UCLA School of Law welcomes its first class 70 years ago this fall. That means we are old enough to be getting some nest (epithelial) gray hairs, but we are decades, and in some cases more than a century, younger than our peers among the nation’s top law schools. Back in 1949, faculty and students gathered in temporary halls in the shadows of UCLA’s first permanent structures. Now, UCLA Law is a powerhouse institution of international reach and reputation. We certainly have plenty to celebrate. In seven decades, some 17,000 people have earned J.D.s at UCLA Law, and 1,400 more have received an LL.M. degree. UCLA Law alumni served in Congress, on the federal and state bench, in executive suites, on law school faculties, in law firms large and small, and at many organizations that use the law to make the world a better place. Our Yale-met and faculty are recognized — by peers, legal professionals, jurists, journalists and our students — as scholars at the leading edge of knowledge in fields from corporate law to crime, property, family law, constitutional law to environmental policy, and immigration to taxation.

This year, alumni and friends donated an incredible $32.7 million to the school, a single-year record for gift giving. This tremendous generosity led us to exceed our ambitious $50 million goal for the Centennial Campaign for UCLA — which is celebrating its 100th birthday this year — by more than $10 million, and the campaign continues through December. These funds support scholarships, faculty chairs, new courses, incredible programs and so much more. I am grateful to everyone who gave, and everyone who is thinking about giving. Because we are one of the youngest of the top law schools, our endowment lags behind those of our elder peers, so the investment by alumni and friends in our future truly matters.

But the impact of UCLA Law goes far beyond these numbers. Tie it in the outstanding qualities of the students whom we accept each year. Tie it to the clinics that deliver pro bono services to clients and community-based students in the interstices that lie beyond the book. See it in how the alumni and friends who give back to the school by interviewing prospective students, networking with and mentoring current students, hiring recent graduates and joining us as lecturers and guest parents. And of course, it makes me incredibly proud to see the amazing professional accomplishments of our alumni.

Our graduates are not only accomplished, they are inspiring. So for our power story, we decided to highlight 70 path-breaking alumni in honor of our 70 years. Clocking 70 Out of the Thousand, Won’t You, Illuminating, Difficult and Frankly Even Excruciating at Times. Do we highlight those with the biggest titles? The best known? The ones who have contributed the most to the school’s growth and maturation? Those who have dedicated their lives and careers to public service, challenged by injustice, exploitation and disregard of some of the legal system’s most important goals? Not even our core judges! How could we pick just a few among our dozens of scholars now in the legal academy?

Ultimately, we chose a small sample of each, because the true impact of UCLA Law is that our alumni are leaders in all of these areas. We focused on alumni who took new ground, took unexpected tures, put their law degrees to surprising uses and played leadership roles in advancing justice and the legal profession. For every person who is featured, there are a great many more who could have

Most of all, this piece is made me very proud of UCLA Law, and I hope that a look at this list makes you proud, too. Around the world, UCLA Law alumni are doing incredible things. I have no doubt that UCLA Law ’s first 70 years will be just the top stories of groundbreaking success, impact and leadership.

Happy 70th!

Warmly,

Jennifer L. Mnookin
Dean and David G. Price Chair
and Dallas Price Professor of Law

Message from Dean Jennifer L. Mnookin

UCLA Law: By the Numbers

- The median GPA for the incoming J.D. class of 2019, the highest in the school’s history: 3.79
- The median LSAT score for the incoming J.D. class of 2019: 168
- 17% of incoming J.D. class of 2019 are the first in their families to earn a college degree.
- Faculty members recognized as among the most cited in their disciplines, according to the Leiter Report: 12
- Ranking of the school for influence of faculty scholarship, according to the Sisk study: 2018 rank: 11
- 96% of 2018 graduates employed in bar passage required or J.D. advantage jobs 10 months after graduation.
- 11,587 media mentions, including op-eds and news stories citing UCLA Law faculty and research in 2018.
- $32.7 million: The record-breaking value of gifts received from alumni and friends of the school in 2018-19. Thank you!
- 400: The number of law firms, government agencies and other employers who engage with students on campus each year.
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UCLA LAW SETS FUNDRAISING RECORD

Alumni and friends of UCLA School of Law raised $32.7 million for the school in 2018-19, the largest single-year sum in the school’s 70-year history. This fundraising total topped UCLA Law’s previous annual record by nearly $2 million.

The generous donations support a wide variety of activities throughout the law school, including student scholarships, endowed faculty chairs and development of new curricular and educational opportunities. In 2018-19, the law school received gifts from a total of 3,568 donors. Seventy percent of donors are UCLA Law alumni, and the others are friends of the school, dedicated contributors to the university, UCLA Law faculty and students. UCLA Law is proud to have a higher percentage of alumni who give back than any other UCLA professional school or part of the university.

“This is an incredible show of generosity, and it has a huge impact for UCLA Law,” says Dean Jennifer Mnookin. “As the youngest law school in the top 20 and one with a modest endowment compared to our more established peers, this support is especially important for us. I’m delighted by our overall numbers, but I’m equally grateful that so many of our alums and friends are stepping up to make contributions. Every gift, large and small, is an investment in our students and our future.”

Major gifts in 2018-19 include:

- $5.5 million from the Mitchell Trusts and Ken Ziffren ’65, with additional funds from the Chancellor’s Centennial Scholarship Match, to launch new scholarships and initiatives at UCLA Law’s Ziffren Institute for Media, Entertainment, Technology and Sports Law.
- $2.6 million from Ralph Shapiro ’58 and Shirley Shapiro to support endowed faculty chairs; to contribute to the Emmett Foundation’s $2.5 million matching gift for the Emmett Institute on Climate Change and the Environment; and to promote research and scholarship by Emmett Institute faculty.
- $2 million to establish the Eric M. Zolt Endowed Chair in Tax Law, named for longtime faculty member and tax scholar Eric Zolt. More than 30 donors including alumni, faculty, friends of the school and members of the Zolt family contributed to the chair.
- $2 million to establish the Rachel F. Moran Endowed Chair, in honor of Dean Emerita Rachel Moran. Nearly two dozen alumni, faculty and others, led by George Halverson ’62 and Brandy Halverson, came together to make this gift.
- $1 million from William Kahane ’74 and Elizabeth Kahane to establish new courses, events and training in corporate governance through the Lowell Milken Institute for Business Law and Policy.
- A gift of nearly $670,000, matched by the Chancellor’s Centennial Scholarship Match program, from Karen Silberman and Jeff Silberman ’82 to establish the endowed Silberman Family Achievement Scholarship in support of academically talented students who have overcome exceptional hurdles to attend UCLA Law.

In 2018-19, UCLA Law also surpassed its goal of raising $150 million during the Centennial Campaign for UCLA, the $4.2 billion effort to bolster the university as it enters its second century. As of June 2019, the end of the 2018-19 fiscal year, UCLA Law had raised $160 million during the campaign. The Centennial Campaign continues through December 2019.

TRIAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM HITS NEW HEIGHTS

Scoring big in prestigious tournaments and earning a No. 3 national ranking, UCLA School of Law’s trial advocacy team enjoyed unprecedented success in 2018-19. Under the direction of veteran litigator and legal educator Justin Bernstein — who joined UCLA Law in 2018 to direct the trial advocacy program — the trial team won three tournaments in the academic year and made the playoffs in all eight of the competitions that it entered. Thanks to those accomplishments and more, the team finished the year in third place in the national Trial Competition Performance Rankings, while competing in fewer tournaments than most of its rivals.

UCLA Law’s team was the highest-ranked on the West Coast and among all top-20 law schools.

Students on UCLA Law’s trial teams kicked off their season with a victory in the inaugural Martin Luther King, Jr., National Civil Rights Trial Competition at UC Davis School of Law in October 2018. There, the team of Kyle DeCamp ’19, Kian Khajooei ’20, Aidan Welsh ’19 and Corey Wilson ’20, with coaching from Bernstein and Sheppard Mullin associate J.D. Rees III ’14, took top prize. A UCLA Law team including Delaram Kamalpour ’19, Connor Traffon ’19, Mikayla Wasiri ’20 and Deckela Kohli ’20 prevailed in the West Coast regional of the trial advocacy competition held by the American Bar Association’s labor and employment law section in November 2018. And at the Southern California regional tournament of the American Association for Justice’s Student Trial Advocacy Competition in March, the squad of DeCamp, Delaney Gold-Diamond ’21, Khajooei and Welsh emerged victorious.

Overall, UCLA Law’s trial team has reached the playoffs at 10 consecutive tournaments, the longest current streak in the country.

“Trial competitions really bring the threads of legal education together,” Bernstein says. “In class, students work on core skills, including writing, oral advocacy and understanding of precedent and core legal principles. Then, in competition, they must be able to solve problems, put their clients first and think on their feet.”

Bernstein is also seeking to make UCLA a hub for trial competitions. In June, the law school co-hosted the premier tournament for undergraduate mock trial competitors, Trial by Combat, which Bernstein created in 2017 at Drexel University’s Kline School of Law, where the competition was held. In 2020, the event finals will move across the country to UCLA Law, which will welcome competitors from Ivy League colleges, state universities and liberal arts schools.

Separately, UCLA Law awarded its first Cappello Certificates in Trial Advocacy in 2018 to nine graduates who completed a curriculum focused on excellence in the courtroom. Every member of the graduating Class of 2019 who participated in the A. Barry Cappello Program in Trial Advocacy secured full-time employment in J.D.-required positions before graduation.

The rapid ascent of the trial advocacy program is due to the generosity of alumnus A. Barry Cappello ’50, who boosted the program with a new $500,000 gift in 2019. A renowned class-action attorney who is the managing partner of Santa Barbara-based Cappello and Noël, Cappello has earned over $1 billion in verdicts and settlements for his clients in cases ranging from environmental catastrophes to lending discrimination. His latest gift supports additional scholarships for students committed to trial advocacy, expenses for the A. Barry Cappello Trial Team at UCLA School of Law, and upgrades to UCLA Law’s A. Barry Cappello Courtroom.

The gift raises Cappello’s total donations to UCLA Law to $2.75 million. It follows a 2017 gift that started the Cappello Program and a 2006 gift of $1.25 million that created the Cappello Courtroom, which has hosted proceedings of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and Ninth Circuit, and is home to the Cappello Courtroom Series: The Art of the Trial, a twice-annual lecture in which Cappello is joined by top trial and appellate attorneys.

“When I attended UCLA Law more than 50 years ago, the school did not have a trial advocacy curriculum,” says Cappello, who earned his undergraduate and law degrees at UCLA and is a member of the UCLA Law Board of Advisors. “Working with school leaders over the last several years, we have created a world-class program with a robust schedule of classes, a certificate and endowed scholarships for students committed to the art of courtroom advocacy, a leading trial team and a state-of-the-art courtroom. Giving back to UCLA Law and helping to create opportunities for the next generation of trial lawyers has been enormously satisfying for me.”

UCLA Law Cappello Trial Team members Corey Wilson ’20, Mikayla Wasiri ’20, coaches Ned Thakor and Rahul Hari, Delaney Gold-Diamond ’21 and Avery Hitchcock ’20 after the 2019 National Civil Rights Trial Competition at UC Davis.

Image features a moment when UCLA Law alumna Martine Rothblatt ’81 and Distinguished Professor Kimberlé Crenshaw were featured.
INTERSECTIONALITY AT 30:
Q&A with Kimberlé Crenshaw

Writing from her office at UCLA School of Law in 1989, Distinguished Professor Kimberlé Crenshaw used the term “intersectionality” in a University of Chicago Legal Forum article to highlight the way that different forms of social inequality or disadvantage manifest and compound each other. The article, “Demarginalizing the Intersection of Race and Sex: A Black Feminist Critique of Antidiscrimination Doctrine, Feminist Theory and Antiracist Politics,” launched a concept that has since gained great traction in academia and popular discourse.

This year, Crenshaw participated in events that marked the 30th anniversary of intersectionality at the Gunda Werner Institute in Berlin, the Sorbonne in Paris and the London School of Economics. Gatherings are also scheduled at the American Studies Association and Columbia Law School. Crenshaw’s forthcoming book, On intersectionality: Essential Writings, will be published in January. And the African American Policy Forum, which Crenshaw founded, recently launched a podcast titled Intersectionality Matters.

Here, Crenshaw discusses the evolution of her groundbreaking idea.

It is not my view that intersectionality is any of these things. A counter-critique that I’ve framed as the anti-intersectionalism is the anti-intersectionality of intersectionality. That’s what I mean by the emergence of intersectionality in legal theory. Twenty-five years later, you launched another phrase that has entered the cultural current, #SayHerName, to bring attention to black and female victims of police violence. What is the relationship between intersectionality and #SayHerName?

#SayHerName is an example of intersectionality in action. Drawing attention to the way that police violence against Black women all too often falls between the cracks of anti-racist advocacy against abusive policing and feminist advocacy against gender-based violence. Police violence is largely imagined to impact only men, and concerns about racial bias in police shootings typically focus on Black men. The reality is that girls as young as 8 and women as old as 93 have been killed by the police, and Black women are disproportionately vulnerable to police killings. But these facts remain largely irrelevant in the broader social debate because available frames are not capacious enough to address them. #SayHerName is part of a wider effort to address police violence against Black women so that the consequences of their vulnerability will no longer remain unmarked.

Political conditions and legal structures have changed quite a bit since 1989. Does intersectionality have greater relevance today than when you published your article?

Intersectionality retains its relevance today as its uptake by advocates and theorists continues to expand. Here in the U.S., the intersections of race and class continue to shape political and policy debates, even though they are often unmarked as such. Women of color are emerging as one of the most mobilized political constituencies, and many are gravitating toward agendas that are shaped by intersectional thinking. Intersectionality has been taken up outside the U.S., as well, particularly within the European Union, with its attempts to incorporate the concept of equality law, and in South Africa, where it has been referenced in the interpretation of the nation’s equality clause.

Intersectionality has become a pillar of Critical Race Theory, a discipline where you are among the leading scholars. In what directions do you see the field going?

Critical Race Theory has crossed over and seeded new projects across the academy. Critical Race Theory and intersectionality have been adapted in disciplines ranging from education, history, sociology and political theory to data science, public health, geography and environmental studies. I anticipate that these engagements will likely spur additional projects across the disciplines, like the one that was launched 10 years ago at Stanford University’s Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences. Academics from multiple fields came together to examine how race has shaped the development of numerous disciplines only to be disavowed in the contemporary embrace of color blindness. The project met a milestone this year with the publication of Seeing Race Again: Countering Colorblindness Across the Disciplines, a collection co-edited by Daniel Ho-Sang, Luke Harris, George Lipsitz and myself.

INTERSECTIONALITY AT 30:
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Entertainer Ariana Grande recently tweeted “It ain’t feminism if it ain’t intersectional” to her 66 million followers, and Hillary Clinton used the term during her 2016 campaign for president. How does it feel to coin a term that had become an overnight sensation? I told him 30 years was a pretty long night. How it felt to see the term how it felt to coin a term that had become an overnight sensation. I told him 30 years was a pretty long night. How does it feel to see the term "for president. How does it feel to see the term how it felt to coin a term that had become an overnight sensation. I told him 30 years was a pretty long night.

It is not my view that intersectionality is any of these things. A counter-critique that I’ve framed as the anti-intersectionalism is the anti-intersectionality of intersectionality during a couple of panel discussions I’ve organized in the U.S. and the U.K. is entitled “Myth-Busting Intersectionality.” Please describe the conditions or people at UCLA Law that helped you to crystallize the idea of intersectionality.

Most significantly, UCLA hired me! I was young and untested when Professor Joel Handler brought me through, and I described the nascent project during my visit, “Demarginalizing” was my second article, but it was barely a draft when I joined the faculty here.

School leaders at the time, Dean Susan Prager and Vice Dean Carole Goldberg, led a faculty that fully embraced scholarship that pushed the envelope, so although I knew I was writing against the grain, the signals within the building were encouraging. Indeed, the mentoring offered by colleagues here was more than I could have possibly expected. Some, like Rick Abel, Fran Olsen, Chris Littleton and others, provided a solid sounding board for me to further develop the argument. A small group of faculty here workshoped my drafts, and the wider assembly of feminist law professors in California who met regularly also contributed to the sharpening of my argument. I also discovered a network of feminists of color, graduate students and young professors from several disciplines who also met on campus to support each other’s writing. Overall, my decision to come to UCLA is an important — perhaps even a “but for” — factor in the emergence of intersectionality in legal theory.

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**MARQUEE GIFTS BOOST ENTERTAINMENT LAW PROGRAM**

Donations of $6 million add several scholarships and new courses to the Ziffren Institute for Media, Entertainment, Technology and Sports Law

Entertainment and media law have long been strengths at UCLA School of Law, and the school’s leadership in the field only grew with the establishment four years ago of the Ziffren Center for Media, Entertainment, Technology and Sports Law. Now, the program is taking another giant step forward.

Ken Ziffren ’65 — the co-founder of Ziffren Brittenham and a towering figure in the business of television and film — and Patricia W. Mitchell Trust — established by the late wife of longtime Columbia Pictures executive John H. Mitchell — have donated a collective $5.5 million to deepen the school’s well-earned reputation as offering the top entertainment law program.

“Our goal from the start has been to establish UCLA Law as the preeminent institution for those who seek to master the law and the intricacies of the media and entertainment business, and for them to take the industry forward,” says Ziffren. “The generous gift from the Mitchell Trusts, along with the great support we receive from our alumni and the law school’s innovative educational approach, have paved the way for us to reach that goal.”

Gift funds will:

• Create the separate John H. Mitchell and Patricia W. Mitchell Endowed Law School Scholarship for additional Ziffren Institute students, who will be known as UCLA Law Mitchell Scholars.

• Launch the John H. Mitchell Visiting Scholars initiative to deepen the interaction between current students and accomplished alumni. The initiative builds on the success of the existing “Lunch with the Corner Office” program, which brings C-suite executives and attorneys from entertainment companies to the school to talk with current students.

• Support new curriculum in the areas of ethics and the future of the entertainment business. Starting in 2020, the school will offer the John H. Mitchell Signature Course on Ethics and Entertainment and the John H. Mitchell Future of Entertainment Initiative.

• Support professional training for attorneys already working in the field. The UCLA Entertainment Symposium, the annual two-day gathering of leading lawyers and executives in the field that has taken place at UCLA for 43 years, will add the John H. Mitchell Panel on Ethics and Entertainment — a new MCLE training program for practitioners.

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—KEN ZIFFREN ’65

Bill Allen, who serves as the trustee of the Mitchell Trusts and whose parents, Steve Allen and Jayne Meadows, were friends with John and Patricia Mitchell, says the new programs and student support align precisely with the Mitchell’s goals.

“The entertainment industry is experiencing unprecedented change, from the fast pace of technological innovation and consumer habits to the growth of global competition,” says Allen, who is also CEO of the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation. “UCLA’s commitment to public service and the law school’s well-earned reputation as offering the top entertainment law program in the country make it the perfect place to invest in a strong and diverse talent pool, training in ethics and a robust educational program that prepares the workforce of the future.”
Pioneering Immigrant Family Legal Clinic Opens in Koreatown

Taking clinical legal education to the community, in the fall of 2018 UCLA School of Law launched a one-of-a-kind program at the Robert F. Kennedy Community Schools in Los Angeles’ Koreatown neighborhood.

The Immigrant Family Legal Clinic, a partnership of UCLA Law, the UCLA Graduate School of Education and Information Studies and the Los Angeles Unified School District, provides no-cost legal support to students in the six public schools on the RFK Community Schools campus, as well as their families. Under the supervision of director Nina Rabin, law students represent unaccompanied minors and asylum-seekers in immigration proceedings, partners with community advocates to fight wage theft and other workplace violations, and provide information and counseling about a broad range of legal matters to the broader community of students, teachers and community members.

In its first year, the clinic provided direct legal services to more than 60 individuals, in addition to providing outreach and education. Early successes included obtaining special visas for three high school students to set them on a path towards citizenship, and gaining work authorization for students and a parent while their asylum claims are pending.

The initiative is funded in part by a $1 million gift to UCLA Law from an anonymous donor.

The RFK Community Schools are six pilot schools, including the UCLA Community School, located at the RFK complex, on the former site of the Ambassador Hotel. Koreatown and the neighboring Pico-Union area are among the most diverse neighborhoods in Los Angeles, with a vibrant mix of immigrants from Mexico, Central America, Korea and elsewhere. As many as 70 percent of students at the school come from mixed-status families.

The nation’s only immigration law clinic on a K-12 public school campus, the clinic is a first-of-its-kind collaboration between a public school district, a law school and a graduate school of education. A celebration of the clinic in May 2019 featured remarks by UCLA Graduate School of Education and Information Studies Dean Marcelo Suárez-Orozco, UCLA Law Dean Jennifer Mnookin, Rabin, UCLA Community School Principal Leyda Garcia and Los Angeles Unified School District Board President Mónica García.

“Justice is essential to ensure 100 percent graduation,” Garcia said in a statement. “We are grateful to our partners at UCLA for their passion in bringing these services to our students and families.”

Paul Schrade, a longtime benefactor of the Kennedy Schools who was wounded by a bullet on the night Robert Kennedy was assassinated at the Ambassador Hotel, also offered remarks.

In addition to UCLA and LAUSD, several Los Angeles nonprofit legal service providers and national advocacy organizations are partners in the clinic, amplifying its impact. Research conducted at the clinic under the auspices of the graduate school of education will offer a deep understanding of the immigrant communities served by Los Angeles public schools, and will develop tools and strategies for successful educational outcomes.

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—LAUSD BOARD PRESIDENT MÓNICA GARCÍA

Ralph and Shirley Shapiro Receive UCLA Medal

Double Bruin Ralph Shapiro and UCLA grad Shirley Shapiro received the UCLA Medal, the campus’ highest honor, in an April 2019 ceremony led by UCLA Chancellor Gene Block.

