During a one-day conference in October, UCLA Law paid tribute to the founding faculty members who have made UCLA School of Law’s Clinical Program one of the most influential in the nation. Former students, UCLA colleagues, scholars and practitioners working in the field gathered to honor Professors David Binder, Paul Bergman, Al Moore, Gary Blasi and Sue Gillig. Participants shared personal stories of their experience being taught by, hired by or working alongside these legendary and dedicated faculty members, and spoke about how they have been influenced and impacted by them.

The conference included reflections on the institutional and intellectual accomplishments of the program’s faculty, their substantive engagement, and the formative ideas and approaches that they pioneered. When the program was first established in 1970, under the direction of Professor David Binder, 87 students participated. Today, there are typically more than 400 clinical spots available for students. Every first-year student is required to take a foundational lawyering skills course, and upper-division students can choose from among more than 20 clinical course offerings. The program’s success could not have been accomplished without these superlative faculty members, who contributed many of the cornerstone ideas that form the basis of today’s clinical scholarship and who helped to establish the clinical legal education movement in the United States.

The event also included a talk in remembrance of former UCLA Law Professor Paul Boland and a keynote luncheon talk by former UCLA School of Law Dean Susan Westerberg Pegram.

UCLA Law Celebrates Federal Judicial Appointees

Dean Rachel F. Moran joined the Honorable Paul J. Watford ’94 and the Honorable Jacqueline H. Nguyen ’91 at a special reception in February to celebrate their recent appointment to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, the nation’s largest federal appeals court. Judges Nguyen and Watford are continuing the law school’s long tradition of alumni distinction on the bench. A total of six UCLA School of Law graduates—the largest number of graduates from any one institution—are currently judges on the Ninth Circuit. Judges Nguyen and Watford joined the law school’s incumbent members of the court: Alex Kozinski ’75, Sandra Segal Ikuta ’88, Dorothy Nelson ’53 and Kim McLane Wardlaw ’79.

STEVEN C. YEAZELL

This year’s UCLA Law Review symposium examined the state of modern civil litigation and discussed how the substantive areas of Civil Procedure and Evidence intersect to shape the litigation process. “Twenty-First Century Litigation: Pathologies and Possibilities, A Symposium in Honor of Professor Stephen Yeazell,” which was held in January, also celebrated the influence of the almost four-decade career of leading civil procedure scholar Stephen C. Yeazell, David G. Price and Dallas P. Price distinguished professor of law.

The symposium brought together scholars for a constructive dialogue, using Professor Yeazell’s work as a springboard to explore current issues in litigation. The event also featured a talk by Professor Yeazell, during which he described how America’s partisan political debates over the litigation process have evolved in recent decades.

UCLA Law Forum Named Top Justice Innovation

UCLA School of Law’s Human Rights & International Criminal Law Online Forum (www.uclaforum.com) was named one of the world’s Top Three Justice Innovations of 2012 by The Hague Institute for the Internationalisation of Law (Hilis), a research and advisory institute for the justice sector. Professor Richard Steinberg accepted the award at a ceremony in The Hague in November on behalf of the Sanela Diana Jenkins Human Rights Project and the International Criminal Court (ICC) Office of the Prosecutor, which collaborated in establishing the Forum.

LOWELL MILKEN INSTITUTE HOSTS BANKRUPTCY SUCCESS MODELING CONFERENCE

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UCLA Law Honors Clinical “Pioneers”
UCLA School of Law is on the move. The quality of our students, our faculty members and our alumni remains without compare, and we continue to celebrate the law school’s achievements on a daily basis. I am pleased, as always, to have this opportunity to share our latest accolades and accomplishments with you.

I am delighted to announce that we recently received a leadership gift of $1,025,000 from Justice Joan Dempsey Klein ’54 and her husband Conrad Lee Klein to fund student scholarships. By establishing the Justice Joan Dempsey Klein Scholarships in Law at UCLA School of Law, the generous gift by the Kleins will help make the goal of attending law school a reality for qualified students, regardless of their financial means. Justice Klein is the first UCLA School of Law graduate appointed to the bench in California, and she is the co-founder and first president of the National Association of Women Judges. The gift will also guarantee that our students have the opportunity to follow in Justice Klein’s footsteps and continue the commitment to leadership that she has demonstrated.

