of Law. He was also appointed to the board of the American Constitution Society for Law and Policy.

Gabriel Gregg ’96 of Robinson & Wood was selected as treasurer for 2017 for the Santa Clara County Bar Association.
Caroline Mankey ’96, partner and chair of the Specialty Rights and Technology Group at Sedgwick, was selected by the National Law Journal as an “Intellectual Property Trailblazer.”

Stacy Rosenberg ’96 joined the financial practice of Hogan Lovells as a partner in its Los Angeles office. She was previously a partner at Latham & Watkins.

Candice Gonzalez ’97 of Palo Alto Housing was named to the Women of Influence 2017 list by the Silicon Valley Business Journal.

Jennifer Lloyd Kelly ’97, a partner at Fenwick & West, was named one of the Top Entertainment Lawyers in California by the Daily Journal.

George C. Yu ’97, who focuses on patent infringement litigation involving complex biotechnology and medical technology products, was promoted to partner in the San Francisco office of Schiff Hardin.

Samantha Grant ’98 joined Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton as a partner in the firm’s Labor and Employment Practice Group in Century City. She joins from Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp.

Effie Turnbull Sanders ’98 was selected by Gov. Jerry Brown as Vice Chair of the California Coastal Commission. She was first appointed to the Coastal Commission in 2014. Sanders is an Assistant General Counsel to the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Ryan K. Yagura ’98, partner and chair of the Intellectual Property and Technology Practice at O’Melveny & Myers, was named one of the Top 75 Intellectual Property Litigators in California by the Daily Journal.

Lora Blum ’99 joined SurveyMonkey Inc. as senior vice president, general counsel and secretary in January 2017. She previously was Vice President of Legal at LinkedIn, where she oversaw the firm’s 2011 IPO and its sale to Microsoft Inc. for $26.2 billion in 2016.

Adam Sullins ’99 was promoted to partner in Latham & Watkins’ Entertainment, Sports & Media Practice.

Phong L. Tran ’99 was named a partner at Johnson & Weaver in San Diego. Prior to joining Johnson & Weaver, Tran worked at Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd and Coughlan, Semmer & Lipman.

2000 to 2010

Phillip K. Cha ’00, formerly senior counsel with LimNexus, launched Cha Mediation Services, a mediation practice specializing in employment and business disputes.

Jenny Marino Cheung ’00 has been named firm director for the new fourth unit of Children’s Law Center Los Angeles.

Karen E. Jung ’00 was elected to partner at Gerard Fox Law. She was previously corporate counsel at Samsung E&C America, Inc.

Rocky Lee ’00 joined King & Wood Mallesons in January 2017 as partner and head of the U.S. Corporate Practice. Formerly with Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, he will be splitting his time between Beijing and Silicon Valley.

Jeffrey Diener ’01, a partner in the Real Estate practice at Paul Hastings, has moved from the firm’s London office to its San Francisco office.

Kevin Gibson ’01, who specializes in representing emerging companies, was named partner at Koenig, Oelser, Taylor, Schoenfeld & Gaddis in Colorado. Previously, he practiced in the Silicon Valley office of Gunderson Dettmer, and before that was a CPA with PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Araceli Ruano ’01 was appointed to the California Horse Racing Board of Directors. She is a senior advisor at the SFE Group.

Robert Kang ’02, a senior attorney at Southern California Edison, served as president of the UCLA Law Alumni Board of Directors for 2016-2017.

Joseph Laska ’02 of Manatt, Phelps & Phillips was named one of the 2017 Top 40 under 40 attorneys by the Daily Journal.

John Loncto ’02 was promoted to counsel at Greenberg Traurig.

The Hon. Songhai Armstead ’03 was appointed to the Los Angeles County Superior Court by Gov Jerry Brown. Songhai was previously supervising deputy city attorney for City of Los Angeles, where she oversaw the Homeless Court and other programs.
Katherine Ku ’03 joined Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati as a partner in the firm’s Corporate and Securities Practice in Los Angeles. She joins from Munger, Tolles & Olson.

Susan Schalla ’03, who specializes in corporate law, estate planning and probate, was elected a shareholder at Carney Badley Spellman in Seattle.

Pam Singh ’03 was appointed as the Public Defender for Kern County, the first woman to serve in the role in the county’s history.

David Horton ’04 was named to the 2016-2017 class of the UC Davis’ Chancellor’s Fellows. He joined the law faculty at UC Davis in 2012.

Marc Lewis ’04 of Lewis & Llewellyn was named one of the 2017 Top 40 under 40 attorneys by the Daily Journal.