The Shapiros have been lifelong supporters of UCLA and the law school. The Shapiro Family Charitable Foundation has endowed more than 20 faculty chairs and contributed to programs throughout the campus. Their most recent gifts to UCLA Law spearheaded the establishment of two endowed chairs and extended their support for research and scholarship at the Emmett Institute on Climate Change and the Environment. The school’s courtyard, a hub for student gatherings, school mixers and other events, is named in their honor.

A leading Southern California investor and commercial real estate holder, Ralph Shapiro is the chairman of Avondale Investment Partners. He earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration from UCLA in 1953 and a J.D. from UCLA Law in 1958. Shirley Shapiro earned a bachelor’s degree in education from UCLA in 1959.

“When we talk about service as a core mission of UCLA — alongside research and education — two of the names that always come to my mind are Ralph and Shirley Shapiro,” UCLA Chancellor Gene Block said at the ceremony. “They met at UCLA, formed a beautiful partnership here and have both made UCLA very proud. My hope is that UCLA will continue to graduate students who share their values and will extend their legacy.”

In addition to their support of the law school, the Shapiros have supported medical and environmental research, as well as education, arts and children’s welfare programs.

In 2018, the Shapiros and their children Peter and Alison gave $2.257 million to support four endowed chairs in the department of pediatrics at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. An additional $2 million gift from their Shapiro Family Charitable Foundation created the Shapiro Family Endowed Chair in Developmental Disability Studies at UCLA School of Nursing.

The UCLA Medal is bestowed on those with exceptionally distinguished academic and professional achievements whose body of work or contributions to society illustrate the highest ideals of UCLA.

Previous recipients have been national and international leaders in government, education, science, industry and the arts; Nobel laureates; and men and women who have advanced UCLA’s development into one of the world’s preeminent universities. Honorees include President Bill Clinton, UCLA alumnus and Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, basketball coach John Wooden, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun, philanthropists Meyer and Renee Luskin and UCLA Law alumna and technology visionary Martine Rothblatt ’81.
FIRST GEN IN FOCUS:
Students Share Their Stories of Success

Offering broad access to a preeminent legal education and career in the law has been core to UCLA School of Law since its start, and the school has had remarkable success in its efforts to attract, educate, and propel to success “first-gen” students — people who are the first in their families to earn a college degree. Today, about one in six of the school’s J.D. students is first-gen, a higher percentage than that reported by any top law school.

In recent years, UCLA Law launched a First Gen In initiative to promote personal and professional achievement for these students and to build a stronger community through career workshops, networking events and other innovative programs. A group of students simultaneously launched the First Generation Law Students Association to enrich and support each other academically, socially and professionally. Five current first-gen students agreed to share their thoughts on what brought them to UCLA Law and their post-graduation goals.

SIMONE CHUNG ’21
Before law school, I worked as a diversity advocate with the Asian American Bar Association of New York. For years, I was the youngest person in every room that I walked into, and I met hundreds of attorneys. Ninety percent of the advice that I got was to not go to law school. But I went anyway, and I haven’t regretted it for a second. Thanks to all the unsolicited advice, I walked in with a cynical, practical mindset toward getting a degree and pivoting my career. What I did not expect was that my world would not only get bigger in learning about corporate governance and commercial litigation, but that it would get deeper as I learned about the very underpinnings of our society.
For example, I’ve never read anything like the court opinions written by the Supreme Court of the Navajo Nation, which explore pre-constitutional law and custom through implicit concepts in the Navajo language. In Navajo Nation v. Rodriguez, the Navajo Nation adopted Miranda rights, not because U.S. Supreme Court precedent was persuasive, but because the Fundamental Law of Diné dictates that police officers should treat all tribe members with dignity and respect.

I never expected that a torts case could make me tear up like it did when I read Portee v. Jaffe. “The knowledge that loved ones are safe and whole is the deepest wellspring of emotional welfare... No loss is greater than the injury of one whose very existence is a precious treasure. The law should find more than pity for one who is stricken by seeing that a loved one has been critically injured or killed.”

Law, justice and lived experiences are not the same things. But the relationship between all of these is what makes me excited about coming to UCLA every morning. Everything that we learn speaks to what we owe each other in society.

Applying to UCLA law definitely felt like a shot in the dark. And yet, here I am. Now that I’m on my third degree, I’ve learned to focus less on traditional markers of success and more on building a community of support. My most valued experiences in law school have been the moments of solidarity with other friends and classmates who have known struggle. Hopefully together we can defy the odds.

Sofia Pedroza

JESUS DIEGO ’21
Growing up, I would have never imagined that I would be at one of the finest law schools in the world. I come from a family of immigrants. I grew up seeing my mother sacrifice so much — energy, time, money, happiness — for the benefit of others. As I got older and became more conscious of my family’s condition, I knew that I had to improve our situation. So, I enrolled in community college and began my academic journey.

That was also around the time when I first started to picture myself as a lawyer. After a lot of work and sleepless nights, I was accepted to UCLA as an undergraduate. It felt amazing. But I knew that I had to continue working hard, even as the mental picture of myself as a lawyer became a little more tangible. I participated in UCLA Law’s Law Fellows Program, which supports undergraduates from diverse backgrounds who are interested in law school, and gained insight into the legal community. I began to build relationships that would help make law school a reality. Before I knew it, I was studying for the LSAT — how fun. When I received a call telling me that I had been accepted to UCLA Law, I was ecstatic. However, I again reminded myself that there was still much work to be done.

SANDY HUDSON ’22
When I was an undergraduate, I never expected that law school would be an option. Besides having a flawed understanding of the role that a lawyer plays in the world, I was certain that the cost would be an insurmountable barrier. Still, I spent a lot of my time at the University of Toronto engaged in activist work: organizing to reduce tuition fees, fighting racism and engaging in initiatives for workers’ rights. These experiences led to a career in labor organizing and a passion for anti-racist activism.

As founder of Canada’s first Black Lives Matter chapter, I was engaged with lawyers and legal proceedings that led me to start thinking differently about the role a lawyer plays in a community. The possibilities of what a lawyer could be began to expand in my mind. At my day job as a union representative, I would sit in labor negotiations, arbitrations and mediations, and we would discuss theenules that would often encourage me to consider a legal education. I also co-founded and ran the Black Legal Action Centre, a clinic in Ontario focused on impact litigation and direct services for the black community. Each of our exceptional staff lawyers encouraged me to seriously consider law school. Perhaps more importantly, they served as examples of the kind of lawyer I might be interested in becoming.

At the same time, I was studying for a master’s degree in social justice education, focusing on critical race and decolonization research. I would later find out that several of the landmark theorists and writers whom I would come to rely on to produce my thesis are located here — at UCLA School of Law — in the unparalleled Critical Race Studies program. It seemed obvious that if I were to study anywhere, it should be here.

My ultimate goal is to use my law degree to become a more effective advocate for my community. I hope to be able to effectively engage in law reform for the betterment of black communities on both sides of the Canada-U.S. border.

TOP NEWS

Students Share Their Stories of Success

I am happy to say that I made it through it — one of the most challenging yet rewarding experiences of my life. I have met some incredibly bright professors, made some wonderful friendships and read way too many cases.

As a lawyer, I hope, on a personal level, to do what I set out to do when I enrolled in community college — improve my family’s situation. On a professional level, I hope to become a successful business attorney who inspires other Latinx individuals from low-income backgrounds to pursue a legal career. But for now, I am enjoying the ride and am proud to be a part of UCLA Law.

ARMOUND GHOORCHIAN ’20

“Don’t do it,” an attorney told me when I asked him for advice about a legal career. It was great advice — for him. He seemed so miserable. But once I understood what the practice of law was, there was no doubt that this is where I belonged.

The truth is, law resonates with me because I grew up in a chaotic environment. I had five close friends in high school. One passed away due to drugs. One was killed. The odds always felt stacked against us. Of the remaining three, only one made it to higher education — me. The practice of law is the practice of advocacy for others — “We serve, period.” That is the appeal for me. Lawyers at least even the odds.

For a majority of my life, higher education was not a realistic option. Being an immigrant kid and a first-generation student is seemingly a fantastic combination for academic failure. That fear of failure is what motivated me to work as hard as I did. When I got accepted to UCLA Law, it was one of the most bittersweet moments of my life. It felt like we all had made it, but I was alone.

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I am exactly the kind of student who would be tempted into law school. I’m curious. I consider myself a creative thinker. I care about social justice to the point that I am willing to dedicate my career to advocacy. Legal blogs and podcasts are fun for me. That’s all fine and dandy, but I’m in law school for my community — past, present and future. There’s a lot of pressure to succeed in law school when you come from various marginalized communities. My mom and dad were ecstatic that I finished high school and college. I stand with a chorus of first-generation students who know that their degrees aren’t just for us — they’re for our communities, as well. My degree is for my mother, grandmother, great grandmother and every ancestor who was denied adequate reproductive care because of their positionality. I knew I wanted to go to law school when my undergraduate and graduate research left me with many questions about law, race and reproductive justice.

I can’t imagine feeling fulfilled by law school if I had not engaged with critical race theory. CRT is a breath of fresh air to me as a woman of color and sociologist. It’s what drew me to UCLA Law in the first place. Sure, my classes can’t save me from the “casual” racism and sexism that pervades the ivory tower, but they can sharpen my analysis of how law, race, culture and power are intertwined. They can give me a starting point for thinking about solutions. I believe that any legal inquiry requires an understanding of the social context and implications. That’s why my central career goal is to finish law school, finish my Ph.D. and become a professor.

Given my student debt and the current academic job market, I should be terrified. I’m not, at least not most of the time. I’m pretty used to ignoring the odds. My odds of being accepted into a top-20 graduate program were slim. My odds of joining the 3% of Latinas that have their master’s degrees was also slim. Applying to UCLA law definitely felt like a shot in the dark. And yet, here I am. Now that I’m on my third degree, I’ve learned to focus less on traditional markers of success and more on building a community of support. My most valued experiences in law school have been the moments of solidarity with other friends and classmates who have known struggle. Hopefully together we can defy the odds.

SOFIA PEDROZA ’21

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I was studying for a master’s degree in social justice education, focusing on critical race and decolonization research. I would later find out that several of the landmark theorists and writers whom I would come to rely on to produce my thesis are located here — at UCLA School of Law — in the unparalleled Critical Race Studies program. It seemed obvious that if I were to study anywhere, it should be here.

Sandy Hudson
LIGHTING THE WAY
70 AMAZING ALUMNI TO CELEBRATE 70 YEARS

UCLA School of Law has launched the careers of more than 300 judges, dozens of the most influential lawyers and executives in Hollywood, leaders at the nation’s largest law firms and drivers of social justice movements around the world. Members of Congress. Entrepreneurs. Advocates for disadvantaged communities. Overall, some 20,000 people have graduated from UCLA Law, stretching back to members of the first class of students who took their courses in temporary huts in 1949.

A complete list of UCLA Law’s shining stars would fill volumes. So to celebrate our 70th year, we take a look at 70 of our pathbreaking alumni. Some are among the best-known people associated with UCLA Law. Others will surprise you. A few are just now making their marks. Collectively, this group stands for the brilliance of UCLA Law alumni, their passion to make a difference and the marvelous diversity of our graduates in backgrounds, pursuits and impact.
5 UCLA LAW LEGENDS

In this 70th anniversary year, we salute five of UCLA Law’s most inspiring graduates — legends who have stood out as champions of the classroom, the courtroom, the city and the practice of law.

DOROTHY WRIGHT NELSON ’53
A standard-bearer for women in academia and the judiciary for more than half a century, Nelson became the first female dean of a major American law school when she took the reins at USC Law in 1967. A dozen years later, she was one of the first women appointed to the federal appellate bench when President Carter tapped her for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. A brilliant legal mind, Nelson has been a champion of courthouse civility and alternative dispute resolution.

ARTHUR GREENBERG ’52
As a promising college graduate, Greenberg took a chance when he opted to become a member of UCLA Law’s very first class instead of enrolling at Stanford. The gamble paid off. From that new law school in Westwood, Greenberg launched a landmark career that is approaching its eighth decade. He founded Beverly Hills’ venerable Greenberg Glusker Fields Claman & Machtinger and earned a reputation as a powerhouse real estate attorney. Never forgetting his need as a student for a quiet place to read and write, he has helped create the law school’s student lounge.

BILLY MILLS ’54
From UCLA Law, where he was the school’s first African American graduate, to City Hall, where he served as acting mayor, president pro tempore of the city council and leader of unity efforts following the 1965 Watts riots, Mills has impacted the course of history and life in Los Angeles. Widely respected on both sides of the aisle, he co-chaired the Democratic National Convention in 1968 and was appointed by Gov. Reagan to a Los Angeles Superior Court judgeship in 1974.

KEN ZIFFREN ’65
His name is synonymous with the field of entertainment law, which he and fellow Bruin Skip Brittenham ’70 revolutionized when they founded Ziffren Brittenham in 1978. Since then, the firm has developed marquee lawyer after marquee lawyer and represented top talent, studios and deals. In the business of Hollywood, where power often comes fast and goes faster, Ziffren — who clerked for Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren and helped draft the Miranda v. Arizona decision — has been a mainstay.

ANTONIA HERNÁNDEZ ’74
Fresh out of UCLA Law, Hernández took on the momentous case of Madrigal v. Quilligan, representing Latina women who were involuntarily sterilized at Los Angeles County Hospital. It was the first of her many important battles for the underrepresented. Hernández went on to become the first Latina staff council to the Senate Judiciary Committee, a groundbreaking leader of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund and, today, head of the California Community Foundation.
From city hall to the state house to the U.S. Senate, numerous UCLA Law alumni have been elected to public office. Here are five who have stood tall in Sacramento and D.C.

**HOWARD BERMAN ’65**
The other engine in L.A.’s storied Waxman-Berman machine, he served in the State Assembly and then the House for three decades. Berman was noted for being an expert on international matters, a vigorous advocate of copyright protections and a consummate dealmaker. He’s now at Covington & Burling.

**KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND ’91**
A former Davis Polk & Wardwell associate, Gillibrand was elected to the House in 2007 and became a senator from New York in 2009. She has been an unblinking force for women and families, pursuing strong policies on sexual abuse and harassment and supporting expanded paid family leave.

**LOU CORREA ’85**
The first in his family to graduate from high school, Correa has won elections in his native Orange County to the board of supervisors, the State Assembly, the State Senate and now the U.S. Congress, where he is a voice for bipartisan progress and an expert in immigration matters.

**HENRY WAXMAN ’64**
Little more than a decade after he graduated from UCLA Law, Waxman commenced his 40-year run in the U.S. House of Representatives (1975-2015), serving residents of Westwood and surrounding neighborhoods and leading the national conversation on healthcare, energy and government responsibility. A prominent liberal voice in Sacramento and then Washington, Waxman was key to the passage of landmark bills, including the 1990 Clean Air Act and the 2010 Affordable Care Act.

**LINDA SÁNCHEZ ’95**
The Anaheim native and sister of another (now former) member of Congress, Sánchez has served in the House since 2003 and is the first woman of color ever elected to a congressional leadership position, vice chair of the House Democratic Caucus.

**TRAILBLAZERS ON THE BENCH**
Hundreds of UCLA Law graduates have served as judges in the state and federal judiciary, and narrowing down the list is next to impossible. Here are five who broke barriers.

**JOAN DEMPSEY KLEIN ’54**
The first UCLA Law graduate to become a judge when she was named to the L.A. Municipal Court in 1963, Klein later became the first woman to serve as presiding justice on the California Court of Appeal. A member of the Second Appellate District, Division Three, in Los Angeles from 1976 until her 2015 retirement, she is a co-founder and former president of the National Association of Women Judges and founding president of the California Women Lawyers Association.

**DOLLY GEE ’84**
Her appointment to the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California made Gee the first Chinese-American woman to become an Article III federal judge, 10 years after the labor-law expert was first nominated. She has presided over the now-famous Flores settlement, which governs the treatment and detention of immigrant children who seek entry into the United States.

**KIM McLANE WARDLAW ’79**
A prominent advisor to L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan and the Clinton-Gore campaign, Wardlaw became the first Hispanic American woman appointed to a federal circuit court when President Clinton named her to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in 1998, three years after he had tapped her for the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California.

**JANICE ROGERS BROWN ’77**
Survivor of several judicial-nomination battles, the one-time legal affairs secretary to Gov. Pete Wilson was the first African American woman to sit on the California Supreme Court (1996-2005) before she joined the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit (2005-17).

**HALIM DHANIDINA ’97**
The highest-ranking Muslim judge in the country and the first Muslim named to a California court, Dhanidina is a former Los Angeles prosecutor who was named to the trial court in 2012 and elevated to the California Court of Appeal, Second District, in 2018.
Thousands of UCLA Law alumni have gone into firms large and small, practicing in every imaginable area of the law. Here are five who stand for the rich diversity and remarkable excellence of this distinguished alumni cohort.

**NANCY ABELL ’79**
With Paul Hastings for more than 40 years, Abell stands tall among the nation’s most accomplished employment defense lawyers, representing all manner of major companies in high-profile trials. With powerhouse former Gap general counsel Michelle Banks ’88, she co-founded and co-chairs the UCLA Law Women LEAD network.

**GREG NITZKOWSKI ’84**
A top real estate attorney before becoming a managing partner of Paul Hastings in 1999, Nitzkowski has helped steer innovative strategies in inclusivity, technology and the future of law firm practice while running a firm with 22 offices on four continents.

**HAILYN CHEN ’03**
Chen recently rose to co-managing partner of Los Angeles powerhouse Munger, Tolles & Olson, where her litigation practice ranges from complex business disputes to work in higher ed. She is the second UCLA Law alumna to co-lead Munger, following the late Sandra Seville-Jones ’86.

**VANESSA LAVELY ’08**
An all-star litigator at Cravath, Swaine & Moore in New York — and the first UCLA Law grad to make partner at the august law firm — Lavely has represented many major financial companies and business conglomerates in federal and state courts.

**LUCINDA LOW ’77**
The Steptoe & Johnson partner ranks among the leading authorities in the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and other international anti-corruption measures, with a focus on Central and South America that stems in part from her fluency in Spanish and Portuguese. From her base in Washington, D.C., Law is the go-to adviser for major companies and boards of directors navigating the perils of international investment, enterprise and regulatory compliance.

**A. BARRY CAPPELLO ’65**
Managing partner of Cappello & Noël, his work in an early Santa Barbara oil spill case helped set the stage for the passage of the Clean Water Act and curbed exploitation of a magnificent stretch of coastline. Cappello has since led class actions in other environmental catastrophes, bank red-lining cases and Voting Rights Act matters. The foremost expert in lender liability — he literally wrote the book — Cappello has invested in future Bruin litigators with major support of the school’s trial advocacy program.

**HARLAND BRAUN ’67**
Launching his courtroom career as a district attorney who prosecuted several members of the Manson family, Braun is among the nation’s most celebrated criminal defense lawyers. Now partner at Braun & Braun, his representations of Robert Blake, Easy-E, Gary Busey and Dennis Rodman have been milestones in a career that exemplifies the credo of zealous advocacy.

**LESLIE ABRAMSON ’69**
Renowned for her unflinching, hard-charging tactics, Abramson was a celebrated criminal defense attorney for more than two decades before she became a certified courtroom star — complete with Saturday Night Live parodies and more than one television drama — for her representation of Erik Menendez in the case that consumed the culture in the 1990s.

**DALE GALIPO ’84**
Among the champions of the civil rights bar, Galipo has emerged as a sought-after attorney for California residents who have suffered from police misconduct, including false arrests, denials of medical care, sexual misconduct and abuses of force. The statistics are stellar: wins in 49 jury trials and more than 75 verdicts and settlements over $1 million — in the past six years alone.

**MARK BAUTE ’86**
A former basketball player at the University of Washington, he fast earned recognition as one of the nation’s top litigators, first at Jones Day and Blecher & Collins and now at the L.A. boutique Baute Crochetiere Harlley & Velken. Plaintiffs, defendants, major corporations and celebrities of all stripes regularly turn to Baute, who, in three decades, has tried more than 60 cases to verdict.
ACADEMIC LEADERS

UCLA Law alumni include at least three law school deans and countless professors, teachers, fellows and researchers at institutions across the country and around the world. Here are five of the many who have made a mark in scholarship and leadership.

SUSAN WESTERBERG PRAGER '71
The first of three female deans of UCLA Law and the longest-serving dean (1982-98) in the school’s history, Prager (at far left) joined the faculty almost straight out of law school, expanding UCLA Law’s physical footprint and the reach of our pioneering clinical program. She was later a provost at Dartmouth College, president of Occidental College and executive director of the Association of American Law Schools, and is now a provost at Dartmouth College, president of Occidental College and executive director of the Association of American Law Schools, and is now dean of Southwestern Law School.

RICHARD HASEN ’91
Yes, that was Hasen whom you just heard on NPR or read in The New York Times about the present state of political affairs. Now the Chancellor’s Professor of Law and Political Science at UC Irvine School of Law after a long tenure at L.A.’s Loyola Law School, he is one of the nation’s leading researchers of election law and campaign finance, widely read on his Election Law Blog and sought for his pinpoint summaries for lay audiences.

DRUCILLA CORNELL ’81
Famous for her influential work in philosophy and feminist legal theory, Cornell is now an emerita professor of political science, women’s and gender studies, and comparative literature at Rutgers University. A prolific author of books, essays and dramatic productions, she has also held appointments in the United Kingdom and South Africa.

LOWELL MILKEN ’73
Respected for his forward-thinking support of educational endeavors across the country — including UCLA Law’s Lowell Milken Institute for Business Law and Policy — the former tax lawyer and investment manager is co-founder of the Milken Family Foundation and is among the nation’s most active philanthropists, whose many works include founding the Milken Educator Awards, the top prize for teacher recognition.

ALEX JOHNSON ’78
Dean of the University of Minnesota Law School from 2002 to 2006, Johnson is among the first African Americans to lead a major law school. Now back at the University of Virginia, where he previously served as vice provost and law professor, his teaching and research focus on property, trusts and estates and critical race theory.