UCLA Law Welcomes Class of 2015

In August, the law school welcomed 308 stellar J.D. students to the UCLA Law community during a new, innovative orientation. The law school launched an immersive orientation program to assist students in making the transition to law school and to help them gain foundational skills before the first day of class. Over the course of five days, students participated in lectures and practiced synthesizing and analyzing cases. Each student was provided with a copy of Coaching the Case Method: Legal Analysis for Law School Success, a new book by Professors Paul Bergman, Patrick Goodman and Thomas Holm, written to help students make legal analysis skills in new law students. The new orientation model was a great success, and will be repeated for the class of 2016.

In addition to the impressive work of our centers and programs, our faculty members continue to have a great impact on legal scholarship. A recent study assessing relevance among faculty members at the top 16 American law schools found that our faculty consistently outperformed our ranking in U.S. News & World Report. According to the study, UCLA Law was ninth in the number of law cites per year and eleventh in the number of all cites per year. Our faculty members are not only influencing legal discourse, but are also award-winning teachers who are engaged in educating the next generation of scholars and practitioners. There is no doubt that their focus on teaching contributed to UCLA Law’s eighth place ranking on the recent Princeton Review list of “Best Classrooms Experience.” Additionally, UCLA Law was ranked the seventh best law school for Hispanics by Hispanic Business magazine.

While this recognition is gratifying and it is due to the work of many, we could not be a law school without great students. Supporting our students remains a top priority, and private funding is still necessary. We need your help in order to uphold our mission as a great public law school. There is still time to make a gift to the UCLA Law Annual Fund before the fiscal year ends on June 30, 2013. I would also encourage you to participate in the Reunion Challenge and honor your class with a financial commitment to UCLA Law. Please remember to save the date, June 1, 2013, for Reunions 2013. I look forward to seeing many of you on campus for your class reunions.

With your unwavering loyalty and commitment, UCLA School of Law will continue to inspire students, offering them new opportunities to develop the skills that will shape the nation and the world. You hope will join you in help support our remarkable law school. With your investment in our future, we can ensure that the best is yet to come.

Warmly,

Rachel F. Moran
Dean 

Discusses the “Art of the Trial”

In October, the law school inaugurated the Cappello Courtroom Series: The Art of the Trial, which brings leading trial attorneys to the law school to discuss courtroom tactics and the skills needed to be a successful litigator. The event featured a discussion with Barry Cappello ’65 of Cappello & Nolan LLP and Tom Nolan of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. They discussed Jones v. Wells Fargo Bank, a lending discrimination class action tried before the Los Angeles Superior Court. Cappello represented the class and Nolan represented Wells Fargo. Cappello and Nolan took turns speaking about their strategies and techniques, contrasting their approaches to shaping the case and persuading the jury to find in favor of their client. In response to questions from the audience, Cappello and Nolan gave advice on becoming a trial attorney which included working long hours on preparation and finding a great mentor.

Dr. Barry Cappello presents on the "Art of the Trial".
UCLA School of Law Receives $1,025,000 Gift to Fund Student Scholarships

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We are extremely grateful for the generosity of Joan and Conrad Klein,” Dean Rachael E. Moran said. “The new scholarships will not only help us further commit to providing a quality education to all students of merit, but will also ensure that our students continue the tradition of leadership that Justice Klein exemplifies. Our students are on a top priority, and they will benefit immensely from this inspiring gift.”

The gift will provide support to law students who have demonstrated financial need and excellence in their academic achievements, as well as leadership qualities and traits of good citizenship. The scholarships will be awarded to students who also demonstrate a strong commitment to advocating for gender equality or to promoting the advancement of women in the law and society.

“As I have said many times, my law school education at UCLA gave me a life—and a good life it has been,” Justice Klein said. The Kleins, who credit higher education and a strong work ethic for helping them achieve professional and financial success, have contributed $1,025,000 to Santa Monica College to create the Conrad Lee Klein Fund for Online Education.

Kal Rautalaia published op-eds on international relations issues in the Los Angeles Times and Daily Beast.
He published an op-ed in the Los Angeles Times on Apple v. Samsung, and discussed the landmark case in numerous media outlets, including NPR and American Public Media’s “Marketplace.”

Angela Riley discussed the history of the Supreme Court and Native American lands during a lecture that aired on C-SPAN.