Cheryl Lott ’04 of Buchalter was named president-elect for the UCLA Alumni Association Board. She also serves on the UCLA Law Alumni Board of Directors.


Timothy Loose ’05 was elected partner in the Los Angeles office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher.

Glenn Nieves ’05 received the Hispanic National Bar Association’s “Top Lawyers Under 40” Award. He is the General Counsel, Vice President- Government Affairs and Corporate Secretary for fiber-optic network provider Wilcon.

Rebecca Petereit ’05, who focuses on corporate restructuring and reorganization, was promoted to partner at Vinson & Elkins in Dallas.

Misty Sanford ’05 of Munger, Tolles & Olson was named one of the 2017 Top 40 under 40 attorneys by the Daily Journal.

Eric Vandevelde ’05, who focuses on white collar criminal defense, complex litigation and cybersecurity, was promoted to partner in the Los Angeles office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher.

Matt Ahart ’06 joined Transom Consulting Group as associate partner.

Kristen Hilton ’06 joined the Oregon Coast Aquarium board of directors.

Arwen Johnson ’06 of Boies Schiller Flexner was named one of the 2017 Top 40 under 40 attorneys by the Daily Journal.

Matthew Serratto ’06 won a seat on the Merced City Council. He has been a deputy in the Merced County District Attorney’s Office for nine years.

Albiz Valencia ’06 has joined Ervin Cohen & Jessup as partner in Beverly Hills. Focusing his practice on commercial real estate transactions, he previously was a partner at Sklar Kirsh.

Christopher Campbell ’07 was named a partner in the Litigation & Trial Department at Latham & Watkins in San Francisco.

Patrick Hammon ’07 was promoted to counsel in the Palo Alto office of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom. In 2017, he received a California Lawyer Attorneys of the Year (CLAY) Award.

from the Daily Journal for his role in defending FedEx against allegations it conspired with online pharmacies to unlawfully distribute controlled substances and misbranded drugs.

Aaron Levine ’07 was promoted to counsel in the New York office of Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer.

Amanda Molter ’07, who focuses on representing clients forming private investment vehicles, was named one of the 2017 Top 40 under 40 attorneys by the Daily Journal.

Daniel Rees ’07, who specializes in securities and corporate governance, was promoted to partner at Latham & Watkins’ Orange County office.

Esther Ro ’07 was elected partner at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius in Los Angeles.

Cynthia Tollett ’07 was promoted to assistant executive director for the Directors Guild of America. Tollett was previously the Director’s Guild’s associate general counsel.


Daniel Wiesel ’08 joined the Los Angeles office of Wolf Rifkin as a senior associate in the Real Estate practice. He was previously with Norton Rose Fullbright.

Ryan Erickson ’09, who focuses on litigation, became a partner at Lewis & Llewellyn. He joined the firm in 2013.
Alum Lauded for Landmark Civil Rights Actions

When Ron Kaye '89 reached a $10.1 million settlement for Francisco Carrillo Jr. in August 2016, he did more than net his client a California-record sum for 20 years of wrongful imprisonment. Through five years of litigation, he and his colleagues at the Pasadena firm of Kaye, McLane, Bednarski & Litt also uncovered a history of corruption by the Lynwood Vikings, a group of Los Angeles County Sheriff’s deputies who manipulated a witness to pin a 1991 drive-by shooting on Carrillo.

His work on that case and others led the Criminal Courts Bar Association of Los Angeles to give Kaye the Johnnie Cochran Award in 2016.

That was just the latest honor for Kaye, who also received the ACLU of Southern California’s 2015 Prisoners’ Rights Award for representing the family of a man who committed suicide in the L.A. County Men’s Central Jail in 2013. In addition, his years of litigation against L.A. County, including a successful five-week trial against 28 deputies and their supervisors for unconstitutional and malicious acts against inmates at the Men’s Central Jail, contributed to the substantial reform sought out by the L.A. County Citizens’ Commission on Jail Violence.

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Andrew Erskine ’09 was named partner at Orrick in Santa Monica, where he is a member of the firm’s Technology Companies Group. Before joining Orrick, he served as a legislative adviser to Congress and worked for Deloitte.

J.R. Morgan ’09, who specializes in venture capital and fund management, joined Andrews Kurth as counsel in its corporate section.

R. Daniel Carter ’11, who focuses on Native American, property and natural resource law, joined the Tulsa office of Conner & Winters. Prior to joining the firm, he worked as counsel for the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

Corey Donaldson ’11 was named as partner at Koppel IP in Westlake Village. Prior to joining Koppel IP in 2012, Donaldson worked for the UCLA Office of Intellectual Property.