EUGENE VOLOKH ’92
The Gary T. Schwartz Distinguished Professor of Law at UCLA and former clerk to Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, Volokh is heralded for his encyclopedic expertise and appellate practice in First Amendment law. He is among the most-cited First Amendment scholars by courts of appeal across the nation, and his popular Volokh Conspiracy site is among the most influential legal blogs.

MARTINE ROTHBLATT ’81
A visionary inventor and transgender activist, Rothblatt turned her B.A., M.B.A. and J.D. from UCLA into a career as a pathbreaking executive in new technologies, founding Sirius XM satellite radio and the cutting-edge biotech company United Therapeutics, where she seeks cures for life-threatening illnesses and regularly ranks among the nation’s highest paid female CEOs. Oh, and she just designed an all-electric helicopter.

STEWART RESNICK ’62
With his wife, Lynda, the renowned philanthropist founded and operates the health-oriented Wonderful Company, the nation’s largest grower of tree nuts and citrus, with brands including Fiji Water, Pom Wonderful, Teleflora, Justin Wines and Wonderful Pistachios. Patrons of art and healthcare, the pair founded the Resnick Center for Food Law and Policy at UCLA Law.

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NATHANIEL CHRISTIAN ’87
He co-founded the New York-based investment bank CastleOak Securities in 2006 and, as managing director and general counsel, has grown the firm to include multiple offices and dozens of employees who have worked on more than $2 trillion in public offerings — and to achieve regular recognition as one of the nation’s most successful African-American-owned businesses.

SCOTT KLEIN ’91
Klein and fellow UCLA Law alumnus Carl Goldsmith ’92 co-founded and are co-CEOs and co-CIOs of Beach Point Capital Management, the Santa Monica-based hedge fund that directs billions of dollars in assets for clients, including corporate and public pension funds attracted by the partners’ specialized wisdom in the credit market.

UCLA Law graduates regularly parlay their law degrees into brilliant business careers that bear fruit beyond imagination. These are five who have built behemoths and altered the landscapes of technology, food, finance and more.

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Public service is in the DNA of UCLA Law, inspiring generations of students to come to the school to gain the tools to venture out into the world and make a difference. Here are 10 people who put their legal training to work on behalf of the environment, civil rights, access to legal assistance and more.

**STEWART KWOH ’74**
The founder and longtime head of Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Los Angeles is a nationally recognized leader in human rights, providing tens of thousands of people who enjoyed little or no access to counsel with legal services and civil rights advocacy for four decades.

**NANCY MINTIE ’79**
Having founded Uncommon Good and the Inner City Law Center, which she started straight out of UCLA Law in 1980, Mintie is a celebrated advocate for and provider of legal, educational and social assistance to the residents of L.A.’s Skid Row and other impoverished areas.

**RODNEY LEWIS ’72**
The first Native American attorney to argue and win a case at the U.S. Supreme Court, Lewis was a leader of the Gila River Indian Community in Arizona and an expert in water law who devoted his career to doggedly pursuing the needs of tribal members.

**SHIU-MING CHEER ’00**
As the National Immigration Law Center’s senior staff attorney and field coordinator, she is on the front lines of an intensifying battle over immigration enforcement and access to legal status for immigrants to the United States.

**NATALIE BRIDGEMAN FIELDS ’02**
An advocate who takes perpetrators of global environmental and human rights harms to task for their abuses against communities that lack a substantial voice, she founded and serves as executive director of San Francisco-based Accountability Counsel.

**RAND SCHRADER ’73**

**TOM CORMONS ’06**
Executive director of the advocacy organization Appalachian Voices, he promotes solutions to pressing problems of energy, environment and economic survival in a rural region facing upheaval and decline.

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**JESSIE KORNBERG ’07**
She runs the venerable legal services firm Bet Tzedek as president and CEO, alongside vice president of legal programs Diego Cartagena ’03, offering access to justice for thousands of low-income Angelenos who lack resources to secure their basic needs. Previously a litigator at Bird, Marsella, Boxer, Wolpert, Nestim, Drooks, Linsenberg & Rhow, Kornberg also founded the nonprofit Ms. JD.

**ANDREA CAMPBELL ’09**
Having launched her career giving free legal services in educational matters to families in the urban core of Boston, she was elected to the city council in 2015 and rose to become its president — the first African American woman to hold that position — in 2018. A former deputy legal counsel to then-Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick, Campbell has long been a force for public safety, affordable housing and racial equity.

**FRANKIE GUZMAN ’12**
From his home base at the National Center for Youth Law in Oakland, California, Guzman is a national leader of efforts to reform the juvenile justice system — an initiative born of the six years that he spent in custody for an armed robbery offense at age 15. Today, he is at the forefront of California-wide advocacy efforts to end prosecutions of 14- and 15-year-olds as adults and to stop incarceration of children under age 12.
THAT’S ENTERTAINMENT!

UCLA Law consistently ranks as the nation’s top school for entertainment law, a distinction partly owed to its deep bench of alumni who have made their marks as Hollywood attorneys, executives and agents. But many have also succeeded as writers, actors and producers. Here are a few from both sides of the … Action!

Barbara Boyle ’60

Boyle found success as a producer and executive behind acclaimed hits including My Left Foot and bona-fide phenomena such as the first Terminator movie. Now on the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television faculty, she is a longtime leader in independent film and a role model for women in the movie business.

John Branca ’75

His client roster — from the King of Pop to the Rolling Stones — reads like a musical Mount Rushmore. In his celebrated four-decade career, Branca has represented record labels, investors and more than 30 Rock and Roll Hall of Famers.

Stacey Snider ’85

The only woman to have run multiple major Hollywood studios, her tenures at 20th Century Fox, DreamWorks, Universal Pictures and TriStar produced scores of blockbusters (Deadpool, Jerry Maguire), critical favorites (Lincoln, Hidden Figure) and award winners (Ray, A Beautiful Mind).

Kelly McMahon ’00

After more than a decade of in-house work at the Motion Picture Association of America, McMahon rose in 2019 to a pivotal position in the business: head of the MPAA’s ratings board, the people who decide whether films get a G, NC-17 or something in between.

Vincent Bugliosi ’64

The attention that he gained for prosecuting assailants in the 1969 Tate-LaBianca killings gave rise to a booming career as the nation’s preeminent author of true-crime accounts, from Helter Skelter to books about O.J. Simpson and the JFK assassination.

Art Linson ’67

A top movie producer for decades, Linson made beloved hits including Fast Times at Ridgemont High and Fight Club, and caused a stir when his comedic memoir What Just Happened: Bitter Hollywood Tales from the Front Line was published in 2002.

George Mastras ’92

Mastras practiced law for a decade, litigating in New York and Los Angeles and conducting criminal investigations for public defenders, before he gave it up, backpacked in Asia and landed back in L.A., where he wrote a novel and won Emmys as a writer and producer of Breaking Bad.

Jordana Lewis Jaffe ’07

Writing for The New York Times and covering the entertainment business during law school opened a pathway into a profession that she had long hoped to pursue: writing for television. Today, she is co-executive producer of the hit show NCIS: Los Angeles.

Chip Johannessen ’08

Right in the middle of his career as an established writer and producer with credits on smash shows including Beverly Hills, 90210 and Dexter, Johannessen attended UCLA Law, earned his J.D. and passed the bar exam — before going back to win an Emmy for Homeland.

Catrice Monson ’97

At a moment when the entertainment business’ record regarding women and people of color is in the spotlight, Monson is at the forefront of the conversation as the senior vice president of corporate diversity and inclusion at CBS Corporation and as a UCLA Law lecturer.
TECH TRENDSETTERS

Much of the technology that drives the contemporary world did not exist when UCLA Law opened. Through the decades, our alumni have consistently adapted to rapid change and mastered innovation to become leaders in emerging fields.

HARRIET PEARSON ’90

A partner at Hogan Lovells who was IBM’s in-house maven of information security, Pearson has been dubbed the First Lady of Privacy, a pathbreaking cybersecurity expert whose impact can be felt in everything from healthcare to global politics.

BRIAN LEE ’96 AND BRIAN LIU ’96

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STEWART BAKER ’76

A pioneer in the space where law and technology intersect, he was general counsel to the National Security Agency and assistant secretary for policy in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security before returning to a premier practice in cybersecurity and technology at Steptoe & Johnson.

ANDREI IANCU ’96

As director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and former managing partner of Irell & Manella — not to mention an elite litigator and UCLA Law’s long-time lecturer in patent law — Iancu is a force on the front lines of intellectual property law and policy during an age of transformative change.

CARA DUNNE-YATES ’97

A statue that stands prominently in Colorado’s Snowmass ski area honors the incredible memory of Dunne-Yates. Blinded by cancer at age five, she went on to win Paralympic medals in skiing and cycling, earn undergraduate honors from Harvard University, lobby successfully to have the LSAT provided in Braille, attend law school amid further cancer treatment, and help found Challenge Aspen to offer an array of recreational programs for people with disabilities.

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DEBBIE SPANDER ’95

Among the top agents in sports, as senior vice president of broadcasting and coaching at Wasserman, she builds on a background in sports business at Fox to boost the careers of clients including Yankees manager Aaron Boone and athletes-turned-commentators Frank Thomas and Candace Parker.

NICOLE DUCKETT ’98

Joining the Los Angeles Clippers shortly after its tumultuous ownership transition, general counsel and vice president Duckett was the team’s first in-house lawyer and has been key in building a legal department and female-focused front office that is the gold standard in the NBA.

SCOREING IN SPORTS

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Rising during 70 years of unprecedented international interconnectivity, UCLA Law has a global footprint that extends to law firms, human rights groups, business entities and diplomatic outfits on distant shores.

MARGARITA PALÁU-HERNÁNDEZ ’85
Having served as a presidentially appointed U.S. representative to the 73rd General Assembly of the United Nations in 2018-19, she runs Hernández Ventures; is a widely connected and deeply engaged business entrepreneur, executive and political fundraiser; and is active on the boards of several major organizations, including UCLA Law.

JOHN HUANG LL.M. ’87
Among UCLA Law’s first LL.M. graduates, Huang is a founding partner and managing partner of MWE China Law Offices in Shanghai, a prominent firm affiliated with McDermott Will & Emery. Huang helps Fortune 500 companies steer through China’s complex legal and regulatory environment in healthcare, real estate, food safety and other areas.

KAREN TSE ’90
Founder and CEO of International Bridges to Justice, Tse builds on her experience as a U.N. judicial mentor who trained public defenders in Cambodia in the 1990s to oversee an organization that is based in Geneva, Switzerland, and has for two decades promoted criminal justice reform on a global scale, including landmark efforts in Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

ROMEO CERUTTI LL.M. ’92
The one-time Latham & Watkins attorney has been the general counsel of the global banking behemoth Credit Suisse since 2009, making him a key member of the executive team for one of the world’s most firmly established and wealthy financial institutions as it navigates radical change in the global finance system, banking transparency and a host of related issues.

PORTIA KAREGEYA LL.M. ’15
One of many bright lights in UCLA Law’s Sonke Health and Human Rights Fellowship, Karegeya hails from southern Africa and works as one of that continent’s most prominent activists in social justice, pushing for change in areas including gender identity, HIV/AIDS, forced migration, healthcare and freedom of expression.

AND 5 MORE FOR FUN
Beyond the legions of UCLA Law graduates working in the profession, many more are living (and in at least one case, animated) proof of the old adage: With a law degree, you can do anything. Here are five bonus surprises.

BOUNDING BARRISTER
Olympian and track and field hall of famer Willie Banks ’83 held the triple jump world record for 10 years (1985-95).

TAKE A BOW
A music lecturer at Amherst College, Mark Swanson ’85 is in his 19th season as conductor of the Amherst Symphony Orchestra.

GREEN LIGHT
A true fighter for justice, per her Marvel comic book bio, Jennifer Walters, a.k.a. She-Hulk, grows to 6’7” and 700 pounds — and has a UCLA Law degree.

COMIC RELIEF
Celebrated illustrator Stephan Pastis ’93 charms readers with his daily comic strip Pearls Before Swine.

HIGH IN THE CASTLE
National cultural policy leader Rachel Goslins ’95 is director of the Smithsonian’s iconic Arts and Industries Building.

WOW!
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More than 2,000 people convened as UCLA School of Law hosted its 68th commencement ceremony on May 17, celebrating the Class of 2019. Family, friends, faculty, colleagues and classmates gathered on UCLA’s Dickson Court to toast 313 juris doctor graduates, 198 master of law recipients and one person who earned a doctor of juridical science degree.

“When you leave here today, I’m happy to tell you, you leave behind your last grade,” said Bet Tzedek Legal Services president and CEO Jessie Kornberg ’07, who delivered an impassioned commencement address focused on public service. “It doesn’t have to mean the end of learning, but it does mean the last time a professor defines what success will look like for you… And it means that going forward, you set your own goalposts for victory.”

The class of J.D. graduates included roughly equal numbers of men and women, ranging in age from 23 to 42. Approximately 18 percent are the first in their families to earn a college degree. The LL.M. graduates hail from 35 countries, are 61 percent female and range in age from 21 to 56. They include five Fulbright Scholars, four judges and a judge-adocate general in the U.S. Marine Corps.

J.D. class president Curtis Harris ’19 greeted attendees and served as emcee for the afternoon. He offered a note of remembrance for classmate Jessica Chung, who died in 2018 after a long illness.

Sarah Rahimi ’19 spoke on behalf of the J.D. graduates. Clémence Lépine LL.M. ’19 spoke on behalf of the LL.M. and S.J.D. class, and Delaram Kamalpour ’19 and Alexandra Trantham ’19 offered a rousing a cappella rendition of the national anthem.

Ian Grady ’19 presented the award for Professor of the Year to Beth Colgan.

Students gather around the law school to celebrate their commencement with family and friends. This page, bottom right: J.D. class president Curtis Harris ’19 welcomes more than 2,000 people to the ceremony on UCLA’s Dickson Court. Opposite page, top left: Bet Tzedek Legal Services president and CEO Jessie Kornberg ’07 delivers the commencement address. Opposite page, bottom right: Delaram Kamalpour ’19 (left) and Alexandra Trantham ’19 sing the national anthem.
San Manuel Band Gift Boosts Effort to Enhance Tribal Legal Systems

The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians has awarded a grant of more than $1 million to UCLA School of Law to help strengthen legal institutions in California and across Indian country through the law school’s Tribal Legal Development Clinic.

The five-year grant calls for the clinic to work on up to four legal projects each year to improve tribal courts and law enforcement practices, develop youth courts and peacemaker alternatives to litigation, and handle matters involving the Indian Child Welfare Act. An overarching goal is to develop model legal systems and practices that can be adopted by native nations.

The grant funds a new position at UCLA Law, the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Legal Clinic Director, as well as staff for the Tribal Legal Development Clinic. UCLA Law has named Lauren van Schilfgaarde ’12, an alumna who previously worked as the tribal law specialist at the Tribal Law and Policy Institute and as a law clerk for the Native American Rights Fund, as the first San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Tribal Legal Development Clinic Director.

The clinic director and students will work with different tribes on matters including youth justice, criminal justice and strengthening legal institutions. Current projects include legal code development with the Yurok Tribe in Northern California, performing research and writing for the Ho-Chunk Nation Supreme Court in Wisconsin, and developing procedures related to cultural resource protection and ancestral remains repatriation in California.

The collaboration continues a tradition of developing native leaders at UCLA. In 2004, a $4 million grant from the San Manuel Band a federally recognized Indian tribe located on the San Manuel Indian Reservation near Highland, California, established the Tribal Learning Community and Educational Exchange at UCLA. TLCE, which is housed within the school of law, is an interdisciplinary experiential education program that joins native peoples’ knowledge and vision for the future with the academic world at UCLA. The program offers courses and workshops on campus, online and in native communities, for community members and UCLA students interested in American Indian Studies.

“San Manuel Band of Mission Indians is committed to improving justice systems on native lands in California and beyond,” says San Manuel Chairwoman Lynn Valbuena. “Partnering with UCLA School of Law, we can help native nations build legal institutions that are durable, just and responsive to the social and cultural needs of our communities.”

UCDC: 10 Years of a Capital Legal Education

Ten years ago, the UCDC program opened its doors for students at University of California law schools to spend a semester in the nation’s capital, where they get an unparalleled view of the country’s legislative, judicial and policy-making machinery at work. Since then, nearly 370 UC law students — including more than 100 from UCLA Law — have walked through those doors.

UCLA Law alumna Rachel Clark ’97 enrolled in the program between her 2L and 3L years. Here is her advice to current students: “Do it… Because it is in D.C, the program creates an atmosphere you can’t get anywhere else, even in another big city.”

Clark externed in the Department of Justice’s Fraud Section, working predominantly on cases involving financial and securities fraud. She performed research, drafted motions, listened to a panel of women in leadership that included then-Attorney General Loretta Lynch, and sat in on DOJ settlement conferences, meetings with FBI agents and mock trials. “Being at Main Justice and seeing everything that happens there was just an amazing experience. It was just what I wanted to do,” she says.

After completing the program, Clark returned to UCLA Law to complete her degree. She then clerked for Judge J. Michelle Childs of the U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina and Chief Judge Carl Stewart of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in Shreveport, Louisiana. She has joined Jones Day’s L.A. office as an associate.

The UCDC program accepts up to 35 students a year from the UC’s five law schools — UCLA, Davis, Berkeley, Irvine and Hastings College of the Law. Participants extend full-time with government agencies, non-profits or advocacy groups. They also take a companion course, Law and Advocacy in the Nation’s Capital, taught by UCDC Director Nicole Lehtman, a former federal prosecutor who has led UCDC for eight of its 10 years. Lehtman notes that UCDC is the only program in the capital “where students from different law schools come together for an immersive, semester-long experiential program.”

Lehtman offers a foundation for practice in the capitol and brings in guest speakers from the highest levels of the executive branch agencies, Capital Hill and nonprofits who offer students first-hand observations about working in Congress, drafting legislation and regulations, and the interaction between government and private sector forces that drives issues forward. Over the years, Lehtman says, she has worked to ensure that the course offers a broad view of legal work in Washington, providing context to complement the externships.

Lehtman often co-teaches the seminar with Robyn Thiemann, a former Deputy Associate Deputy Attorney General who is now chief of staff to the Drug Enforcement Administration. Thiemann says the course is among the valuable aspects of UCDC.

“There’s no better way to determine whether government or public service in D.C. is for you than to spend time here experiencing it,” Thiemann says. “And for those students who know that D.C. is where they want to be, a semester here provides them the opportunity to meet and network with people who may well later be in their professional orbit. That is truly priceless.”

Jeffrey Prieto ’95, a former general counsel at the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Justice Department’s Environment and Natural Resources Division, has been a guest lecturer and has mentored UCDC students. He says his goal was to illuminate the work of government attorneys and the importance of the public sector in public service work.

“People working in D.C. understand that, notwithstanding changes in the administration, there is this core group of professionals that serve a vital role,” says Prieto, who today is now General Counsel of the Los Angeles Community College District. “Politics aside, I encouraged people to pursue a career in federal government.”

While enrolled in UCDC, Stacy Lee ’20 split her time between the international ocean advocacy group Oceana and the Justice Department’s Environment and Natural Resources Division. She and her UCDC peers also weathered the government shutdown of 2018, which brought the capital to a halt for 35 days.

“No matter when you go to D.C. and whatever you do, you’ll be experiencing history firsthand,” she says. “You’ll get a sense of how different organizations influence national politics and a valuable perspective you can apply throughout your career. No matter what background or career goal you have, you can benefit from getting immersed in law in D.C.”
The Documentary Film Legal Clinic has handled legal matters for films including:

- **Bel Bel**
  Rose Rosenblatt, Mariam Lipschutz, co-directors
  The story of a pregnant Chinese immigrant whose unsuccessful suicide attempt led to a charge of murder. Premiered at DOC NYC, the country’s largest film festival, in November 2018.

- **Emie & Joe**
  Jennifer McShane, director
  A portrait of San Antonio police officers who apply mental health principles to their police work. Winner of special jury award, SWIX. Scheduled to air on HBO.

- **Maxima This Land of Mine**
  Claudia Sparrowe, director
  A Peruvian subsistence farmer defends her land against a gold-mining conglomerate. Premiered at Hot Docs Festival, Toronto in April 2019.

- **Norman Mineta and His Legacy: An American Story**
  Dianne Fukami, director
  The life and career of the former congressman and first Asian-American cabinet member. Premiered on PBS in May 2019.

- **Power to Heal**
  Barbara Berney, director
  A look at how the Medicare program has been instrumental in leading to the desegregation of hospitals in the South. Premiered on public television stations in February 2019.

- **The Seer and the Unseen**
  Sara Davis, director
  The story of an Icelandic woman seeking to block overdevelopment of a majestic landscape. Debuted at the 2019 SF Film Festival.

The faculty includes law professors, industry attorneys, independent filmmakers, and clients, as did the Ziffren Institute’s companion Music Industry Media Law Clinic. The clinic quickly attracted a full roster of students and clients, as did the Ziffren Institute’s companion Music Industry Media Law Clinic. The clinic quickly attracted a full roster of students from contract drafting to fair use of copyrighted material; supervise media attorneys and independent filmmakers.

Two years ago, the Ziffren Institute launched the Documentary Film Legal Clinic, a creative enterprise among law students, veteran media attorneys and independent filmmakers. The goal was to provide pro bono legal services to documentary filmmakers while giving law students opportunities to work on matters ranging from filing licensing and location agreements to vetting scripts and footage for legal concerns. The clinic has been a huge hit. Compelling films depicting stories unlikely to be told through traditional news outlets or studios are airing at festivals around the world and on top networks including HBO and PBS. The clinic quickly attracted a full roster of students and clients, and as did the Ziffren Institute’s companion Music Industry Media Law Clinic, Film Independent and the International Documentary Association, two organizations that support documentary filmmakers, have forged productive partnerships with the Documentary Film Legal Clinic. Dale Cohen, special counsel for the PBS documentary series *Frontline* and an influential voice in First Amendment law, is director of the clinic. Daniel Medina ’89, with decades of experience as counsel for that work and as its associate director, together they teach a weekly seminar covering media law matters from contract drafting to fair use of copyrighted material; supervise students as they perform work for clients, and oversee sessions where students provide each other with feedback on projects and challenges.