Richard Sander discussed his research on affirmative action in an interview on NPR’s “All Things Considered.”

Joanna Schwartz commented on Stern v. Baca and discussed the Supreme Court blocking laws against government authorities in Los Angeles Daily Journal.

Kirk Stark discussed whether higher state taxes cause residents to move in an interview on KPFK’s “ArtsTalk.”

Katherine Stone published an op-ed in the Huffington Post on the “October Surprise,” and commented on taxes for same-sex couples in an article in the Huffington Post.


Edward Parson was interviewed on a climate change experiment on NPR’s “All Things Considered.”

Our faculty members are quoted in the press virtually every day. These are only some of the many examples. Please visit www.law.ucla.edu to read more.

M.Z. Lee Badgett commented on taxes for same-sex spouses in an NBC’s “Today Show” article, and her study on the topic was cited in an article on CNN.com.

Stephen Bainbridge commented on a plan requiring shareholders to recover claims through arbitration in a Bloomberg article, and discussed the congressional insider trading bill on CNBC. He commented on Labor rigging in the Washington Post, and engaged in a debate on insider trading in The Economist.

Ash Bafi published op-eds on the situation in Syria in The New York Times and CNN.com, and discussed the topic on NPR’s “All Things Considered” and KCRW’s “To the Point.”

Steven Bank was cited in a Los Angeles Times article on Mitt Romney’s tax investment strategies.

Ann Carlson discussed the launch of California’s cap-and-trade program on KCRW’s “Which Way, L.A.,” and discussed a lawsuit to block the cap-and-trade auction in articles in Bloomberg and Argus.

Scott Cummings commented on whether the Supreme Court would rule on same-sex marriage in articles in the Los Angeles Times and Sacramento Bee.

Gary Gates discussed his research on the demographics of the LGBT community in multiple media outlets including USA Today, the Huffington Post, CNN, and the Economist.

David Ginsburg published an op-ed in the Huffington Post about reality television and copyright. He commented on creating well-prepared entertainment lawyers in a Los Angeles Times section, and discussed an increase in talent agents using their clients in a Hollywood Reporter article.

Sean Hecht commented on a lawsuit to block California’s cap-and-trade auction in articles in Bloomberg and Argus. He also discussed a Supreme Court case on pollution in an interview on KPFK and a Los Angeles Times article.

Allison Hoffman published an op-ed in the New York Daily News on the constitutionality of “Obamacare,” and discussed its economic effects on American Public Media’s “Marketplace.”

Cara Hewitt commented on California’s cap-and-trade system in articles in California Lawyer, Govermine, Bloomberg and Argus. She commented on AB321 in the San Francisco News, talked about Hurricane Sandy’s potential to bring attention to climate change in a Los Angeles Times article, and commented on UCLA’s Environmental Sustainability Report for Los Angeles in Los Angeles Times and ClimateWire articles.

Jill Horwitz discussed a report that too few nonprofits are overseeing charities in a Bloomberg article.


Douglas Lichtman discussed internet service providers’ strategy to combat piracy on American Public Media’s “Marketplace.” He commented on Apple vs. Samsung in Bloomberg and Los Angeles Times articles and on American Public Media’s “Marketplace.”

Timothy Malloy commented on gene therapy regulations in an article in the Los Angeles Daily Journal.

Jennifer Mnookin discussed the unscientific nature of holism based on forensic evidence in an interview on PRR’s “Frontline.” She commented on the impact of testimony in a Chicago Tribune article.

Rachel Moran was a guest on the “Champions of Justice” radio program to promote the benefits of public law schools. She commented on the costs of higher education in an article in the Huffington Post, and discussed legal education in an interview on Big Media U’s “Local Leaders” program.


Joan Dempsey Klein is the presiding justice of the California Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Three in Los Angeles, a post she has held since 1978. She is the first graduate of UCLA School of Law to be appointed to the bench in California, and she is currently the most senior appellate justice in the state. She was a co-founder and the first president of the National Association of Women Judges, as well as the founding president of California Women Lawyers Association. There are awards named in her honor, and she herself has received the prestigious Bernard E. Winfrey Medal from the State Bar of California for her outstanding contributions to the legal profession, as well as the Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award, the highest award that the American Bar Association confers to women in the profession.