Samuel Kidder ’11, an associate at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, was appointed to the board of directors of Words Beyond Bars, which promotes education programming and literacy skills in correctional facilities.

Caroline Dessert ’12 was named executive director of Immigration Equality, which provides direct representation and advocacy for LGBT and HIV-positive asylum seekers.

Dessert joins Immigration Equality from the California Attorney General’s Office, where she was a deputy attorney general in the Public Rights Division.

Michael Guo ’12 has joined Morrison & Foerster as an associate in its Intellectual Property Litigation group.

Francis Guzman ’12, a former juvenile offender, is now an advocate and attorney with National Center for Youth Law.

Andrew Malatesta ’12 opened his own employment law firm, Malatesta Law, in Century City.

Julius Nam ’12, an assistant U.S. attorney, received the the Anti-Defamation League’s Helene and Joseph Sherwood Family Prize for Combating Hate for his role in an international terrorism investigation and prosecution in Orange County.

Priscilla Parrett ’10 joined Reed Smith as an associate in its State Tax Group. She joins from Morrison & Foerster.

2010 to 2017

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Luis A. Patiño ’12 joined CBS Television Studios as assistant general counsel in Los Angeles. Previously, Patiño was an associate at Barnes & Thornburg.

Natalie Samarjian ’12 was named executive director of Coro Southern California, which prepares individuals from diverse backgrounds to be impact leaders. She previously worked at the California Women’s Law Center and was a Dickran Tevrizian Fellow at the Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County.

Tim Shimizu ’12 joined the City of Palo Alto as deputy city attorney. He was previously a deputy county counsel and the inaugural Michael P. Murphy Fellow at the San Mateo County Counsel’s Office.

Lauren Bernadett ’13 joined Sacramento's Somach Simmons & Dunn. She is also completing her LLM degree in Agriculture and Food Law at the University of Arkansas School of Law.

Madeline Soboleff Levy ’13 was promoted to general counsel at Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska. She formerly served as the tribe’s child support attorney.

Katherine Perez ’13 received the 2017 American Association of People with Disabilities Paul G. Hearne Leadership Award for her leadership, advocacy and dedication to the broader cross-disability community. She is the founding member of the National Coalition of Latinxs with Disabilities.

Matt Rising ’13 is Co-founder of Venice, Ca.-based clean energy firm Swell Energy.

Eric Tran ’13 joined Lipson Neilson’s Las Vegas office. Prior to joining the firm, Eric served as corporate counsel for a startup technology company in Las Vegas.

Andrew Lugerter ’13 is the Director of Hockey Legal Affairs for the Vegas Golden Knights, a new franchise in the National Hockey League that will start play in the 2017-18 season. He previously was an associate at Latham and Watkins in New York.

Story E. Cunningham ’14, who concentrates on labor and employment matters, joined Blank Rome’s Los Angeles office. She previously worked at Paul Hastings.

Andrew Bedigian ’15 joined the new Los Angeles litigation boutique Larson O’Brien as an attorney at law, specializing in complex litigation. Previously, Bedigian was an associate at Reed Smith.

Ben Leonard ’15 joined Ryley Carlock & Applewhite in Denver as an associate in the estate planning and taxation practice group.

Matt Rilla ’15 joined Reed Smith as an associate in its State Tax Group. He joins from Morrison & Foerster.

Sabine Tsuruda ’16, a Ph.D. candidate in philosophy, has been named a Charlotte W. Newcombe Dissertation Fellow for 2017 at the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. The Newcombe Fellowship is the most prestigious award for Ph.D. candidates in the humanities and social sciences addressing questions of ethical and religious values.

In Memoriam

Ralph L. Block ’67
Carl Boronkay ’54
Beatrice J. Braun ’76
Anthony P. Brooklier ’71
William H. Brown ’67
Sigrid Carlson ’79
Stephen E. Carroll ’84
Federico Cheever ’86
Louise D. Dale ’59
Robert W. D’Angelo ’60
James R. De Bose ’74
Richard P. Ebhart ’65
Edmund D. Edelman ’58
Herschel T. Elkins ’56
Robert L. Fink ’54
Bob W. Fischer ’73
Jack Goldman ’65
Alan B. Haber ’67
Rhonda J. Heth ’80
Ephraim J. Hirsch ’57
Stephen S. King ’62
Roger E. King ’70
Rowan K. Klein ’69
Nancy M. Knight ’74
Robert A. Knox ’57
George V. Kriste ’72
Kurt J. Lewin ’63
Jane M. Lim ’96
Milton J. Litvin ’54
Barry Mason ’66
Byron K. Mc Millan ’57
Sean M. Mitts ’84
John F. Parker ’53
Steven W. Rhodes ’77
Leonard R. Sager ’55
Cletus V. Schmidt ’55
Russell F. Schooling ’59
Irwin Schulman ’59
Howard J. Schwab ’67
Terence V. Scott ’78
Wayne W. Smith ’72
Bernard Snyder ’57
David E. Tiller ’70
Paul A. Turner ’72
Arthur C. Wahlstedt ’59
Donnie E. Whitlock ’76
James E. Wilhelm ’68
IN MEMORIAM:

