Dean’s Message
Since beginning my deanship in October, I have been warmly welcomed by you, our alumni, the law school and the many friends of UCLA School of Law. This is a wonderful community and I am deeply grateful to be part of it.

I have had the opportunity to meet many of you through my travels to New York, Washington, D.C., San Francisco, as well as at events here in Los Angeles. I am so appreciative of the outpouring of support you have shown me, and I look forward to our continued work together in the coming months and years to build upon the law school’s already extraordinary achievements.

I am pleased to share with you some highlights from the many special events the law school hosted this fall. I hope you enjoy reading about them. And, I hope to see many of you at our upcoming events, especially Reunions 2011. Please remember to save the date, May 21, 2011!

Warmly,
Rachel F. Moran
Dean and Michael J. Connell Distinguished Professor of Law

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer Visits UCLA Law
In September, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer discussed the work of the Supreme Court, talked about his new book Making Democracy Work, A Judge’s View and participated in a Q&A discussion with students during a lecture at UCLA School of Law. More than 400 students filled the lecture hall and overflow rooms at the law school to hear Justice Breyer describe the inner workings of the Supreme Court, which he said he loves to explain. He also talked about the justices’ decision-making process and said that politics plays no part in it, and discussed some of the historical decisions that helped to define the court, such as Brown v. Board of Education. In offering advice to the students he said, “Worry a little less and try to participate a little more.”

Congressman Henry Waxman ’64 Delivers Lecture to UCLA Law Students
Congressman Henry Waxman ’64, chair of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, visited UCLA School of Law in November. During his lecture and Q&A with students, he discussed his life in public service and talked about some of the legislation he has worked on, including the Clean Air Act, health care reform and the regulation of the tobacco industry. He discussed the legislative process and, as a former chairman of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, he also talked about the importance of monitoring and accountability. He said that legislation and oversight go hand in hand, and described a series of hearings, held in 1994, to investigate the tobacco industry, which changed public perception of tobacco and second-hand smoke.

Mayor Villaraigosa Hosts Welcome Reception for Dean Moran
Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa hosted a special reception at City Hall in October for Dean Rachel F. Moran. The event welcomed Dean Moran to Los Angeles and served to introduce her to the Los Angeles legal community. In attendance were city attorneys, council members and judges, as well as close to 200 UCLA Law alumni. After being presented with a Mayor’s Proclamation to commemorate the event, Dean Moran addressed the crowd and discussed the ways that UCLA Law is involved in the Los Angeles community and the important work of UCLA Law students, faculty and alumni. She also shared her goals for the law school and her excitement about her new role as dean of UCLA School of Law.
Professor Goldberg Appointed by President Obama to Tribal Law and Order Commission

Professor Carole Goldberg, Jonathan D. Varat Professor of Law at UCLA School of Law, has been appointed by President Obama to serve on the Tribal Law and Order Commission. An expert on federal Indian law and tribal law, she will serve on the nine-member panel that was created by the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 with the goal of improving public safety on Indian lands. Professor Goldberg, who joined the UCLA Law faculty in 1972, directs the Joint Degree Program in Law and American Indian Studies and is the faculty chair of the law school’s Native Nations Law and Policy Center. In 2007, she was appointed a Justice of the Hualapai Court of Appeals, and she is currently co-principal investigator of a $1.5 million grant from the National Institute of Justice to study the administration of criminal justice in Indian country.

Williams Institute Celebrates 10 Years of Impact

The Williams Institute on Sexual Orientation Law and Public Policy, the only academic research center on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) law and policy issues in the country, will commemorate 10 years of impact with an anniversary celebration on April 7-9, 2011. Williams Institute accomplishments include:

- In the federal challenge to Proposition 8, Perry v. Schwarzenegger, Judge Vaughn R. Walker referenced Williams Institute research more than 30 times in his opinion;
- Nearly a decade of the Institute’s research resulted in the U.S. Census Bureau reversing policy and reporting same-sex spouses for the first time;
- The Williams Institute was the lead organization in building the congressional record for the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA);
- The Williams Institute’s Law Teaching Fellowship Program has placed graduates in tenure track professor positions throughout the country;
- The Williams Institute has a growing international presence, hosting a conference in 2008 with speakers from more than 40 countries, co-sponsoring the first LGBT conference in the Balkans in 2009 and co-hosting an international LGBT rights summer program.