Conrad Lee Klein is the trustee of the Mark Hughes Family Trust and president of the Mark Hughes Charity Foundation. He is also a member of the Santa Monica College Advisory Committee for the Arts, and discusses education in an interview on KCRW.

The University of California School of Law is one of the nation’s leading law schools, selected by Fortune as the nation’s best value law school. It is consistently ranked among the top schools for its intellectual rigor, public service, and law school’s commitment to excellence. The school is home to the intellectual and cultural center of the West Coast, and has been the driving force for social change in the region.

Steven Bank was a co-founder and the first president of the Academic Policy Board at UCLA School of Law, and has been named by Time magazine as one of the 50 most influential people in the world. He is a leading scholar in the field of law and economics, and has served as a professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, and as a member of the editorial board of the American Bar Association Journal.

The school has trained some of the nation’s most successful lawyers, including Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, who was a member of the law school's Class of 1959. The school has also been home to a number of prominent legal scholars, including University of California, Los Angeles, professor of law and economics, Steven Bank, who has been named by Time magazine as one of the 50 most influential people in the world.

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El Centro Celebrates 40 Years of Service

El Centro Legal Clinic (El Centro), the law school’s student-coordinated network of volunteer legal aid clinics, celebrated 40 years of commitment and service to the Los Angeles community during an anniversary reception in January. Professor Gary Blasi, El Centro’s longtime faculty advisor who will be retiring this year, was honored at the event for his 22 years at UCLA School of Law and his more than 40 years of service to the community.

El Centro is the largest student organization at UCLA School of Law—involving nearly two-thirds of each entering first-year class as volunteers—and is one of the largest student-run legal volunteer efforts in the country. El Centro has broadened its scope to provide volunteer legal clinics throughout greater Los Angeles in many different areas of law. Supported by the Office of Public Interest Programs, El Centro provides practical experience to more than two-thirds of every first-year class. Clinics currently focus on issues related to bankruptcy, education, homelessness, immigration, juvenile justice, landlord/tenant rights, domestic violence, veterans and workers’ rights. El Centro was named UCLA Community Program of the Year in 2010.

Thomas A. Kirschbaum Scholarships Awarded

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Environmental Experts Issue Sustainability Plan for Los Angeles

In December, faculty members and researchers at UCLA School of Law’s Emmett Center on Climate Change and the Environment, Evan Frankel Environmental Law and Policy Program and UCLA’s Institute of the Environment and Sustainability issued the first comprehensive environmental sustainability plan for the city of Los Angeles. The plan, “Vision 2021 LA,” defines environmental sustainability goals, targets and metrics for the city over the course of the next two mayoral terms. It addresses the major impacts the city has on the environment—from energy, air and water to environmental justice and the green economy. The plan also contains 11 target areas, 24 goals and hundreds of benchmarks to ensure accountability, with a heavy focus on reducing the city’s carbon footprint.

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UCLA School of Law Hosts 37th UCLA Entertainment Symposium

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UCLA Law Students Receive Prestigious Skadden and Equal Justice Works Fellowships

Allison DiNoia Newcombe ’13, a student in the David J. Epstein Program in Public Interest Law and Policy, has received a 2013 Skadden Fellowship to work with the Alliance for Children’s Rights in Los Angeles. Through her two-year fellowship project, Allison will address child sex trafficking, especially as it involves foster youth, with the goal of improving long-term outcomes for victims in Los Angeles County.

While at UCLA, Allison served as a judicial extern with the Los Angeles Superior Court, working with the presiding commissioner to assist in the development of a specialized court focused on victims of sex trafficking, and worked as a summer intern with the Children’s Law Center of California and the Alliance for Children’s Rights. She currently is president of the student organization Advocates for Children and Teens and recently published an article on the explosion in child sex trafficking, “Child Sex Trafficking: A Domestic Crisis,” in The Huffington Post.

While the selection process for Equal Justice Works Fellowships remains ongoing, Maria Ignacia Rodriguez ’13, Evonne Silva ’13 and Doug Smith ’13, all students in the David J. Epstein Program in Public Interest Law and Policy, already have been awarded fellowships.

Ignacia, also a student in the Critical Race Studies Specialization, will be working with the National Immigration Law Center in Los Angeles. Through her project, she will engage in litigation, policy analysis, education and advocacy to support the integration of low-income immigrant youth and children into our communities through access to education, health care and other benefits. Ignacia’s fellowship is supported by the law firm of Greenberg Traurig.