Jennifer McShane, director of *Ernie & Joe*, a documentary about two San Antonio police officers who grapple with the mental health issues of people they encounter on the beat, says, “As is often the case with truly independent documentary productions, I was fundraising as I was filming *Ernie & Joe* and there never seemed to be enough time or money to ensure I was getting sound legal advice. It gave me tremendous peace of mind to run my queries and concerns by the UCLA Documentary Film Legal Clinic and know I was always receiving well-considered and thoughtful counsel.”

Today, several of the films whose creators turned to the Documentary Film Legal Clinic have reached the public and achieved strong measures of success.

**Clinic Issues Groundbreaking Housing Crisis Report**

Rising rents have caused unprecedented housing insecurity in Los Angeles County, according to an in-depth report that UCLA School of Law students and faculty prepared with attorneys at Public Counsel. Released in June, the report, “Priced Out, Pushed Out, Locked Out,” drew significant attention by detailing a persistent crisis in affordable housing and homelessness, and asserting that permanent rent stabilization can immediately address housing instability for hundreds of thousands of tenants in unincorporated areas of L.A. County.

Members of UCLA Law’s Community Economic Development Clinic and Public Counsel, a nonprofit law firm that works to solve pressing issues around Los Angeles, researched and drafted the report in partnership with the community-based organization Eastside LEADS and the Unincorporated Tenants United Coalition. Scott Cummings, the Robert Henigson Professor of Legal Ethics at UCLA Law and founder of the CED Clinic, was the report’s lead researcher. In 2018 he taught the clinic with UCLA Law alumnus and lecturer Doug Smith ’89. They supervised UCLA Law students Tate Harshbarger ’19, Cara McGraw ’18 and Brenda Martin-Moya LL.M. ’19, who were the report’s primary authors with Public Counsel attorneys Gregory Bonett ’15 and Katie McKeon and UCLA Ph.D. candidate in sociology Kyle Nelson.

In conducting the study, clinic participants interviewed more than a dozen tenants in unincorporated L.A. County and, with the support of the UCLA Law Empirical Research Group’s Henry Kim, analyzed 2010-17 data from the U.S. Census Bureau’s American Community Survey, focusing on evictions, demographics and economic conditions.

“Shelter is a basic human necessity. Yet housing has become so unaffordable in L.A. County that it has become a luxury — a privilege of wealth rather than the fundamental right for all it should be,” Cummings says. “The UCLA Law CED Clinic students were the driving force behind this report, showing how students can make a real difference in our city and deepening the skills and values they will carry forward into their careers to help people in need.”

**Governor Pardons Five Clients of Criminal Defense Clinic**

Thanks to the work of UCLA School of Law’s Criminal Defense Clinic, five Southern California community members received pardons for old criminal convictions from then-Gov. Jerry Brown. All five of the clients represented by UCLA Law students received pardons during a flurry of criminal justice-related activity in Gov. Brown’s waning months in office.

After the UCLA Law clients already rebuilt their lives after serving in prison, the pardons officially recognized their remarkable achievements. All of the clients came to the U.S. when they were children and, without the pardons, were threatened with possible deportation under current federal policy. Pardons are an important form of protection against deportation and, under federal immigration law, open a path to U.S. citizenship.

Eight law students — Viviana Arcia ’18, Tara Brown ’19, Phoebe Kasdin ’18, Mitzi Marquez-Avila ’19, Kelly Miller ’19, Sashia Novis ’19, Kyle Peters ’18 and Jorge Roldan ’19 — worked on the pardon initiative. “Working closely with our clients on their pardon petitions was inspirational,” Miller says. “We had the opportunity to learn about many parts of their lives by meeting their family, friends and colleagues, and to collaborate as a team to show Gov. Brown how truly exceptional each of our clients is. In addition, we engaged local, state, and national elected officials who wrote compelling letters of support recognizing the many ways our clients contribute to our community.”

Hai Nguyen was one of the clinic’s clients. Born on a fishing boat as his parents fled political persecution in Vietnam, Nguyen grew up in a Long Beach neighborhood where gang activity flourished. Convicted as an adolescent at age 16, he spent more than 15 years in prison before he was paroled in 2015 as a model of rehabilitation. He has since devoted his life to helping at-risk youth and supporting Asian Pacific Islanders reentering the Orange County community. He is also starting a family. Seeking the pardon “wasn’t just about getting a second chance,” he says. “I want to be an inspiration for the next person to say, ‘I can achieve it because this dude did. It’s all about helping people.’”

The students were supervised by UCLA Law professor Ingrid Eagly, who is the faculty director of the David J. Epstein Program in Public Interest Law and Policy, and lecturer Julie Cremer ’03. “We are incredibly grateful to Governor Brown for his commitment to correcting some of the injustices of the criminal legal system that have disproportionately impacted communities of color,” Eagly says. “The pardon power is a crucial mechanism for recognizing individuals who are giving back and providing them with the opportunity to remain with their families and communities.”
Colgan Wins 2019 Rutter Award

Professor Beth Colgan, who joined the law school faculty in 2014 after work as a litigator and public interest attorney, is the 42nd winner of UCLA School of Law’s highest faculty honor, the Rutter Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Colgan teaches criminal law, criminal procedure and related courses. Her research focuses on the disenfranchisement of marginalized communities and on the disparate impact of fines, fees and forfeitures on poor people who are engaged in the criminal justice system.

Before she came to UCLA Law, Colgan was a Thomas C. Grey fellow and lecturer at Stanford Law School, the managing attorney of the Institutions Project at Columbia Legal Services in Washington state, and a litigator at Perkins Coie.

As a professor, Colgan has earned a reputation for being consummately prepared, demanding and yet compassionate toward her students.

Colgan’s father, Steve, and mother, Sue, a longtime teacher in South Dakota, traveled to UCLA Law for the April award ceremony. Colgan told stories from her mother’s decades of teaching at a rural school, including pre-dawn arrivals on campus to help struggling students and an episode where Sue Colgan kissed a pig for a fundraiser.

“I did it for my mom, I keep in my mind that everyone of my students deserves my best effort, even if that means doing something slightly embarrassing,” Colgan said. She said she strives to make sure her classes are welcoming spaces “for students who may not feel that they belong,” and thanked law school staff and faculty who have supported her work.

The Rutter Award, founded in 1979 by famed legal publisher William Rutter, is presented annually to leading legal educators at five top California law schools. Paul Rutter ’78, a Cozen O’Connor partner and son of the late William Rutter, chair of the award committee, presented the award.

Lecturer Groban Appointed to California Supreme Court

Joshua Groban, who for the last several years taught UCLA Law students the intricacies of practicing before state courts of appeal, was named in November 2018 to a seat on the California Supreme Court.

An expert in white-collar criminal law, civil litigation and appellate law, Groban began offering his popular State Appellate Practice course in 2014. The class focused on the rigors of appellate work through hands-on training with active lawyers and externships with judges on the California Court of Appeal’s Second District.

In addition to his work at the law school, Groban served as Brown’s senior adviser on legal policy and judicial appointments. He also served as the legal adviser to Brown’s 2010 campaign for governor.


O’NEILL JOINS SCHOOL AS JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS DIRECTOR

Enhancing the resources available to help graduates clerk for judges in California and around the country, in 2019 UCLA School of Law brought on Kerry O’Neill to serve as its first director of judicial clerkships.

An 11-year veteran of the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Los Angeles, O’Neill is a former litigator at O’Melveny & Myers with deep roots in the California legal community. After earning her undergraduate degree at Princeton University and J.D. at Stanford Law School, she clerked for Judge Dorothy Nelson ’53 on the U.S Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in Pasadena. In her new role, O’Neill is engaging with judges and lawyers to identify clerkship opportunities for UCLA Law graduates and is helping students prepare and apply.

“A judicial clerkship is the best apprenticeship that a law student can have,” O’Neill said. “I’m eager to open the experience to a greater number of UCLA Law’s terrific graduates.”

SKYE AWARDS

UCLA Law Honors its Alumni of the Year

UCLA School of Law honored California Court of Appeal Justice Audrey Collins ’77, Synopsys general counsel Rick Runkel ’81 and Bet Tzedek President and CEO Jesse Kornberg ’78 as its 2018 Alumni of the Year, celebrating their achievements and their continuing roles in support of the school.

Collins is a former Los Angeles prosecutor and federal trial judge who now serves on the L.A.-based Second District Court of Appeal. She was a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California from 1994 to 2014, and has played lead roles on panels investigating Los Angeles police misconduct and suggesting reforms in the wake of the Rodney King riots and other incidents.

Runkel has served as general counsel and executive at numerous medical and healthcare technology companies in Silicon Valley, and has taken a leading role in UCLA Law alumni activities in the Bay Area. Since 2014, he has been GC and corporate secretary of Synopsys, a Mountain View-based designer of integrated circuits and software security. He is a former managing partner of the San Francisco office of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton.

Kornberg, winner of UCLA Law’s Emerging Leader award, has been the president and CEO of Los Angeles public interest law firm Bet Tzedek since 2014. Prior to joining Bet Tzedek, Kornberg was a trial attorney and chair of pro bono at Bird Marella in Los Angeles and the founder and inaugural executive director of MS JD. She is a member of the UCLA Law Board of Advisors and UCLA Law Women LEAD.

CAREER SERVICES DEAN MOELLER ELECTED TO LEAD NALP

Elizabeth Moeller, UCLA School of Law’s assistant dean of career services, has been elected president of the National Association for Legal Placement, an association of more than 2,500 legal career professionals who advise law students, lawyers, law offices and law schools in North America and internationally.

She will take on the role in 2020-21.

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Herbert Morris Lecture

Anita Allen, the vice provost and Henry R. Silverman Professor of Law at the University of Pennsylvania, delivers the Herbert Morris Lecture in Law and Philosophy in February 2019. Her topic: “How the Privacy Philosophy Matters to Privacy Law.”

Emmett Institute in Yosemite

Members of the Emmett Institute on Climate Change and the Environment traveled to Yosemite National Park in October 2019 for the California Lawyers Association’s Environmental Law Conference.

Black Law Alumni Reunion

At UCLA Law’s first Black law alumni reunion celebration in March 2019, more than 40 alumni from across the decades mingled with current faculty, staff and members of the Black Law Students Association.

Irving Green Memorial Lecture

Dale Galipo ’84, a top civil rights litigator in Los Angeles, returned to UCLA Law in April 2019 to deliver the Irving Green Memorial Lecture.

Bending Toward the Sun

Leslie Gilbert-Lurie ’84, along with her mother and co-author, Rita Lurie, discusses Bending Toward the Sun: A Mother and Daughter Memoir, their book about Holocaust survivors and their descendants in April 2019. Gilbert-Lurie is a member of the UCLA Law Board of Advisors.

A. Wallace Tashima

The career of A. Wallace Tashima, a senior judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and a towering figure among Asian-American lawyers, was honored with a day-long symposium at UCLA Law in January 2019. Pictured from left: Three of Tashima’s former clerks — Kaipo Matsumura ’07, Scott Cummings, UCLA Law’s Robert Henigson Professor of Legal Ethics; and Candice Yokomizo ’96 — stand with the judge.

LA Press Freedom Week

Documentary filmmakers and free-speech experts came to UCLA Law during LA Press Freedom Week in September 2019 for the panel “Cross-Border Legal Threats to Press Freedom.” Pictured from left: Dale Cohen, director of the UCLA Law Documentary Film Legal Clinic and special counsel to PBS’ Frontline; UC Irvine law professor David Kaye, the U.N. Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of the Right to Freedom of Opinion and Expression; Agnès Callamard, the U.N. Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions; Bruce Brown, a former BakerHostetler partner who is now executive director of the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press; and Ecuadorian journalist Mónica Almeida. Sponsors of the event included UCLA Law’s Ziffren Institute for Media, Entertainment, Technology and Sports Law, the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, the Los Angeles Times and the Reporters Committee for the Freedom of the Press.

Samantha Power

Khaled Abou El Fadl (with Ahmad Atif Ahmad and Said Fares Hassan)

Routledge Handbook of Islamic Law
Routledge (2019)

A detailed reference source comprising original articles covering the origins, history, theory and practice of Islamic law, the handbook includes a critical analysis of the pedagogical approaches to studying and analyzing Islamic law as a discipline. Other issues include the role of ethics in Islamic jurisprudence; the purposes and objectives of Islamic law; constitutional law and secularism; gender, bioethics, Muslim minorities in the West; jihad and terrorism. With contributions from highly regarded scholars, the handbook addresses Islamic law as a legal discipline by taking into account the historical functions and processes of legal cultures and patterns of legal thought.

Abou El Fadl is the Omar and Azmerala Alfi Professor of Law and teaches courses in international human rights, Islamic jurisprudence, national security law, law and terrorism, and political asylum.

Ann Carlson (with Dallas Burtraw)

Lessons from the Clean Air Act: Building Durability and Adaptability into U.S. Climate and Energy Policy
Cambridge University Press (2019)

Climate and energy policy needs to be durable and flexible to be successful, but these two concepts often seem to be in opposition. One venerable institution where both ideas are apparent is the Clean Air Act, first passed by the U.S. Congress in 1963, with amendments in 1970 and 1990. The act has been hugely successful at improving the environment. It has programs that reach across the entire economy, regulating various sectors and pollutants in different ways. This illuminating book examines the act’s successes and failures with the aim of offering lessons for future climate and energy policymaking in the United States. It provides critical information to legislators, regulators and scholars interested in understanding environmental policymaking.

Carlson 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.

Kimberlé Crenshaw (with Luke Charles Harris, Daniel Martinez HoSang and George Lipsitz)

Seeing Race Again: Countering Colorblindness Across the Disciplines
University of California Press (2019)

Racial hierarchy and colonialism structured the very foundations of most academic disciplines. By the mid-20th century, education became a center in the struggle for social justice, when scholars mounted insurgent efforts to disrupt some of the most odious intellectual defenses of white supremacy. But the discipline and their keepers remained unwilling to interrogate many of the racist foundations of their fields, instead embracing a framework of racial colorblindness as their default position. By examining the racial histories and colorblindness in fields as diverse as social psychology, the law, musicology, library studies, sociology, and gender studies, this book challenges scholars and students to see race again and shows how colorblindness compromises the capacity of disciplines to effectively respond to contemporary political, economic and social crises.

Crenshaw is a distinguished professor of law who has been a leader in critical race theory and civil rights law for more than three decades.

Joshua Foa Dienstag

Cinema Pessimism: A Political Theory of Representation and Reciprocity
Oxford University Press (2019)

The potential problems of representative democracy have long been debated. Does it cultivate apathy and discourage citizen participation? What does it mean to be faithfully or well represented in a democracy? And how can appropriate, meaningful representation be achieved? By looking at motion pictures that directly confront issues of representation — including Her, Blade Runner, The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance, Melancholia and the Up documentary series — this book argues that film offers a unique perspective through which to understand the dangers to equality and freedom that lurk in representative politics, and it considers how best to respond to them.

Dienstag is a professor of law and political science at UCLA, who teaches classes on the political theory of the American founders and other topics at the intersection of law, politics and philosophy.

Blake Emerson

Oxford University Press (2019)

The Public’s Law describes how American progressive thinkers developed a democratic understanding of the state from their study of Hegelian political thought. G.W.F. Hegel understood the state as an institution that regulated society in the interest of freedom, and progressives including John Dewey, W.E.B. Du Bois and Woodrow Wilson embraced this view but sought to democratic Hegel’s concept, stressing that the people should participate deeply in administrative policymaking. This book develops a normative theory of the state on the basis of this intellectual and institutional history, with implications for deliberative democratic theory, constitutional theory and administrative law.

Emerson is an assistant professor of law who teaches administrative law, torts and an examination of the executive power from legal, theoretical and historical perspectives.

Sung Hui Kim (with Evan J. Criddle, Evan Fox-Decent, Andrew S. Gold and Paul B. Miller)

Fiduciary Government
Cambridge University Press (2018)

The idea that the state is a fiduciary to its citizens has a long pedigree, ultimately reaching back to the ancient Greeks and including Hobbes and Locke among its proponents. Public fiduciary theory is now experiencing a resurgence, with applications that range from international law and election law to insider trading by members of Congress. This book is the first of its kind: a collection of chapters by leading writers on public fiduciary subject areas. Aiming to pique the interest of political theorists and scholars of public law and private fiduciary law, the authors develop new accounts of how fiduciary principles apply to representation, officials and judges, problems of legitimacy and political obligation, positive rights, the state itself and the history of ideas.

Kim is a professor of law and faculty director of the Program on In-House Counsel at the Lowell Milken Institute for Business Law and Policy at UCLA Law.

James Salzman (with Lisa Mandle, Zhiyun Ouyang and Gretchen C. Daily)

Island Press (2019)

Rapid economic development has been a boon to human well-being, but it comes at a significant cost to natural capital — the fertile soils, forests, coastal marshes and farmland that support all life on earth. The dilemma of our times is to figure out how to improve the human condition without destroying nature’s. One answer is inclusive green growth — the efficient use of natural resources that minimizes pollution and strengthens communities against natural disasters while reducing poverty through improved access to health, education and services. This innovative guide brings together pragmatic finance and policy tools that can make investment in natural capital both attractive and commonplace, guiding agencies and organizations eager to make green growth work anywhere in the world.

Salzman is the Donald Bren Distinguished Professor of Environmental Law who teaches water law and ranks among the most-cited environmental law professors in the world.
FACULTY UPDATE

KHALED M. ABOU EL FADIL

Omar and Azemardha Ali Professor of Law

Professor Abou El Fadil received the Lifetime Achievement Award in Islamic Scholarship from the Center for Muslim Mental Health and Islamic Psychology in February 2019. He was also included on the Royal Islamic Strategic Studies Centre’s list of the world’s 500 most influential Muslims.

Publications


“What Type of Law is Islamic Law?” in Routledge Handbook of Islamic Law.


E. TENDAI AHUCEME

Professor of Law: Faculty Director, Promise Institute for Human Rights

Professor Ahucheke continued to serve as the United Nations’ Special Rappor- teur on Contemporary Forms of Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance. In this capacity, she was the only independent expert select- ed to address U.N. member states at the December 2018 intergovernmental con- ference to adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, the first international agreement governing global migration. She also published U.N. reports on racial discrimination, neo-Na- zi ideologies, nationalist populism, and the use of digital technology in the prop- agation of those belief systems.

Publications


IMAN ANABTAWI

Professor of Law

Publications


SAMEER ASHAR

Vice Dean for Experiential Education; Professor of Law

Publications


STEPHEN M. BAINBRIDGE

William D. Warren Distinguished Professor of Law

Professor Bainbridge was the keynote speaker at the 53rd Annual National Di- ocean Attorneys Association in Portland, Oregon, in April 2019, where his talk was titled “The Catholic Church’s Unfinished Business: Enhanced Scrutiny.” He also delivered the University of Nebraska College of Law’s 2019 Roseou Pound Lecture, “Corporate Governance in a Pop- ulist Era,” in March 2019, and an article based on the lecture is forthcoming in the Nebraska Law Review. In September 2018, UCLA Law’s Lowell Milken Institute for Business Law and Policy and the Con- ference Board’s Corporate Governance Center convened a conference on the book Outsourcing the Boards: How Board Service Providers Can Improve Corporate Governance (Cambridge University Press, 2018) that Bainbridge co-wrote with M. Todd Henderson, and The Business Law- yer published a symposium of papers presented at the conference.

Publications

“Rethinking the Board of Directors: Getting Outside the Box,” 74 Business Lawyer 285 (2019).


LATOA BALDWIN CLARK

Assistant Professor of Law

Publications


ASU U. BÂLI

Professor of Law

Professor Bâli continued her service on the UCLA Advisory Council on Immigra- tion Policy and as co-chair of the advisory committee for Human Rights Watch’s Middle East and North Africa Division. She also chaired the Middle East Stud- ies Association’s Task Force on Civil and Human Rights. She co-organized two major conferences at UCLA Law: “Crit- ical Perspectives on Race and Human Rights: Transnational Reimagining,” a symposium presented by the Promise Institute for Human Rights, the Critical Race Studies program and the Journal of International Law and Foreign Affairs, in March 2019, and the American Society of International Law’s Midyear Meeting Re- search Forum in November 2018.

Publications


STUART BANNER

Norman Abrams Distinguished Professor of Law

Publications


PAUL BERGMAN

Professor of Law Emeritus

Publications


ABEL, HANDLER WIN LAW AND SOCIETY ASSOCIATION LEGACY AWARD

UCLA School of Law professors emeriti Richard Abel and Joel Handler received the Law and Society Association’s Legacy Award, recognizing the lifetime achievement of the most significant members of LSAs founding generations. Between 1989 and 1995, Abel and Handler served consecutive terms as president of LSA, the leading “interdisciplinary scholarly organization committed to social scientific, interpretive and historical analyses of law across multiple social contexts.” Abel, the Michael J. Connell Distinguished Professor of Law Emeritus, has taught law and social change and served as the faculty director of UCLA Law’s public interest pro- gram. He has been a member of the UCLA Law faculty since 1974. Handler, the Richard C. Maxwell Distinguished Professor of Law Emeritus, joined the UCLA Law faculty in 1985 and is a renowned scholar of poverty and social welfare. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Publications


STUART BANNER

Norman Abrams Distinguished Professor of Law

Publications


PAUL BERGMAN

Professor of Law Emeritus

Publications


WILLIAM BOYD
Professor of Law
Publications

ANN E. CARLSON
Shirley Shapiro Professor of Environmental Law, Faculty Co-Director, Emmett Institute on Climate Change and the Environment
Publications

JENNIFER M. CHACÓN
Professor of Law
Publications

BETH A. COLGAN
Professor of Law
Publications
- Professor Colgan won UCLA Law’s 2019 Rutter Award for Excellence in Teaching and was named Professor of the Year by the law school’s graduating Class of 2019.