Dean William Warren 1925-2017

William Warren, a former dean of UCLA School of Law who left a lasting imprint on the school and the nation’s commercial laws, died on May 30, 2017. He was 92.

UCLA Law grew into its current position as one of the nation’s premier law schools during Warren’s tenure as its fourth dean, from 1975 to 1982. Those pivotal years were marked by expansion of the school’s trailblazing clinical education program, stronger ties to the firms and institutions that hire law school graduates, and a growing reputation as a place where rigorous scholarship, public service and a collegial atmosphere are prized attributes.

People from all corners of the UCLA Law community recall Warren as a humble and kind leader, as well as a beloved professor who was one of the nation’s leading scholars in bankruptcy and commercial law.

Warren was born in Mount Vernon, Illinois, and served in the Army Air Force on the island of Saipan in World War II. He attended the University of Illinois on the G.I. Bill, earning his undergraduate degree in 1948 and his law degree in 1950. After several years as a law professor at the Ohio State University, Vanderbilt University and Illinois, he received a J.S.D. from Yale Law School in 1957.

Already an academic of high stature when he joined UCLA Law’s faculty two years later, Warren’s work, especially with longtime collaborator Robert Jordan, formed the foundation of contemporary commercial law and made UCLA Law the leading center for the study of that field and bankruptcy. He authored numerous influential articles and books, and with Jordan drafted parts of the Uniform Commercial Code that continue to govern payments law across the country.

Warren left to join Stanford’s law faculty in 1972, but he returned to UCLA Law to serve as dean in 1975. In 1994, UCLA Law established the William D. Warren Chair in Law in his honor.

“He was a legend, a real institutional giant, and a truly lovely human being,” said Jennifer L. Mnookin, UCLA Law’s dean and David G. Price and Dallas P. Price Professor of Law. “The spirit of community he instilled here and the initiatives he set in motion are what make our law school tick today. The frequency with which the alumni I meet reminisce about Bill, both as a professor and as dean, is both heartwarming and striking.”

Professor Barbara Brudno 1941-2016

Barbara Brudno, the first female faculty member at the UCLA School of Law and a leader in the field of poverty law, passed away on Dec. 29, 2016. She was 75.

Born Oct. 2, 1941, Brudno joined the law school faculty in September 1968. She taught classes in constitutional law, torts and family law; helped formulate the school’s pioneering clinical and experiential program and authored casebooks on poverty law and real estate. She left UCLA in 1982, taught at Brooklyn Law School for three years, then returned to Los Angeles and went into private practice.

UCLA Law Dean Emerita Susan Westerberg Prager ’71 — who took a poverty law class from Brudno and was part of a group of three women who joined the school faculty four years after Brudno — said she was an extraordinary scholar and mentor. “She truly cared, and her courageous intensity was contagious,” Prager said. “It wasn’t easy to be the first female faculty member anywhere, and Barbara did it her way.”
Dean Richard Maxwell 1919-2016

Richard Callender Maxwell, UCLA School of Law Dean Emeritus and Michael J. Connell Distinguished Professor of Law Emeritus, passed away in Austin, Texas, on October 7, 2016, his 97th birthday.

He was the school’s second dean, and is credited for propelling the school from its modest early years toward becoming one of the top law schools in the country. Under Maxwell’s guidance the school embraced clinical and experiential learning, became a pioneer in faculty diversity, created specialized programs in areas such as immigration and communications law, launched its deep commitment to public interest law and more than tripled the size of its faculty.

Maxwell joined the UCLA Law faculty in 1953, four years after the school opened. He served as dean from 1958 to 1969, and remained on the faculty until 1981. An expert in oil and gas law, Maxwell was an editor of the *Oil and Gas Reporter* for more than 30 years.