Throughout her undergraduate and law school years at UCLA, Ignacia has been singularly devoted to improving the lives of low-income immigrants. She has collaborated with a variety of organizations on campus and in the community, advocating for the rights of immigrants. While at UCLA Law, she has worked with the Central American Resource Center, the National Immigration Law Center and the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles. She currently serves as a co-chair of the student Immigration Law Society.

Evonne will be pursuing her fellowship project with East Bay Community Law Center in Berkeley. She will address the glaring gap in comprehensive consumer protection services for low-income immigrant consumers in Alameda County. Responding to the increase in unlawful, predatory and deceptive business practices, many of which have targeted the most vulnerable consumers, Evonne’s project seeks both to protect low-income immigrants from these practices and to disincentivize these practices through direct services, community outreach, policy advocacy and affirmative litigation.

Evonne came to UCLA School of Law six years removed from college and with significant experience in social justice advocacy. At UCLA, she has continued to pursue her commitment to these efforts, working with the ACLU of Southern California, the Legal Aid Society-Employment Law Center and California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc. She also has served in board positions with various student organizations and journals and as a judicial extern with the Honorable Edward M. Chen of the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California.

Doug, who also is pursuing his M.A. in Urban & Regional Planning, will be working with Public Counsel Law Center. Through his fellowship project, supported by the Orringer Foundation, Doug will equip small businesses and neighborhood groups with the legal tools and strategies to capitalize on planned transit development in order to enhance employment and economic mobility in Los Angeles’ low-income communities. Doug’s project is especially significant given the recent dissolution of California’s redevelopment program and the investment in new transit infrastructure and ensuing transit-oriented development.

Doug has extensive experience working with disadvantaged communities and is committed to enhancing meaningful access to quality employment and local economic investment. While at UCLA, he has worked with the Community Benefits Office, Public Counsel Law Center, the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles and Nixon Peabody, LLP. Doug was selected as the 2012 Law Student Writing Competition winner by the ABA Forum on Affordable Housing & Community Development for his published article, “Getting There Together: Tools to Advocacy for Inclusive Development Near Transit.”

Endowed Lectures Focus on Copyright and Criminal Defense Practice

In November, the law school hosted the 36th Annual Melville B. Nimmer Memorial Lecture and the 16th Annual Irving H. Green Memorial Lecture. The Nimmer Lecture commemorates the career of copyright authority and UCLA Law Professor Mel Nimmer with a discussion by a scholar advancing the field of copyright. This year’s lecturer was Neil Netanel, Pete Kameron professor of law at UCLA Law. In his talk titled “The Supreme Court Speaks Again: Copyright and the First Amendment after Golan v. Holder,” he addressed the relationship between copyright and the First Amendment. The Green Lecture honors Irving Green by bringing outstanding trial lawyers to UCLA Law to inspire students. This year’s lecturer, Harland Braun ’67, engaged students and guests with stories from his long and distinguished career as a criminal defense attorney in Los Angeles. He talked about some of his famous clients, including Robert Blake, and the high-profile cases he has handled, as well as how to manage publicity in well-watched cases.

Epstein Program Hosts Speaker Series

The David J. Epstein Program in Public Interest Law and Policy hosted the first program of its 2012-13 speaker series in September, which addressed the future of capital punishment in California. The event focused on Proposition 34, which, if approved on Election Day would have replaced California’s death penalty with a sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole. The panelists presented both sides of the issue and confronted the fiscal, social and moral implications of capital punishment. The participants included: Gil Garcetti ’87, former Los Angeles County district attorney; Michelle Hanser, special assistant in the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office; Ellen Killen-Salzberg, professor of law at Santa Clara University School of Law; and Aqeela Sherrills, “Yes on 34” spokesperson. The event was moderated by Professor Stuart Banner.

Additional speaker series events have addressed recent developments at the intersection of immigration law and higher education for undocumented students; efforts to address poverty in our country; the steps to safeguard the U.S. Constitution; adoption of the Affordable Care Act and challenges to health care reform; and changes to ensure fairness in our criminal justice system.
Faculty Announcements

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Professor Khaled Abou El Fadl, Omar and Azmer-aldin Ali professor of law, was named one of the “50 Smartest People of Faith” by TheEstSchools.org, an educational website.