KIMBERLE W. CRENSHAW
Distinguished Professor of Law
Publications
- Professor Crenshaw engaged in several presentations marking 30 years of intersectionality. She was named a 2019 fellow of the American Academy of Political & Social Science. In June 2019, she received an honorary doctorate from York University’s Osgoode Hall Law School.

JOSHUA FOA DIENSTAG
Professor of Law
Publications

LAURA E. GÓMEZ
Assistant Professor of Law
Publications

WHETHER THE COURT FEATURES ACLU LEADER
ACLU Voting Rights Project director Dale Ho joined UCLA Law professors Jennifer Chacón, Eugene Volokh and Adam Winkler, and Williams Institute executive director Joelcy Samuels in conversation at Whitter the Court, the Allan C. Lewob Annual Supreme Court Review, on Sept. 23. Panelists discussed the forthcoming term and reflected on the justices’ most recent slate of major decisions, including Department of Commerce v. New York, in which Ho successfully argued against adding a citizenship question to the U.S. Census. He served as one of the school’s Margaret Levy Public Interest Fellows in 2019.


STEPHEN GARBAUM
MacArthur Foundation Professor of International Justice and Human Rights
Publications

LAURA E. GÓMEZ
Professor of Law
Publications

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Horwitz Steers Restatement of Charities to Approval

Culminating years of work led by Professor Jill Horwitz, in May the American Law Institute approved the first Restatement of the Law; Charitable Nonprofit Organizations, a comprehensive compendium of the legal issues that confront charitable nonprofit institutions. It stands to have a profound impact on the more than one million charities in the United States, ranging from hospital systems to local theater groups. Among the nation’s leading scholars of nonprofits and health law and policy, Horwitz served as the project’s reporter. She also created a seminar in nonprofit law drafting that allowed UCLLA students to contribute to the restatement and learn about the substantive law of charities. “This restatement represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to clarify a complex and poorly understood area of the law,” says Horwitz. Charities law is so difficult because it is based on such a wide range of sources — federal and state, common law and statute, English statutes from the 19th century and contemporary tax law — with which many courts and lawyers have only passing familiarity.”

MARK K. GRADY
Distinguished Professor of Law
Publications

MARK GREENBERG
Professor of Law; Professor of Philosophy
Publications

CHERYL I. HARRIS
Rosalind and Arthur Gilbert Professor in Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
Publications

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

Cara Horowitz was a member of the team that developed our Country, the first-ever sustainability plan for the County of Los Angeles, a collaboration between the LA County Chief Sustainability Office, UCLA and other prominent civic organizations.

CARA HOROWITZ
Andrew Sabkin Family Foundation Co-Executive Director, Emmett Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, Co-Director, UCLA Environmental Law Clinic

Cara Horowitz was named co-chair of the steering committee of UCLA’s Sustainable LA Grand Challenge.

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

JILL K. HOROWITZ
Vice Dean for Faculty and Intellectual Life; Professor of Law

In May 2019, the American Law Institute approved publication of the first Restatement of the Law; Charitable Nonprofit Organizations, on which Vice Dean Horowitz served as reporter.

Publications

RUSSELL KOROBIN
Richard C. Maxwell Professor of Law
Publications

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

In January 2019, Professor Langer was elected to be a member of the American Law Institute.

LYNN M. LOPUCKI
Security Pacific Bank Distinguished Professor of Law
Publications

TIMOTHY MALLOY
Professor of Law
Publications
- “Governance on the Ground: Evaluating the Role of County Agricultural Commissions in Reducing Toxic Pesticide Exposures,” with John Fraines, Andrea Hricko, Karla Vasquez and Mason Gamble (2019).

DAVID MARCUS
Professor of Law
Publications
- “Article III, Remedies, and Representation,” with Andrew Coan, 9 Conflit@x 97 (2018).

JON D. MICHAELS
Professor of Law
Publications

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

Dean Mookin gave the address at the Brigham Young University J. Reuben Clark Law School’s commencement ceremony in April 2019. In March 2019, she delivered the University of Rochester Humanities Center Public Lecture “Flawed Forensics: Why Troubling Expert Evidence Continues to Find Its Way to Court.”

Publications
- “Governance on the Ground: Evaluating the Role of County Agricultural Commissions in Reducing Toxic Pesticide Exposures,” with John Fraines, Andrea Hricko, Karla Vasquez and Mason Gamble (2019).

Bussel, Klee Play Key Role in 2019 Landmark Puerto Rico Deal

Amid a financial crisis aggravated by recession and hurricanes, Puerto Rico and its bondholders reached a deal in February that will bring billions of dollars of relief to the island’s economy, thanks in substantial part to Professors Daniel Bussel and Kenneth Klee. Partners at the insolvency law boutique Klee, Tuchin, Bogdanoff & Stern, they were appointed to advise on a restructuring of $18 billion in bond debt and a related tussle over Puerto Rico’s sales tax. A federal judge approved the deal that they helped forge — among the largest debt restructurings in U.S. history — balancing the interests of the island territory, thousands of bondholders and the government-owned corporation, known as COFINA, that issued the bonds. KT&B’s partner Jonathan Weiss ’11 also worked on the case, in which Bussel and Klee advised the agent for COFINA.

Kenneth Klee and Daniel Bussel. 123387_UCLA Law Magazine_Body_10-28-FULL_R1.indd 51
Sotomayor Cites Schwartz

Professor Joanna Schwartz was cited by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor in her dissenting opinion in a civil rights case decided in May. In Nieves v. Bartlett, the majority held that probable cause for arrest generally overrides a claim that the arrest was a retaliatory act by police that violated the First Amendment. The case raised the issue of indemnity for officers acting in their official capacity, a central topic of Schwartz’s scholarship. Sotomayor wrote that “the burden of (a presumably indemnified) officer facing trial pales in comparison to the importance of guarding core First Amendment activity against the clear potential for abuse that accompanies the arrest power.” She cited Schwartz’s article “Police Indemnification,” an exhaustive study published in the Nijm Law Review in 2014, where Schwartz showed that governments, rather than individual police officers, pay all but about .02% of the money that plaintiffs win in civil rights suits.

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HIROSHI MOTO MURA

Susan Westberg Prager Distinguished Professor of Law

Professor Motomura received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from Loyola University New Orleans in May 2019, recognizing his dedication to ensuring the rights of immigrants and refugees and educating the world about legal issues concerning the underserved.

Publications


STEPHENV R. MUNZER

Distinguished Research Professor of Law

Publications


NEIL W. NETANEL

Petreameron Professor of Law

Professor Netanel organized the conference “Can Social Media Be Fixed? (And Do They Need Fixing)” at UCLA Law in February 2019.

JASON OH

Professor of Law

Professor Oh testified before the U.S. House Ways and Means Committee on “The 2017 Tax Law and Who It Left Behind” in March 2019. He also joined the board of directors of the National Tax Association.

JAMES PARK

Professor of Law; Faculty Director, Lewin Milkman Institute for Business Law and Policy

Professor Park organized the “Blockchain and the Law” workshop at UCLA Law in March 2019. He also organized the “Technology of Silicon Beach” conference at UCLA Law in November 2018.

RICHARD M. RE

Professor of Law; Faculty Co-Director, PULSE @ UCLA Law (Program on Understanding Law; Science & Evidence)

Publications


PETER L. REICH

Lecturer in Law; Academic Director, Law & Communication intensive

Publications


ANGELA RILEY

Professor of Law; Director, MAJJD Joint Degree Program in Law and American Indian Studies

Director, Native Nations Law and Policy Center

Publications


MICHAEL R. ROBERTS

Executive Director, Resnick Center for Food Law and Policy

Adjunct Faculty

Michael Roberts was made historian of the Academy of Food Law & Policy, and he was appointed to the board of directors of Feed the Truth.

Publications


JAMES SALZMAN

Donald Bren Distinguished Professor of Environmental Law

Professor Salzman delivered the Edward and Bonnie Foreman Biodiversity Lecture at Stetson University College of Law in September 2018.

Publications


“The Case and Movement for Protecting People and Nature,” with Linda Mandile, Zhiyun Qian, Ian Bateman, Carl Folke, Anne D. Guerry, Cong Ling, Jie Li, Shuzhuo Li, Jianguo Liu, Stephen Polasky, Mary Rucklehaus, Bhaskar Vira, Alvao Uma-Faria, Weihua Xu, Hua Zheng and Gretchen C. Daily, in Green Growth That Works.


RICHARD H. SANDER

Professor of Law

Publications


Steinberg Joins Top Trade Committee

In April, Professor Richard Steinberg was appointed to a position on the Trade and Environmental Policy Advisory Committee (TEPAC), a group that counsels and makes recommendations to the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative. He will serve on the bipartisan committee for a two-year term. Congress established the TEPAC to ensure that U.S. trade policy and trade-negotiating objectives adequately reflect American public and private sector interests.

Steinberg joins James Salzman, UCLA’s Donald Bren Distinguished Professor of Environmental Law, who has served on the committee since 1997. They are the only professors on the TEPAC, whose membership primarily includes senior representatives of leading environmental organizations.

Before he joined the UCLA Law faculty in 1996, Steinberg served as the assistant general counsel to the U.S. Trade Representative.
HONORED FOR ACCESS

Law Fellows Program founder and executive director Leo Trujillo-Cox ’97 received the inaugural Education, Diversity and Greater Education (EDGE) Award from the Council on Legal Education Opportunity in November 2018.

JONATHAN M. ZASLOFF
Professor of Law

Publications


NOAH D. ZATZ
Professor of Law

Publications


XIYIN TANG
Assistant Professor of Law

Xiyin Tang joins UCLA Law from Yale University, where she was a lecturer in law. Previously, she worked as a litigator representing clients in business, entertainment, real estate, and employment matters at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher; Greenberg Glusker Fields Claman & Machttinger; and Early Sullivan Wright Gizer & McRae. She received her B.A. from Brown University and J.D. from Loyola Law School, Los Angeles. Before law school, she worked in the civil rights division of the U.S. Department of Justice, focusing on the desegregation of public schools.

ANDREW SELBST
Assistant Professor of Law

Andrew Selbst joins UCLA Law from Data & Society Research Institute, where he was a postdoctoral scholar. His scholarship examines the societal effects of technology, including the impact that artificial intelligence has on traditional theories of causation, culpability and discrimination. He has presented his work to the U.S. Department of Justice, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, among others. His articles have appeared in California Law Review, Cardozo Law Review, Fordham Law Review, Georgia Law Review and International Data Privacy Law.

Selbst holds bachelor’s degrees in physics and in electrical science and engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he also earned a master’s in engineering in electrical engineering and computer science. He received his law degree from the University of Michigan Law School, where he was executive editor of the University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform. Selbst served as a law clerk for Judge Dolly Gee ’84 on the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California and for Judge Jane Roth on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. He has also worked at Fordham University School of Law, Hogan Lovells, Public Citizen Litigation Group and NYU School of Law’s Information Law Institute.

FACULTY :: NEW TENURE-TRACK FACULTY

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

In 2019, UCLA Law established the Eric M. Zolt Chair in Tax Law and Policy. In February 2019, the law school hosted a celebration where more than 100 people gathered to market the creation of the chair and applaud Zolt’s contributions to the school and field of tax law.

Publications


FACULTY :: NEW APPOINTMENTS

ANDREW SELBST
Assistant Professor of Law

Selbst holds bachelor’s degrees in physics and in electrical science and engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he also earned a master’s in engineering in electrical engineering and computer science. He received his law degree from the University of Michigan Law School, where he was executive editor of the University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform. Selbst served as a law clerk for Judge Dolly Gee ’84 on the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California and for Judge Jane Roth on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. He has also worked at Fordham University School of Law, Hogan Lovells, Public Citizen Litigation Group and NYU School of Law’s Information Law Institute.

FACULTY :: NEW LECTURERS

AMELIA M. COLLINS
Lecturer in Law

Amelia Collins teaches Legal Research and Writing as a lecturer in law. Previously, she worked as a litigator representing clients in business, entertainment, real estate, and employment matters at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher; Greenberg Glusker Fields Claman & Machttinger; and Early Sullivan Wright Gizer & McRae. She received her B.A. from Brown University and J.D. from Loyola Law School, Los Angeles. Before law school, she worked in the civil rights division of the U.S. Department of Justice, focusing on the desegregation of public schools.

FACULTY :: NEW FELLOWS

HOLLY J. BUCK
Emeritt Climate Engineering Fellow in Environmental Law and Policy

Holly Buck is cross-appointed with UCLA’s Institute of the Environment and Sustainability. Her research focuses on environmental sociology, science and technology studies, and international agriculture and rural development. She holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Maryland Baltimore County, a master’s of sci-
**FACULTY FOCUS**

**NEW APPOINTMENTS**

**CHARLES R. CORBETT**

Emmett Climate Engineering Fellow in Environmental Law and Policy

Charles Corbett’s research focuses on climate change, global warming, and environmental policy. He comes to UCLA Law after having completed clerkships at Earthjustice, the Clean Air Task Force and the Environmental Defense Fund. He was awarded a T.A. Barron fellowship in environmental law at Harvard Law School, where he earned his J.D., and he has a bachelor’s degree from New York University.

**FANNA GAMAL**

Binder Clinical Teaching Fellow

Fanna Gamal comes to UCLA Law from the Youth Defender Clinic at the East Bay Community Law Center in Berkeley, California. As an attorney and clinical supervisor, she led a team representing students in juvenile delinquency, special education and disciplinary proceedings. She will extend UCLA Law’s work in juvenile justice, collaborate with the UCLA Pritzker Center for Strengthening Children and Families, and work with faculty focused on family law, criminal law and critical race theory. Gamal earned her J.D. from UC Berkeley School of Law and her bachelor’s degree from Tufts University.

**AARON LITTMAN**

Binder Clinical Teaching Fellow

Aaron Littman joins UCLA Law from the Southern Center for Human Rights in Atlanta. A prisoners’ rights litigator and advocate, Littman clerked for Judge Stephen Reinhardt of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and Judge Myron Thompson of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama. At UCLA Law, he will work with the Prison Law and Policy Program led by professor Sharon Dolovich, and collaborate with other faculty working in criminal law and civil rights. Littman earned a J.D. from Yale Law School, a master’s degree in education from the University of Michigan, and a bachelor’s degree from Yale.

**RYAN McCARL**

PULSE Fellow in Artificial Intelligence, Law, and Policy

Ryan McCarl’s research focuses on societal impacts, assessment, public policy, law and other potential governance mechanisms for artificial intelligence and related technologies. Previously an associate at Hueston & WilmerHale, his scholarship has been published in the Stanford Journal of International Law and Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly. McCarl earned a bachelor’s degree in political science and master’s degree in international relations from the University of Chicago, a master’s degree in education from the University of Michigan and a J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School. He clerked for Judge David Ebel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

**ASAD RAHIM**

Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Fellow

Asad Rahim’s scholarship focuses on constitutional law, critical race theory and employment discrimination. A former American Bar Foundation Law and Inequality Doctoral Fellow, he served as an associate editor of Law & Social Inquiry and as an articles editor for the Harvard Journal onRace and Ethnic Justice. His work has or will also appear in the California Law Review, UCLA Law Review and Annual Review of Law and Social Science. He earned his B.S. from Babson College, J.D. from Harvard Law School and Ph.D. in jurisprudence and social policy from UC Berkeley.

**SIYI SHEN**

Emmett/Frankel Fellow in Environmental Law and Policy

Siyi Shen’s scholarship focuses on climate and energy, climate finance and environmental justice. She previously served as a global environmental law fellow at Pace University’s Elisabeth Haub School of Law and as a legal fellow at the Center for International Environmental Law. She holds an LL.B. from Tongji University Law School in China, a J.D. from Vanderbilt University Law School, and LL.M. degrees from UC Berkeley School of Law and Pace.

**KERRY O’NEILL**

Director of Judicial Clerkships

Kerry O’Neill is UCLA Law’s first director of judicial clerkships. In 11 years at the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Los Angeles, she prosecuted cases in the major frauds section and served as deputy chief of the criminal appellate section, with 18 appeals before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. O’Neill previously worked as a litigator at D’McVeny & Myers and served as a law clerk to Ninth Circuit Judge Dorothy Nelson ’53. She holds a bachelor’s degree from Princeton University and a J.D. from Stanford Law School.

**LAUREN VAN SCHILFGAARDE**

San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Tribal Legal Development Clinic Director

Lauren van Schilfgaarde is the first San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Director of UCLA Law’s Tribal Legal Development Clinic. Her deep experience in tribal law includes work as the tribal law specialist at the Tribal Law and Policy Institute in West Hollywood. She also served as a law clerk at the Native American Rights Fund and Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, and she was a public interest fellow at the ACLU of Colorado. A 2012 graduate of UCLA Law, van Schilfgaarde earned her B.A. from Colorado College.

Welcome to L.A.! During the month before their full slate of classes began, about three dozen incoming LL.M. students participated in a new four-week summer program, the Law and Communication Intensive. Each day, students took a course through UCLA Extension on Law School English, and in the afternoon Professor Peter Reck taught U.S. Constitutional Law for Foreign Lawyers. The month-long program also included class visits to a Los Angeles County courthouse, a law firm, Catalina Island and Dodger Stadium.
Students Bring Bail Reform to Los Angeles County

Students in UCLA Law’s Criminal Justice Program are making a difference for clients and the community while gaining valuable courtroom experience.

The Criminal Justice Program, the Los Angeles County Public Defenders’ office and the Bail Project — a New York-based nonprofit founded by Robin Steinberg, UCLA Law's Gilbert Foundation Senior Fellow in Criminal Justice — have joined forces to pair law students with public defenders to conduct bail hearings.

One goal of the UCLA Law Bail Practicum is to diminish the injustice of the money-bail system, in which many people charged with crimes are incarcerated before trial only because they cannot afford bail. Another is to pair students with experienced litigators to gain courtroom experience on behalf of clients. Students are working on cases assigned to the Los Angeles County Superior Court in Compton.

Teams of UCLA Law students public defenders delivered strong success for their clients during the Fall 2018 semester, when the program launched. Seven out of 10 felony bail hearings argued by students resulted in clients being released from custody without bail or with significant reductions in bail.

The program is also developing tools to help empower community members to advocate for loved ones being held in pretrial detention. The practicum has received attention from the Los Angeles Times and Spectrum News in Los Angeles.

Sympmposium Reimagines Criminal Justice

Bringing together leading advocates for criminal justice reform, in February 2019 the Criminal Justice Program and UCLA Law’s Criminal Justice Law Review hosted a symposium titled “Reimagining the Criminal Justice System.” The keynote speaker was Center for Constitutional Rights Executive Director Vince Warren.

Other panelists included Gideon’s Promise President Jonathan Rapping, Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva and Taylor Yllyte from the California Coalition for Women Prisoners. The symposium encouraged attendees to reimagine solutions to issues that perpetuate inequality within law enforcement, the practice of public defense and in carceral facilities.

Art and Activism Festival: A CALL to Action

Blending art and activism in a series of events at UCLA and two area juvenile detention facilities, lawyers, artists, advocates and people impacted by the criminal justice system came together in April for the inaugural Connecting Art and Law for Liberation Festival.

Sponsored by the Criminal Justice Program and Prison Law and Policy Program at UCLA School of Law, as well as UCLA’s Prison Education Program, the festival included appearances by film and TV star Danny Glover and hip hop legend Chuck D plus leaders of arts and advocacy groups from across Los Angeles. Delaram Kamalpour ’19, a fellow in UCLA Law’s Prison Law and Policy Program, conceived of and played a key role in organizing the event.

Glover and Bryonn Bain, director of the Prison Education Program at UCLA, opened the festival at Central Juvenile Hall with an excerpt from Bain’s one-man show lyrics from Lockdown and a talk by Glover, who asked the youth to share their poetry and rap about their struggles and their resilience inside juvenile hall. Simultaneously, artists and activists Maya Jupiter and Aloe Blacc led hip hop and poetry workshops at Barry J. Nidorff Juvenile Hall in Sylmar.

Glover also came to UCLA to engage in a conversation with state Sen. Holly Mitchell (D-Los Angeles), a leading advocate for prison reform, and Chuck D joined Bain and Criminal Justice Program Associate Director Alicia Virani for a panel discussion. The festival was supported by the California Arts Council and co-sponsored by organizations including the Arts for Incarcerated Youth Network, Re:Store Justice, Was Incarcerated Productions, Homeboy Industries, and the Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American Studies at UCLA.

Alternatives to Incarceration

The UCLA Law Criminal Justice Program, in collaboration with the Los Angeles nonprofit Re:Store Justice, organized and hosted a three-day restorative justice training in August for law students, alumni and community members. The training equipped attendees to facilitate restorative justice dialogue processes. In these dialogues, victims or survivors of crime and the currently or formerly incarcerated people who caused them harm address issues including improved decision-making, accountability and community building. The training was supported by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation’s Office of Victim and Survivor Rights and Services.
A Vision of ‘Law, Not War’

Ben Ferencz, the last surviving prosecutor from the Nuremberg trials, came to UCLA in October 2018 to speak about his life, his vision of “law, not war” and his continuing commitment to ending impunity for mass atrocities. The talk was part of the Promise Institute’s Global Justice and Accountability series of lectures, which also featured Alain Werner, director of Civitas Maxima, and Richard Dicker, director of the International Justice Program at Human Rights Watch. The Promise Institute also hosted Zeid Ra’ad Al-Hussein, former U. N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, for a keynote and series of meetings with Promise Institute community members.