After leaving UCLA, he became the Harry R. Chadwick, Sr. Professor of Law at Duke University. At different times he taught at the University of North Dakota, the University of Texas, Hastings College of the Law, UC Berkeley, Columbia University and the University of Singapore.

He achieved the rank of lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and earned his LL.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1947.

“Dick brought UCLA Law from being from a small institution to one of the premiere law schools in the country,” said Acting Chancellor Emeritus Norman Abrams, who was interim dean of the law school from 2003 to 2004 and joined the school the same year that Maxwell became dean. “But more than what he did for the school, he was an extraordinary person. Grounded, down to earth and warm, and at the same time he had high standards and a strong moral core.”

Lecturer in Law Skye Donald 1973-2016

Lecturer in law Skye Donald, widely admired for her excellent teaching and extraordinary student mentorship, succumbed to cancer on Oct. 16. She was 43.

Donald joined UCLA School of Law in 2009 and was diagnosed with a brain tumor the following year. She nonetheless taught the Lawyering Skills course, now called Legal Research and Writing, to hundreds of first-year students and assisted in upper-division clinical courses. In recognition of her excellence as a teacher, she was awarded a continuing appointment in 2015.

Prior to joining UCLA Law, Donald was a litigator at Morrison & Foerster in Los Angeles, where she also maintained an active pro bono practice. Prior to attending law school, she worked for human rights organizations.


“Skye drew respect and admiration through her fierce intelligence, deep concern for students, and wonderful sense of humor,” said Professor Eileen Scallen. “I’ve lost track of the number of students who have told me she was their favorite professor at the law school.”

Donald is survived by her husband, Rafael Jimenez, and their son, Mateo. A fund has been established to support the education of Mateo, and contributions may be made at UCLA Law. In Donald’s honor, UCLA Law has established the Skye Donald Memorial Fund and the Skye Donald Spirit of Community Award to recognize students who exemplify her dedication to the law and service.
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THE INCREDIBLE GROUP OF STUDENTS WHO JOINED UCLA SCHOOL OF LAW IN AUGUST ARE STARTING THEIR LEGAL JOURNEYS DURING A TIME OF SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL TUMULT. Many of the recent legal and policy changes affect our students in ways that are both personal and closely bound to their professional aspirations.

One of the challenges in contentious times is to be a passionate advocate and, simultaneously, a thoughtful listener able to look for common ground. As Paul Watford ’94, judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, told the Class of 2017 in his Commencement address, it is the task of this generation of lawyers to use their knowledge, skills and commitment to the rule of law to “facilitate constructive dialogue among parties who may strongly disagree,” and to “combat this trend of polarization” while still holding on to core values and commitments.

UCLA Law students are up to this challenge. Our entering class comes in with a great record of academic achievement, professional experience and an eagerness to make a difference. We, in turn, are excited to build upon the strengths that have made us one of the top law schools in the country and deliver an education that is intellectually rich, practical, and that launches students on rewarding pathways.

A key area for action is in clinical and experiential education, which has long been a strength of UCLA Law. Clinical programs allow students to develop concrete lawyering skills while still in school, and we are expanding these offerings in new and exciting ways.

In the spring of 2017, we launched both a Food Law and Policy Clinic and an Immigration Rights Policy Clinic. We are partnering with the Los Angeles Unified School District and UCLA’s Graduate School of Education and Information Systems to open an immigration advocacy clinic in 2018 at a school in Koreatown, one of the most diverse communities in the city. This work is being generously supported by an alum who prefers to remain anonymous but sees the compelling need to address immigration, both for families caught in today’s crossfire and at the level of local, state and national policy.

UCLA Law is also accelerating and expanding on its international human rights work, thanks to the incredible $20 million gift for our new Promise Institute for Human Rights. In January, in the first foreign foray associated with the institute, a group of students will travel to Honduras.

Finally, this spring, we will open a Documentary Film Clinic to support artists seeking to tell stories that might otherwise go untold, and to give students invaluable opportunities to work in areas such as negotiation and intellectual property.

Of course, the work must continue even after students leave our beautiful campus. That, in part, is the mission of UCLA Law Women LEAD.

Formed in 2015 to build a career-long ladder of support for UCLA Law alumnae, LEAD held its inaugural summit in February. Highlights are captured in the following pages, as is the wisdom from some of UCLA Law’s most distinguished alumnae. These women are leaders in law, in social justice, in business and in entrepreneurship. Their story is the story of UCLA Law, and they are an inspiration to all of us as we move the school forward.

Warmly,

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Dean and David G. Price and Dallas P. Price Professor of Law
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