Professor Stephen Bainbridge, the William D. Warren distinguished professor of law, was selected for the 2012 National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD) “Directorship 100.”

This is the third time he was included on this prestigious list of the most influential people in corporate governance and the boardroom. Professor Bainbridge’s blog, ProfessorBainbridge.com, was selected for the fifth time as one of the top 100 legal blogs for 2012 by the editors of the ABA Journal. His blog was included in the publication’s sixth annual “Blawg 100,” a list of the best blogs about lawyers and the law.

Professor Patrick Goodman was honored in March with the 2013 Rutter Award for Excellence in Teaching. The award is presented annually to a professor who has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to teaching.

Professor Kenneth Klee was named one of the top 10 insolvency lawyers in the world by Who’s Who Legal. He is one of only five U.S. lawyers on the publication’s 2012 international list of the best insolvency and restructuring lawyers.

Professor Hiroshi Motomura was chosen to receive the Chris K. Iijima Teacher and Mentor Award by the Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty (CA-PALF). He was honored with the award in recognition of his impact on the many students and legal educators he has mentored, and his extensive contributions to public service, teaching and scholarship supporting Asian American rights.

Professor Angela Riley was elected to membership in the American Law Institute, the leading independent organization in the United States producing scholarly work to clarify, modernize and otherwise improve the law. She was also named a distinguished alumnus of the University of Oklahoma College of Arts and Sciences.

Professor Katherine Stone, Arjay and Frances Fearing Miller professor of law, was appointed as a senior fellow at Demos, a New York-based nonprofit, nonpartisan public policy and advocacy organization. In this honorary position, she will contribute to several Demos projects on economic justice and upward mobility.

Professor Eugene Volokh’s blog, The Volokh Conspiracy, was selected as one of the top 100 legal blogs for 2012 by the editors of the ABA Journal in the publication’s sixth annual “Blawg 100,” a list of the best blogs about lawyers and the law. In addition, The Volokh Conspiracy was chosen for the publication’s inaugural “Blawg 100 Hall of Fame,” featuring 10 of the best law blogs known for crafting high-quality, engaging posts day in and day out.

UCLA Law Welcomes Associate Dean of External Affairs Lindsey A. Williams

New director of major gifts and associate director of development, major gifts also join the law school’s external affairs team

Lindsey A. Williams, an experienced development professional, assumed the role of associate dean of external affairs in December. She leads the law school’s development, communications, events and alumni relations efforts.

“Lindsey brings 12 years of higher education fundraising experience, and a distinguished track record of growth and success, to her new position. She will play a critical role in leading development initiatives to advance the law school’s ongoing commitment to ensuring that a world-class legal education is accessible to students from all walks of life,” Dean Rachel F. Moran said.

Prior to joining UCLA Law, Williams held a number of development positions at the University of Miami, where she worked for more than eight years, most recently as the executive director for principal gifts and school-based programs. While at the University of Miami, she directed and executed comprehensive and strategic fundraising plans, led major gift annual fund and campaign strategies and managed a team of development officers, among other responsibilities. She previously served as major gifts director at Seton Hall University and as associate director of annual giving at Northwestern University.

Ben Chandler and Kimberly King also joined the law school’s External Affairs office in December as director of major gifts and associate director of development, major gifts, respectively.

With more than 10 years of fundraising experience, Chandler joined the law school from the Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia, where he served as senior major gifts officer. His prior experience includes serving as vice president for institutional advancement at the Seminary of the Southwest, major gifts officer for the University of Texas at Austin College of Liberal Arts and as assistant director of development for the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at The College of William & Mary.

With more than 20 years of experience in law practice and in business development, King comes to UCLA Law from Marshall & Stevens inc., where she led a national business development practice. She previously spent more than a decade working in legal affairs at KB Home, most recently as vice president, associate general counsel and corporate secretary, where she served as lead counsel to the company’s board of directors and was responsible for all corporate transactional matters, marketing and regulatory compliance.
Richard Rosebruch ’88 has been named to the California Bar Foundation’s Board of Directors. He has been honored twice by the California State Bar Foundation.