Promise Institute Unveils Strategic Plan

The Promise Institute for Human Rights at UCLA School of Law, launched with a $20 million gift in April 2017, has completed its first strategic plan and unveiled several new initiatives. Under the leadership of Executive Director Kate Mackintosh and Faculty Director E. Tendayi Achiume, the institute will draw on the strengths and resources of UCLA and the dynamism of Los Angeles to empower a new generation of human rights lawyers and leaders and generate new thinking on human rights. The institute has identified five key areas for its work in the next five years:

- Technology and human rights
- Migration and human rights
- Human rights and the protection of the environment
- Race, indigenous peoples and human rights
- Human rights accountability

Projects for 2019-20 include:

- Creation of several workshop and lecture series in which practitioners and scholars will discuss current challenges and new approaches in human rights. Race, Human Rights and New Information Technologies will be a collaboration between the Promise Institute and the UCLA Center on Critical Internet Inquiry. International Criminal Law and the Protection of the Environment will center on strategies for using international criminal law to protect the environment. Reparations in Context, a collaboration with the UCLA Luskin Center for History and Policy, will bring legal scholars, historians and activists into conversation to develop a textured understanding of how past systems of racial and ethnic injustice can inform reparations efforts.
- The Promise Institute will fund student travel to the U.S.-Mexico border to provide Know Your Rights training to asylum seekers impacted by the United States’ Remain in Mexico policy.
- A symposium sponsored in collaboration with the Emmett Institute on Climate Change and the Environment and the Journal of International Law and Foreign Affairs, and featuring a keynote by Kumi Naidoo, Secretary-General of Amnesty International and former international executive director of Greenpeace.
- UCLA Law students will spend one semester in the Hague, the Netherlands, working at an international court and taking a course on International Courts in Practice.
- Richard Dicker, International Justice Project Director at Human Rights Watch, will spend the Spring 2020 semester as the distinguished fellow in residence at the Promise Institute, writing and teaching on “Prospects for International Justice.”

Several 2019 graduates of the Promise Institute have earned prestigious fellowships at leading human rights organizations.

- Kristi Ueda ’19 was named a Human Rights Watch Fellow, and will receive a full year’s salary to join the prestigious advocacy organization.
- Human Rights Watch’s more than 450 lawyers and experts from 70 countries seek to hold governments and armed groups accountable for abuses and work for justice and the safety of international refugees and migrants. UCLA Law joins a select group of law schools — including Columbia Law School, Yale Law School and NYU School of Law — to offer a Human Rights Watch fellowship.
- As a UCLA Law student, Ueda worked closely with Professor E. Tendayi Achiume, who also serves as the United Nations’ Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Racial, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance. Ueda helped Achiume research and draft reports and traveled to U.N. Human Rights Council gatherings in New York and Geneva to engage with representatives of nations across the globe, nonprofit organizations and other stakeholders.
- Ueda is the third UCLA Law student to gain a fellowship at Human Rights Watch. Pinar Erdem, LL.M. ’18, joined the organization’s LGBT rights division immediately after graduation. In 2017, Jasmine Sankofa ’15 received the Aryeh Neier Fellowship, awarded by Human Rights Watch and the ACLU. Another Promise Institute graduate, Erin French ’19, joined the National Center for Youth Law in Los Angeles.

In addition, the Promise Institute funded Ming Taniga-Lau ’21 to participate in the UIC Human Rights Fellowship. Taniga-Lau spent the summer with Al Otra Lado, the leading organization working with those seeking asylum at the U.S.-Mexico border.

Prominent Institute Grads Gain Prestigious Fellowships

Prominent Institute Unveils Strategic Plan

In 2019, the Promise Institute for Human Rights at UCLA School of Law, launched with a $20 million gift in April 2017, has unveiled strategic plans and unveiled several new initiatives. Under the leadership of Executive Director Kate Mackintosh and Faculty Director E. Tendayi Achiume, the institute will draw on the strengths and resources of UCLA and the dynamism of Los Angeles to empower a new generation of human rights lawyers and leaders and generate new thinking on human rights. The institute has identified five key areas for its work in the next five years:

- Technology and human rights
- Migration and human rights
- Human rights and the protection of the environment
- Race, indigenous peoples and human rights
- Human rights accountability

Projects for 2019-20 include:

- Creation of several workshop and lecture series in which practitioners and scholars will discuss current challenges and new approaches in human rights. Race, Human Rights and New Information Technologies will be a collaboration between the Promise Institute and the UCLA Center on Critical Internet Inquiry. International Criminal Law and the Protection of the Environment will center on strategies for using international criminal law to protect the environment. Reparations in Context, a collaboration with the UCLA Luskin Center for History and Policy, will bring legal scholars, historians and activists into conversation to develop a textured understanding of how past systems of racial and ethnic injustice can inform reparations efforts.
- The Promise Institute will fund student travel to the U.S.-Mexico border to provide Know Your Rights training to asylum seekers impacted by the United States’ Remain in Mexico policy.
- A symposium sponsored in collaboration with the Emmett Institute on Climate Change and the Environment and the Journal of International Law and Foreign Affairs, and featuring a keynote by Kumi Naidoo, Secretary-General of Amnesty International and former international executive director of Greenpeace.
- UCLA Law students will spend one semester in the Hague, the Netherlands, working at an international court and taking a course on International Courts in Practice.
- Richard Dicker, International Justice Project Director at Human Rights Watch, will spend the Spring 2020 semester as the distinguished fellow in residence at the Promise Institute, writing and teaching on “Prospects for International Justice.”

Several 2019 graduates of the Promise Institute have earned prestigious fellowships at leading human rights organizations.

- Kristi Ueda ’19 was named a Human Rights Watch Fellow, and will receive a full year’s salary to join the prestigious advocacy organization.
- Human Rights Watch’s more than 450 lawyers and experts from 70 countries seek to hold governments and armed groups accountable for abuses and work for justice and the safety of international refugees and migrants. UCLA Law joins a select group of law schools — including Columbia Law School, Yale Law School and NYU School of Law — to offer a Human Rights Watch fellowship.
- As a UCLA Law student, Ueda worked closely with Professor E. Tendayi Achiume, who also serves as the United Nations’ Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Racial, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance. Ueda helped Achiume research and draft reports and traveled to U.N. Human Rights Council gatherings in New York and Geneva to engage with representatives of nations across the globe, nonprofit organizations and other stakeholders.
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UCLA School of Law’s Lowell Milken Institute for Business Law and Policy faculty has placed its focus squarely on the fast-paced world of business and the law.

In November 2018, LMI hosted its second Technology Summit on Corporate Governance, to be held in March 2020. UCLA School of Law and M. Todd Henderson of the University of Chicago Law School—a faculty director of the institute—is planning an upcoming faculty conference on international corporate governance.

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UC PRESIDENTIAL FELLOWSHIPS BOOST PUBLIC SERVICE GRADS, STUDENTS

With generous support from the University of California Office of the President and friends of UCLA School of Law, in 2018-19 the school’s Office of Public Interest Programs and the David J. Epstein Program in Public Interest Law and Policy supported post-graduate fellowships for 14 recent grads and summer fellowships for more than 200 current students.

The alumni and students worked at government agencies and public interest nonprofit organizations throughout the country and around the world.

The one-year post-graduate fellowships offer a full year’s salary and allow new lawyers committed to public interest to get an early leap into their careers. In the four years of the UC President’s Public Service Law Fellowship program, 43 UCLA Law grads have received fellowships and more than 90% have gone on to employment in the field.

Rekha Arulanantham ’17 completed her fellowship at the ACLU National Prison Project in Washington, D.C., where she worked on complex civil cases on behalf of prisoners, incarcerated children and others. Now at the ACLU of Southern California, Arulanantham says, “Coming to the ACLEA fellowship reinforced my decision to be in law school.”

Andrea Tanigawa-Lau ’21 spent the summer with Al Otro Lado’s Border Rights Project in Tijuana, Mexico, where immigrants sought entry into the United States after they fled violence in their native countries. “This work was extremely challenging, not in small part due to the rapidly evolving policies and situation at the border,” Tanigawa-Lau says. “Despite how frustrating and endless the work was at times … I was able to use my time and skills in a way that impacted countless people and reinforced my decision to be in law school.”

Funding for public interest fellowships was also provided by the Ahmanson Foundation, the Frank D. Boren Environmental Law Fund, the Sadath Garcia Memorial Fund, the Karen Hauser Memorial Fund, the Robert A. Pallemont Memorial Fund, Michael Paley, Michael D. Palm, Glen Sato and Hope Nakamura, the Vicki Lynn Shapiro Scholarship Fund, the Snyder Memorial Fund, the Justice John Paul Stevens Foundation, Jaya Walter and the law school and cy pres funds.

GRADS AWARDED SKADDEN, EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS FELLOWSHIPS

Recent alumni and members of the Class of 2019 were awarded two-year Skadden and Equal Justice Works fellowships, among the most competitive awards for law students pursuing careers in public interest law.

The three 2019 Skadden Fellows are:

• Christina Avalos ’19 is working at the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA).

• Yasbel Arado ’19 is advocating for tenants in L.A.’s Historic Filipinotown neighborhood as part of Bet Tzedek Legal Services.

• Sunnye Poyner ’19 is at the Victim Rights Law Center in Boston, assisting people with disabilities who are survivors of sexual assault.

The three 2019 Equal Justice Works Fellows are:

• Azin Ahmad ’15, with the Capital District Women’s Bar Association Legal Project.

• Hammad Alam ’14, with Asian Americans Advancing Justice-LA.

• Nathan Goncalves ’18, with the Harrett Buhai Center for Family Law.

Levy Fellowship Brings National Leaders to UCLA Law

Kicking off a year of events centered on the theme of “defending democracy,” the David J. Epstein Program in Public Interest Law and Policy welcomed ACLU Voting Rights Project Director Dale Ho for a three-day residency in September.

As the fall 2019 Margaret Levy Public Interest Fellow, Ho spoke to students, faculty and staff in a variety of forums that delved into the role that public interest lawyers play in contemporary society and the work that he and his colleagues do to fight voter suppression. In smaller settings during his Levy Fellowship residency, Ho offered individual career counseling sessions to students and delivered a presentation on careers in civil rights litigation.

Inaugurated in 2016, the Margaret Levy Public Interest Fellowship is made possible by the generous support of UCLA Law alumna Margaret Levy ’75. Previous Levy Fellows have included Catherine Iklom, the former chair of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, and Vanita Gupta, president and CEO of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights. The Spring 2020 Levy Fellow will be Kate Kendell, co-interim legal director of the Southern Poverty Law Center.
RESNICK CENTER AND UNITED NATIONS
SOW SEEDS OF A FRUITFUL PARTNERSHIP

The Resnick Center for Food Law and Policy entered into a partnership with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in June 2019 to work on research and advisory initiatives that confront global food security, nutrition, safety, and quality.

The collaboration continues the close relationship between the Resnick Center and the FAO, whose then-director-general, José Graziano da Silva, visited UCLA Law earlier in the year for an in-depth discussion on the “Right to Food and the Global Agenda to Reverse Hunger and Malnutrition.” Halil Elver S.J.D. ’09, who serves as the Resnick Center’s global distinguished fellow and the U.N.’s Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, was instrumental in building the partnership.

The parties formalized their collaboration by signing a memorandum of understanding at an FAO event in Rome, where leaders in global food policy gathered for talks on the future of food. Michael Roberts, executive director of the Resnick Center, attended and served as a featured participant in a roundtable discussion on academic perspectives of global nutrition policy.

The agreement establishes a working relationship between the Resnick Center and the U.N., including an initial project involving food fraud that builds on recent research by UCLA Law scholars. In 2017 the Resnick Center published a white paper, “The Pursuit of Food Authenticity,” that examined the practice of diluting or substituting ingredients in food products for economic gain. “FAO is glad to partner with UCLA, one of the most prestigious academic institutions around the world,” Graziano da Silva said in a statement. “Promoting healthy food systems has become a top priority [in] sustainable development, and this cannot be done with [inadequate] regulation. … UCLA law school experts, in particular on food law, will surely contribute to address this key challenge.”

In his February 2019 talk at UCLA Law, Graziano da Silva emphasized that the world is confronted with a variety of food-related challenges, from scarcity in many countries to obesity in others. “We need to reposition our food systems from feeding people to nourishing people,” Graziano da Silva told an audience of UCLA Law students and professionals in the field.

SIFTING THROUGH SUGAR REDUCTION STRATEGIES

In an October 2018 roundtable discussion, experts in the science, policy and law of food convened to discuss strategies to implement the reduction of added sugar in a wide variety of consumer food products. Participants discussed how communities are working to regulate or otherwise incentivize a reduction in sugar consumption, ideas for future initiatives, and methods of supporting these strategies against legal and policy attacks.

The event was held in conjunction with the Laura and John Arnold Foundation, whose substantial 2018 gift launched an effort to focus on sugar reduction laws at the local and state levels.

RESNICK TURNS FOOD-FRAUD LENS TO HONEY

The Resnick Center’s latest publication on the problem of food fraud zeroes in on the troubled honey-production industry in the United States and the destructive impacts that fraudulent business practices have on the livelihoods of American producers. The white paper “A ‘Food Systems Thinking’ Roadmap for Policymakers and Retailers to Save the Ecosystem by Saving the Endangered Honey Producer from the Devastating Consequences of Honey Fraud,” by Resnick Center executive director Michael Roberts, was published in August 2019.

In an address at a high-level conference of food safety experts in South Korea in August 2018, Resnick Center executive director Michael Roberts spoke on a Trump Administration proposal to consolidate food safety regulation into the U.S. Department of Agriculture and change the name of the FDA from the Food and Drug Administration to the Federal Drug Administration. Roberts’ talk, “Consolidation of Food Safety Regulation: Historical and Contemporary Considerations,” was the highlight of a conference hosted by South Korea’s National Food Safety Information Service. Attendees included several of that nation’s leading food scholars and government officials, whose interest has been piqued over the high degree of fragmentation in South Korea’s system of food safety regulation and the increasing need to boost food-safety efforts on a global scale.

ROBERTS SPEAKS ON FOOD REGULATION IN SOUTH KOREA

Roberts analyzes “the symbiotic relationships and interdependence between the domestic production of authentic honey, the critical ecosystem role of honeybees as pollinators in the United States, and the livelihoods of the managers of these honey bee pollinators — the honey producers.” In doing so, he brings to light the threat that honey fraud — characterized by the adulteration of honey, including by dilution with cheap syrups or otherwise modifying the product before market — poses to a system that is already struggling from the endangerment of pollinating bees.

The paper concludes with recommendations that policy makers and food producers can implement to combat the problem.

ROBERTS PUBLISHES LANDMARK CASEBOOK ON FOOD LAW

The casebook Food Law: Cases and Materials (Aspen, 2018), co-authored by Resnick Center executive director Michael Roberts, was published in September 2018, marking the first time that food law received comprehensive treatment as a unique legal discipline.

Surveying the elements of modern food law, the book — which Roberts wrote with Harvard Law School professor Jacob E. Gersen and Pace University Elisabeth Haub School of Law professor Margot J. Pollans — goes beyond traditional topics in the study of food and drug law, including safety, marketing and nutrition, by incorporating the law governing environment, international trade and more. It also includes cases alongside various regulatory materials that undergird the food law system, with a particular focus on federal law and discussions of legal innovations at all levels of government.
WILLIAMS INSTITUTE TESTIMONY ADDRESSES NEED FOR EQUALITY ACT

In May, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Equality Act, which would create a national prohibition on discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in employment, education, public accommodations and other settings. Ten Williams Institute scholars submitted written testimony to Congress in advance of the measure’s passage, breaking down issues such as the absence of consistent state protections in areas including healthcare, employment, the foster care system and discrimination against transgender people.

The legislation cited research performed by the Williams Institute, including new estimates on the number of LGBT people who would gain protections in the following areas:

- Employment — Of the estimated 8.1 million LGBT workers aged 16 and older in the United States, about 4.3 million live in states without statutes prohibiting sexual orientation and gender identity discrimination in the workplace.
- Education — More than 3.5 million LGBT students aged 15 and older live in the United States, and an estimated 2.1 million of them live in states without statutory protections against sexual orientation and gender identity discrimination at school.
- Public Accommodations — Roughly 13 million LGBT people aged 15 and older live in the United States, and an estimated 6.9 million of them live in states without laws prohibiting sexual orientation and gender identity discrimination in public accommodations.
- Housing — Approximately 11 million LGBT adults live in the United States, and an estimated 5.6 million of them live in states without statutes prohibiting sexual orientation and gender identity discrimination in housing.
- Lending — An estimated 8 million LGBT adults live in states without statutes prohibiting sexual orientation and gender identity discrimination in credit.

“The Equality Act would make crystal clear that discrimination against LGBT people is prohibited under federal law and would help to remedy the widespread harassment and discrimination that LGBT people experience at work, school and when trying to get basic services and goods,” says Jocelyn Samuels, executive director of the Williams Institute. The bill has yet to be taken up by the Senate.

NEW HOME FOR WILLIAMS INSTITUTE

The Williams Institute moved into a new home in 2019, and for the first time in years all of the institute’s scholars and staff are together under one roof. The new location is at UCLA’s Kinross campus in Westwood Village. From left: Institute founder Chuck Williams, UCLA Chancellor Gene Block and UCLA Law Dean Jennifer Mnookin at the official opening of the new office in June.

INSTITUTE TAKES ON ROLLBACK OF TRANSGENDER RIGHTS

Williams Institute leaders are among a group of scholars and advocates seeking to block the Trump administration’s proposed rollback of healthcare protections for transgender people.

In June, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issued a proposed ruling blocking Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act. Section 1557 was the first U.S. law to ban discrimination based on sex and sexual orientation, covering health programs and activities that receive federal funding, including most health facilities and insurance plans.

The portion of the ACA was drafted in part by Jocelyn Samuels, who, before she joined the Williams Institute as executive director, served as the director of the Office for Civil Rights at HHS.

Under Samuels’ leadership, 60 scholars in fields including law, public policy, public health, psychology and economics objected to the Trump administration’s proposed rule in a 40-page comment submitted in August to the U.S. Department of Justice and HHS.

Identifying a range of legal and administrative concerns, the authors wrote that the proposed rule “stands to undermine access to health care and health insurance for multiple vulnerable communities, contrary to a core purpose of the ACA and the mission of HHS and [the Office of Civil Rights].”

28 states do not have any statutes that expressly protect LGBT people from discrimination in employment, education, housing, credit, public accommodations or other settings.

Williams Guides Advocates in Defeat for the ‘Gay Panic’ Defense

Working with a coalition of high school students, in 2019 the Williams Institute helped persuade state lawmakers in Nevada to ban criminal defendants from asserting so-called “gay panic” and “transgender panic” defenses in cases involving allegations of violence.

In cases ranging from assault to murder, some defendants have claimed that their violent behavior was a rational response to discovering that a victim was LGBT. The defenses are rooted in fears based on homophobia and transphobia, sending the message that violence against LGBT people is understandable and acceptable.

Brad Sears, the David Sanders Distinguished Scholar of Law and Policy at the Williams Institute and UCLA Law’s associate dean of public interest law, provided guidance to the Nevada Youth Advocates and a group of high school students from around the state who are interested in government and public policy. The youth group used model legislation created by the Williams Institute in 2016 that includes language prohibiting defendants from using sexual orientation and gender identity discrimination in credit.

The youth group introduced the measure to Nevada lawmakers, who passed the bill in May, making Nevada the fourth state to prohibit the defense.

“I was proud to sign into law a bill to ban the discriminatory and bigoted gay and trans ‘panic’ defense tactic, which can be used to excuse violent hate crimes against LGBTQ individuals,” Nevada Gov. Steve Sisolak said in a statement. “Amid a disturbing rise in hate crimes against the LGBTQ community around the world, Nevada is reaffirming our commitment to justice and equality for all individuals.”
FROM THE AMAZON TO CHINA, 
EMMETT ADVANCES CLIMATE POLICY

New efforts by Emmett Institute on Climate Change and the Environment faculty and students to address and arrest the impacts of climate change are taking shape in Asia, South America and the arena of global cooperation.

In September, Chinese and California officials launched a new initiative to spur climate action through joint research, training and dialogue. The California-China Climate Institute is a partnership between UCLA, UC Berkeley, other UC campuses, former California Gov. Jerry Brown and Xie Zhenhua, China’s top climate change official.

Professor Alex Wang, a member of the Emmett Institute whose research focuses on China’s forward-looking approach to energy and climate policy, will serve as co-chair of the institute’s advisory committee.

“China and California are the second and fifth largest economies in the world, and their actions on climate change send an important signal to the world about what is possible with concerted effort,” says Wang. “Research and exchange on climate policy through this new institute will help both California and China expand on their ambitious climate programs.”

Wang’s engagement with China’s approach to climate also has included trainings for Chinese judges on environmental issues, and work with a delegation of China’s Ministry of Ecology & Environment.

In September, a ministry delegation attended briefings at UCLA Law and toured UCLA renewable energy facilities, the Marathon Petroleum Corp. refinery in Wilmington and the headquarters of the South Coast Air Quality Management District. Emmett/Frankel Fellow Siyi Chen, who previously was a fellow with the Center for International Environmental Law in Washington, D.C., played a key role in organizing the visit.

With forest fires in Brazil drawing global attention to deforestation in the Amazon, a longstanding initiative led by William Boyd, a professor at the Emmett Institute and the UCLA Institute of the Environment and Sustainability, spurred an important step forward by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) in September.

Boyd is the project lead for the Governors’ Climate and Forests Task Force, a partnership of 37 states and provinces from 10 countries around the world, including all of the states in the Brazilian Amazon, that are part of the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

The task force has developed the California Tropical Forest Standard, a series of benchmarks for state or provincial approaches to reducing deforestation. Over a decade the task force has developed the California Tropical Forest Standard, a series of benchmarks for state or provincial approaches to reducing deforestation.

In September, CARB endorsed the standard, opening the door to enforce limits and bans on use of harmful agricultural products.

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PESTICIDE ACTION IN CALIFORNIA

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NEW CLINIC CONNECTS STUDENTS TO SACRAMENTO

UCLA Law students headed to Sacramento in September as part of the Emmett Institute’s new California Environmental Legislation and Policy Clinic. The clinic, led by Emmett Institute Supervising Attorney Julya Stein, allows students to engage in research and advocacy alongside elected officials and their staffs on policies and laws affecting water, housing and land use and other environmental concerns. The clinic currently is working with the offices of Sens. Ben Allen and Henry Stern, and with the staff of the Natural Resources and Water Committee.