El Centro Legal Clinics Named UCLA Community Program of the Year

UCLA School of Law’s El Centro Legal Clinics (El Centro) was named UCLA Community Program of the Year for its longstanding commitment to serving communities throughout Los Angeles. El Centro, the law school’s student-coordinated network of volunteer legal aid clinics, was chosen for the inaugural award by UCLA Government and Community Relations from nominees across the UCLA campus.

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 an integral part of the greater Los Angeles public interest community. It currently consists of thirteen individual clinics, focusing on issues related to education, homelessness, HIV/AIDS, immigration, juvenile justice, landlord/tenant rights and workers’ rights.

Rick Runkel ‘81 Named 2011 Reunion Challenge National Chair

Rick Runkel ’81, executive vice president and chief legal officer at Affymetrix, has been named the national chair of UCLA School of Law’s 2011 Reunion Challenge. The Reunion Challenge is an opportunity for alumni to honor their reunion class with a financial commitment to the law school. Last spring, UCLA Law inaugurated the Reunion Challenge by raising more than $1.6 million during the 2010 reunion year. As national chair, Rick will work with the 2011 reunion classes to achieve even greater levels of participation and will help to make the 2011 Reunions a great success.

David J. Epstein Program Hosts Panel Discussion on Arizona’s Immigration Law

In September, the David J. Epstein Program in Public Interest Law and Policy hosted the first program of its 2010-11 speaker series, “From Emma Lazarus to Arizona’s SB 1070: Can Progressives Meet New Challenges to Immigrants’ Rights?” To a packed audience, immigration law experts and practitioners described the new law in detail, including aspects not widely reported. The panelists also put the law into historical context and discussed the status of the cases challenging its provisions. The event participants included Professor Hiroshi Motomura, Thomas A. Saenz of the Mexican American Legal Defense & Educational Fund (MALDEF), Julie Su of the Asian Pacific American Legal Center, Karen Tumlin of the National Immigration Law Center (NILC), and the event was moderated by Professor Ingrid Eagly.
Emmett Center Continues Groundbreaking Work on Climate Law and Policy

The Emmett Center on Climate Change and the Environment, together with the school’s Environmental Law Center, continues its groundbreaking work on climate change law and policy. Some recent highlights: With the support of a grant from Bank of America, the center has teamed with research partners to produce a series of policy papers on ways for California’s individuals, local governments and businesses to reduce greenhouse gases. In the weeks before the November election, the center hosted a live-radio debate on California’s Proposition 23, the widely-watched (and now defeated) attempt to forestall the state’s landmark climate change law. Recent events include a lecture by Jody Freeman, former White House Counselor for Energy and Climate Change, discussing the Obama administration’s climate agenda. An upcoming spring conference will address tackling greenhouse gases through the Clean Air Act.

To follow the views and work of the environmental law faculty, please visit their environmental law and policy blog, Legal Planet.

Bruins Hiring Bruins

In these challenging economic times, it is important for the Bruin family to look out for one another. The next time you are looking to hire, whether on a full-time, part-time, contract or summer basis, please remember there are talented UCLA School of Law students and graduates currently seeking positions. Additionally, there are well-credentialed members of the class of 2010 who are ready to launch their careers as recent members of the California Bar.

The Office of Career Services provides employers an opportunity to post job listings for UCLA Law students and alumni or to collect resumes in bulk and receive them in one electronic or paper package, free of charge.