Jan Handschuh ’82 has been named one of the “Top 100 Lawyers in California” by the Los Angeles Daily Journal. A former federal prosecutor, Handschuh specializes in cases involving terrorism, foreign policy, national security, and select cyber threats.

Daniel Mayeda ’82, a litigation shareholder with Karr Tuttle Buckalew, was named among the “Power 100 Women in Entertainment” by the Hollywood Reporter.

Counsel for Metrolink in a lawsuit regarding the purchase of Bella Vista at Hilltop apartment complex in Santa Monica. He will serve on the Technology Strategy Board. He will serve as one of 40 women who have made an impact on society as part of a “40 for 40” celebration, held in conjunction with the 40th anniversary of Title IX last June.

Dan Jeffe ’80 was placed in the Bar Brief, a publication of the Beverly Hills Bar Association. He was named among the “Top 100 Women in Entertainment” by the Hollywood Reporter.

David Durchfort ’83, general counsel for Kennedy Institute of Science & Public Affairs, has been named as one of its 2012 “50 Neutrals.” Grossman specializes in the areas of information technology, labor disputes, and employment law.

Jennifer Merryman ’89 has been named as one of the “Top 100 Women in Entertainment” by the Hollywood Reporter. She was part of the development of the development of Fremantle in Los Angeles. Marcus [Ret.] ’67 has been named as one of the “Top 50 Women SuperLawyers” in Los Angeles. He specializes in intellectual property and trademark lawyers in California.

Marcy Marcus-Francisco ’87 has been confirmed as a superior court judge in Riverside. She will serve on the State & Local Tax and Business Taxation Section. She is the first Latina judge appointed in the Los Angeles County Superior Court.

Jeffrey Crown ’90 has been named a Super Lawyer for his work on technology and business associates. He was also recognized by the Daily Journal as one of Los Angeles’s most highly regarded attorneys.

Mary-Christine Sungaila ’91 has been named to the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles County Bar Foundation. She also serves as the president of the Los Angeles Daily Journal Bar Brief. She was named among the “Top 10 Women in Entertainment” by the Hollywood Reporter.

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Policy, has been sworn in as a magistrate judge and has represented international corporations and has been named partner at Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP in Los Angeles, where his practice is focused on complex business disputes involving intellectual property at Irell & Manella LLP and teaches a seminar at Stanford Law School. Casamassima was previously at Kirkland & Ellis LLP in Los Angeles, where his practice focused on patent and trademark.

Rebecca Kenten ‘03 has been selected as one of the 2012 “Rising Stars” by the Association of American Law Schools (AALS). Rebecca is a partner at Goodwin Procter LLP, where she handles complex commercial litigation, including insurance coverage, breach of contract, and antitrust matters.

Jeffrey Lowenstein ‘98 is the founding attorney of the Fisher Law Group™, a distinguished law firm, as a litigator. Shmidt previously worked out of mergers and acquisitions.

Marc V. Sungaila ‘03 has been selected as one of the “40 Under 40” by the San Diego Metropolitan Magazine in 2012. Marc is an attorney at the law firm of Horvitz & Levy in Los Angeles. Prior to joining Horvitz, Marc practiced at Willkie Farr & Gallagher, where he represented clients in all facets of litigation in state and federal courts.

Sarah Netburn ‘06, a graduate of the David J. Epstein Program in Public Innovation Law and Policy, has been named a senior judge for the Southern District of New York.
Six Recent Graduates Receive UCLA School of Law Public Service Fellowships

Six recent UCLA School of Law graduates who have demonstrated a longstanding commitment to public service have received UCLA School of Law Public Service Fellowships. The year-long fellowships will fund their work with a variety of nonprofit organizations and government agencies, both domestically and abroad.

“UCLA School of Law is pleased to launch the Public Service Fellowship Program to assist our graduates in using their legal degrees to promote the public good,” Dean Rachel F. Moran said. “An emphasis on serving the public has always been part of UCLA School of Law’s identity. With the addition of this fellowship program, we can help our students and alumni gain invaluable legal experience while furthering their commitment to service.”

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Dependency law, works with children and attends court hearings. She began building her experience in the area of children’s rights during law school and continued her work in this area during her time as a law student. She has a long-term goal of becoming a public defender and working on cases related to family law and children’s rights.

Donté is working at the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights under the direction of the Los Angeles African American Studies Program. He is committed to effecting change in California’s criminal justice system, which he is pursuing through his current work on prison reform policies and policy issues.