From the Amazon to China, Cont’d

In August, the Emmett Institute convened the International Summer School on Geoengineering Governance in Banff, Alberta, Canada. Led by Emmett Institute faculty co-director Ted Parson, the Dan and Rae Emmett Professor of Environmental Law, the gathering included 60 researchers and post-graduate students and professionals from more than a dozen countries to focus on the societal, political, governance and ethical aspects of geoengineering.

Geoengineering projects — active environmental interventions to reduce disruptions caused by elevated greenhouse gases — are being contemplated as possible solutions to address climate change. But such technologies, one example would be solar shields launched into the atmosphere to help cool the earth, raise new questions about governance and inter-governmental cooperation because their impacts cross political boundaries.

The summer summit was part of the Emmett Institute’s Climate Engineering Governance Project, funded by a grant from the Open Philanthropy Project. Co-sponsors of the event included the Solar Geoengineering Research Program at Harvard University, the Carnegie Climate Governance Initiative and the Solar Radiation Management Governance Initiative.

Informing the Public on the Environment

Emmett Institute leaders are go-to voices for interpretations of environmental law news. In 2019, Ann Carlson, the Shirley Shapiro Professor of Environmental Law at UCLA and faculty co-director of the Emmett Institute, appeared on 60 Minutes to discuss the federal case brought by teens against the U.S. government over climate change, and was quoted frequently by The New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Washington Post and others on topics including municipalities’ climate lawsuits against oil companies and a proposed rollback of federal auto emissions standards.

Emmett co-executive directors Sean Hecht and Cara Horowitz addressed California’s resistance to Trump administration policies and concerns regarding the coastal impacts of climate change in the L.A. Times, on National Public Radio and elsewhere. Professor William Boyd wrote an op-ed for the L.A. Times about deforestation in the Amazon. Tim Malloy received widespread California coverage for his report on use of pesticides in the state, and supervising attorney Julya Stein provided insight to several California publications on auto emissions regulations. In all, journalists focused on environmental news turned to Emmett scholars more than 1,200 times in the last year, and Emmett leaders also contributed timely essays to the Legal Planet blog.
POWER ALUMNS RETURN TO UCLA LAW

Leading UCLA School of Law alumni from Capitol Hill, Silicon Valley and the heart of Hollywood returned to campus in 2018-19 to share their experiences and insights with students in small-group settings and presentations sponsored by the Ziffren Institute for Media, Entertainment, Technology and Sports Law. Legendary music lawyer John Branca ’75 of Ziffren Brittenham and Val Ackerman ’85, who was the first president of the WNBA and is now commissioner of the Big East Conference, each offered lunchtime talks with students as part of UCLA Law’s Distinguished Alumni Lecture series.

The institute’s “Lunch with the Corner Office” program featured former U.S. Rep. Howard Berman ’65 and former Warner Bros. Television president Bruce Rosenblum ’82, who discussed their work and answered questions from students.

The Ziffren IN-DC series also brought Andrei Iancu ’93, director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and former Warner Bros. Television president Bruce Rosenblum ’82 back to campus in 2019 for a Distinguished Alumni Lecture, speaking to students about the challenges of representing high-profile entertainers.

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YOUNG ALUMNS OFFER TIPS FROM PRACTICE


MONSON OFFERS CLASS ON GUILDS AND UNIONS

Catrice Monson ’97, senior vice president of corporate diversity and inclusion at CBS, returned to UCLA Law in Spring 2019 and will be back again in Spring 2020 to teach the course Navigating Through the Entertainment Unions and Guilds. Previously the senior vice president of labor relations at CBS, Monson now works to expand and enhance diversity initiatives for the CBS Corporation and its business units.

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UCLA School of Law’s International and Comparative Law Program hosted the American Society of International Law Midyear Meeting in November 2018, bringing more than 200 top international scholars from nearly 50 law schools to UCLA Law for three days of conferences, workshops and other gatherings.

Highlights of the event included:

• A practitioner’s forum, sponsored by Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, that featured a keynote address by ICANN President and CEO Göran Marby on the transnational regulation of the internet. A related panel addressing regulation of the internet included UCLA Law’s Kai Raustiala, one of the co-chair for the ASIL Midyear Meeting, UCLA Law Professor Kristen Eichensehr, Vivek Krishnamurthy of Foley Hoag; and Tricia Cross, senior vice-president and co-chief privacy officer of 21st Century Fox.

• “The Role of the UN Special Rapporteur,” a plenary panel featuring three special rapporteurs: E. Tendayi Achiume, UCLA Law professor, faculty director of the Promise Institute for Human Rights and Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance; Karima Bennoune, a professor at UC Davis School of Law and Special Rapporteur in the Field of Human Rights; and Sean Murphy, professor at George Washington University Law School and Special Rapporteur on Crimes Against Humanity. This panel was sponsored by the Promise Institute for Human Rights.

• A panel on current developments in international trade, featuring Richard Steinberg of UCLA Law, Kathleen Claussen of the University of Miami School of Law, Melinda Hodgson of Foley Hoag and moderator Jarrod Wong of the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law.

In April, a team of four UCLA Law students supported by the International and Comparative Law Program traveled to Vienna, Austria, to participate in the 26th annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, a competition drawing students from nearly 400 law schools in nearly 90 countries.

Andrew Barondess ’20, Olivia Florio-Roberts ’19, Hannah Jung ’20 and Charlotte Leszinske ’20 represented UCLA Law, gaining in-depth knowledge of international commercial law and arbitration through several months of preparation and then participation in the competition. The question at the competition delved into international contract issues and the impacts of tariffs.

“Vis greatly expand my horizons and helped me to understand the complexities that arise when resolving legal issues on a global scale,” says Barondess. Barondess and Leszinske have since launched the Vis International Moot Organization at UCLA Law, recruiting eight students to be on the team.
New Clinic Partners with Black Worker Center

Advancing workplace-related rights for underrepresented communities in Los Angeles, in 2018-19 the Critical Race Studies program launched a new Race, Work and Economic Justice Clinic in collaboration with the Los Angeles Black Worker Center and San Francisco-based Legal Aid at Work.

The partnership provides legal advocacy for clients while giving law students opportunities to develop their skills and open doors to internship and job opportunities. Under the guidance of Professor Noah Zatz and Critical Race Studies program Director Jasleen Kohli, participants in the clinic assist low-wage workers dealing with workplace challenges including employment discrimination, wage theft and health and safety violations at their workplace. In the clinic’s first semester, seven students under the supervision of experienced practitioners assisted 83 clients with claims of workplace discrimination based on age, race, sexual orientation or national origin, as well as workplace safety and wage violations.

Located in South Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Black Worker Center emerged from an effort by the UCLA Labor Center to increase labor rights and alter corporate practices in Los Angeles to advance economic justice for African American workers, their families and communities. Legal Aid at Work operates workers’ rights clinics throughout California in partnership with law schools.

UCLA Welcomes First Glazer Scholars

In 2018-19, the Critical Race Studies program named the first recipients of the Erika J. Glazer Endowed Scholarship for first-year law students who are dedicated to achieving equity for Los Angeles’ African-American communities. The scholarships were made possible by a $250,000 gift from Glazer, a philanthropist who focuses on building strong communities throughout L.A. The recipients are Hope Bentley ’21 and Kennedy Willis ’21.

Bentley earned her bachelor’s degree summa cum laude from Texas Christian University, where she majored in psychology and minored in criminal justice and comparative race and ethnic studies. While at TCU, Bentley was a member of the campus Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee and director of diversity and inclusion for the Student Government Association. She founded the Justice Coalition, a student-led organization that advocated for greater diversity among faculty and for a diversity requirement in the university’s core curriculum. During her undergraduate years, she also interned with the Midwest Innocence Project and with a nonprofit law firm helping families of people convicted of drug-related charges. She aspires to work in the criminal justice arena in Los Angeles, either in criminal defense or with an organization focused on the effects of mass incarceration.

Willis is a Los Angeles native who is the first in her family to have attended college. She earned her bachelor’s degree from St. Catherine University in Minnesota, where she majored in political science and critical studies of race and ethnicity, and a master’s degree in cultural anthropology from the City University of New York. Willis worked to support her education as she obtained her the degrees, while also maintaining volunteer commitments to nonprofit organizations in areas including fair housing, access to education and environmental justice. She is pursuing dual degrees in law and public policy, and hopes to work in L.A. as an advocate for improving access, opportunity and outcomes for African-American and other historically underrepresented communities.

County Supervisors Honor Reentry Clinic

For the last 10 years, UCLA School of Law students have traveled from Westwood to Watts to work with people who have served criminal penalties but still struggle to find stable jobs, education or housing because their convictions appear in background checks run by employers, landlords, loan providers or licensing agencies.

Partnering with attorneys from the community organization A New Way of Life, students in UCLA Law’s Reentry Legal Clinic have trained more than 400 volunteers, helped over 2,800 individuals, filed more than 8,400 post-conviction relief petitions and won successful outcomes in 85 percent of those cases.

The clinic, launched by the Critical Race Studies program and part of El Centro Legal, the network of 15 clinics staffed and supervised by UCLA Law students, was honored in October 2018 by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. The board passed a resolution commending the clinic’s decade of public service, recognizing former CRS Program Director Saul Sarabia ’97 and singling out for praise Loyola Law School Professor Priscilla Ocen ’07, who was one of the first CRS student coordinators of the clinic. Ocen is currently vice chairperson of the L.A. County Sheriff’s Civilian Oversight Commission.

“The Reentry Legal Clinic is UCLA Law at its absolute best — students take it upon themselves to organize a substantial service to the greater community, putting in hours of pro bono work to help others when they could be studying or relaxing,” says UCLA Law Professor Joanna Schwartz, who has served as faculty advisor to El Centro. “It was so gratifying that the board of supervisors recognized the group which, with deep thanks to the Critical Race Studies program and A New Way of Life, has spent a decade making a real difference in the city and in the lives of so many.”

Save the Date: Critical Race Studies Turns 20!

UCLA Law’s Critical Race Studies program turns 20 in 2020 and will celebrate at its annual symposium in March. The 2020 symposium will honor Professor Emeritus Gerald P. López and his groundbreaking work in Rebellious Lawyering.
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$160 MILLION
Gifts from alumni and donors to the law school during the Centennial Campaign for UCLA as of June 2019, exceeding our goal by $10 million, six months early. Thank you!

$32.7 MILLION
Gifts received from alumni and friends of the school in 2018-19, a new school record. Amazing!

623
Members of the Dean’s Circle in 2018-19, a 24% increase over the previous year. Thank you!

1,350
Lawyers from 89 firms who participated in the 2019 Law Firm Challenge, raising $3.9 million for the school.

Endowed Chair Established in Honor of Dean Emerita Moran

Nearly 20 alumni, faculty and supporters of UCLA School of Law united to raise $2 million to create an endowed faculty chair in honor of Rachel Moran, dean emerita of UCLA Law and the Michael J. Connell Distinguished Professor of Law.

Moran, the first Latina to lead a major law school, served as dean from 2010 to 2015. She came to UCLA Law after serving on the faculty of UC Berkeley School of Law and as a founding faculty member at UC Irvine School of Law.

Under her guidance, UCLA Law launched several major initiatives, including the Lowell Milken Institute for Business Law and Policy, the Resnick Center for Food Law and Policy and the alumnae group UCLA Law Women LEAD.

In April, colleagues and friends gathered to celebrate the endowed chair and the unveiling of Moran’s portrait in the gallery of deans in UCLA Law’s Hugh & Hazel Darling Law Library. At the gathering, Miriana de Lovelace, Lowell Milken Institute Senior Fellow in Residence James Barrall ’75, Dean Jennifer Mnookin and Honorable Harry Pregerson Professor of Law Devon Carbado offered heartfelt appreciation for Moran’s legacy as dean and her work as a scholar and teacher.

In her remarks, Moran emphasized the challenge that law schools face in evolving to keep pace with technological and social change, and the need to continue providing access to underserved communities. The celebration, she said, was “not about commemorating the past. It is about imagining the future.”

$2 Million in Gifts Establish Zolt Chair in Tax Law

In tribute to a leader in tax law and a policy stalwart member of the UCLA School of Law faculty, in 2019 the school established the Eric M. Zolt Chair in Tax Law and Policy.

Zolt has been a member of the faculty since 1985, and is the Michael H. Schill Distinguished Professor of Law. Gifts totaling $2 million fund the Zolt Chair, including lead donations by longtime supporters Ralph Shapiro ’58 and Shirley Shapiro; Lowell Milken ’73, whose gift established the Lowell Milken Institute for Business Law and Policy at UCLA Law; and Zolt and his wife, Kathy Smalley. Other UCLA Law faculty members, alumni and friends of the school were among the 34 donors who generously contributed to the chair.

A renowned scholar, award-winning teacher and extraordinary mentor to students and fellow faculty members, Zolt has served as the founding director of the Lowell Milken Institute. From 1989 to 1992, Zolt served in the U.S. Treasury Department, first as Deputy Tax Legislative Counsel and then as the founding director of U.S. Treasury’s Tax Advisory Program for Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. Working with the Treasury Department, U.S. Aid, the World Bank, the United Nations and the International Monetary Fund, Zolt has provided tax policy advice to more than 150 countries.

“UCLA School of Law has been an integral part of my life,” Zolt says. “I am humbled by the support for this chair from my colleagues, former students, friends and family.”
Partners in Philanthropy: UCLA Law’s 17th Law Firm Challenge Soars

Providing vital support to their alma mater, nearly 1,500 lawyers at 89 firms participated in the 2019 Law Firm Challenge, raising nearly $3.9 million for UCLA Law scholarships and programs. The law school thanks all participating firms and alumni, especially the leaders at each firm who spearheaded the effort and James D.C. Barral ’74, the longtime Latham & Watkins partner who founded the challenge in 2002, continues to champion the effort and is now Senior Fellow at the Lowell Milken Institute for Business Law and Policy.

Overall, 76% of UCLA Law alumni in the 89 firms took part in the challenge in 2018-19. At 51 firms, every alum who is a partner contributed. At 36 firms, every alum who is a partner has participated for at least five consecutive years. Twenty-four firms earned gold stars, denoting that more than half of the partners at the firm made leadership gifts of $1,000 or more in 2018-19. Thank you, one and all!

Firms with 100 Percent Participation in 2019

- Allen Matkins
- Lock Gamble Mallory & Natiss
- Baker & Hostetler
- Baker, Burton & Lundy
- Ballard Rosenberg Golper & Savitz
- Boies
- Schiller, Flexner & Nichols
- Brown Moskowitz & Kalien
- Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck
- Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft
- The Cooley Firm
- Cooley
- Cox Castle & Nicholson
- Cravath, Swaine & Moore
- D&H
- Dentons
- Einstein, Pham & Glass
- Ervin, Cohen & Jessup
- Garrett & Tully
- Gibson Dunn & Crutcher
- Glasser Weil Fink Howard Achen & Shapiro
- Hirschfeld Kramer
- Hoffman, Sabbin & Watermaker
- Hueston Hennigan
- Irei & Manella
- Jaffe and Christians
- Levene, Neale, Rendell, 100 & Brill
- Lewis Focal Employment Christie
- Malan
- Phelps & Phillips
- McDermott
- Will & Emery
- Milbank
- Morrison
- Nabhan
- Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp
- O'Melveny & Myers
- Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe
- Osborn Malek
- Pachucki Stang Ziehl & Jones
- Panus
- Paul Hastings
- Peppe Hamilton
- Perkins Coie
- Piccher, Nichols & Meeks
- Polsinelli
- Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan
- Seyfarth Shaw
- Shortis Freese
- Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton
- Shuman
- Olson & OH
- Skadden
- APS, Slate, Meagher & Flom
- Susan Godfrey
- Valle Makoff
- Venable
- Wilmer-Hale

Additional Gold Star Firms

- Jeffer, Mangels, Butler & Mitchell
- Maron & Sandler
- Wilmer-Hale

Gold Star: At least half of partners who are UCLA Law alumni gave $1,000 or more.

LALAL: Firm has achieved 100 percent participation from partners who are UCLA Law alumni for at least five consecutive years.

Gibson, Dunn Partners Team Up for Scholarship

Eleven alumni of UCLA School of Law, all partners in the law firm of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, have joined together to endow a scholarship for UCLA School of Law students.

The Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher Endowed Scholarship was made possible through gifts from Karen Bertero ’81; J. Keith Biancamano ’91, Peter Harlin ’77, Michelle Hodges ’96, Timothy Loose ’05, Patricia Tan Openshaw ’92, Heather Richardson ’06, Robert Serio ’85, Steven Sittenfeld ’82, Eric Vandevelde ’05 (with Karen Tamar ’05) and Peter Wadler ’77.

Their donations brought an existing scholarship fund, established in 2007 by Serio, Ruth Fisher ’80 and Wayne Smith ’77, above the $500,000 level required for an endowed scholarship. The gifts were part of the 2019 Law Firm Challenge, which raised more than $3.9 million for the school in 2018-19.

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Family of Jessica Chung Establishes Endowed Scholarship

UCLA School of Law lost a vital and energetic member of the school community in 2018 when student Jessica Hyun Young Chung passed away. Her family has made a $500,000 gift to the school in her memory, creating an endowed scholarship that will support future students who demonstrate financial need, academic merit and a commitment to humanitarian efforts and service to others.

Chung, who grew up in Argentina and earned her college degree at Seoul National University in South Korea, entered UCLA Law in 2016 to pursue her interest in business and international law.

She was a member of the Asian/Pacific Islander Law Students Association, Business Law Association, La Raza Law Students Association, and energetic member of the Pacific Basin Law Journal. She also volunteered with the Los Angeles Black Worker Center, and civil rights litigator Benjamin Crump. BLSA hosted several prospective UCLA Law students at the event, helping to spur the largest group of African-American students in the school’s history to enroll as members of the entering class of 2019.

Ajwang Rading ’20, co-chair of BLSA and the event’s master of ceremonies, says, “The evening served as a powerful reminder that Black is beautiful, the law is powerful and change is coming. All attendees left inspired to do more and become more for our communities and answer the call to a higher service.”

During the 2018-19 school year, members of BLSA also held a gathering that included current students and African-American UCLA Law alumni spanning five decades.

Black Law Students Association Launches Scholarship

UCLA School of Law’s Black Law Students Association raised more than $175,000, including $100,000 toward a new student scholarship, at the group’s 50th Anniversary Gala in April 2019. The event had some Hollywood sparkle, with remarks from actors Garcelle Beauvais, Terry Crews, Kendrick Sampson and Courtney B. Vance; among others.

BLSA is one of the oldest and most active student groups at UCLA Law, and the creation of the BLSA scholarship represents the largest student-driven fundraising effort in the history of the school. The new scholarship supports law students dedicated to contributing to African-American communities.

The gala honored Lola Smallwood Cuevas, project director at the UCLA Labor Center and co-founder of the Los Angeles Black Worker Center, and civil rights litigator Ajwang Rading ’20, who served as emcee for the 2019 BLSA gala.

A tribute published in the UCLA Law 2019 commencement booklet stated, “While her time in this world was short, it was full of energy and life because she shared and loved deeply, saw the goodness in people, and appreciated even the little things that life gives us while pursuing her dreams with bravery and curiosity.”
Silberman Family Makes Strong Commitment to UCLA Law

Philanthropy is a deeply held value for Karen Foster Silberman and Jeff Silberman ’82, and the two San Diego natives have given much to UCLA School of Law. They recently committed nearly $670,000 to establish the Karen and Jeff Silberman Family Achievement Fellowship Scholarship, a full-tuition scholarship that will be awarded annually to academically talented, high-achieving students who have overcome great obstacles in their path toward law school. With additional funds from the UCLA Chancellor’s Centennial Scholars Match program, the value of the gift is $1 million.

The Silbermans have also opened their home to gatherings of San Diego-area UCLA Law alumni and supported the UCLA Law chapter of the Black Law Students Association.

Beyond UCLA Law, their philanthropy extends to religious, civic, cultural, educational and community organizations where they have been major donors and where they have served on boards and in leadership positions.

Jeff Silberman is the president and chief executive of Carleton Management, a real-estate investment, management and development firm in San Diego. He joined the firm in 2004, after nearly 20 years at Solomon Ward Seidenwurm & Smith, where he had become the firm’s youngest managing partner. Karen Foster Silberman is a Carleton board member and is active in the community and on the boards of numerous charitable organizations, including those dedicated to cultural, literacy and social service issues.

Jeff Silberman answered questions about his UCLA Law experience and his family’s philanthropy.

How has UCLA Law influenced your career?

Law school was a formative time in my life where I learned many of the skills that enhanced my legal and subsequent business careers. I remember the academic rigor and values-based learning that resonated with my upbringing and goals. The students, staff and faculty were collegial, which enhanced the learning and social environment. Those qualities are still hallmarks of the law school today.

Why did you choose to give to the school, and specifically to the achievement fellowship?

We strongly believe that the gift of education is the most profound “hand up” that you can give young people, particularly those who have overcome great challenges to reach the opportunity to receive a UCLA Law education. I was privileged to receive a University of California education and Karen was able to attend Carnegie Mellon University. We were so fortunate that our parents saw the importance of a world-class education and were able to provide this opportunity for us. Helping others gain access to the wonderful education we both received is both a priority and a core value — especially our desire to assist students from diverse socio-economic backgrounds. We believe that our philanthropic contributions that open doors to education, doors that would otherwise be closed, can be transformational: for the students, their families and, ultimately, the communities in which the students live. No matter what metrics you use it is clear that education is life-enhancing, leading to greater self-esteem and success, and often the recipients choose to give back to their communities.

Philanthropy: Why is it important to you, and why should it be important to others?

Like many people, we were raised in families where making the world better for others was a core value and commitment. Philanthropy has been in our family DNA since we were both young children. We view our philanthropy as a responsibility to live outside ourselves to help others in need. Anyone can give of their time, talent and treasure if it is in their heart and they choose to improve the human condition. We love the personal connections that evolve from our philanthropy!

$1 Million Gift from Kahane Family Supports Study of Corporate Governance

Bolstering UCLA School of Law’s instruction in corporate governance, business ethics and related subjects, alumnus William Kahane ’74 and his wife, Elizabeth Kahane, have committed $1 million to launch a new corporate governance course and programming at UCLA Law’s Lowell Milken Institute for Business Law and Policy.

The gift from the William and Elizabeth Kahane Foundation includes $500,000 to support corporate governance instruction, scholarship and events. The gift also includes a $500,000 match, increasing the impact of additional gifts to support LMI’s work in corporate governance.

Beginning in 2020, UCLA Law will offer a new course, the William Kahane Class in Corporate Governance, taught by Professor Emeritus Eric Zolt, who is the Michael H. Schill Distinguished Professor of Law at UCLA and the founding director of the Lowell Milken Institute. The class will focus on case studies illuminating the accounting, finance, marketing, regulatory and tax issues that contribute to success or failure in the governance of corporations and philanthropic organizations.

The gift also supports increased special events and programs addressing issues in corporate governance. A New York-based expert in international real estate and commercial finance, Kahane is a former managing director of Morgan Stanley who in 2006 founded REIT investment manager American Realty Capital Advisors, now AR Global. Previously a member of the board of Catellus Development Corp., Kahane received his bachelor’s degree from Occidental College, an MBA from Stanford University and his J.D. from UCLA Law. He is a member of the Lowell Milken Institute’s advisory board.

“Corporate governance is an extraordinarily important subject in business law, and the Lowell Milken Institute faculty has shown great leadership in this area,” says Kahane. “Elizabeth and I want to support this great work and help future lawyers gain expertise in a field that has huge impact on shareholders, employees, society and the global economy.”

In addition to UCLA Law, the Kahanes’ philanthropy has benefitted Occidental College and numerous arts, education, healthcare and community organizations in New York and Rhode Island.
Lauding Our Legal Lions

Alumni from UCLA School of Law’s graduating classes of 1952 through 1968 toasted more than a half-century of success at the Golden Reunion celebration in June 2019 at the InterContinental Los Angeles Century City. The festive annual luncheon allows the law school to give back to its most seasoned and stalwart supporters, who reconnect and learn how their incredible legacies live on at UCLA Law.
Dean’s Circle Gala 2019

Alumni and friends who are among UCLA School of Law’s most generous supporters gathered at L.A.’s Skirball Cultural Center in April 2019 for the annual Dean’s Circle Dinner, where they enjoyed songs by the student Law Capella group, listened to a stirring speech by then-3L Cody McDavis ’19 and toasted the shared accomplishments of the law school community.

Promoting a theme of vision, empowerment and impact, UCLA School of Law’s fast-growing organization of women lawyers convened for the 2019 UCLA Law Women LEAD Summit in March 2019. Roughly 400 people — including alumnae from 49 different UCLA Law class years and 140 different organizations — participated in panels and presentations featuring leading female professionals in law, business, academia and government.

“Women make up more than half of law school students today, so let’s take advantage of this rising tide,” said Kirkland & Ellis partner Tanya Greene ’09 in her introductory remarks. “We cannot wait another 200 years for someone else to do this for us. Let’s each be the catalyst for the change that we want to see for women in the legal profession.”


In the day’s marquee event, UCLA Law alumna Judge Dorothy Nelson ’53 of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit discussed her many decades at the pinnacle of the legal profession. Nelson was the first woman to serve as the dean of a major American law school and one of the first women to be appointed to a federal appeals court. “Don’t give up being a woman,” she advised attendees. “Women should have equal opportunity, equal education, equal pay. But they have separate and unique qualities that must be brought to the table.”

Paul Hastings partner Nancy Abell ’79 organized and co-chaired the event with Cara Horowitz ’01, who is the co-executive director of UCLA Law’s Emmett Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, and Maggie Levy ’75, a mediator and arbitrator with ADR Services. Benita Yu ’19 and Allyne Andrade e Silva LL.M. ’99 emceed the summit. Abell co-chairs the LEAD network with BarkerGilmore senior advisor Michelle Banks ’88. Founded in 2015, the alumnae group has grown to include more than 1,900 women.
Reunion Weekend 2019

UCLA School of Law hosted more than 400 alumni and guests during Reunion Weekend 2019, where festivities included a gala dinner and dancing under stars in UCLA’s Dickson Court. Alumni from the classes of ’59, ’64, ’69, ’74, ’79, ’84, ’89, ’94, ’99, ’04 and ’14 reconnected with their classmates, reveled during the event and raised an incredible $1.2 million for their alma mater.
1950 to 1959

Laurence Rubin ’71 was confirmed in December 2018 as the presiding justice of Division Five of California’s Second District Court of Appeal.

Antonia Hernández ’74, president and CEO of the California Community Foundation and a longtime member of the UCLA Law Board of Advisors, was named a member of the board of the Urban Institute. She also received an honorary doctorate from Cal State LA for her lifelong commitment to social justice and civil rights.

1960 to 1969

Thomas E. Warriner ’67 retired after nearly 29 years as a judge, including 20 years on the Yolo County Superior Court and nine years as a jurist assigned to cases in numerous other counties. He joined the San Francisco office of ADR Services as a neutral.

Sidney A. Israels ’69, a real estate and business partner with Oakland-based Wendel Rosen, was appointed to the UC Merced Foundation Board of Trustees.

1970 to 1979

Paul S. Meyer ’71 is the president of the Orange County Criminal Defense Bar Association and is the 2019 co-chair of the American College of Trial Lawyers’ Communications Committee.

1980 to 1989

Julie Mebane ’81, a partner who focuses on real estate matters at Duane Morris in San Diego, received the firm’s fourth annual Pro Bono Leadership Award in November 2018.

Janice Kamenir-Reznik ’82 was appointed board chair at Beit T’Shuvah, a congregation and addiction treatment center in West Los Angeles.

Angela Brock-Kyle ’83, a longtime leader with the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America, was named a member of the board of directors of Hunt Companies, a global private real estate and infrastructure firm.

1990 to 1999

Leslie Helmer ’90 joined Ogletree Deakins as a Shareholder. Helmer, whose practice focuses on labor and employment matters, formerly practiced at Bryan Cave.

Alicia A.G. Limtiaco ’90 was honored by the United States Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands. Born and raised in Guam, Limtiaco was the first female U.S. Attorney for Guam and the NMI, serving from 2010 to 2017.

BANKS ’88 WINS ABA MARGARET BRENT AWARD

Distinguished alumna Michelle Banks ’88 won the American Bar Association’s 2019 Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award in August, recognizing her work as a trial lawyer and role model for women in the legal profession.

Now a senior advisor at the executive search firm BarkerGilmore, Banks was the first woman to serve as legal counsel of the NBA’s Golden State Warriors before she commenced a long tenure in leadership positions at Gap Inc., including service as executive vice president and global general counsel. She co-founded and is the co-chair of UCLA Law Women LEAD, the law school’s network of nearly 2,000 female alumnae. She is also a board member of the nonprofit DirectWomen, which prepares women lawyers to serve on corporate boards of directors.

Banks has received several awards for her devotion to promoting women and minorities in the legal profession. In her pro bono work with the Minority Corporate Council Assistance, she helped lead initiatives to increase diversity at law firms. She was a member of the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession, where she encouraged gender equity, particularly in compensation. She also served on the conference steering committee for the ABA presidential initiative “Achieving Long-Term Careers for Women in Law.”

Banks received UCLA Law’s Alumni of the Year award for professional achievement in 2016.

2019

Ann Munson Steines ’90 joined Nordstrom as general counsel after more than 21 years in house at Macy’s.

Eric E. Sagerman ’91 joined BakerHostetler as managing partner of the firm’s Los Angeles office after 28 years at Winston & Strawn.

Patti Perez ’92, vice president of workplace strategy for human resources firm Emtrain, published her book The Drama-Free Workplace.

Tamar Faulhaber ’93 was sworn in as president of the North Fulton Bar Association in Georgia. She is a solo practitioner specializing in family law.

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Michael Shaffer ’93 was named senior vice president of business development at Warner Bros. Interactive Entertainment. Shaffer worked as an advisor to Google and as vice president of business development at Dropbox. Teri L. Wittman ’93 was appointed general counsel and secretary of Beyond Meat; she was previously a partner at Musick, Peeler & Garrett.

Mark Campbell ’95 was named administrative managing partner at the new Los Angeles office of Shook, Hardy & Bacon. A class-action litigator, he was formerly a partner at Sidley and Loeb & Loeb.

Angela Reddock-Wright ’96, founding and managing partner of employment and labor firm Reddock Law Group, was installed as president of the Southern California Mediation Association.

Philip E. Carter ’97 was selected to lead a new personnel and resources program for the Homeland Security Operational Analysis Center, a center operated by the RAND Corporation for the Department of Homeland Security.

Lil Delcampo ’97, former associate general counsel for USC Health Sciences, joined Carlson & Jayakumar as a partner.

Stephen A. Cazares ’98 joined the white collar and government investigations team at Davis Wright Tremaine. He had previously worked as the deputy chief of the major frauds section of the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Los Angeles and as a staff attorney with the SEC’s Division of Enforcement.

Samantha Grant ’98, a partner at Sheppard Mullin, was elected chair-elect of the American Bar Association’s Labor and Employment Law Section. Grant is the first woman of color elected to the position. She will serve her one-year term in 2020.

Carolina Lugo ’98 was appointed to serve as a judge on the Los Angeles County Superior Court. Lugo was a deputy district attorney at the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office for nearly 20 years.

Heather Moosnick ’99 joined Hulu and the arts at Occidental College. She previously worked at Machine Zone, a member of the Silicon Valley ámb掴e and managing partner of employment and labor firm Reddock Law Group, was installed as president of the Southern California Mediation Association.

Meldia Yesayan ’99 was appointed director of Oxy Arts, the interdisciplinary hub for creativity and the arts at Occidental College. She previously worked at Machine Project, an art nonprofit in Silver Lake.

Hailyn Chen ’03 was elected co-managing partner of Munger, Tolles & Olson. She also co-chairs the woman advocate committee of the American Bar Association’s Litigation Section and serves as a state supreme court-appointed member of the California State Bar’s board of trustees.

Calvin Z. Cheng ’03, who advises investors and acquirers on cross-border transactions, was elected to member at TroyGould in Century City. Before joining the firm, he practiced at White & Case and Morrison & Foerster.

Kelli Dunaway ’00 was elected to a seat on the St. Louis County Council in Missouri.

Jonathan Levine ’00 joined Arnold & Porter as a partner in the bankruptcy and restructuring practice in New York.

Jeff Goldberg ’01 joined the advisory board of San Jose medical technology company Infina Healthcare. Goldberg has held several executive positions in the healthcare industry, including with InculaTech, Advanced Bionics, Los Angeles Orthopaedic Institute and the Doheny Eye Institute, which is affiliated with UCLA Health.

Rasha Gorges Shields ’01 welcomed Theodora Grace Shields to the world on March 4, 2019.

Celeste Drake ’02 joined the Directors Guild of America as executive in charge of government affairs. Drake was formerly a trade and globalization policy specialist at the AFL-CIO.

Palavi Dhawan ’05, a member of the Los Angeles City Attorney’s office, was one of two winners of the Los Angeles County Bar Association’s Prosecutor of the Year award.

Ahmrand Johnson ’05 was promoted to partner in the sports and entertainment practice at DLA Piper. Reu & Targ in Miami.

Bradley A. Lebow ’05 was promoted to partner at Dunn DeSantis Walt & Kendrick in San Diego.

Michael Y. Kao ’04 joined Cox, Castle & Nicholson as general counsel. Previously, Kao served as assistant general counsel at a global strategic advisory and expert consulting firm.

Dominik Sklenar ’04 was promoted to partner at Latham & Watkins.Licensed to practice in California and Hong Kong, he advises on corporate finance and other corporate matters, with a focus on cross-border transactions.

Gabriel F. Brakin ’05 was elevated to chief operating officer at Participant Media. Brakin previously served as the company’s general counsel and executive vice president of business affairs.

Michael Brown ’05, a partner of Fenwick & West who focuses on corporate law, joined the Directors Group, a member of the California Bar Association’s Litigation Section and serves as a state supreme court-appointed member of the California State Bar’s board of trustees.

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Sommer ’82 Wins Free Speech Case at Supreme Court

UCLA School of Law alumnus John Sommer ’82 argued before the U.S. Supreme Court for the first time in 2019 and came away a winner in a case, lanu v. Brunetti, that has many UCLA Law ties. Brunetti centers on a provision of federal trademark law that prohibits the registration of so-called immoral or scandalous marks. Representing designer Erik Brunetti, who in 1995 established a clothing line called Friends U-Cant’ Trust, or FUCT, Sommer argued that the restriction violated the free speech clause of the First Amendment. The justices agreed, with a unanimous decision that the prohibition on “immoral” trademarks was unconstitutional. Additionally, a six-member majority held that the prohibition on “scandalous” trademarks was unconstitutional.

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“’The amount of work to prepare a case for the Supreme Court is overwhelming,’ says Sommer, who endured a crash course in First Amendment law and participated in several moot courts beforehand, including one hosted by Professor Stuart Banner’s Supreme Court Clinic at UCLA Law. He also tapped his time as a student at UCLA Law, where he studied under legendary copyright Professor Melville Nimmer. In 1971, Nimmer won a famous F-word case at the Supreme Court, Cohen v. California.

The UCLA Law connections don’t end there. Sommer’s case followed the Court’s 2017 decision in Matal v. Tam, which invalidated the prohibition against registering disparaging marks — a case for which Banner and his clinic students successfully participated in the representation of musician Simon Tam. To top things off, the appellant in Sommer’s case is UCLA Law alumnus and former patent law lecturer Andrei Iancu ’96, who is now the director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Sommer ’82 Wins Free Speech Case at Supreme Court

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Bell ’17 Wins Inaugural Gideon’s Promise Ambassador Award

Travis Bell ’17 received the first Ambassador Award ever presented by Gideon’s Promise, the leading nonprofit organization that seeks to strengthen public defender offices and representation of indigent defendants across the country. The award goes to a person who supports the Gideon’s Promise mission.

Bell, who was a student in UCLA Law’s David J. Epstein Program in Public Interest Law and Policy, won a prestigious Gideon Fellowship in 2017, after which he worked in Alabama at the Montgomery Office of the Public Defender. He stood out by recruiting for Gideon’s Promise’s Law School Partnership Project, which led to a significant number of applications to his Montgomery office, and spearheading a summer law clerk program that brought in leading members of the legal community to conduct trial skills workshops.

Gideon’s Promise is named for the Supreme Court case Gideon v. Wainwright, which established the right of indigent defendants to adequate counsel. The law school partnership project provides employment and training to recent law school graduates committed to public defense, and a number of UCLA Law graduates have earned fellowships through the program.

10 to 2019

2010 to 2019

Molly K. Madden ’11, formerly with Goodwin Procter, joined Sikar Khin in Century City as an associate in the litigation department.

Jennifer Wang ’14, who focuses her practice on complex business disputes, was elevated to member at TroyGould in Century City.

Sasha Javid ’12, most recently with Hagan Lovell, was named chief operating officer of Spectrum Co, a telecom consortium based in Arlington, Virginia.

Jennifer Peer ’05 was appointed to be deputy secretary and special counsel for water policy at the California Environmental Protection Agency. Peer has been assistant general counsel at CalEPA since 2015.

Kevin Zen ’07, whose practice focuses on corporate and securities matters, was named a partner in the Orange County office of Snell & Wilmer.

Miek Harbur ’11 was promoted to senior vice president and general counsel of the New Home Company, a builder of master-planned communities in California and Arizona.

Jason Lyon ’10, a commercial litigator, was named a partner at Hahn & Hahn in Los Angeles.

Shrin Forootan ’08 joined Workplace Justice Advocates, which represents employees from Orange and Los Angeles counties, as a partner.

Sally James ’08 was elevated to partner at Greenberg Glusker Fields Claman & Machtinger. A summer associate at Greenberg Glusker in 2007, James joined the firm in 2017 after nearly a decade at Strick & Stroock & Lavan.

K. Sage Fahnimi ’07 was promoted to shareholder at Little in San Diego.

Priscilla Ocen ’07 received a Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program Award for 2019-20. A professor at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles, Ocen will work at Makerere University School of Law in Uganda, where she will study the relationship between women’s incarceration and gender-based violence.

Robert Hurwitz ’06 joined Rocket Lab in Huntington Beach as senior legal counsel. He previously served as in-house counsel to several health care organizations and practiced at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom and Munger, Tolles & Olkin.

Kenneth Askin ’06 was promoted to partner at Latham & Watkins. He is a member of the firm’s Los Angeles office as a partner in its corporate and health care groups. He previously served as in-house counsel to several health care organizations and practiced at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom and Munger, Tolles & Olkin.

Sarah Esberg ’07 joined the new television production company Goddard Textiles as president. Esberg was previously a producer and executive at Brad Pitt’s production company, Plan B.

Thuc Nguyen ’08 was promoted to counsel at Haynes and Boone. She is a member of the firm’s intellectual property practice group in Austin, Texas.

Angeles.

Olivia Marr ’05, a partner at Burnak, Fauser, Archbald & Spray, was elected president of the board of directors of the nonprofit Coastal Housing Coalition in Santa Barbara.

Robert Hurwitz ’06 joined Crowell & Moring’s Los Angeles office as a partner in its corporate and health care groups. He previously served as in-house counsel to several health care organizations and practiced at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom and Munger, Tolles & Olkin.

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IN MEMORIAM

Lecturer in Law
Stuart Biegel
1945-2019

Stuart Biegel, a longtime faculty member of UCLA School of Law and the UCLA Graduate School of Education and Information Studies, died on April 3, 2019. He was 73.

A renowned expert in the fields of education law and technology law, Biegel focused his scholarship and teaching on the intersection of technology, privacy and disability rights in K-12 and higher education. He joined the UCLA Law faculty as a lecturer in 1989 after earning his bachelor’s degree and teaching credential at UCLA, teaching in public and private schools in Los Angeles, and directing the Teacher Education Program in GSEIS. There, in the 1990s, Biegel helped create UCLA Center X to train teachers in equitable methods that could transform public schooling.

As a pioneer in technology law and policy, Biegel was among the first scholars in the nation to identify the Internet’s potential in the law and education. His popular courses often centered on the impact of technology, including online regulation and privacy.

He was a member of UCLA’s Advisory Board on Privacy and Data Protection and in the 1990s taught UCLA’s first course in the law of cyberspace.

“Stuart will be remembered as a gifted teacher, an incisive scholar, an important advocate for social justice in public schools — and as a kind, gentle, caring person,” says UCLA Law Professor Richard Steinberg, who was Biegel’s longtime friend and colleague.

Biegel won the UCLA Distinguished Teaching Award in 2012 and was named UCLA’s Teacher of the Year by the law school and by the law school’s Rutter Award for Excellence in Teaching.

IN MEMORIAM

Professor Kenneth Karst 1929-2019

Kenneth Karst, an influential constitutional law scholar and longtime faculty member who had a profound effect in shaping UCLA School of Law, died on April 9, 2019. He was 89 years old. A favorite of students, colleagues and peers, Karst was a premier scholar whose numerous books and articles often focused on the Constitution’s intersection with changing social and political mores. Widely respected, Karst was cited at least 12 times by the Supreme Court and 77 times by other federal courts. His efforts to address inequities in access to justice and legal education further helped develop early minority outreach programs by the law school and shaped broader debates on access and equality.

A 1950 graduate of UCLA and 1953 graduate of Harvard Law School, Karst was a celebrated teacher who won the UCLA Distinguished Teaching Award and the law school’s Rutter Award for Excellence in Teaching and was twice named teacher of the year by the UCLA Law graduating class. He was elected a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1996. In 2010-11, UCLA honored Karst with the Dickson Award for emeriti who continue their distinguished academic pursuits in retirement. “Ken Karst was a prince of a man, a prolific legal scholar, gifted teacher, acclaimed expositor of constitutional law, and a sympathetic human, revered for his wit and wisdom, kindness and caring about all of the people law exists, or should exist, to serve," said Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg in a video remembrance for a memorial service that was held at UCLA Law in June 2019.

More than 100 people representing several generations of the UCLA Law family — including six current or former deans of the law school — attended the event and reflected on Karst’s love of sports, music, family and haiku-writing. “He was rightfully described as the soul of the school,” reflected on Karst’s love of sports, music, family and haiku-writing. “He was rightfully described as the soul of the school,” said Cornell Law School emeritus professor Steven Shiffrin, who worked closely with Karst for a decade at UCLA Law and long admired his groundbreaking scholarship. “If there was a better legal writer than Ken in his generation, I don’t know who that would be.”

Karst is survived by many family members, including his wife, Smiley, and four children.
The influence of UCLA Law

Through the years, UCLA Law has been recognized for its exceptional faculty, impressive student body, and groundbreaking research. In the 2018-19 academic year, the school's incoming class boasted a median LSAT score of 159, the highest in the school's history. With 4,478 applicants among 1,100 places, the selectivity rate reached 21 percent, tying with the school's second-best year of 2015-16.

Median GPA for the class of 2021 was 3.79, as 108 students mentioned research among their activities. There were 14 law faculty members in the group, with 11 faculty for 2017-18.

Leiter and Pound are the most cited alumni, with 96% of them engaged in traditional bar-passage advantage jobs 10 months after graduation. The school's historical bar-passage advantage has averaged 95% since 1979.

In 2018, 168 alumni joined the Board of Regents, while a record-breaking $25.1 million in gifts from friends and donors supported the school.

Below: Edward Dickinson, a member of the University of California Board of Regents and UCLA Law Professor Emeritus, David T. O'Hara, look over plans for the law building as inaugural Dean J. Dale Coffman takes a seat in the tractor in 1950. Below right: A crowd gathers for the groundbreaking ceremony. From left to right: Dean Coffman and Professor Harold Verrall for UCLA Law building. With them are faculty members Harold Verrall, Robin Perkins and Bertrand Currie, with Law librarian Thomas Dalough.

Color photos courtesy of the Hop. J. Perry Langford '53.