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The law school launched an LL.M. specialization in Law and Sexuality—the first LL.M. specialization of its kind in the nation. The new specialization will provide rigorous training for young lawyers and scholars working in the field of sexual orientation and gender identity law, while enhancing the breadth and depth of legal scholarship related to LGBT issues.

“Similar courses and education on law and sexuality remain rare in many regions of the country and world,” said Lara Stemple, director of graduate studies at UCLA School of Law. “No law and policy on LGBT issues continue to unfold in our courts and legislatures, this specialization will provide young lawyers with the tools they need to engage in this dynamic and rapidly changing area of the law.”

Building on UCLA Law’s reputation as a leader in the field, the new LL.M. in Law and Sexuality will enhance the contributions of researchers at the internationally-recognized Williams Institute on Sexual Orientation Law and Public Policy. The specialization will include coursework on comparative and international law, focused on issues related to sex and gender identity and gender identity law.

To learn more about the Law Firm Challenge, please visit www.law.ucla.edu/LFC. To extend your organization please contact Michelle deboroncelli at (310) 206-1170 or deboroncelli@law.ucla.edu.

Law Firm Challenge Kicks Off Eleventh Year

The success of the Law Firm Challenge, now in its eleventh year, continues to grow. Under the leadership of UCLA Law Firm Challenge Founding Chair James C. Barrall ’75, the Law Firm Challenge broke new records in 2012, with 80% of alumni participating in the program. 60% of these firms reaching 100% in their support. These benchmarks have helped to raise the law school’s annual giving percentages, and the challenge has gained nationwide recognition as a model for other schools.

This year, the challenge will continue to add more firms, increase alumni participation percentages and set new records. The commitment of our Law Firm Challenge firms, and the leadership of our alumni participation percentages and set new records. The commitment of our Law Firm Challenge firms, and the leadership of our public service organizations and government agencies, both domestically and abroad.

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Save the Date for Reunions 2013!

Mark your calendars for this year’s class reunions, which will be held on Saturday, June 1st. Come join classmates, friends and professors as we celebrate the classes of ‘63, ‘68, ‘73, ‘78, ‘83, ‘88, ‘93, ‘98, ‘03 and ‘08. Attend a special reunion reception and intimate dinner with your class, as well as the Alumni of the Year Award luncheon, which will be held on Friday, May 31st.

Melanie Cook ’78, a partner at Ziffren Brittenham LLP, has been named the National Reunion Challenge Chair. Now in its fourth year, the Reunion Challenge is an opportunity for alumni to honor their reunion class with a financial commitment to the law school. Participants included attorneys, legal scholars and social scientists who discussed areas in which the law intersects with Latinos’ educational needs, including the need for programs that serve Latino children who are both English language learners and students with disabilities, and the dilemma of access that confront children of Latino immigrants. Keynote speaker Michael A. Olivas, William B. Bates distinguished chair of law and director of the Institute of Higher Education Law and Governance at the University of Houston, addressed the DREAM Act during his speech “Dreams Deferred: Deferred Action, Prosecutorial Discretion, and the Vexing Case(s) of DREAM Act Students.” Special guest speaker Gilbert Cedillo, California State Assemblymember, District 45, also spoke on the topic during the event’s closing address “California Dreaming: How We Passed the DREAM Act and What Congress Could Learn from California.” Additional presentations explored significant cases, both past and present, that have directly affected Latinos’ access to public education, as well as that of other communities of color in the United States. The weekend-long events brought together more than 300 diverse law students, professors, practitioners, judges, elected officials and prominent community leaders to analyze and address these issues.

Three UCLA Law Students Receive California Bar Foundation Scholarships

Two students, Julio C. Navarro ’15 (SNR Denton Scholar) and Jasmine Phillips ’15 (Sidley Austin Scholar), were awarded scholarships under the foundation’s Diversity Scholarship Program; one student, Nathaniel Christian Wenstrup ’13 (Milstein Adelman Scholar), was awarded a scholarship under the foundation’s flagship Public Interest Scholarship Program. The scholarships assist students with tuition and related education expenses and are awarded to exceptional law students who demonstrate a commitment to public service and academic excellence. The students were honored at the organization’s scholarship reception, which was held in Los Angeles in October.